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 at least one but no more than two whole semesters to complete in order to qualify for the Diploma in Law. 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. Please contact Sally McCulloch on (02) 9392 0323 for more information.

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 in addition to practical legal training. 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

PLT 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
www.law.uts.edu.au/courses/plt
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 Administrative Assistant, Professional Program, (02) 9514 3758.

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 Practical Legal Training Unit 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.

PELS, the graduate equivalent of HECS, is applicable.

Contact:
   Email: Legalworkshop@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 Practitioners 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 corresponding degrees if he or she is qualified for admission 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 Practitioners Admission Board, for the purposes of private tuition in relation to the Board’s examinations.

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. Smoking is not permitted in the Law School, the Bosch Building, the Carslaw Building, the Institute Building, the Merewether Building, the Stephen Roberts Building, or the Wallace Lecture Theatre.

Every lawyer should be a conciliator

Elbert Hubbard
(1856-1915)
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