

FRIDAY FROLICS

Newsletter of UWS Law School

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Introduction

This fortnight there are a number of events that have been occurring connected to the School of Law.

Good News: Staff Matters

Congratulations to Professor Donna Craig who has been elected Regional Governor of the International Council on Environmental Law.

Associate Professor Michael Blissenden has been invited to officiate in a six a side International soccer tournament in Singapore during the last weekend in June.

Good News: Student Matters

Letter from Allan Hsu on PLT

Recently in our application proceedings held at College of Law, we had a visiting Federal Magistrate from Parramatta, he sat in on our interlocutory proceedings and was the "acting Judge".

At the conclusion of our applications, some 20 of us, his comments were that UWS students had performed exceptionally well, we had a practical approach and performed well on our feet which students from sandstone institutions fail. He credited us with the ability to dissect a complicated matter into "chewable size" then manipulate it to our advantage.

Roya El-Azzi yelled out that was due to PLS classes which we attended and he asked students that had attended PLS to raise their hands. There were at least 20 hands that were raised.

I just thought you might like to know that the training which you provide us is reflecting on our ability to be distinguished from those traditional institutions. We are constantly reminded by top tier employers that we are second best, however our ability to argue the law to the Magistrate's mind distinguishes us from them and as far as he was concerned, we're leaps and bounds ahead.

Well done Paul!

Law Students Association

Congratulations to the UWS Law Students Association for putting on an excellent Mooting and other legal competitions at the NSW Supreme Court. There were some excellent judges including:

NEGOTIATION:

The Honourable Sir Laurence Street AC, KCMG
Mr Nelson Arias
Mr Francois Brun

WIT EX:

The Honourable Justice Ian Gordon Harrison

CLIENT:

Mr Hasti Kalarostaghi
Ms Stephanie Hluchan
Ms Karina Ralston

IHL:

The Honourable Greg James AM, QC
Mr Hugh Selby
Mr Simon Kozlina

MOOTING:

The Honourable Brian Sully QC
The Honourable Michael Kirby AC, CMG
Mr David Jackson AM, QC

The winners of the competitions are:

Client Interviewing:
Ms Hannah Panizutti
Ms Kritika Rampal

Negotiation:
Ms Emma Nichelson
Mr Andi Warda

Witness Examination:
Mr Bharath Balasubramanian

Robert Hayes UWS Mooting Competition:
Ms. Mel Pudig
Mr. Ryan Jameson
Ms. Aleksandra Ilic

IHL:
Mr. Avinesh Kumar
Mr. Daniel Bennet

Research & Scholarships

Professor Steven Freeland

External referee (invited) of article on Space Law for the *Astra Aeronautica*

Appointed (by invitation) to the Advisory Board of the *Journal of Philosophy of International Law* from May 2012

Paper 'The Relationship between the United Nations Space Treaties and the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties' (with Ram Jakhu, Professor at McGill University) accepted for 63rd International Astronautical Congress / 55th IISL Colloquium on the Law of Outer Space, to be held in Naples, Italy, 1-5 October 2012

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Public Lecture (by invitation) 'Is the International Criminal Court a Good Idea at All? - A Discussion on the Supposed Justifications of International Criminal Justice', Centre for Excellence on International Courts and Tribunals, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, 23 April 2012

Voted as 'Best Judge' (out of 62 Judges) by students from 27 countries at the Finals of the 35th Telders International Law Moot Court Competition, held at the Peace Palace, The Hague, 26-28 April 2012

Teaching and Learning

Jennifer Ireland

We have had 100,847 hits on the IBL site to date. 62,000 of these are on the Online Modules, the rest is discussion, announcements etc.

Paul Rogers

Figures for GDLP

We had 790 graduated GDLP students for 2002- 2012. In addition – there are currently a further 54 enrolled GDLP students plus 67 inactive plus 7 on leave – giving a total of 790 + 128 = 918 students in the GDLP over 10 years.

Publications

Professor Michael Adams

Michael Adams, "Spiegelman trounced" (2012) 10 May, Justinian www.justinian.com.au

Community Engagement

Parramatta Community Justice Clinic (PCJC)

PCJC took part in the Law Week Expo held in Parramatta Mall on Tuesday 15 May 2012. It ran from 9am to 2pm and PCJC shared a stall with Macquarie Legal Centre. Our stall was manned by Nola Bourne and our PCJC student volunteers Mary Ibrahim, Ayse Shanal, Memtaz Derbas & Luiggi Berrospi. Even the Dean popped in for an hour!

There were numerous stalls for the various legal services available including Aboriginal Services, the various courts, Public Guardian, Births, Deaths & Marriages, Law Access and Parramatta Young Lawyers just to name a few.

The Expo was very successful with information available for the local community on all the services available as well as people on hand to answer any enquiries. Entertainment was provided by the NSW Police Band and the sausage sizzle was very popular.

As the Expo was held in the Mall there was a lot of people walking through and at least one local business college brought a couple of

their classes up to look around the stalls and take advantage of having a number of legal services all in one place. PCJC had quite a bit of interest and a number of people were either referred to the PCJC or helped on the spot by our solicitor Jamal Maroon. One client went from the stall directly to the PCJC after collecting a pamphlet and was assisted by the solicitor at the PCJC, Allan O'Connor.

Professor Michael Adams

Michael Adams presented to year 11/12 Legal Studies students at Plumpston High School on 16 May 2012 on the topic of "Why and how to study law?"

Thank you to all the casual and full time law staff that made comments on the Self Assessment Review document, in preparation for the formal School Review in late July. The final report was over 70 pages long and 31 attachments and captures the law school activities from 2007 to 2012. I will keep you informed as to the formal Review process with an external panel, later in the year.



Professor Michael Adams
Dean of the School of Law, UWS