

From the Dean

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Welcome to the 5th edition of the Law School Newsletter. As can be seen each month there are more activity from students, academic staff in research and engagement inside and outside the university.

The Federal government budget changes will have a major impact on all universities and UWS is already making plans to protect our students from 2016, as the reforms hit hard. Our Vice-Chancellor, Prof Barney Glover, was the first NSW VC to announce a freeze on all domestic fees for 2014, to provide some certainty for students enrolling in courses this year. The UWS Open Day on Sunday 31st August 2014 will be even more significant than in previous years, so worth noting in your diaries. Academics are working hard to mark all the examination papers and have all results into UWS for early July. A busy time for everyone.



The UWS Executive at a UWS Strategic Workshop on 12 June 2014.

Good News - Staff

Adjunct Professor David Collier: Congratulations to our Adjunct Professor, the Hon David Collier AM for his Queen's Birthday award for significant service to the judiciary and to the law, particularly through the Family Court of Australia, and to legal education.

Cindy Penrose: Congratulations to Cindy who has been successful in securing a part time position as Assistant Director for the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce.

Research

Thilla Rajaretnam

Thilla presented a conference paper 'The Privacy and Confidentiality issues related to the use of sensor and monitoring technology in Medical Data Analysis: an Australian perspective' at the University of Queensland 'Defining the Sensor Society' Conference, UQ, 8 – 9 May 2014.

Professor Michael Adams

Professor Michael Adams spoke on Tuesday 3rd June at the Corporate Governance Forum, *Driving Responsible Performance*, which is hosted each year by the Governance Institute of Australia. His presentation was entitled “**Breaking News – 2014 current corporate law cases**” and generated a lot of discussion.

Jennifer Ireland

Jennifer presented paper entitled 'The Right to be Forgotten Online' which explores various legal and interdisciplinary issues arising from the decision of the European Court of Justice in *Google v Gonzalez* (Case C-131/12, 13 May 2014). The presentation was part of the UWS Digital Humanities Research Group's participation in 'Digital Humanities around the World: Privacy and Surveillance in the Digital Age', a 24-hour round the world virtual symposium, hosted by the University of Alberta Canada on 22 May 2014.

Associate Professor Michael Blissenden

Invitation to join Editorial Board of *Australian Tax Law Bulletin* which is published by Lexis Nexis
Invitation to contribute as co-author of the 2015 edition of **Kenny Australian Tax** (5 chapters to be updated)

Professor Steven Freeland

Presentation (invited) 'The Future Global Governance of Space Security – International Law and Armed Conflicts Involving Space Technology', at the 2nd Manfred Lachs International Conference on Global Space Governance, McGill University, Montreal, 29-31 May 2014

Chair of Session 'Global Space Governance and the Challenges of Space Security', at the 2nd Manfred Lachs International Conference on Global Space Governance, McGill University, Montreal, 29-31 May 2014

Panel Presentation (by invitation) 'Is the International Criminal Court a good idea?', at 2014 Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF 2014), Copenhagen, Denmark, 21-26 June 2014

Interviewed on ABC TV News 24 Australia 'The World' regarding Japan's renewed plans for commercial whaling, 10 June 2014

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Publications

Professor Michael Head

Michael Head has co-authored, with Roger Douglas, the 7th edition of Douglas and Jones's, *Administrative Law*, which was published by The Federation Press this week.

Professor Steven Freeland

Publication of 'C. Wilfred Jenks (7.3.1909 - 9.10.1973)', in Stephan Hobe (ed), *Pioneers of Space Law*, 167-190, 2013 Martinus Nijhoff, The Netherlands (ISBN 978-90-04-24027-8)

Ms Liesel Spencer

'Farming the City: Urban Agriculture, Planning Law and Food Consumption Choices' (2014) 39(2) *Alternative Law Journal* (forthcoming).

'Local Government Planning Law and Urban Design for Active Living' (2014) 4(4) *The International Journal of the Constructed Environment* 12.

'Obstacles to the Promotion of Public Health in New South Wales' (2014) *The International Journal of Health, Wellness and Society* (forthcoming).

Community Engagement

Kathryn Adams

On 10 June, Kathryn Adams attended St Patricks Marist College, Dundas to represent the UWS Law School at their Careers Day.

Dr June Wang

June presented to students at Cherrybrook Technology High School on 28 May. Most students at the presentation were doing legal study and were all very interested in studying law at UWS in the future.

Ingrid Matthews

On Tuesday 23 June Ingrid Matthews spent the day with Aboriginal high school students from Penrith and Mt Druitt areas. *Pathways to Dreaming* is a UWS Schools Engagement initiative, promoting post-secondary education among Indigenous students. We spent half the time thinking of people we trust, people we look up to, places we like being and places we'd like to go. These are 'Simpson's questions' – designed to work on multiple levels, like watching the Simpsons with your offspring or nieces and nephews. The other half of the workshop was devoted to scientific method and critical thinking. By asking what change they would like to see in the world and making observations about how the world is, we asked who, what, when, where, why and how. This, I told students, is like a magic formula. It's not only what we all do but how to do well at school. This was done with the assistance of one of my favourite learning tools: a spiel on human ingenuity, Mars rover *Curiosity* and *scientific method baby*.



Professor Michael Adams

Professor Michael Adams attended the launch of the Study Overseas Foundation to provide scholarships to Australian students who study abroad through AIM Overseas, on 16th June 2014. The event was held at Macquarie Street, Sydney by the Foundation's chair, Emeritus Professor Di Yerbury QO. AIM Overseas has arranged for a small number of UWS law students to study law subjects in Europe on short term mobility agreements with European law schools for credit. This was an excellent event and we hope a UWS student in the future will benefit from one of the scholarships provided by the Study Overseas Foundation.

John Juriansz

An Evening at King & Wood Mallesons – Summer and Graduate Clerkships

A special Summer and Graduate Clerkship event was held at King & Wood Mallesons (KWM) for fifteen 3rd year and penultimate year law students with GPAs of 6.0 and above. The event was hosted by a range of KWM staff including Partners, Senior Associates and Solicitors from a range of practice areas. Included in the host numbers were several UWS law graduates and clerks - Matt Carr, Aleks Ilic and Mel Pudig. In advance of the event, Jackie Simpson and Alice Watkins from UWS Careers hosted a workshop for eligible students to focus upon how to develop a positive impression on potential employers, effective networking and related skills. I was very happy to witness the event and see for myself how useful it was to many of our most talented and successful students. The students were exceptionally grateful for the experience and were able to derive exceptionally valuable information. A number of students have provided me with their feedback on the event:

"I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to visit King & Wood Mallesons at their Sydney offices. All of the HR representatives, solicitors, law graduates and clerks were incredibly friendly and imparted an 'insider's view' of what working life is like at KWM. My experiences last night with KWM have only solidified my intention to apply as a Summer Clerk and pursue other available opportunities such as graduate positions and inter-office transfers". **Edward Poppa**

"Just a quick message to say thank you for organising the wonderful evening at Mallesons last night. I found it to be a great opportunity to be able to mingle and gain a useful insight into what it would be like to work in a top tier firm. Everyone was very friendly, approachable and easy-going. I look forward to more opportunities like this one!" **Alexandra Armstrong-Millar**

"I found the function to be extremely insightful and of great assistance in developing a more holistic

understanding of King & Wood Mallesons. The function provided a far greater opportunity and understanding than a careers fair ever could have. I particularly appreciated the opportunity to speak with solicitors from the various departments within the firm who provided a more in-depth understanding of the functions of each department and their day-to-day activities." **Eilish Bailey**

"Thank you so much for inviting me to attend such a wonderful event! The firm and the people are very impressive and I'm excited to begin the application process for their summer clerkship in a few short weeks. The hospitality of KWM really made me feel at ease which helped me to thoroughly enjoy the evening and know that if I was fortunate to be offered a clerkship opportunity there I would be very happy working with them long term". **Taylor Macdonald**

"It was a very special experience for King & Wood Mallesons to provide us with an opportunity to visit their firm and speak with them personally. To see the faces behind the brand, to receive insights on what work they do and how they do it was very inspiring. I left with a strong impression that top tier does not mean unreachable, that the work they do is indeed complex but it is interesting work, and that it is definitely a place I would consider or refer others interested in a corporate career to pursue". **Alexander Dovan**

"The KWM event was a wonderful opportunity to gain information about the firm, the lawyers and the application process. Having the chance to speak to Sam directly about what Mallesons look for in their applications was invaluable. All the lawyers who gave up their time to come and talk to us, were passionate and engaging and very willing to answer all and every question asked!" **Charlotte (Charlie) Brown**

Administration

Natalie Smith

Welcome to Chris Boland who is will be undertaking administrative support at the PCJC along with Jo Huntington on a job share basis. Jo currently works Monday and Tuesdays, and Chris will be doing Wednesday to Friday. Chris's email is c.boland@uws.edu.au.

A big thankyou to Dorothy for her assistance over the last 2 months with covering staff leave and assisting with the exam collection and sorting.

Professor Michael Adams

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