## The 1998 Gordon Lewis Speakers' Competition

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## The Tradition Continues...

10 June 1998 Mitre Tavern, Bank Place (off Collins Street), Melbourne.

Now in its eleventh year, the 1998 Gordon Lewis Speakers' Competition promises to be the biggest yet.

The Victorian Young Lawyers have managed to entice as one of its special guests Mr Campbell McComas, a well known debater and public speaker, to be the adjudicator of the competition.

For those who do not know the history of the event, His Honour Judge Gordon Lewis founded the competition eleven years ago, to fulfil a need which had developed to educate young lawyers in the art of public speaking.

During his time at the bench, His Honour Judge Gordon Lewis and other judges have probably seen many a young lawyer stumbling and mumbling through their submission. His endeavour was to create a public speaking competition for young lawyers to encourage excellence in public speaking.

The competition will consist of one prepared speech on "The next millennium: what will the legal profession look like?" for three to five minutes and one impromptu speech on a topic to be advised on the night of no more than three minutes. The participants will be given sufficient time to prepare their impromptu topic on the night. The best three speeches will win fabulous prizes! These include cash prizes generously provided by the event's major sponsor, Mahlab Recruitment, book prizes from the Australian Advocacy Institute and the Law Institute of Victoria. To register please call Darren Hogeboom on 9607 9385.



Edwina Curzon-Siggers, winner of the 1996 Gordon Lewis Speakers' Trophy, pictured with Judge Gordon Lewis



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