Since 1998 teams entered by the Law Extension Committee have participated in competitions that emphasise fundamental practitioner skills: interviewing; negotiating; researching and submission preparation. While we do not have the resources to run full internal competitions, Diploma in Law students who are willing to devote the time and accept responsibility for their participation are assisted through coaching, preliminary selection and competition registration.

Our students have reached the finals of both the Australian Client Interviewing Competition and, on two occasions, the Australian Negotiation Competition. In 1998 two of our students, Arlene Cooper and Ian Taylor, represented Australia and won the inaugural International Negotiation Competition, held at Pepperdine University, Los Angeles. In 2004, Patricia Vagg and Peter Starkey won the national Negotiation Competition and went on to represent Australia at the International Negotiation Competition, held in Paris and won by the Danish team from the University of Copenhagen.

While Frank Astill has coached our teams in these competitions, Michael Evans has prepared teams for the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. An intensive introduction to the world of international arbitration, the Vis Moot attracts well over one hundred teams annually to Vienna. In 2003, in recognition of the high quality of her advocacy, Lucy Pal received an Honourable Mention in the competition for the Martin Domke Award at the Vis Moot.

In 2005 the LEC Team of Rebecca Nott and Scott Bunny reached the semi-final of the inaugural Madhavrao Scindia Memorial International Moot held at the University of Delhi.

Expressions of interest are sought through the Law Extension Committee Webcampus when we are able to take part in a competition. The cost in time, effort and money can be considerable, but the result is not the outcome of the competition, it is the skill and experience gained. To discuss participating in these or other competitions please contact Frank Astill at the Law Extension Committee. Further information on the competitions is available through the following websites: www.cisg.law.pace.edu/vis.html; www.wmin.ac.uk/law/law-comps.htm

**EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEW SCHEME**

The Law Extension Committee is a participant in the Law Schools’ Employment Interview Scheme. The scheme involves some 30 Sydney law firms, and its purpose is to assist students in obtaining employment.
Two programs are offered each year, one for summer clerkships and one for graduate employment. The number of places in each program is very limited.

Students may apply for a summer clerkship under the terms of the scheme if at 30 June they have at least two but not more than four whole semesters to complete in order to qualify for the Diploma in Law, and if they have not already held a summer clerkship under the terms of the scheme.

Students may apply for graduate employment under the terms of the scheme if at 30 June they have one but no more than two whole semesters to complete in order to qualify for the Diploma in Law. The scheme prescribes that students may not apply for a summer clerkship and for graduate employment in the same year.

Standard forms of application and further information about the scheme may be obtained from the Law Extension Committee office.

**cvMAIL SERVICES**

Many of the major law firms now conduct summer clerkship and graduate recruitment through cvMail’s online registration system. For more information, see http://www.cvmail.com.au

**PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING**

Students who wish to practise law have to undertake practical legal training following their Diploma in Law or degree course. The focus is the day to day work that is done by legal practitioners, and teaching often takes place in the environment of a law firm, whether simulated or through a placement program. Flexible study modes are offered, from full and part-time to electronic courses.

Since the cost of practical training is relatively high, it is prudent to plan ahead if this is your intended career path.

Those wishing to become barristers undertake a reading program. The program is an intensive introduction to professional life as a barrister. Details are available from the website of the Bar Association of New South Wales: http://www.nswbar.asn.au

**Practical Legal Training providers are listed below.**

**College of Law, St Leonards**

www.collaw.edu.au

The College’s Professional Program offers full-time and part-time print based and multimedia courses. For further information contact the Enrolment Officer on (02) 9965 7000.

**University of Technology, Sydney**


The University of Technology is an accredited provider of practical legal training.

The University offers full-time and part-time courses of practical legal training. Both options are available by face to face or distance delivery. Further information can be obtained from the Director of the PLT Program, (02) 9514 3482.

**University of Western Sydney**

www.uws.edu.au/about/acadorg/clb/sl/courses/plt

The practical legal training program is available in regular attendance or distance modes. Further information may be obtained from the Director of Postgraduate Programs on (02) 4620 3629.

**University of Wollongong**


The University of Wollongong offers a practical legal training course by flexible delivery. Further information is available from the Director of the Legal Practice Course on (02) 4221 4652.

**Australian National University**

law.anu.edu.au/legalworkshop

The ANU’s Legal Workshop program is an accredited provider of practical legal training for admission in NSW. The program can be commenced in January or July, and can be completed within six months or several years. All students complete a two week, on site, skills course, however all other components of the program can be taken either in Canberra, or by correspondence over the internet. Fee-Help is applicable.
Contact:
Email:  lwsa@law.anu.edu.au
Phone:  (02) 6125 4454

Bond University

The Professional Legal Training Program at Bond University is modelled on the New South Wales Law Society’s Professional Program and has been accredited by the New South Wales Legal Profession Admission Board and the Queensland Solicitors’ Board. The Program has two intakes per year in February and September.

For further details please contact the Director of the Legal Training Program, Libby Taylor on (07) 5595 1680, or email at libby_taylor@bond.edu.au

MASTEr Of LAws

Senate Resolution 26 for the degree of Master of Laws at the University of Sydney provides that a person who has completed with sufficient merit all of the examinations for the Diploma in Law may be admitted to candidature for the degree of Master of Laws. Admission is not automatic, and only persons with a very good record are considered for admission.

Senate Resolution 2(b) for the degrees of Master of Criminology, Master of Environmental Law, Master of Jurisprudence, Master of Labour Law and Relations, and Master of Taxation at the University of Sydney provides that a person may be admitted to candidature for the degree of Master of Laws. Please contact the University of Sydney Law School for more information regarding the Master of Laws program.

PRIVATE TUITION

A number of persons and organisations offer private tuition to students undertaking the course. No person or organisation offering private tuition is an agent of, or is endorsed by, the Law Extension Committee or the Legal Profession Admission Board for the purposes of private tuition in relation to the Board’s examinations. However, if you are interested in private tuition, a number of private tutors advertise their services on the notice board in the foyer of the Law Extension Committee’s office.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The University is concerned about personal safety. Use well-lit and populated areas. The emergency security number for the main campus is (02) 9351 3333, or 1800 063 487 (free call).

The University Health Service number is (02) 9351 4095.

Under the University’s Policy on Smoking in the Workplace, all workplaces within the University are non-smoking areas, including:

(a) all enclosed areas in general use by large numbers of people, including lecture theatres, tutorial rooms, meeting rooms and libraries;
(b) all lobbies, foyers and vestibules;
(c) all offices, laboratories and workshops;
(d) all common rooms, tea rooms and staff rooms; and
(e) all University-owned vehicles and boats.

In addition, smoking is banned near air intakes, external doors in regular use and windows regularly opened.