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# The legal lads fall for Erin

LIFE is not like in the movies, world-famous consumer advocate and ageless bombshell **Erin Brockovich** (pictured) told a room filled with Brisbane lawyers yesterday.

No happy ever after, no Prince Charming, she was saying ... but then she had to correct herself.

Prince Charming – tall, dark and handsome actor **Eric Ellis**, who played a dancer in both *Showgirls* and *Coming To America* – was there in the front row.

Certainly charming enough to make an impression on the top legal eagles.

"He's got the gift of the gab," Queensland Legal Services commissioner **John Briton** said to Supreme Court Chief Justice **Paul De Jersey** of Brockovich's third husband.

De Jersey later bid Ellis a warm adieu in the afterglow of his wife's inspirational address to a Shine Lawyers gathering of 400 at the Sebel-Citigate.

"I've got the Chief Justice on my side, that's pretty good," Ellis quipped to Confidential.

He and Brockovich, 49, met and

became friends in 1994 when she was still with "the biker dude" ("George" in the 2000 movie starring **Julia Roberts**).

They met again in 1998 and got married the following year.

"Having to tag along to Australia is a *real drag*," Ellis joked, adding that he, unlike Erin, kept a lid on the water-works in an encounter with orphaned koalas this week.

The couple might have to extend their stay in Oz, he said, since Erin was suffering from an ear infection which made flying painful.

More shoeless walks on the Eagle Street Pier perhaps?

As for "biker dude George", Brockovich sadly noted he passed away last year.

"He got a kick out of this," Brockovich told the crowd.

"I always said had he looked anything like the guy in the movie (**Aaron Eckhart**) I would never have thrown him out."

