



# Student Awards Ceremony

2024 Academic Year

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## Acknowledgement of Country

With respect for Aboriginal cultural protocol and out of recognition that its campuses occupy their traditional lands. Western Sydney University acknowledges the Darug, Eora, Dharawal (also referred to as Tharawal) and Wiradjuri peoples and thanks them for their support of its work in their lands (Greater Western Sydney and beyond).

# Message from the Executive Director, Advancement



At Western Sydney University, student success is at the heart of everything we do. The Student Awards Ceremony are a chance to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our hardworking and ambitious students – recognising not just academic excellence, but also the passion and perseverance that will shape their and our collective futures.

These awards would not be possible without the generosity of our donors. By funding prizes and academic awards, donors play a vital role in encouraging students to aim high, supporting their aspirations, and giving them an edge as they step into the workforce. To our donors—thank you for believing in our students and helping them reach their full potential.

The Western Sydney region continues to grow and evolve, so do the opportunities for our students. The University is focused on preparing graduates who are adaptable, innovative, and ready to make an impact. These awards help ensure our students have the recognition, motivation, and confidence to take on the challenges ahead.

To our award recipients – congratulations! We are proud of all that you have achieved and can't wait to see where your journey takes you next.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CBurden'.

**Christian Burden**  
Executive Director, Advancement  
Western Sydney University



# Australian Law Advocates Prize



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**Donor**

**Australian Law Advocates**

Australian Law Advocates was founded by Principal Lawyer, Tayla Regan – a Western Sydney University Alumni. Ms Regan has built a reputation in her field of Criminal Law after working as a Criminal Defence Advocate for many years in a private Sydney Law Firm before establishing Australian Law Advocates (ALA).

ALA is a growing criminal and traffic law firm based in the heart of Barangaroo, providing outstanding legal advice and representation in courts of all jurisdictions in NSW. ALA focuses on providing compassionate, expert legal representations to those caught up in the criminal justice system, ensuring that a person's rights are protected and they receive a fair hearing.

At ALA, we understand that the foundation of a successful legal career is built on strong education and support. We are passionate about fostering the next generation of legal minds, particularly those with a keen interest in criminal law. We want to give back and are excited to recognise and support the hard working students of Western Sydney University.

[australianlawadvocates.com.au](http://australianlawadvocates.com.au)

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**Prize**

**Australian Law Advocates Prize**

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**Criteria**

Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS4004 Criminal Procedure and Evidence

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**Recipient**

Lilly-Rose Saliba

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# A R Byrne & Associates Award for Criminal Law

Donor	<p><b>A R Byrne &amp; Associates</b></p> <p>A R Byrne &amp; Associates is a boutique law practice founded by its Principal Solicitor Anthony Byrne, with a particular focus on Wills and Estates, and Palliative Care Law. The firm operates with the aim of providing vital legal services to all individuals and businesses, with a tailored approach.</p> <p><a href="http://arbyrneandassociates.com.au">arbyrneandassociates.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>A R Byrne &amp; Associates Award for Criminal Law</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding First Year student in LAWS 2004 Criminal Law.</p>
Recipient	<p>Lily Anne Nguyen</p>

# Buttar, Caldwell & Co. Solicitors Excellence Awards



Donor	<p><b>Buttar, Caldwell &amp; Co. Solicitors</b></p> <p>Buttar, Caldwell &amp; Co. Solicitors celebrates being part of the Sydney legal community since 2000. The firm was founded by Pervaiz Buttar and joined by Wajiha Ahmed, a graduate of Western Sydney University. We are proud to have helped train many lawyers since we commenced. We are acutely aware of the disproportionate representation of females in senior legal roles, something we pride ourselves with Wajiha being a partner in our firm. It is our hope the contribution we provide, will facilitate supporting future legal leaders and to be representative of the rich culturally and linguistically diverse communities which make up Western Sydney University.</p> <p>buttarlaw.com</p>
Prize	<b>Buttar, Caldwell &amp; Co. Solicitors Future Female Leaders Award</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most improved female law student from a refugee background.
Recipient	Ornina Warda
Prize	<b>Buttar, Caldwell &amp; Co. Solicitors Award for Revenue Law</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding female student in Revenue Law (LAWS4008).
Recipient	Shannon Wichmann



# Carroll & O’Dea Lawyers Award



Donor	<p><b>Carroll &amp; O’Dea Lawyers</b></p> <p>Carroll &amp; O’Dea Lawyers has been at the forefront of legal change for over 125 years. Our commitment to providing the highest standard of work has attributed to achieving justice for all Australians. This year, Carroll and O’Dea Lawyers will continue to support the Carroll &amp; O’Dea Lawyers Award in Remedies. This is awarded to the student who produced the best Essay in LAWS4014/LAWS7068 Remedies.</p> <p>Carroll &amp; O’Dea Lawyers are pleased to be supporting Western Sydney University with the Carroll &amp; O’Dea Lawyers Award in Medical Law. Donated by one of Australia’s most recognized medical law experts and extensively published author, Bill Madden, we hope to inspire and be a part of our future legal professionals journeys. Many of our valued employees have come from Western Sydney University and Carroll &amp; O’Dea Lawyers are proud to say that we have been supporting them ever since.</p> <p><a href="http://codea.com.au">codea.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Carroll &amp; O’Dea Lawyers Award in Remedies</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the student producing the best Essay in LAWS4014/LAWS7068 Remedies.
Recipient	Lilly-Rose Saliba
Prize	<b>Carroll &amp; O’Dea Lawyers Award in Medical Law</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS3050 Medical Law.
Recipient	Chelsea Du Buisson-Perrine

Donor	<p><b>Crisp Law</b></p> <p>Crisp Law is a boutique law firm specialising in construction, commercial and statute liability law, operating nationally and providing services literally at each location their clients have their operations. Their focus is on a small group of clients in whose business they are intimately involved which means Crisp Law are always available to communicate with and respond as matters arise. Crisp Law is proud to provide these awards.</p> <p><a href="http://crisplaw.com.au">crisplaw.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Crisp Law Award in Australian Consumer Law</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the student producing the best Essay in LAWS 3006 Australian Consumer Law.
Recipient	Bill Warner
Prize	<b>Crisp Law Award in Contracts</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS 7047 Contracts.
Recipient	Declan Byrum
Prize	<b>Crisp Law Undergraduate Award in Managing Legal Risk in Construction Law</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS 3086 Managing Legal Risk in Construction Law.
Recipient	Urhay Hawel
Prize	<b>Crisp Law Postgraduate Award in Managing Legal Risk in Construction Law</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS 6003 Managing Legal Risk in Construction Law in the Masters of Construction Law.
Recipient	Benjamin Niland

# Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers Award for Law of Associations



Donor	<p><b>Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers</b></p> <p>Gilbert + Tobin is a leading corporate law firm and a key player in the Australian legal market. With offices in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, Gilbert + Tobin provide innovative, relevant and commercial legal solutions to major corporate and government clients across Australia and internationally, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. Established in 1988, Gilbert + Tobin has one of the highest proportions of female partners of any major Australian law firm and are acknowledged as a pioneer in providing pro bono services.</p> <p>Gilbert + Tobin's reputation for expert advice extends across a broad range of areas including: banking and infrastructure; corporate advisory - funds, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, capital markets, tax and stamp duty; communications and technology; competition and regulation; energy and resources; intellectual property; media; litigation and dispute resolution; and real estate and projects.</p> <p>Gilbert + Tobin is proud of its association with Western Sydney University. John Schembri, partner and Head of Gilbert + Tobin's Banking + Projects group, is Chairman of the University's Foundation Council, working to attract significant philanthropic support for students and the University.</p> <p><a href="http://gtlaw.com.au">gtlaw.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers Award for Law of Associations</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the student with the highest mark in LAWS3045/LAWS7060 Law of Associations.
Recipient	Brooke Smith

# J.G. Fleming

## Award for Torts Law

Donor	<p><b>The Fleming Family</b></p> <p>This award is in honour of John Gunther Fleming. He was the author of one of the most influential texts on torts law, <i>The Law of Torts</i>, first published in 1957. At the time of his death in 1997 it was the most frequently cited book on torts in the Superior Courts in Canada, New Zealand, Australia, United Kingdom and throughout the Commonwealth. John Fleming was a person of immense personal charm and an outstanding scholar. His family have donated royalties from his book for this very special award for Torts Law at Western Sydney University.</p>
Prize	<p><b>J.G. Fleming Award for Torts Law</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the second most outstanding student in Torts Law.</p>
Recipient	<p>Prudence Johnson</p>

# John Marsden Memorial Best and Fairest Award in Alternative Dispute Resolution



Donor	<p><b>Marsdens Law Group</b></p> <p>Marsdens Law Group was founded by John Marsden as a one man practice in 1968 and has grown to become one of the largest suburban firms in the state, with offices stretching from Sydney to Camden. John set high standards of service and professionalism, and demonstrated a commitment to community social justice. Marsdens provides high-quality training for all of their employees, ensuring that every employee is kept at the forefront of law. Marsdens deliver expertise in most areas of law with an experienced, specialised team of solicitors and have a wide range of clients extending from large corporations, public authorities, municipal councils, financial institutions as well as the general community. This award has been established in memory of John Marsden who had a passion for law, a love of life and commitment to minority groups and less privileged individuals within our community.</p> <p><a href="http://marsdens.net.au">marsdens.net.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>John Marsden Memorial Best and Fairest Award in Alternative Dispute Resolution</b></p>
Criteria	<p>This dictionary prize is awarded to the best and fairest student in LAWS2001/ LAWS7004 Alternative Dispute Resolution.</p>
Recipient	<p>Taylah Hufton</p>

# KWM Award in Australian Competition Law



Donor	<p><b>King &amp; Wood Mallesons</b></p> <p>King &amp; Wood Mallesons (KWM) is an elite international law firm headquartered in Asia, reshaping the legal market by challenging our people and our clients to think differently about what a law firm can be today, tomorrow and beyond. We thrive on exceeding the expectations of our clients, and as such the world’s leading organisations turn to us to unlock their biggest opportunities and deliver clever solutions to their most vexing challenges. Where others see limitations, we see possibility. With ambitious thinking and innovation in our DNA, KWM partners with our clients to bring to life pioneering solutions which will help them to adapt, reinvent and grow. We believe innovation comes from giving our people room to grow, and as such actively encourage input and ideas from all levels of the firm.</p> <p>Our people are encouraged to shape their own career path, supported at every step of the way, with world class training, coaching and hands-on experience. There is no ‘one size fits all’ career model, and we offer multiple opportunities for our lawyers to gain experience and thrive. KWM graduates gain a broad range of experience with rotations across different practice areas, supported by our unique future-focussed training experience that incorporates legal tech, client centricity and technical excellence - all with a global lens. KWM is pleased to support the Competition Law students at WSU in their academic pursuits as they strive for excellence.</p> <p><a href="http://kwm.com">kwm.com</a></p>
Prize	<b>KWM Award in Australian Competition Law</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the top performing student in LAWS3005 Australian Competition Law.
Recipient	Ellie Loughman

# Lachlan Macquarie Chambers Moot Court Award



Donor	<p><b>Lachlan Macquarie Chambers</b></p> <p>Lachlan Macquarie Chambers was founded in 1986 when 25 forward-thinking barristers decided that Parramatta needed full-service chambers to serve the growing legal precinct and Western Sydney. The group purchased and converted the former Rural Bank building on George Street. Today, the chambers has 28 barristers, representing about two thirds of the Parramatta Bar. Four judicial appointments have come from their ranks and many current members are arbitrators or mediators. The thriving Parramatta Justice Precinct has grown to include many specialist courts. Barristers from Lachlan Macquarie Chambers appear in all federal and state courts at Parramatta and in both civil and criminal jurisdictions. They also appear in Sydney and other locations, using Parramatta as a central point to serve Sydney’s wider population. Lachlan Macquarie Chambers has championed the legal profession in Western Sydney by contributing to the University’s Law School since 1999. Some of its members are proud graduates of Western Sydney University.</p> <p><a href="http://lacmac.com.au">lacmac.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Lachlan Macquarie Chambers Moot Court Award</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS 3053 Moot Court.</p>
Recipients	<p>Alicia Simpson Dwija Panchal Elissa Elmir Ellen Teece Taiba Ebrahimi</p>



# Lamrocks Award in Equity and Trusts



Donor	<p><b>Lamrocks Solicitors</b></p> <p>Lamrocks Solicitors is Penrith's leading law firm, with a reputation for providing outstanding legal advice and representation coupled with a client focus. Established in 1882, the firm is recognised for both its professional strength and its ongoing commitment to excellence. Lamrocks' goal is to ensure that the Greater Western Sydney region has access to the full range of personal legal services, and local expertise it deserves. With Law Society accredited specialists in the fields of property law, wills and estates, family law, and personal injury, Lamrocks is large enough to provide the expertise required, yet small enough to maintain its personal focus. The firm's values and community spirit are reflected in its decision to support law students at Western Sydney University and to reward outstanding performance in the key areas of advanced torts and civil wrongs. Offering an annual award, Lamrocks is hoping to give something back to the community and play a role in developing the future of the profession.</p> <p><a href="http://lamrocks.com.au">lamrocks.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Lamrocks Award in Equity and Trusts</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS3018 Equity and Trusts.</p>
Recipient	<p>Emily Rough</p>

# NY Lawyers Award in Islam, International Law and Human Rights

Donor	<p><b>NY Lawyers</b></p> <p>NY Lawyers is a boutique law firm based in Parramatta New South Wales. NY Lawyers recognises the diversity of our local community and supports a growing understanding of Islam, International Law and Human Rights.</p> <p>NY Lawyers are pleased to support the students of Western Sydney University who participate in the Islam, International Law and Human Rights Course, as they are appreciated for their efforts for contributing towards the growth in these areas of law and improving the recognition of the diverse nature of our greater community.</p> <p>NY Lawyers seek to reward the recipients of this award and congratulates all the participants in this course who have grown a better understanding of Islam, International Law and Human Rights.</p> <p><a href="http://nylaw.com.au">nylaw.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>NY Lawyers Award in Islam, International Law and Human Rights</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the top performing student in LAWS 3039 Islam, International Law and Human Rights.
Recipients	Grace Olbrycht-Palmer Ellie Loughman

# Oxford University Press Award for Legal Analysis and Critique



Donor	<p><b>Oxford University Press</b></p> <p>At Oxford University Press, we advance knowledge and learning. We support people wherever and however they want to learn, so they can achieve their learning goals and uncover new possibilities. We are the world's university press and we believe in the transformative power of education to inspire progress and realise human potential. We are committed to publishing innovative and high-quality resources for law students as well as supporting the research, teaching and learning ambitions of law academics and professionals.</p> <p><a href="http://oup.com.au/law">oup.com.au/law</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Oxford University Press Award for Legal Analysis and Critique</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS1009 Legal Analysis and Critique.</p>
Recipients	<p>Clara Elias Gabriel Sainsbury Jessica Rowlands Wael Arabi</p>



# RH Stillman Memorial Award for Excellence in Combined Law



Donor	<p><b>The Estate of Reuben Herbert Stillman</b></p> <p>When Reuben Herbert Stillman (Ron) arrived in Australia in the early 1950s, the electrical engineer was virtually penniless. Having completed his schooling and apprenticeship in England, he went on to secure work, and spent most of his working life at Northern Rivers County Council in Grafton. He retired to Brisbane to complete his PhD in electrical engineering at the University of Queensland. Ron’s involvement in law started with preparing expert reports on electrical accidents. In Brisbane, he became involved in research in law and economics and, together with Professor Carolyn Sappideen, he published a book on negligence, risk and liability in the electricity supply industry. He moved to Sydney to complete his law degree and later, at Western Sydney University, his Master of Laws by thesis on liability in the electrical supply industry. In retirement, Ron also worked as a consultant and adjunct professor at UNSW, and researched and taught about risk assessment.</p> <p>The son of Russian refugees, Ron was a prolific reader with a love of learning and scholarship - nurtured when he was evacuated from London to boarding school during the Blitz. He is survived by his son Robert and his wife Dr Margaret Mackisack. The RH Stillman Award recognises the achievements of talented law students.</p>
Prize	<b>RH Stillman Memorial Award for Excellence in Combined Law</b>
Criteria	Awarded to an outstanding student currently enrolled in a combined Law degree.
Recipient	Chelsea Du Buisson-Perrine



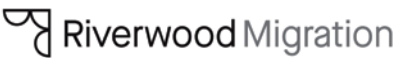
Donor	<p><b>R Legal</b></p> <p>R Legal is an innovative and boutique commercial law firm which was established to become a beacon of change in the legal industry.</p> <p>As a dynamic and forwarding thinking firm, R Legal is committed to making a difference in the community whilst challenging the status quo by combining strong commercial acumen and legal expertise. This has consistently resulted in cohesive working relationships and solutions tailored specifically to the needs of their clients.</p> <p>The team at R Legal work to fully understand how their clients operate and to be seen as an extension of their clients' businesses - this ensures R Legal is able to achieve the best results for their clients.</p> <p><a href="http://r.legal.com.au">r.legal.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>R Legal Award in Property Law</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS3082 Property Law.
Recipient	Gabrielle Carlin
Prize	<b>R Legal Award in Business Operations</b>
Criteria	Awarded to top performing student in LAWS 2010 Law of Business Operations
Recipient	Ashley Liubertas

# Razeen and Carolyn Sappideen Award for Excellence in Law

Donor	<b>Razeen and Carolyn Sappideen</b> Carolyn Sappideen joined Western Sydney University School of Law in 1996 and was previously the Deputy Dean at the University of Queensland. For the period 1998 to 2006 she was the Chair of the School of Law, Western Sydney University, resuming the position as Professor of Law in 2007. Carolyn has a special interest in elder law, and the school introduced the first elective in elder law in Australia in 1999. This has formed the basis of a growing expertise in elder law in which the school provides consultancy, training and research.
Prize	<b>Razeen and Carolyn Sappideen Award for Excellence in Law</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding graduating student in the Bachelor of Laws.
Recipient	Bill Warner



# Riverwood Migration Prize in Immigration



Donor	<p><b>Riverwood Migration</b></p> <p>Riverwood Migration is a specialised Australian law firm with experienced lawyers and years of experience handling complex skilled migration matters for both individuals and organisations.</p> <p>We provide strategic advice on Australian migration law to highly skilled workers and corporate clients. Each matter is handled by a highly specialised migration team including experienced lawyers and registered migration agents.</p> <p><a href="http://riverwoodmigration.com">riverwoodmigration.com</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Riverwood Migration Award in Immigration Law</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS 3029 Immigration Law.</p>
Recipient	<p>Alexandra Lazareska</p>

# Robert Hayes Memorial Award in Torts Law



Donor	<p><b>Robert Hayes Memorial</b></p> <p>This award is donated by Elayne Hayes in honour of her late husband, Associate Professor Dr Robert Hayes who passed away in 2011. Dr Hayes is remembered as a passionate and dedicated lecturer in the School of Law, who was committed to providing the highest quality legal education to his students at Western Sydney University. Dr Hayes was one of the first Australian lawyers to graduate with a PhD, and his first job was teaching at Monash University. As a young academic he held visiting professorships at Canada’s McGill and Toronto universities, and assisted in establishing the School of Law at the University of New South Wales. Throughout his career, Dr Hayes worked across seven universities, including the universities of Queensland and New England, and at the Aix law school of the Universite de Provence in France. Dr Hayes held numerous positions over the course of his career, including Senior Member on the Veterans Review Board, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, and President of the NSW Mental Health Review Tribunal. He was also recruited as a full-time commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission.</p>
Prize	<p><b>Robert Hayes Memorial Award in Torts Law</b></p>
Criteria	<p>The Robert Hayes Memorial Prize recognises the achievements and commitment of Western Sydney University law students. Based on Professor Hayes’ passion for teaching torts, the prize is awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS2013/ LAWS7072 Torts Law</p>
Recipient	<p>Lauren Williams Grace Patterson</p>

# Robyn Ashes Award in Family Law



Donor	<p><b>Lachlan Macquarie Chambers and Arthur Phillip Chambers</b></p> <p>The donors of this award are from Lachlan Macquarie Chambers and Arthur Phillip Chambers at Parramatta. Robyn was a colleague of the barristers in those chambers until her untimely death. This award is donated as a lasting memory in the law field of her specialty.</p> <p><a href="http://lacmac.com.au">lacmac.com.au</a> <a href="http://apchambers.com.au">apchambers.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Robyn Ashes Award in Family Law</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS3023 Family Law.</p>
Recipient	<p>Belinda Bastide</p>

# Rubinus Family Legal Award for Academic Excellence



Donor	<p><b>Rubinus Family Legal</b></p> <p>Nicole Borg is a current lawyer who received her degree with Western Sydney University and has been teaching there for over 7 years. Nicole established this award in support of the University and to reward and encourage students in the School of Law.</p> <p><a href="http://rubinusfamilylegal.com.au">rubinusfamilylegal.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Rubinus Family Legal Award for Academic Excellence</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the top performing student in LAWS1003 Fundamentals of Australian Law.</p>
Recipients	<p>Wael Arabi Krishika Raghupathi</p>

# Sir Owen Dixon Chambers Award in Advocacy



Donor	<p><b>Sir Owen Dixon Chambers</b></p> <p>Sir Owen Dixon Chambers was established in 1993 and currently has 69 barristers in Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong who practice in a wide variety of areas. Sir Owen Dixon Chambers sponsors the Award in Advocacy as it believes this subject to be of great importance in a law student’s education, particularly for those wishing to practice as barristers in the future.</p> <p><a href="http://sirowendixon.com.au">sirowendixon.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>Sir Owen Dixon Chambers Award in Advocacy</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS3003 Advocacy.</p>
Recipient	<p>Lilly Hindmarch</p>

# The Federation Press Law Award



THE FEDERATION PRESS

Donor	<p><b>The Federation Press</b></p> <p>The Federation Press is a proudly independent publisher of books with ideas, publishing a mix of excellent student texts, scholarly monographs and practitioner titles with an emphasis on education, analysis and debate. We have published some of Australia's most influential law texts and continue to nurture local talent by providing creative publishing opportunities for early career academics and practitioners.</p> <p>We're pleased to support the upcoming generation of Administrative Law thinkers and writers at WSU.</p> <p><a href="http://federationpress.com.au">federationpress.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<p><b>The Federation Press Law Award</b></p>
Criteria	<p>Awarded to the highest performing student in LAWS3081 Administrative Law.</p>
Recipients	<p>Jack Chesters Riley Anderson</p>

# The Law Society Award for Excellence in Professional Conduct



THE LAW SOCIETY  
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Donor	<p><b>The Law Society of New South Wales</b></p> <p>The Law Society of New South Wales is the voice of the solicitor arm of the legal profession, representing the interests of more than 31,000 solicitor members. We encourage debate and actively drive law reform issues through policy submissions and open dialogue with governments, parliamentary bodies, the courts and other stakeholders in the justice system. Endowed with co-regulatory duties with the Office of Legal Services Commissioner, we set and enforce professional standards, license solicitors to practise, investigate complaints and administer discipline to ensure that both the community and the profession are properly served by ethical and responsible solicitors. We ensure the general public has appropriate access to justice and can be easily connected to members of the profession when they require legal advice.</p> <p>The Law Society of New South Wales is pleased to support the students at Western Sydney University in their careers and delighted to sponsor the prize for Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics.</p> <p><a href="http://lawsociety.com.au">lawsociety.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>The Law Society Award for Excellence in Professional Conduct</b>
Criteria	Awarded to a top performing student in the subject LAWS2015 Professional Responsibility & Legal Ethics.
Recipient	Liora Tran



# Thomson Reuters Awards



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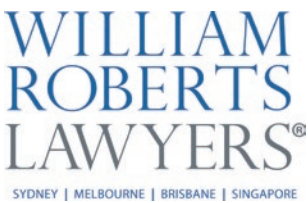
Donor	<p><b>Thomson Reuters</b></p> <p>Thomson Reuters is the world's leading source of intelligent information for business and professionals. We combine industry expertise with innovative technology to deliver critical information to leading decision makers in the financial, legal, tax and accounting, scientific, healthcare, and media markets, powered by the world's most trusted news organisation.</p> <p>Thomson Reuters is a leading provider of tailored information services for legal, tax, accounting, corporate compliance and academic markets in Australia and New Zealand with approximately 550 employees. We represent the most trusted brands in the region including Australia's Lawbook Co., Westlaw Australia, Findlaw, New Zealand's Brookers and various magazine offerings.</p> <p><a href="http://legal.thomsonreuters.com.au">legal.thomsonreuters.com.au</a></p>
Prize	<b>Thomson Reuters Award in Bioethics</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS2014 Bioethics
Recipient	Brooke Smith
Prize	<b>Thomson Reuters Award in Contract Law</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS2003 Contracts
Recipient	Declan Byrum
Prize	<b>Thomson Reuters Award in Intellectual Property</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS3032 Intellectual Property.
Recipients	Brooke Smith Amelia Melville
Prize	<b>Thomson Reuters Award in Remedies</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding student in LAWS4014 Remedies.
Recipient	Lilly-Rose Saliba

# William Orule Memorial Award



Donor	<p><b>William Orule Memorial</b></p> <p>William was a beloved brother, father and friend who dedicated himself to the service of others. He was a passionate advocate for the emerging communities, particularly amongst his local Sudanese community in Western Sydney.</p> <p>William fled South Sudan as a refugee, arriving in Australia in late 2003. Settling in Western Sydney, he attended Evans Intensive English Centre and then Patrician Brothers College in Blacktown earning the role of School Captain and obtaining his high school Certificate in his final year in 2006.</p> <p>Determined to fulfil his education dreams, William worked multiple jobs, mostly after hours, whilst completing high school and subsequently supporting himself through NSW TAFE and University studies. William graduated from Western Sydney University’s School of Law in 2019 and was admitted as a lawyer in April 2021. In early 2018, he had begun working at Hall &amp; Wilcox Law firm and was looking forward to a career as a legal practitioner.</p> <p>Sadly, William passed away in August 2021 due to illness. The William Orule Memorial Award recognises and encourages Law students from a refugee background in their journey towards careers as legal practitioners. A fitting memorial to William and his own journey and achievements.</p>
Prize	<b>William Orule Memorial Award</b>
Criteria	Awarded to the most outstanding first year student from a refugee background, across the undergraduate Bachelor of Laws programs and the Juris Doctor program.
Recipient	Layeqa Kareemi

# William Roberts Law Award in Dispute Resolution and Civil Procedure



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