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Professor Ron McCallum

*Report
from the
Dean*

This edition of the Sydney Law School Reports is filled to the brim with news about this Faculty and the many fine achievements of our alumni. In this brief message, may I draw to your attention some of the major events in our Law School over the last six months.

Appointment to High Court of Justice Susan Crennan

The entire Faculty were delighted when Justice Susan Crennan of the Federal Court of Australia, one of our alumni, took up her appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Australia in February this year. Justice Crennan undertook the Graduate LLB course at our Law School, and with her appointment she joins an illustrious band of alumni who have sat on the High Court bench since its foundation in 1903.

Passing of Mr. Peter Cameron

I am sad to write that my friend Mr. Peter Cameron, passed away after battling cancer in February 2006. There is a tribute to Peter Cameron in this edition of the Law School Reports. As a friend, however, may I write that I shall greatly miss him. In mid 2003, Peter Cameron was the driving force behind the establishment of the Sydney Law School Advisory Board. As its inaugural Chair, he gathered together lawyers from all branches of the legal profession to sit on this Board to forge links between this Law School and the legal profession. I wish to especially thank him and his colleagues on the Advisory Board for securing sponsorship for the 150th anniversary dinner which was held on 5 November last year. Mr. Bruce McWilliam, Commercial Director of the Seven Network, has kindly accepted my invitation to be the new Chair of the Sydney Law School Advisory Board. Given his workload, Bruce will relinquish being Chair of our Law School Fundraising Committee but will still remain on it as a member. Mr. Kevin McCann has agreed to be the new Chair of the Law School Fundraising Committee.

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**NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING
PROJECT UPDATE**

CONSTRUCTION HAS COMMENCED
ON THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING.



Above: An elevated view of the new law school building with the Anderson Stuart and Quadrangle in background

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Very Recent Good News

On page 13 of this issue of the Law Reports, we make mention of the achievements of our WTO Mooting Team winning the regional round and the right to compete in the finals in Geneva. I am pleased to report that on Saturday 29 April 2006, the University of Sydney World Trade Organisation Mooting Team won the final of the WTO moot competition in Geneva. The other finalist was the moot team from the London School of Economics. This is absolutely marvellous, and I am sure that all law school alumni will join me in congratulating our team which comprised Mr. Lucas Bastin, Mr. David Coleman, Ms. Rebecca Mann and Ms. Odette Murray. Congratulations also to their coach, my University of Sydney law school colleague Dr. Brett Williams. A number of individual alumni and law firms sponsored the WTO team and I warmly thank their sponsors.

Further Alumni Achievements

May I congratulate Mr. Graeme Innes who was appointed as a Human Rights Commissioner and Commissioner Responsible for Disability Discrimination of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. Graeme, who is totally blind as am I, has for many years been an advocate for Australian disabled citizens.

May I also congratulate our former student Ms. Kathryn Simon who has just been awarded the Frank Knox Scholarship which will enable her to study at Harvard University.

Launch of Health Law Centre

In November last year, the Faculty's newest Centre, the Centre for Health Governance, Law and Ethics was launched at a function in the Law School. Health Law has become a very important legal area in our undergraduate and postgraduate program. I am delighted that this new Centre will engage in cutting edge research in this growing field of law.

Sad Passing of Two Judges

Finally in this Dean's message, may I record the sad passing of two judges who served in the Federal Court of Australia, Justice John Lockhart and Justice Peter Hely.

Professor Ron McCallum
Dean of Law



Demolition of the Edgeworth David Building and Stephen Roberts Lecture Theatre was completed in February and was immediately followed by bulk excavation works which are continuing. At the time of writing approximately 30% of the required 72,800 cubic metres of material has been removed, and other essential civil works including the provision of high energy electrical cabling had commenced.

Piling works associated with the retention of the lower car park levels has also commenced. The Law School continues to review proposed tender documentation and pre tender meetings have been conducted with nominated tenderers, in the lead up to the formal tender which commences on 24 April, 2006. Construction works associated with the building will commence in July, 2006, following review and award of tender.

NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

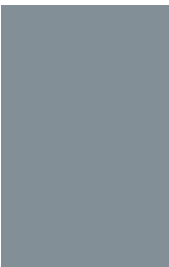




2005 SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL SESQUICENTENARY DINNER

Sydney Law School's Sesquicentenary Dinner, held on 5th November 2005, was a huge success. The order of proceedings included an address by the NSW Chief Justice J J Spigelman AC (BA 1967, LLB 1971, LLD 2004) as well as a ten minute video by Craig Reucassel (Bec (SocSci) 1999, LLB 2002) of ABC TV's The Chaser on the

150 year history of the Law School, which was most entertaining. The evening's entertainment finished with an acapella number from the 2005 Law Revue entitled 'plaigarise'. The music for the evening included The Greenaway Quartet as well as a jazz band, both from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.



THE HON. JUSTICE JAMES SPIGELMAN AC

AT THE SESQUICENTENARY DINNER

I grew up in a country in which the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, was able to travel to England for six weeks by boat with the Australian cricket team, stay for a month or so watching cricket and then return, taking another six weeks to do so. Such conduct is inconceivable today.

All aspects of life have speeded up. Where we once spoke of words per minute, we now speak of characters per second. Olympic sports like luge, cycling and canoeing are measured in milliseconds. Other sports have changed their rules or reinvented themselves to provide a “fast food” alternative, such as the introduction of tiebreakers in tennis. Sir Robert Menzies would never have approved of one-day cricket.

When the staff, students and graduates of this University Law School gathered together to celebrate the centenary of the Law School in 1990, they could never have imagined how quickly a half-century would pass. However, what we commemorate today is the resolution of the University of Sydney Senate to establish a Law Faculty. The creation of a faculty in 1855 was entirely technical, although in 1858 a barrister was appointed as the first part-time lecturer and from time to time thereafter LLBs and LLDs were awarded. It was not until 1890 that the first Professor of Law was appointed and the Law School moved into distinct premises – hence the centenary in 1990.

Nevertheless, bearing in mind the Trade Practices Act, if I were a member of this faculty I would be wary of deploying the term “sesquicentenary” in trade or commerce assuming, contrary to the contemporary fashion in higher education, that you are not already so engaged. On the occasion equivalent to this in 1990 for celebrating the centenary, the speech was delivered by Sir Anthony Mason.

He concentrated on the then recently announced decision that the Law School was, after many years of debate, finally and definitely moving to the main campus. In 2005, with the plans much further advanced than they were at that time, I feel reasonably confident in proceeding on the same assumption.

There have always been two schools of thought on this matter. I myself have always been a proponent of a site on campus. The debate about the geographic location of the University of Sydney Law School encapsulates in physical form a wider debate about the nature of legal education. There can be no doubt that one of the basic functions of a legal education is to teach students to learn to think like a lawyer. That is not necessarily incompatible with teaching them to think. I am afraid I am a little old fashioned about the role of education. Undergraduates come to university as minds to be formed, not as consumers with wants to be satisfied. Nor, can I accept those contemporary education philosophies that treat education as some form of therapy.

However, the basic duality of function remains. Teaching students to become fully trained members of a profession is a matter which must continue to be given primary weight. It is not, however, incompatible with that objective to seek to ensure that graduates do not emerge with a narrow concept of the role and function of the law, nor with an inward looking, inbred intellectual perspective. The profession benefits from ensuring that its members have intellectual horizons beyond the law. The physical location of the Law School raises these issues in a Dramatic form. I am convinced that both functions can be properly performed from a campus location.

I emphasise the broader public interest which will be served by ensuring that legal academics and law students participate fully in the intellectual life of the University. They will, thereby, enhance the ability of the University to serve its primary mission for the advancement and dissemination of learning. There are few areas of discourse which do not benefit from a legal perspective. There are no areas of the law that should not be informed by other perspectives.

One significant recent development in this regard is the fact that a majority of law graduates do not intend to and do not in fact enter private practice. Law has increasingly become a general degree of utility in a wide range of commercial and governmental occupations. About 2,000 new lawyers are admitted to practice every year. Less than half take out practising certificates. This trend supports the decision to move the campus.

There is no doubt, however, that the degree to which this Law School has been tied to the profession has been one of its great strengths. That bond remains, in this era of competition amongst tertiary institutions, one of its competitive advantages. The move to the campus will require the Law School to make an extra effort to retain its traditional ties and to do what it can to encourage members of the profession to continue to participate in teaching. In that regard it is of great significance that the present Law School will be, as I understand the plan, in part retained for the use of postgraduate courses for the University.

Looking back now I have no doubt that my generation was privileged to pass through this Law School in one of its golden eras. The faculty had diversity and extraordinary quality. We received the benefit of it in the course structure and materials: the texts written by our lecturers, the case books they edited and the valuable notes which they prepared for each of the courses and published only for students who attended this School, as well, of course, as the lectures and tutorials themselves.

The key to the success of this School during my era was the intellectual strength of its faculty. The two rival paradigms of legal education – professional training or academic discipline – were both represented in this Law School by lecturers of great force and talent. This gave rise, although I do not remember being conscious of it at the time, to

a considerable amount of conflict within the faculty. From the perspective of the students, as best evidenced in the future career of its graduates, this conflict was in fact a creative tension. Two professors in particular represented the conflict in approaches to what a law school should be: Bill Morrison and Julius Stone. The tension between them in which others, such as Frank Hutley, frequently joined, created fraught relationships. However, the students were the beneficiaries both of the intellectual rigour which Morrison demanded and of the intellectual breadth that Stone instilled.

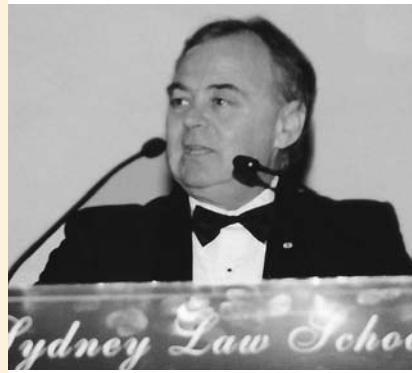
For many years, perhaps until the 1960s, it was probably the case that the Victorian legal profession had the highest reputation in Australia. Since that time, it is the Sydney profession that has had that reputation. In some respects this reflects the move of the commercial and financial capital of the nation from Melbourne to Sydney, which commenced to occur in the 1960s. It does not, however, explain the intellectual strength of the profession in this city.

That strength is reflected in the universally accepted high quality of the Supreme Court and the Federal Court in this city. It is also reflected in the composition of the High Court. Since the beginning of 1989, when Justice McHugh was appointed to the High Court, the majority of its members have come from the Sydney profession. Justice McHugh, like Lord Diplock in England, is the great example in this nation of the proposition that a law school education is not essential to high attainment in the law. Nevertheless, he is very much a product of the Sydney Bar, the intellectual rigour of which has always been significantly influenced by the Law School. All the others were a product of this Law School, except for Justice Heydon who read Arts at this University and had the bad taste to study his law at Oxford. He made up for it by returning to this Law School as its dean. With Justice Crennan also a graduate of this Law School, the majority will extend beyond two decades.

The intellectual rigour of the Sydney profession is attributable in large measure, in my opinion, to its synergistic relationship with this Law School. The intellectual strength of the faculty, both full-time and part-time, instilled in future practitioners a commitment to high standards of learning and performance. Lecturers like Bill Morrison were demanding in ways that few who passed through his hands will forget. On the other hand, insofar as the profession has escaped the perils of intellectual inbreeding, to which the law

appears to be particularly subject, it is due in large measure to lecturers like Julius Stone, and the endless stream of disciples that he was able to attract here being, as he was, one of the great legal scholars of the 20th century anywhere in the common law world.

Others made similarly significant contributions. Ross Parsons established courses in corporations law and taxation law of the highest quality and forged links with the broader commercial community in this city, of which the Law School remains the beneficiary today. Pat Lane enthralled us with his encyclopaedic knowledge of constitutional law always knowing the precise page of the Commonwealth Law Reports. What would later appear to be his obsession for concentrating on the text of the Constitution –for some time a desperately unfashionable approach– may be coming



The Hon. Justice James Spigelman, AC

back into fashion. Gordon Hawkins at the Institute of Criminology was almost as successful as Stone in maintaining contact with the best United States scholars in his criminal law field and began the tradition of counteracting the sensationalism that often attends public discussion of crime, by contributing a sensible, balanced, informed opinion to the public debate.

Throughout the period that I was at the Law School the influence of and contribution by practising members of the profession was immense. Frank Hutley, once a tutor as one of only three full-time members of faculty, continued to lecture as counsel and judge. I owe him a personal debt. Without his intellectual honesty I would probably have been denied the University Medal on the basis of not having attended enough lectures.

There were numerous practitioners who returned to contribute to the education of the generation of students to which I

belong: Murray Gleeson on corporations law; Harold Glass on evidence; Gordon Samuels on pleading; Zeke Solomon on international law and, of course, Meagher and Gummow and Lehane before they became “Meagher Gummow & Lehane”, and assumed the role of extirpators of heresy, knowing that fallen angels can insinuate heresy anywhere, even in the impressionable mind of a Diplock, let alone in that of the unspeakable Denning.

I know that I speak for all of those present here today that our attendance manifests the debt that we owe to this Law School. We wish the greatest of success to all those who continue to be involved in this important centre of education. I know that with the support of your Chancellor, Justice Santow, the School is dedicated to maintaining both the strength of its intellectual tradition and its ties to the practical world of the profession and the community. The move to the campus will create new challenges, particularly, for the maintenance of the close bond between the Law School and the profession. I have no doubt that those challenges can be successfully met.

Over the course of about 150 years, since the University decided to establish a law faculty, the legal system of this State has been the product of two forces: of continuity and of change. These forces have always been with us and they will always be with us. The Law School plays a vital function with respect to both those forces. First – as custodian of some of our most important legal traditions, and secondly – as a centre for deliberation about changes that need to occur. We on the bench, and in the practising profession as a whole, depend to a significant degree on independent scholarship for many purposes, including for the development of the law and of the mechanisms for the administration of justice. We must always be conscious of our traditions, but equally conscious of why it is we do what we do.

I look forward to the continued association between the Court and the profession and this Law School in the years ahead. I know it is in good hands. Ron MacCallum as dean has made a contribution to learning in the field of industrial law that is unsurpassed. However, your contribution is much more than that. The way in which you have overcome your disability to establish yourself as a scholar of such high renown, and as an administrator of such capability, together with the extraordinarily personable style of your discourse, makes you an inspiration to us all. I, and we alumni all, wish you and your faculty well.

ALUMNI NOTES

The Hon. Justice John Lockhart (LLB 1958) passed away in February. He was not only a senior Federal Court judge but also was appointed to the World International trade appellate body.

The Hon. Justice Peter Hely (LLB 1967) passed away in late 2005. The Hon. Justice J D Heydon, AC (BA 1964) wrote, "To many lawyers, he was as a craftsman and as a man, an exemplar of high virtue – to be pondered, and to be admired, if possible to be emulated...If lawyers can be great, he was great. He was a giant – a mighty man, a man of renown. His departure is a national tragedy – for the early loss of a great judge is a terrible national loss."



Peter Cameron

A leading corporate lawyer and a former director of *James Hardie*, Peter Cameron (BA 1973, LLB 1976) died after a brief battle with cancer. Described as one of the key designers of the 2001 restructure of James Hardie, he resigned from the board of the former asbestos products company in January. Mr. Cameron was a partner of *Allen Allen & Hemsley* and then *Allens Arthur Robinson* from 1983 to 2002, and was a leading lawyer in mergers and acquisitions. He was one of the architects of the dual-listed structure for Australian companies. In 2001, he acted in the dual-listed company merger of *BHP with Billiton*, the largest merger in Australian corporate history, and in the dual-listed company merger of *Brambles* with the industrial services division of *GKN*. He advised the independent directors of *Cable & Wireless Optus* in relation to the takeover by *SingTel*, and advised *Normandy Mining* on a \$3.2 billion bid by *Anglo Gold*. After he left *Allens*, he became chairman of investment banking at *Credit Suisse First Boston* and was a member of the Takeovers Panel.

"To use jargon that would have appalled him, he was the 'go-to man' on large corporate transactions, even where there was no prior client relationship," *Allens* partner **Diccon Loxton** (BA 1975, LLB 1978) said. "His success was no accident and reflected his personal and professional qualities."

James Hardie Chairwoman, **Meredith Hellicar** (LLB 1976, LLM 1984) said Mr. Cameron was a "...highly intelligent and ethical leader in corporate Australia, widely respected among both the legal and business communities for his professionalism and experience. In his role as a director, Peter contributed importantly to *James Hardie's* efforts to achieve a long-term compensation arrangement for future claimants of asbestos-related illnesses," Ms Hellicar said. "He continued working as a director throughout his ill health to help ensure the final funding agreement could be signed last December."

On the 15th of December 2005 **Graeme Innes** (LLB 1978) was appointed as Human Rights and Disability Discrimination Commissioner by the Federal Government. Graeme, who has been blind since birth, is one of the few totally blind graduates of our Law School. For more than thirty years he has been working for the rights of blind and low vision people in Australia and throughout the world. He was the first blind President of the Royal Blind Society of NSW. Now that the RBS has merged with two Victorian organisations, Graeme has been the first Chair of Vision Australia. Graeme has received an AM from the Government for his services to blind and vision impaired people.

The famous human rights lawyer, **Geoffrey Robertson**, QC, (BA 1967, LLB 1970) received a Doctor of Laws (LLD) degree (honoris causa) from the University of Sydney on Friday 7th April 2006.

Law alumnus **The Hon. John W Howard**, MP (LLB 1961) marked ten years in the job as Prime Minister of Australia recently. His brother **Stanley Howard** (LLB 1952) and daughter **Melanie Howard-McDonald** (BEc (SocSc) 1996, LLB 1998) are also alumni.

Professor David F Parlett (LLB 1971) has been named Dean of Law at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Henry Weinreich (BA 1986, LLB 1986), under his professional name Henry Roth, is the host of US TV show *Style Court* and a bridal wear designer whose clients included US basketball star Shaquille O'Neal.

Former students **James Chegvidden** (BA 1999, LLB 2004) and **Gareth Tilley** (BA 2001, LLB 2004), who were part of the 2004 Sydney Jessup Moot team, and are now both reading for the Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) degree at Oxford, won the Shearman and Sterling Oxford Moot recently. James wrote:

"... we decided to pair up again as a moot team and see how we would do against Oxford's teams in the Shearman & Sterling Oxford Moot Competition, an Oxford-wide competition open to all law students, graduate and undergraduate. The competition attracted over forty teams, with the top twelve teams mooting

against each other in a sudden-death competition over the course of one day. The case concerned an appeal on a question of restitutionary damages for the breach of a negative stipulation in an employment contract. I am happy to report that we won the competition, defeating law students from Brasenose College in a final that was judged by Mr. Justice Paul Walker, a (UK) High Court judge. The prize consisted of 500 pounds and an automatic vacation clerkship with Shearman & Sterling in their London office over summer. We are very proud of our Sydney Law School origins and regard this as a victory for the University!"

Dr. Danielle Malek (BA 1993, LLB 2004) wrote:

"I am working at the World Bank headquarters here in Washington DC (not NY). My position is as a legal associate with the Legal Vice Presidency of the Bank. There are three main legal practice groups at HQ- operations (which deals as the name implies with Bank operations in various regions of the world); the advisory group, and lastly the corporate practice group, and these practice groups provide the legal support for Bank-financed operations globally.

"The legal associates are hired as what they call 'extended term consultants' for up to two years. After that, you either interview for and secure a permanent legal position or return to your home country with sound institutional knowledge of the Bank's mission (poverty reduction and development issues) as well as the Bank's practices. Ideally, they rotate you through 2-3 practice groups over the first to second years. My first choice was a practice group called the "Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development and International Law' group, which is an advisory group. The ESSD group provides professional support to internal and external Bank clients to promote environmentally and socially sustainable development (ESSD) in accordance with Bank policies and relevant international laws. The group's work program includes advisory work on the environment and natural resources issues such as climate change, biodiversity, industrial pollution, international waters, and water resource management, as well as social issues such as resettlement and indigenous peoples. At the moment I am doing some work on safeguard measures for the protection of indigenous cultural property in bank-financed projects. I'm hoping on my next rotation to move from that group into an operational group.

"This is the 2nd year the legal vice presidency has taken in legal associates for the program. Last year, there were 15. This year, they took just 10, most of whom were selected from LLM courses in the top 5 US law schools. What is particularly nice is the international character of the Bank. So for example in our group of 10, there is one Aussie (me), a Colombian, a Canadian, a Malawian, a Zambian, an Austrian, a Lebanese, an Indian, a Chinese and a Spaniard."

2006 University of Sydney Australia Day Honours Recipients – Law School Alumni

1972

(LLB, BA 1973) **Mr. Francis L Levy, AM**, for service to the Jewish Community, particularly through a range of educational, cultural, and religious organisations.

1972

(LLB) **Mr. Peter G Montgomery, AM**, for service to sport in a range of administrative roles related to Olympic Sport and water polo.

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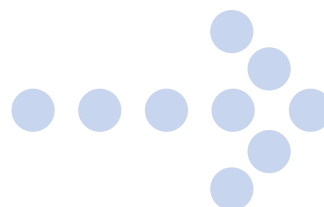
(LLB, LLM 1969, BA 1958) **Mr. David A K Ferguson, AO**, for service to Law and the Legal profession and for fostering links with peak legal bodies in the Asia Pacific region.

1985

(Dip. Crim) **Mr. Robert B Inkster, OAM**, for service to the community through organisations involved in law enforcement and criminal investigation.

1987

(Grad Dip Jur, PhD, (Arts) 1978 Associate Professor **Raymond J R King, OAM**, for service to the community through a range of organisations involved in maintaining mental health and suicide prevention, and to the development of programs to assist older men.





The Hon. Justice Brian Preston

THE HON. JUSTICE BRIAN PRESTON APPOINTED AS CHIEF JUDGE OF THE NSW LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT

The Hon. Justice Brian Preston was sworn in as Chief Judge of the NSW Land and Environment Court on 14 November 2005. Justice Preston has been a part-time lecturer in Sydney Law School's Postgraduate Environmental Law program for over a decade, while maintaining a distinguished practice at the NSW Bar.

In the early 1990s, Justice Preston actively participated in the establishment of the Law School's Master of Environmental Law (MEL) program and the Australian Centre for Environmental Law (ACEL Sydney), a research centre within the Law School. The Master of Environmental Law (MEL) has flourished in the years since to become the largest Environmental Law program in Australia. Justice Preston has maintained his involvement over the years, teaching Biodiversity Law and Environmental Dispute Resolution, and will continue to do so after his appointment as Chief Judge.

At Justice Preston's swearing-in ceremony, Attorney General Bob Debus emphasised that his Honour's appointment comes at a particularly important time in the history of the Land and Environment Court. In recent years, the Court has been undergoing significant reform both in its practice and procedure and in embracing the implications of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD). Within months of his swearing in, Justice Preston rose to the challenge in two judgments which will undoubtedly stand as enduring signposts in the Court's history. In *Telstra Corporation Limited v Hornsby Shire Council* [2006] NSWLEC 133, his Honour set out an explanation of the principles of ESD and, in particular, provided an analytical framework for application of the precautionary principle. The judgment contains one of the most detailed and comprehensive elaborations of the precautionary principle in a national court decision to date. The much-needed guidance to Judges and Commissioners of the Court will no doubt have wider influence on decision makers and courts in other jurisdictions.

In *Bentley v BGP Properties Pty Limited* [2006] NSWLEC 34, in the context of sentencing for an environmental offence, Justice Preston emphasised the fourth pillar of ESD, namely, the internalisation of external environmental costs. His Honour made the link between ESD and the need for the Court to impose a sentence which changes the economic calculus for those contemplating development which impacts on the environment. ESD requires accounting for the short term and long term external environmental impacts of development. This is the first recorded reference to ESD in a criminal case.

A very substantial paper by Justice Preston entitled "The Role of the Judiciary in Promoting Sustainable Development: The Experience of Asia and the Pacific" will be published in the next issue of ACEL Sydney's Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law.



The Hon. Justice Susan Crennan

SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL GRADUATE APPOINTED TO HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Law School alumnus, **The Hon. Justice Susan Crennan** (LLB 1979) replaced outgoing Justice of the High Court, Michael McHugh in November 2005.

In a speech made by the Attorney-General, Phillip Ruddock on her appointment, he stated, "...the Government sought to appoint Justice Crennan as she was someone who has demonstrated, through the quality of her jurisprudence and her leadership, that she has the confidence of the legal profession and the broader Australian community.

"The essential criterion for judicial appointment is merit, but merit means legal excellence, a capacity for industry and a temperament suited to the performance of the judicial function," he said.

Justice Crennan was born in Victoria and has been a justice of the Federal Court of Australia since 2003.

She began her legal career as a barrister in NSW in 1979, where she read with the then Commonwealth Solicitor General, David Bennett, QC. She then later returned to practice in Victoria. Justice Crennan was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1989 and became the first female chair of the Victorian Bar Council, a position she held from 1993-94. She was also the first woman president of the Australian Bar Association, from 1994-95.



Jonathan Bonnitcha

SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL GRADUAND WINS 2006 RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

The winner of the 2006 NSW Rhodes Scholarship is Jonathan Bonnitcha, a University of Sydney graduate in Economics and graduand in Law. Jonathan aims to use his Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford to undertake postgraduate study in law with particular interest in international economic governance. One of his special interests is International Labour Rights and he hopes to work at the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

He was educated at Hunter's Hill Public School, Chatswood Public School and Newington College before entering the University of Sydney. During his final year in the Sydney LLB, Jonathan studied International Economic Law and Human Rights at the University of Utrecht, in the Netherlands.

Jonathan is a very keen competitive windsurfer and sailor, and in 2003 was a member of the national Olympic squad for windsurfing. In 2004 he was named in the Shadow Olympic windsurfing team, and has his sights set on winning selection for the Australian Olympic Team to Beijing in 2008.

This year Jonathan came first in the Australian Sailing Championship (Mistral Class), and was ranked top in the Australian Olympic Class Windsurfing Rankings.

In 2003 Jonathan was awarded a Bachelor of Economics with First Class Honours and the University Medal. In 2004 he was awarded the University of Sydney's Convocation Medal for outstanding academic achievement and significant contribution to the life of the University by an undergraduate student. Whilst studying he has worked as a volunteer at the Marrickville Legal Centre. He also has a university 'blue' in sailing.

"I have a strong desire to achieve something for others as well as myself from my career and to excel in my chosen field," he said

STAFF NOTES

[Professor Deborah DeMott](#) has joined the Law School from February 2006 for one year as the McWilliam Visiting Professor in Commercial Law. Professor DeMott will be teaching a new intensive course on The Law of Agency, building on her work as the Reporter for the American Law Institute on the *Restatement (Third) of Agency Law*. Professor DeMott is a longstanding member of Sydney Law School's International Visiting Faculty in Corporate, Securities and Finance Law. Professor DeMott is the David F. Cavers Professor of Law, Duke University School of Law and has, since 1995, served as the Reporter for the American Law Institute's Restatement (Third) of Agency. Between 2000-2002, she held a secondary appointment as the Centennial Visiting Professor in Law at the London School of Economics. She is one of the foremost scholars in the field of comparative corporate law, and has visited at many law schools in the US, Canada, the UK, New Zealand and Australia. Professor DeMott is the author of the treatise, *Shareholder Derivative Actions* and a casebook, *Fiduciary Obligation, Agency and Partnership*. She also the author of many articles in the areas of corporate law and governance, takeovers and acquisitions and fiduciary obligations

On Monday 20th March two new books were launched at Freehills offices in Sydney. [Professor John Carter's](#) book, *Carter's Guide to Australian Contract Law* (LexisNexis Butterworths, Sydney) and [Dr. Greg Tolhurst's](#) book, *Assignment of Contractual Rights* (Hart Publishing, London) were enthusiastically launched by Mr. John Colvin, Head of Office of Freehills' Sydney office. He thought that both books would become classics very quickly and stressed their usefulness to students, academics and practitioners alike.

Professor Carter's book "...is clear, concise and user-friendly, making contract law easy to understand and apply," he said. The book has a vibrant and beautiful cover, featuring artwork by Professor Carter's late daughter, Kathryn, to whom the book is dedicated. John Colvin was impressed with how easy the book is to read and he liked the inclusion of a glossary, sample contracts and quizzes.

Greg Tolhurst's book on assignment is "the most comprehensive work on the assignment of contractual rights ever published". The book explains the existence, meaning and application of the rules governing the assignment of contractual rights by reference to the idea that assignments involve transfers. Furthermore, the book is structured to follow the issues that arise in planning, drafting and enforcing an assignment.





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1. John Harris, The Hon. Justice Garry Downes, AM and NSW Attorney-General, Bob Debus
2. Dennis Wheelahan, QC
3. Richard Gulley, Dominic Williams and Judge Normal Delaney
4. The Hon. Justice David Kirby, QC and Nerolie Withnall

CLASS OF 1967/68

A reunion was held at The Strangers Restaurant in Parliament House for the class of 1967 and 1968. 42 attended including former teachers such as **Garth Nettheim, AO** (LLB 1954) and Olive Wood (BA 1953, LLB 1964). Alumnus, Dennis Wheelahan QC provided the following report:

“As he sat down, Garry Downes said, ‘I was wondering if there will be any speeches?’ He need not have worried. There were more than 50 of them. Every diner spoke at least once and the Master of Ceremonies about nine times. The dinner was held in the Strangers’ Dining Room of Parliament House. Bob Debus kindly facilitated our use of that splendid dining room and facilities. A wonderful, if slightly bucolic, grace was said by Dom Williams. Nerolie Withnall (nee Champion) was the Master of Ceremonies. Her appointment was inspired and the night would have been a pale shadow of itself but for her. She won all our affection when she described us all as ‘lovely boys and girls.’ She flattered the Guest of Honour, charmed us with her wit, spontaneity and beauty, and persuaded everyone in the room to stand up and tell a story about themselves.

“The shortest speech (and therefore the best) was that of Richard Booker. John Harris won an award for the most humble and self-effacing. Most people had an amusing recollection or anecdote to share with us. Some people had done a great variety of things whilst others had remained where they were in 1966. Laurie Ryan began his work life as a public servant and had remained one for the last 40 years. There were tales of spectacular success – two Attorneys General, numerous Justices of the Federal and State Supreme Court, Judges of the District Court. Most had practised the profession as solicitors and barristers. There were tales, not of objective success, but still tales of lives well-lived. Reports of one marriage having been contracted (and subsisting) were few and far between.

Sir Laurence (spelled, to his horror, ‘Lawrence’ on the outside of the dining card) won the Grandchildren Bragging Stakes with 15, but, then again, he does turn 80 in July this year. Who remembered that Paul Vrachnas’ middle name was Phokion? Neither the Law School nor the organisers could provide a copy of Blackacre for 1967 so we were unable to review the lies told by, or about, ourselves in light of the 40 years that have elapsed since we left the Law School. The apologies (which must have equalled the number of acceptances) were read by Richard Gulley. Reflections upon Law School life and teaching of the law were provided by Jack Goldring – and there was probably not a man better qualified for the job.

Sir Laurence provided us with a witty and urbane recollection of this life and role as one of our tutors. He was thanked effusively, if somewhat sycophantically, by Dennis Wheelahan. Olive Wood made a number of contributions to the evening – generally from her seated position, but in a familiar, commanding way. A number of sad deaths from the class were noted. Peter Bosenberg, Sally Joseph (dead an astonishing 12 years) and the recent passing of one of the true stars of that year, Peter Hely. Peter was the first Silĳ and the first Federal Court Judge from the year and probably the only barrister in history who has had two of his pupils appointed to the High Court.

The evening was a resounding success and the organising committee led by Dominic Williams, ably assisted by Richard Gulley, Mary-Lynne Furnell and Graham Englefeld deserve our gratitude and congratulations.”

Reunions

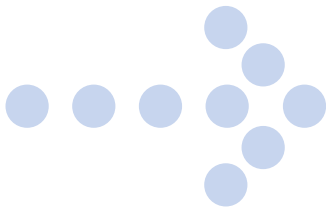


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1. Alyson Ashe and Dr. Elcie Lo Schiavo, aged 92
2. Three graduates who travelled from afar to meet up with their University friends: from left to right – Tim Stack, from Taree, NSW, Bill Evans, from Los Angeles, California and Adam Bisits from Melbourne, VIC



CLASS OF 1975

On 24 August 2005 the Class of 1975 reunited at the University and Schools Club to mark the passage of 30 years since graduation. Amongst the 81 attendees were graduates who journeyed from regional New South Wales, from interstate, and in the case of Bill Evans, from Los Angeles.

Master of Ceremonies, Ian Harrison, SC wistfully reminisced about his wish to have ridden in the red convertible Triumph Spitfire driven in undergraduate days by Dr. Elcie Lo Schiavo, the most senior attendee now aged 92. Memorabilia on display included final exam results as published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* and black and white photographs of some very young looking undergraduates. Jonathan Biggins and Phil Scott of the “Wharf Revue” entertained with their theatrical and musical wit.

Some graduates accepted the challenge of providing a biographical review. The best were from John Spence, Neale Marshall and Elizabeth Price. They were awarded rare photographs from the Class’ 1995 reunion.

The organizing committee has been gratified to receive appreciative emails after the event. Please advise them of any change of email address or other contact details so that even more of the Class of 1975, can enjoy the next reunion.

CLASS OF 1976

A 30 Year Reunion Dinner will be held at the University of Sydney for alumni who graduated in 1976 on 28 October 2006. Please spread the word to friends from that year to ensure they are on our mailing list. All Enquiries to:

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International Refugee Law Conference



L to R: The Hon. Justice Michael Kirby, Dr. Jane McAdam, Dr. Guy Goodwin-Gill and Margaret Piper

'MOVING ON: FORCED MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS'

On 22 November 2005, the Sydney Centre for International and Global Law hosted an international conference entitled 'Moving On: Forced Migration and Human Rights,' organised by Dr. Jane McAdam. The 165-seat theatre of the NSW Parliament House was filled to capacity by judges, lawyers, academics, students and NGOs from Australia and New Zealand.

The keynote speaker was leading international refugee scholar Dr. Guy S Goodwin-Gill, who spoke on 'Forced Migration: Rights and Security'. Dr. Goodwin-Gill is a Senior Research Fellow

at All Souls College, University of Oxford and a barrister at Blackstone Chambers in London. He was previously the Professor of International Refugee Law at the University of Oxford, the Professor of Asylum Law at the University of Amsterdam, and a senior legal officer for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. While in Australia, he was a visiting fellow in the University of Sydney Faculty of Law, and delivered the inaugural Kenneth Rivett Memorial Orations in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne on 'International Refugee Protection: A Work in Progress'.

Other conference speakers included Justice Tony North (Federal Court of Australia and President of the International Association of Refugee Law Judges); Erika Feller (then Director of the Department of International Protection, UNHCR and now Assistant High Commissioner for Protection); NZ barrister and lecturer Rodger Haines QC; Associate Professor Arthur Glass and Dr. Ben Saul of the University of NSW; Associate Professor Susan Kneebone of Monash University; Dr. Penelope Mathew and Dr. J-P Fonteyne of ANU; Dr. Savitri Taylor of La Trobe University; Jennifer Burn of UTS; and Associate



L to R: Sharon Rusu, Rodney Inder, Dr. Guy Goodwin-Gill, Dr. Jane McAdam, and the Hon. Justice Tony North

Professor Mary Crock and Dr. Jane McAdam of the University of Sydney. The conference was opened by the Dean, Professor Ron McCallum, and the Challis Professor of International Law, Professor Don Rothwell, chaired a session.

A wide variety of topics were canvassed, including the possible establishment of an International Judicial Commission on Refugees, the impact of terrorism on asylum law, complementary protection, the responsibility to protect, the rights of child refugees, people trafficking, principled interpretations of the refugee definition, interception and processing.

Some of the conference papers are available on the website of the Sydney Centre for International and Global Law (<http://www.law.usyd.edu.au/scigl/Publications.htm>), and all will be published as academic articles in a forthcoming book, to be published by Berghahn Books and edited by Jane McAdam.

Julius Stone Institute of Jurisprudence

Dennis Leslie Mahoney Prize in Legal Theory

The Institute recently awarded the inaugural *Dennis Leslie Mahoney Prize* in Legal Theory. The prize of \$50,000 was made possible by a generous gift from the Honourable Dennis Mahoney QC AO, former President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal. The Institute received forty-nine entries and the prize was awarded to the entry that best reflected a sociological approach to jurisprudence. The judging panel consisted of Professor Ron McCallum (Dean, Sydney Law School), the Honourable Dennis Mahoney, Professor Tom Campbell (President, Australian Society for Legal Philosophy), Professor Ngaire Naffine (Adelaide Law School), and Mr Kevin Walton (Acting Director, Julius Stone Institute).

Julius Stone Address 2006

This year's Julius Stone Address will be delivered by Jeremy Waldron, Professor of Law, New York University. The lecture will take place at 5.30pm on Thursday 3

August in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney. Professor Waldron will speak on the topic "Conquest and Circumstances: Can changing conditions legitimise the imposition of colonial authority?" Full details, including a biography of Professor Waldron and an abstract of his address, are available from the Julius Stone Institute website: www.law.usyd.edu.au/jurisprudence.

Julius Stone Centenary Conference, 5-7 July 2007

To commemorate the centenary of the birth of Professor Julius Stone, the Institute is pleased to announce that a conference on legal theory and international law will take place in July 2007. A call for papers has been circulated and is available on the Institute's website: www.law.usyd.edu.au/jurisprudence.

The conference will conclude with a formal dinner on 7 July, Julius Stone's birthday, which will provide an opportunity for friends, colleagues and students to share

their memories. The Institute is keen to hear from anyone who would like to contribute. Please e-mail jsi@law.usyd.edu.au or telephone Kevin Walton on +61 2 9351 0286. Further information about the conference is available on the Institute's website.

"Intersections" Seminars

A series of six seminars on a diverse range of topics took place in first semester and further seminars are planned for second semester.

Each seminar is an informal, friendly discussion of issues in legal theory, based around a short piece of reading. Copies of the reading are available in advance, usually in electronic format. Everyone is invited to participate, and no expertise is required. The programme for second semester is available from the Institute's website.

If you would like to receive regular e-mail updates about "Intersections" seminars or any of the Institute's activities, please e-mail jsi@law.usyd.edu.au.

Launch of the Centre for Health Governance, Law and Ethics



L to R: Prof. Don Rothwell and Ass. Prof. Belinda Bennett, Sydney Law School and Dr. Tom Faunce, Australian National University

On 4 November 2005 the Chancellor Justice Santow launched the Faculty's new Centre for Health Governance, Law and Ethics. The launch followed a week of activities which included a public forum on *Adverse Events, Litigation and Drug Regulation*, a CLE seminar on *Expert Evidence in Health Law*, and a full day conference, with national and international speakers, on *Constructions of Health*.

The Centre builds on more than a decade of research and teaching in health law in the Faculty. The Faculty runs a highly successful coursework postgraduate

L to R: The Chancellor, The Hon. Justice Kim Santow OAM, The Dean, Professor Ron McCallum and Centre Director, Ass. Prof. Belinda Bennett.

program in health law, offering a Master of Health Law degree, a Graduate Diploma in Health Law, and a Graduate Diploma in Public Health Law. Entry into the program is open to lawyers and health professionals, providing students with an interdisciplinary learning environment.

The objectives of the Centre are to encourage, promote and support innovative and important scholarship including teaching, research, consultancy and advocacy in all areas of health law. In addition to running a regular health law seminar series and holding an annual conference, the Centre will arrange visits of distinguished scholars from Australia and overseas, engage in innovative research and inquiry into the impact of health law in Australia, foster collaborative links across institutions and across fields related to health law, and support high quality postgraduate study in health law.



L to R: Prof. Jeff Nisker, University of Western Ontario, Prof. Roxanne Mykitiuk, Osgoode Hall Law School, Dr. Kristin Savell and Dr. Isabel Karpin, Sydney Law School

For further information about the Centre contact the Centre's Director, Associate Professor Belinda Bennett at belindab@law.usyd.edu.au.

Sydney Team to Contest WTO Moot Finals in Geneva



L to R: The WTO Moot Team: Rebecca Mann, Odette Murray, David Coleman and Lucas Bastin

On 18th March 2006, four Sydney Law School students won the Asia/Pacific round of the ELSA Moot Court Competition on World Trade Organization law. Coached by Dr. Brett Williams of the Law School, Odette Murray (captain), Rebecca Mann, Lucas Bastin and David Coleman ranked first after the preliminary rounds, defeated Bond University in the semi-final and then booked a place in the world final in Geneva by overcoming Macquarie University.

The competition requires students to argue both sides of a hypothetical dispute between two members of the WTO. This year's question involves subsidies on agricultural trade. The world final in Geneva is contested by 18 teams from various regions. In previous years, some of the world's top universities have been represented in the final.

Dr. Williams praised the students for their hard work during the summer vacation period and for attaining an excellent knowledge of WTO law. He noted that in the regional competition, the Sydney Law School team "...performed better under questioning and, importantly, used the rebuttal well."

Since their victory in the regional round, the team has been seeking sponsorship. In a marked sign of generosity and commitment to fostering legal talent, Moulis Legal, Baker & McKenzie, Freehills, Corrs Chambers Westgarth and Mallesons Stephen Jaques have all pledged financial support to the team. Daniel Moulis, (LLB 1983) of Moulis Legal, a firm specialising in international trade and commerce, said, "...sponsoring this team is an important statement of Australia's commitment to world trade law. It is a practice area which is growing in importance internationally. Our lawyers are well regarded at the WTO, but we must not lag behind European and American firms, in terms of the skills and awareness of our graduates. That's why it's important to support initiatives like this one."

Keith Steele, Freehills' Head of Litigation, agreed and added "...the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and its rules-based system will continue to impact on the

domestic laws and policies of its members. Australian lawyers need to be properly educated in this area as an integral part of our ability to be relevant in a globalised and sophisticated commercial market place. Sydney Law School is to be congratulated in making the world finals in this competition and we are very pleased to be able to help them get there."

Joan Fitzhenry (LLB 1978) of Baker & McKenzie, said, "We are pleased to be supporting the team as increasingly this is an area in which lawyers trained in the WTO rules and dispute settlement process can assist business with WTO-consistent policies and strategies".

Similarly, Andrew Percival, Special Counsel of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, expressed his "...pleasure that the firm could be involved in supporting the team and supporting study of this field of law. We wish them every success in Geneva".

Julie Ward, Recruitment Partner at Mallesons Stephen Jaques said the firm was pleased to support the students and wished them all the best in the final.

The team thanks its sponsors for their generosity. Knowing that such support goes with them to Geneva is a great motivation for the team members, who hope now to be the first Australian team to win this prestigious Competition.

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ANJeL Conference

The Australian Network for Japanese Law (ANJeL), established by the law faculties at Sydney, UNSW and ANU in 2002, held its fourth international conference in Sydney on 28 February 2006, with the theme War of the Worlds in Japanese Law? Implications for Business Law Harmonisation in an FTA Era. The conference mainly reviewed how Japanese law is perceived and analysed in rather different ways around the world, and how such approaches may facilitate or hinder harmonisation of Japanese law with the laws of the many countries with which Japan is now embarking on bilateral Free Trade Agreements – including possibly Australia.

The conference was recognised as an official event for the Australia-Japan Year of Exchange, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the 1976 Basic Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation, and was sponsored by the Japan Foundation Sydney. The Chief Justice of New South Wales, Hon JJ Spigelman AC, delivered the lunch-time address, reminiscing about the negotiations that led to the 1976 Treaty and elaborating on the potential for more legal cooperation between Australia and Japan.

As well as supporting the ANJeL Judges-in-Residence Program, whereby the Supreme Court of Japan sends early-career judges to Sydney and Melbourne for year-long research into aspects of the Australian legal system that are of particular interest in Japan, the Chief Justice will revisit Japan in July after almost three decades to have seminars with other judges from Australia and their Japanese counterparts, and deliver a public lecture in Tokyo facilitated by ANJeL.

The conference attracted delegates from around Australia, Japan, Germany, Hong Kong, and Thailand, including practitioners and academics from many fields (law, economics, political science and Japanese studies). There was also indirect representation from Cambodia (Nagoya University Associate Professor Teilee Kuong), and North America (Doshisha University Associate Professor Colin Jones). Another ANJeL Research Visitor and speaker in Sydney (as well as Wollongong, Canberra and Melbourne) was Dr. Harald Baum of the Max-Planck-Institute for Foreign Private and Private International Law in Hamburg. He is also Vice-President of the German-Japan Association of Jurists, an affiliate of ANJeL (along with Melbourne Law School's Asian Law Centre); and the founding general editor of the Journal of Japanese Law, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary. ANJeL now collaborates in promoting the Journal, an invaluable resource in bringing together the worlds of Japanese law, and several presentations from the conference are expected to be published in this December's issue.

ANJeL will again collaborate in the intensive "Kyoto Seminar" in Japanese Law taught in English at Ritsumeikan University over 5-9 February 2007, and ANJeL's next major conference will take place at ANU in Canberra on 6 July 2007. Further information is available from www.law.usyd.edu.au/anjel or Dr. Luke Nottage (ph: +61 2 9351 0210 or email: luken@law.usyd.edu.au).

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Unit of Study: International Regulation of Banks & Financial Institutions
Date: 21-22 July & 28-29 July

Lecturer: Professor Geoffrey Miller, Stuyvesant P. Comfort Professor of Law Director, Centre for the Study of Central Banks, New York University

Unit of Study: Work Safety

Date: 25 July, 4-5 August, 18-19 August

Lecturer: Professor Ron McCallum, Sydney Law School

Unit of Study: International & Comparative Law of Trusts

Date: 26 July, 25-26 August, 8-9 September

Lecturer: Professor Geraint Thomas, Department of Law, Queen Mary, University of London

Unit of Study: Consumer Protection Law: Liability of Suppliers to Consumers

Date: 27 July, 18-19 August, 1-2 September

Lecturer: Dr. Luke Nottage, Sydney Law School & Dr. Jocelyn Kellam, Clayton Utz

Unit of Study: US International Taxation

Date: 31 July, 1-4, 7-9 August (Classes taught 9am to 12:30pm)

Lecturer: Professor David Rosenbloom, Director, International Tax Program, New York University

Unit of Study: Intellectual Property: Issues in Marketing Rights

Date: 4-5 & 11-12 August

Lecturer: Associate Professor Patricia Loughlan, Sydney Law School

Unit of Study: Transnational Commercial Litigation

Date: 4-5 & 11-12 August

Lecturer: Dr. Andrew Bell, Wentworth Chambers, Sydney

Unit of Study: Critical Issues in Public Health Law

Date: 7, 17-18 August & 14-15 September

Lecturer: Associate Professor Roger Magnusson, Sydney Law School

Unit of Study: Immigration & Nationality Law

Date: 8 August & 1-2 & 15-16 September

Lecturer: Associate Professor Mary Crock, Sydney Law School

Unit of Study: Public Policy

Date: 24-26 & 28-29 August

Lecturer: Professor Patricia Apps, Sydney Law School

Unit of Study: Biodiversity Law

Date: 9 & 11-12 September & 13-17 September (Field Trip)

Lecturer: The Hon. Justice Brian Preston, Chief Justice of the NSW Land & Environment Court

Unit of Study: Genetically Modified Organisms & Environmental Law

Date: 21-23 & 25 September

Lecturer: Professor Johannes Somsen, Chair in Biotechnology & the Law, Amsterdam University, Netherlands

SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL

Visitors



Dr. Blaaid Clarke is a senior lecturer in Law at the University College Dublin where she teaches at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels in Corporate Governance, Corporate Finance Law, Contract Law and Financial Services Law. She is a founding member of the Institute of Directors' Centre for Corporate Governance at University College Dublin and Academic Director for the Business and Legal Studies Degree, University College Dublin. Dr. Blanaid is a member of the Irish Takeover Panel Executive and a member of the Panel's Subcommittee on the Takeovers Directive and the Subcommittee on Rules Review. Her current area of academic research is Takeover Regulation in the EU. She was a Member of the European Council Working Group on the Takeovers Directive between 1998-1999 and a Member of the Irish Delegation at the European Commission's Transposition Meeting on the Directive in October 2005. She has published several texts including *Contract Cases and Materials* (co-authored with R Clark) (3rd Ed.) Gill & Macmillan: Dublin, 2004) and *Takeovers and Mergers Law in Ireland* (Roundhall Sweet & Maxwell: Dublin, 1999). She has produced numerous articles including most recently "Regulating Poison Pill Devices" 4 *Journal of Corporate Law Studies* 51 (2004) and "Articles 9 and 11 of the Takeover Directive (2004/25) and the Market for Corporate Control" in a forthcoming issue of the *Journal of Business Law*.

Dr. Gerhard Werle was with the Law School from February to April 2006. He is a Professor at the Humboldt University of Berlin, where he holds a chair in Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Modern Legal History. Prof. Werle studied law and political sciences at the universities of Tübingen and Heidelberg. After completing his first and second state law examinations, he wrote his doctorate and then his habilitation, finishing these in 1980 and 1988 respectively at the University of Heidelberg. In 1989 he took up a professorship at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and in 1993 he became a professor at the Humboldt University. He was a visiting professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Cape Town in 1993/1994. From January 1997 to December 1998 Prof. Werle was a DAAD professor at the Law Faculty of the University of the Western Cape.

Prof. James Plunkett Allan from the University of Queensland is a native born Canadian who has practised law at a large firm in Toronto and at the bar in London. He has taught in Hong Kong, Sydney and, for the past decade, in Dunedin, New Zealand at the University of Otago. He has had sabbaticals at Cornell Law School and at Dalhousie Law School, the latter as the Bertha Wilson Visiting Professor in Human Rights. His primary areas of research interest are legal philosophy, constitutional law and bills of rights scepticism. He has written two monographs, *Sympathy and Antipathy: Essays Legal and Philosophical* (Ashgate, 2002) and *A Sceptical Theory of Morality and Law* (Peter Lang, 1998). He has had published over 60 articles and book chapters. He is delighted to have moved to a country without a bill of rights (the ACT one being too insignificant really to count).

Dr. Moira L. McConnell, from Dalhousie University, Canada is the Director of the Marine & Environmental Law Institute at Dalhousie Law School. She has been a member of the Law School Faculty since January 1989 and a member of the Nova Scotia Bar Society since 1991. Professor McConnell is currently a special advisor to the Director of International Standards, International Labour Organization assisting with the development of a consolidated maritime labour convention (2006).

Prof. Garry Watson, from Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada took his LL.B. at the University of Melbourne, Australia (1962) and his LL.M. at Yale University (1964). He has been a Law Professor at the Osgoode Hall Law School of York University since 1966 and been a visiting professor at the University of Southern California, University of Toronto, Duke University, Haifa University and Monash University Law Schools. His major areas of interest are Civil Procedure, Class Actions and Trial Advocacy. He was in private practice in the litigation department of McCarthy Tetrault (formerly McCarthy & McCarthy) during 1986/1987. After a 3-year leave of absence from the law school (1991-93) during which time he held the position of Director of Professional Development at Blake, Cassels & Graydon, he resumed teaching at Osgoode. In addition to other publications he is the co-author of *Watson & McGowan, Ontario Civil Practice* (2 volumes), *Holmsted & Watson, Ontario Civil Procedure* (6 volumes), *Watson, Bogart, Hutchinson, Mosher, Roach, Civil Litigation: Cases and Materials*, *Broun, Seckinger and Watson, Materials for Trial Advocacy: Problems and Casefiles*. He is a member of the Ontario Civil Rules Committee and of its research arm, the Rules Secretariat. He is also the founder and Director of Osgoode Hall Law Schools Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop held every summer since 1979. He has taught trial advocacy (in Canada, the US, Scotland and the UK) since 1978.

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RESEARCH GRANTS

ARC Discovery

The Sydney Law School surpassed previous year's research performance in 2006. Out of nine ARC Discovery grants submitted, seven were successful. This is an achievement not met by any other law school in the country. The grants include the following:

- Professor Hilary Astor: *Managing Conflict in Higher Education*
- Associate Professor Belinda Bennett, Dr. Isabel Karpin & Wendy Rogers: *Gender Inequities in Health Research: Towards a New Regulatory Framework*
- Professor Jennifer Hill, Randall Thomas & Ronald Masulis: *The Subversion of Contemporary Performance-Based Pay A Comparative Australian-US Study*
- Associate Professor Roger Magnusson: *Lifestyle Wars: Laws role in responding to the challenges of non-communicable diseases*
- Rebecca Millar: *GST and the global economy: identifying the underlying causes of consumption tax conflicts affecting cross-border trade*
- Jenni Millbank & Catherine Dauvergne: *An International Comparative Analysis of Refugee Decision-Making*
- Professor Patrick Parkinson, Dr. Judy Cashmore & The Hon. Richard Chisholm: *Relocation after parental separation and the best interests of children*

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The Law School's CLE program offers you two ways to update your knowledge concerning current legal developments in all aspects of law and practice:

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