

# 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.

## UWS Open Day

UWS Open occurred on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August and the University was able to enjoy a beautiful winter/spring day with blue sky and crowds of over 5000 potential students and families. The School of Law had a major presentation entitled "Why Study Law?" presented by the Dean, which attracted approximately 150 people.

The Moot Court on Parramatta was abuzz with four sessions of a demonstration "mini-moot" by current law students who are on the Law Students Association committee. Each session attracted approximately 50 people to hear a brief explanation of the law school by the Dean, Deputy Dean, Director of Research and/or the DAP-LLB. Followed by the law students demonstrating a bail application, which was both informative and fun at the same time. Judge Simon Kozlina, the School of Law First Year Coordinator was excellent as the presiding judicial officer for this important matter.

Outside the Moot Court there was a mixture of academic and professional law staff, as well as law alumni who volunteered. The law students included Rebecka Edwards, Sheena Guha, Medha Mathur, James Zhao, Hannah Akmal Adnan, Sally Vuong and LSA President, Bharath Balasubramanian. The law alumni included Deng Adut and Francois Brun (who also teaches part-time for the law school).

A personal thank you to the following law staff that were able to attend and made the day such a success: Simon Kozlina, Dr Stephen Janes, John Juriansz, Professor Carolyn Sappideen, Professor Steven Freeland, Francois Brun, Dr Masudul Haque, Nola Bourne and Natalie Smith.

## Premier's Debating Challenge 2012

UWS School of Law hosted at both Parramatta campus and Campbelltown campus the Year 11 Premier's Debating Challenge 2012 Regional Finals. The four metropolitan finals were conducted in the Moot Courts of both campuses on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012. The winner at Parramatta was Penrith High School who narrowly beat Homebush Boys High School on the topic "That we should have a new election due to the carbon tax"! The semi-finals and finals will be conducted on the Parramatta campus in September 2012.

## Year 11 Premier's Debating Challenge

The semi-finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge for Year 11 Metro students was held on 24<sup>th</sup> August at Parramatta campus, in the Moot Court. The first debate was on the right to life compared to euthanasia between Penrith Selective High School and Manly Selective High School. In a close debate, Manly pipped Penrith at the post. The second semi-final was between Sydney Girls High School and Hurlstone Agricultural High School on the topic of the right to silence in a prosecution and was won by Sydney Girls.

The final debate will occur in two weeks in the main auditorium at UWS Parramatta campus. The winner's cup has been named the Whitlam Trophy. The debating competition is sponsored by the Arts Unit of the NSW Dept of Education and the UWS School of Law.

## Good News: Student Matters

School of Law was represented in the 3MT (three minute thesis competition) UWS finals by PhD student, Xiangbai He. Her thesis was entitled "Integrating Climate Change Adaptation within Yangtze Water Resources Management: A legal Perspective". Her presentation was on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and thank you to Simon Kozlina for taking the winning photograph.



## Mooting

Mooting at UWS continues to gather strength with another strong performance in a national mooting competition.

With three wins from four moots, the UWS team of Chadd Gunton and Kieran Ryan performed very well against law schools from across Australia to place equal second after the preliminary round of the annual Shine Lawyers Torts Moot, recently hosted by QUT. The team defeated Bond University, ANU and Victoria Law School and lost very narrowly to UTS (last year's runners-up). They just missed out on being selected for the semi-finals, which was based on points for and against, but received special commendation for the quality of their written submissions and their detailed understanding of the relevant (Queensland!) law.

The team was coached by Simon Kozlina and very much appreciated the special assistance provided by Professor Carolyn Sappideen. Thanks also goes to UWS students Mel Pudig and Ryan Jameson who acted as judges in practice moots during the team's preparation.

The next competition for a UWS team is the Gadens Women's Interschool Competition in September, when the university will be represented by Aleksandra Ilic, Mel Pudig and Suzanne Mortimer.

## Dr Susan Armstrong

This week a UWS team comprising Janine Daher, Stephanie Meek as Senior and Junior Counsel, and Paul Armstrong and Lachlan Jackson as Supporting Counsel, mooted a very difficult trust and property law problem in the National Family Law Moot run by the Family Law Section of the Law Counsel of Australia. They performed very creditably, acquitting themselves effectively responding to questions from the Hon Rod Burr AM, who recently retired as a judge of the Family Court of Australia, but ultimately drawing against University of Wollongong. Congratulations team!

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## Jonathan Adamopoulos

Jonathan Adamopoulos will be giving a guest lecture to 3rd year engineering students on WHS law later this semester.

## Michael Brogan

On 11 & 12 August the students enrolled in 200701 (Issues in the Criminal Justice System) attended field trips to the Emu Plains Correctional Facility. The prison staff were very informative and helpful. The students all stated that they learnt a deal from their experience. Fortunately, there were no incidents to report. Equally fortunately, we did not leave any students behind.

In that same weekend I had two guest speakers attend campus and speak to students about issues in the criminal justice system. They were Dr Michael Kennedy and Mr Kel Clowry. Their presentations were interesting and invigorating for students

## Research & Scholarships

### Mr Michael Brogan

On 14 August 2012 Michael attended the second day of the National Legal Ethics Forum for ethics solicitors and was an invited panel speaker for the morning session.

Michael spoke about current trends in legal ethics from a regulator's perspective. The panel included Michael, Justice Harlen QC, the Legal Services Commissioner of NSW.

### Professor Steven Freeland

Interviewed on radio 2SER FM on issues relating to space law 16 August 2012

Interviewed on ABC News 24 TV program 'The Drum' regarding technological challenges to the Laws of Armed Conflict 21 August 2012

Public speech (invited) 'Technology and the Evolution of the Battlefield – the Challenges for International Humanitarian Law' at the 2012 Humanitarian Law Perspectives Lecture 'Drones, Cyber Warfare and Space – the Evolution of the Battlefield' sponsored by the Australian Red Cross, King & Wood Mallesons and PWC, Sydney 22 August 2012

External referee (invited) of article on Space Safety for the *Acta Astronautica*

External referee (invited) of article on Protection of Human Rights for *Macquarie Law Journal*

Appointed on International Advisory Panel of a Research Project that was awarded a 'Future Fellowship' by the ARC (Australian Research Council) for the period 2013-2016, and which will examine issues relating to jurisdiction for disputes on the Internet

## Research Seminar Series

The next seminar will be presented by Professor Michael Adams, 'Corporate Reform: Evolution or Revolution'. This seminar will be held on:

26 September 2012  
Moot Court, Building EO Parramatta Campus

## Publications

### Dr Shelley Bielefeld

Dr Shelley Bielefeld UNSW Law Journal article Compulsory Income Management and Indigenous Australians: Delivering Social Justice or Furthering Colonial Domination?

## Community Engagement

### Professor Michel Adams

Professor Michael Adams attended the Coleman Greig Lawyers "Company Secretary Forum" on the topic of personal liability legislation – increasing expectations on company directors by UWS alumni Peter Stewart (managing partner) and Clas Einberg on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012.

### Professor Michael Adams and Mr Paul Rogers

Professor Michael Adams and Paul Rogers attended the Lawyers Christian Fellowship seminar by the Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, Glen Stevens on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2012. The MC was our former colleagues, Federal Magistrate Tom Altobelli, who is still an Adjunct Professor of Law at UWS.

### Stephen Janes

## Will Awareness Day 10 August 2012

Dr Stephen Janes, Deputy Dean was part of a panel discussion hosted by the Law Society of NSW on the topic "Your Will and your Children". The focus was upon challenges to Wills by adult children. The panel discussion was compared by the ABC's James O'Loughlin ("The New Inventors") before an audience of over 100 people at the Law Society building in Philip Street Sydney. Dr Janes was joined on the panel by Justice Bill Windeyer formerly Chief Judge in Probate, Professor Rosalind Croucher Australian Law Reform Commissioner, Michael Willmott SC and Pam Suttor Chair of the Law Society's Wills and Estates Committee. The panel considered various hypothetical scenarios in which adult children might challenge a parent's will resulting in a lively discussion.

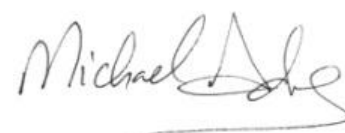
## Law School Twitter

Snapshot of @UWSLawSchool since launch date 30/7/2012

25 tweets, 86 followers, 32 Retweets ("RTs") 1 Follow Friday ("#FF"), 9 mentions ("@"s"), favourited 8 times, 2 replies.

Don't forget to tell your students to check out <https://twitter.com/UWSLawSchool> and click "follow!"

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**Professor Michael Adams**  
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