

PRIZE

MORELLA CALDER MEMORIAL PRIZE

2010

In 1996, the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand ('MLAANZ') created a Trust in memory of the late Morella Calder.

The objects of the Trust are to undertake or promote the advancement of knowledge, understanding, research and study of maritime law in Australia and New Zealand.

The Trustees wish to announce that the following prize will be awarded in 2010 for the best essay submitted on a subject relating to the law of the sea, admiralty law, maritime law or the law of marine insurance.

- **A\$2,000**
- **Free registration at the Annual Conference of MLAANZ in Melbourne from 14-15 October 2010**
- **An air ticket to Melbourne from the winner's home city**

The winner will be announced in mid-September 2010.

CONDITIONS

1. Entrants must be enrolled at a tertiary institution in Australia or New Zealand at the date they submit their entry.
2. Entrants may choose their own topics from within the subject areas of **law of the sea, admiralty law, maritime law and the law of marine insurance**.
3. Entries must be not less than 5,000 and **not more** than 10,000 words.
4. Entries must be accompanied by a declaration that the work is the original work of the author, and if it incorporates any work of any other person, that fact should be recognized and identified in the accompanying declaration.
5. Entries must be submitted to the Administrator **no later than 5.00pm on Friday 27 August 2010**.
6. Entries must be submitted by email.
7. MLAANZ is entitled to publish any entry in its journal, newsletter and on its website.
8. The Trustees reserve the right not to award the Prize in any given year.
9. It is expected that the winner will present a summary of the winning paper at the Annual Conference.
10. Entries and enquiries should be addressed to the MLAANZ Administrator:

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MORELLA CALDER

Morella Calder died in November 1994 after a three year battle with breast cancer. She was an outstanding lawyer with immense experience, and was a member of MLAANZ from its early years. She had a passion for maritime education,

Morella studied law at the University of Adelaide graduating with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts in 1972. She was admitted to practice in South Australia as a solicitor in 1973. Between 1974 and 1983, as a delegate of International Chamber of Shipping in London and later the Liberian Services Corporation, she attended most sessions of the conference which, in 1982, resulted in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.



Between 1976 and 1979, Morella worked as a foreign attorney in New York with the legal firms of Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft and later Haight, Gardner Poor & Havens. In 1979, she was admitted to the Bars of New York State and the Federal District Courts of the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

In 1979, she returned to Australia, and practised maritime law at Finalyson's in Adelaide. She was a founder of the South Australian branch of MLAANZ.

Morella moved to Sydney in 1982, and worked for Mallesons Stephen Jaques, and later Blake Dawson Waldron. She became a partner at Michell Sillar in 1987.

Morella also played an active role in industry affairs. She was involved in the Maritime Industry Development Committee, the Shipping Industry Reform Authority and the Waterfront Industry Reform Authority. Between 1986 and 1988, she was a consultant to the Australian Law Reform Commission – Admiralty Reference, and contributed to the drafting of the *Admiralty Act*, 1988 (Cth).

For nearly a decade, Morella served as a director and then Deputy Chair of the Australian National Line. From 1983, she served as a counsellor of the Australian Maritime College in Launceston.

Morella contributed greatly to maritime education in Australia, and published papers on maritime, transport and law of the sea topics throughout her career. She was a regular speaker on maritime subjects at conferences in Australia and overseas.

A few months before she died, she delivered an address to the students of the Australian Maritime College at their graduation ceremony, and gave them this advice:

*"Pursue your goals with passion.
Be kind to others, and yourself.
Never be afraid to stand up and be counted, and
always speak your mind."*