



FRIDAY FROLICS

Newsletter of Western Sydney University Law School

From the Dean

February 2016

Thank you to Dr Stephen Janes as acting dean, while I was travelling in India and Bangladesh for the University. It is hard to believe that the summer school period has ended and Autumn 2016 semester has commenced (on Monday 22nd February). Although February is a short month, as can be seen by Friday Frolics, a lot has occurred. In particular, the media coverage by professor Steven Freeland and Adjunct Fellow, Sue Field, in their respective areas of expertise. You will also note the additional authors and articles in *The Conversation* (<https://theconversation.com/au>) from the School of Law. The School of Law had a staff retreat, which had a focus on the University's Securing Success 2015-2020 strategy with the School of Law Action Plan (2015-2017).



A/Professor Alpana Roy and the Dean arrived in Bombay, India and had meetings with representatives from IDP Mumbai office and a University Alumni function on the Monday 8th February evening. The picture is at the Taj Palace Hotel and opposite the Gate of India in Mumbai. From Mumbai, we flew to Pune and met at BVU and Symbiosis University. From there we flew to Bhopal, to the National Law Institute University and signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) and spoke with students and faculty. Then flew on to Panjab University and once again took a signed agreement and spoke with law students and law faculty members. With a quick flight to Dhaka, we met with officials from the Ministry of Law and Justice, IDP Bangladesh and final the VC of the Maritime University. A very successful trip, including a wonderful Alumni function in Dhaka and a tiring ten days for Alpana and the Dean.



Professor Michael Adams attended launch of 5th edition of Australian Corporate Law book by LexisNexis at Corporate Law Teachers Association conference, hosted by UNSW. With co-authors A/Professor Jason Harris (UTS) (middle and UWS law alumni) and A/Professor Anil Hargovan (UNSW) (right) on 1st February 2016.

Good News - Staff

Professor Michael Adams

Appointed to the editorial board of the *Indian Law Review*, hosted by the National Law Institute University, Bhopal, India.

Adjunct Fellow Sue Field

Congratulations to Sue Field has been re-appointed to the NSW Law Society Elder Law and Succession Committee.

Associate Professor Daud Hassan

Associate Professor Daud Hassan has become a member of the ILA International Committee on International Law and Sea Level Rise. The International Law Association Global Branch Executive Council meeting was held on 14 November 2015 and approved Daud's nomination for this membership

Administration

Congratulations to Rita Mifsud on being successful in gaining the ongoing position of Research Administration Officer / Reception here at Parramatta campus. We wish Karen all the best with her new venture and welcome Rita to her new permanent position here in the Law School.

Research

Professor Steven Freeland

Invited to be a member of Conference Organising Committee of the 4th Manfred Lachs International Conference 'Conflicts in Space and the Rule of Law', hosted by McGill University, to be held in Montreal, Canada, 27-28 May 2016

Presentation (invited) 'Addressing Crimes Against the Environment in the International Criminal Court', Higher Degree Research Orientation, Western Sydney University, 18 February 2016

Quoted in 'Luxembourg aims to be big player in possible asteroid mining' *Journal Recorder*, 15 February 2016

Quoted in 'Luxembourg plans to pioneer asteroid mining' *ABC News*, 4 February 2016

Alice Orchiston

Invited presentation, '(Ser)Vice Work: Commercial Sex and Labour Regulation' at the Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law *PhD Research Workshop*, University of Melbourne (4 February 2016).

Invited participant, *Evolving Project of Labour Law* workshop, Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law, University of Melbourne (4-5 February 2016)

Publications

Professor Steven Freeland

Publication of *Annotated Leading Cases of International Criminal Tribunals: Special Court for Sierra Leone 2006-2007* (Volume 45), 2015 Intersentia, Antwerp, Belgium (ISBN 978-1-78068-284-6) (with Andre Klip) (1084 pages)

Publication of "Crimes against the environment" should be punishable by the International Criminal Court' *Ecologist*, 17 February 2016

Australia's space law review comes with high hopes for future - 24 February 2016 [Sydney Morning Herald](#)

John Juriansz

Article 'Explainer: how do seat redistributions work?' has been published on [The Conversation](#).

Catherine Renshaw

Article about Philip Ruddock as Australia's Human Rights Envoy in [The Conversation](#).

Jennifer Ireland

Jennifer Ireland published a new chapter in Butler, D and S Rodrick, *Australian Media Law* (5th ed, Thomson Reuters, 2015) - Chapter 12 - Copyright.

Professor Michael Adams

New edition of the leading company law textbook, *Australian Corporate Law*, 5th edition 2015, LexisNexis, co-authored with Jason Harris and Anil Hargovan.

Following a conference paper, presented at Victoria University on 15th April 2015, the following article has been published by Michael Adams and Grace Borsellino, "Is there a positive link between corporate governance and board diversity? Lessons from Asia", (2015) 10(1) *Journal of Law and Governance* 1-10.

Media

Professor Steven Freeland

Interviewed on ABC National Radio 'The World Today' regarding legal developments relating to future exploitation of space natural resources, 4 February 2016

John Juriansz

John Juriansz was interviewed by Rod Quinn on ABC Overnights, ABC Local Radio, on 13 February 2016. ABC Overnights is heard nationally on 60 metropolitan and regional stations. John was invited to address the recent Federal Electoral Redistribution including the triggers for redistribution, the history of boundary delimitation and the impact upon party/political interests. The invitation follows on from the 31 January 2016 article published in [The Conversation](#) entitled: "Explainer: How do Seat Redistributions Work?"

Adjunct Fellow, Sue Field

Spoke on ABC radio on issues of elder law and the urgent need for reform. More details from Sue.

First Year Law

Nikki Bromberger

On 1 and 4 February 2015 first year law team (Nikki and Julie) ran My Course Planning sessions at both Campbelltown and Parramatta Campuses. After an introduction by the First Year Advisor Nikki Bromberger, Deputy Dean Dr Stephen Janes provided information on unit sequencing and associated issues. Both sessions were followed by food, mingling and question answering, and we're ably assisted by Rita, Elfriede, John J, Susan F, Liesel and Jenny. In total, approximately 150 students attended. Thanks to Julie for her organising.

Engagement

Dr Stephen Janes, Court of Appeal 50th Anniversary ceremonial sitting

On Monday 8 February 2016, Dr Janes attended Banco Court, Supreme Court of NSW for a ceremonial sitting of the Court of Appeal to mark the 50th anniversary of its first sitting in February 1966. The sitting was held in the presence of His Excellency the Governor of NSW General David Hurley and Mrs Hurley.

The Attorney General the Hon. Gabrielle Upton addressed the Court as did the President of the Bar Association and the President of the Law Society. The theme of these addresses stressed the importance of a specialist court of appeal over the full court model previously used in NSW and still used by the Federal Court and some state jurisdictions. The President of the Court of Appeal the Hon. Margaret Beazley gave the address in reply. The President commented upon the increasing work load and complexity of appellant work. Her honour noted that the appeal papers for the first appeal heard by the Court in 1966 comprised a file of a few sheets of paper in stark contrast to today. Afterwards Dr Janes attended a morning tea with the judges.

Professor Michael Adams

Spoke on the "Transformation of Western Sydney University" to the 18 visiting University of Michigan Alumni, on the 25th February at the Sir Stamford Hotel, Sydney.

