Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Dr Peter Toyne has congratulated the winner of the 2005 Attorney-General’s Medal, Colleen Elizabeth Atkinson.

The complaints officer and mediator with the Office of the Information Commissioner was awarded the medal which recognises the most outstanding graduate of the Charles Darwin University’s School of Law and Business.

“Last year Colleen received a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours, and the CDU’s School of Law and Business has named her as the top law student, a great accomplishment,” Dr Toyne said.

“She attained 13 high distinctions and 10 distinctions in her degree and her Honours thesis – ‘We don’t want your kind here. Or here. Try the other place.’ - dealt with the unlawful termination of employment and discrimination.

“It combined Colleen’s social work background with industrial relations and legal studies expertise.

“She is currently doing her post graduate diploma in legal practice and is working hard for the Information Commissioner – it’s a fantastic coup for the Northern Territory that such talent remains in the NT.”

Colleen received her medal at a CDU ceremony this evening at the Supreme Court.

The other major award, the Supreme Court Medal, was awarded to Kathleen Clark.

The Supreme Court Medal is awarded to the student who has demonstrated outstanding professional promise through scholarship, character and leadership.

Other prizes were awarded in 23 subject areas.

“I congratulate all who achieved these high standards, as well as the lecturers and tutors at CDU for nurturing such talent,” Dr Toyne said.

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