



Many Canberra legal practitioners will not be aware of the intention to completely demolish the interior of the old court rooms in the existing Supreme Court building.

The building itself is being retained with heritage status, and with the shell of courtrooms 1 and 2 refurbished, but the stately old timber adorning the courtrooms is to be removed, and the timber cut up for furniture.

It is rather tragic that none are to be retained in their original form – not even Courtroom One, which has seen probably thousands of new practitioners take their oaths and affirmations for admission to the legal profession.

That room could be, and should be, kept in its existing form as a physical reminder of the history of the rule of law and justice in the ACT. The darkness of its wooden panelling and its "60s" design would provide a stark contrast to the daylight that is to flood our new Court rooms.

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