

Memorandum of advice

Dressing in today's corporate world



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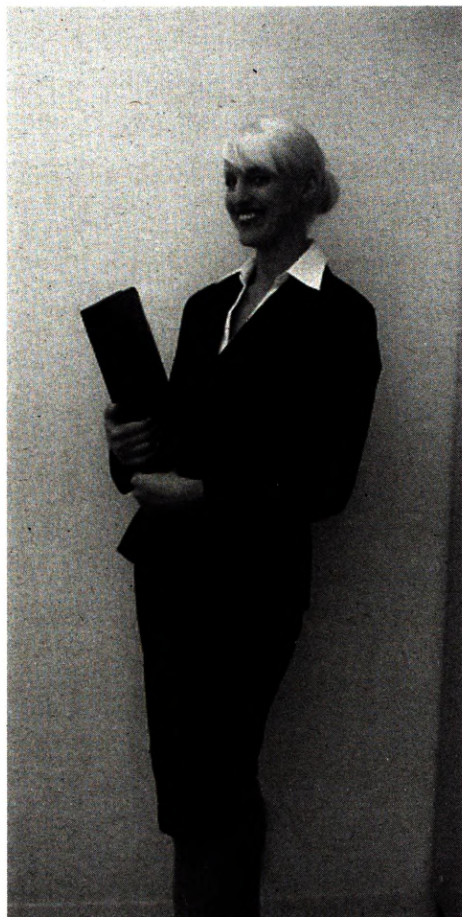
Style Counsel (SC) is briefed by the Young Lawyers' Section to provide advice in relation to stylish, affordable corporate clothing for the young lawyer.

Pursuant to the prevailing style legislation, SC recommends the following:

Women

Female young lawyers are advised to attend stores including, but not limited to:

1. (a) Jacqui E (www.jacque.com.au);
- (b) Witchery (www.witchery.com.au);
- (c) Ojay (www.ojay.com.au);
- (d) Portmans (www.portmans.com.au);
- (e) Cue (www.cuedesign.com.au).



2. (a) David Lawrence (www.davidlawrence.com.au);
- (b) Country Road (www.countryroad.com.au);
- (c) Fletcher Jones (www.fletcherjones.com.au).

Commentary: Section 1(a) - a basic corporate wardrobe should be obtained from Jacqui E's range of black and navy classic jackets (\$199.00), teamed with a pair of flat fronted pants (\$89.95) or straight-cut knee length skirts (\$69.95). Colours also include stone, slate and the fashionable dusty pink. Shirts are plain, pin-striped and/or with pleating or wide cuffs (\$79.95).

Section 1(b) - Witchery has similar styled classic pants, skirts and shirts (\$89.95), various wrap and crossover tops (\$49.95) and short sleeved/capped sleeve tops (\$29.95). Consult Witchery's range of in-season pointy-toed shoes in various colours for \$139.95.

Section 1(d) - Portmans' range of "work outfits with attitude" includes basic jackets at \$99.95 and pants at \$79.95. The Clearance Centre is in Bridge Road, Richmond.

Section 2 requires a larger budget. Fletcher Jones has a line of machine washable suits, specifically aimed at "today's woman with a busy lifestyle" with jackets at \$269.00 and pants for \$139.00.

Elegant shoes priced at \$139.00 and stylish bags for \$80.00 are at Nine West (www.ninewest.com.au), Zomp and Midas (www.midasshoes.com.au).

Men

Male young lawyers will have higher start-up costs. SC advises that one well-made suit is preferable to four poor quality ensembles. Visit the following venues:

1. (a) Peter Jackson;
- (b) Roger David (www.rogerdavid.com.au).
2. (a) David Jones (www.davidjones.com.au);
- (b) Country Road (www.countryroad.com.au);
- (c) MCM Studio (www.mcmstudio.com.au);
- (d) Flair.

Commentary: Section 1(a) - have regard to Peter Jackson sales, offering "buy one, get one free" suits -

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Section 2 applies where better quality is required. Suits at David Jones include Studio Italia for \$599.00, Rembrandt and Berkely for \$699.00, Hugo Boss from \$995.00 and D'Urban (exclusive to DJs) for \$1,095.00. There is a shift away from classic 3-button to 2-button jackets. David Jones stocks its own brand shirts at \$50.00 (or non-iron for \$70.00) and ties at \$80.00. Van Heusen shirts and ties are from \$44.95, Ganton shirts are \$100.00 and Abelard shirts are from \$140.00 - \$180.00. [Refer to sale times].

Section 2(b) - Obtain Country Road 100% wool jackets (\$599.00), with classic flat front trousers (\$269.00), in "sharp urban stripes". Colours include "Ink" and "Donkey". Striped "career shirts" (\$169.00) and Italian silk ties (\$99.00) are must-have items. Consider Lonsdale City Boots for \$299.00.

Section 2(c) - MCM Studio applies where stylish shirts are required (\$169.00), with suits between \$595.00 and \$795.00 and Italian silk ties for \$89.00.

Men and Women

SC notes that good quality stylish shirts can be bought through the internet at T M Lewin (www.tmlwin.co.uk) (3 ladies' shirts for £75) or Charles Tyrwhitt (www.ctshirts.co.uk) (men's shirts from £15 and ties from £17.50). For savings visit Direct Factory Outlets at Cheltenham (www.dfo.com.au) for David Lawrence, Table Eight, Rivers, Ojay, Roger David and The Trouser Shop.

Hair

To complete the slick corporate look, SC recommends attendance at a reputable hair salon, such as Mal.wbh Hairdressing in Toorak (appointments@malwbh.com.au) (cuts from \$65.00). SC has arranged for a free spray tan (valued at \$45.00) when young lawyers visit Mal.wbh for any cut or colour [proof of membership required] before the end of May 2004.

And SC so advises.

Please note that the prices set out in this advice are only a guide and no responsibility is accepted for any variations. ■