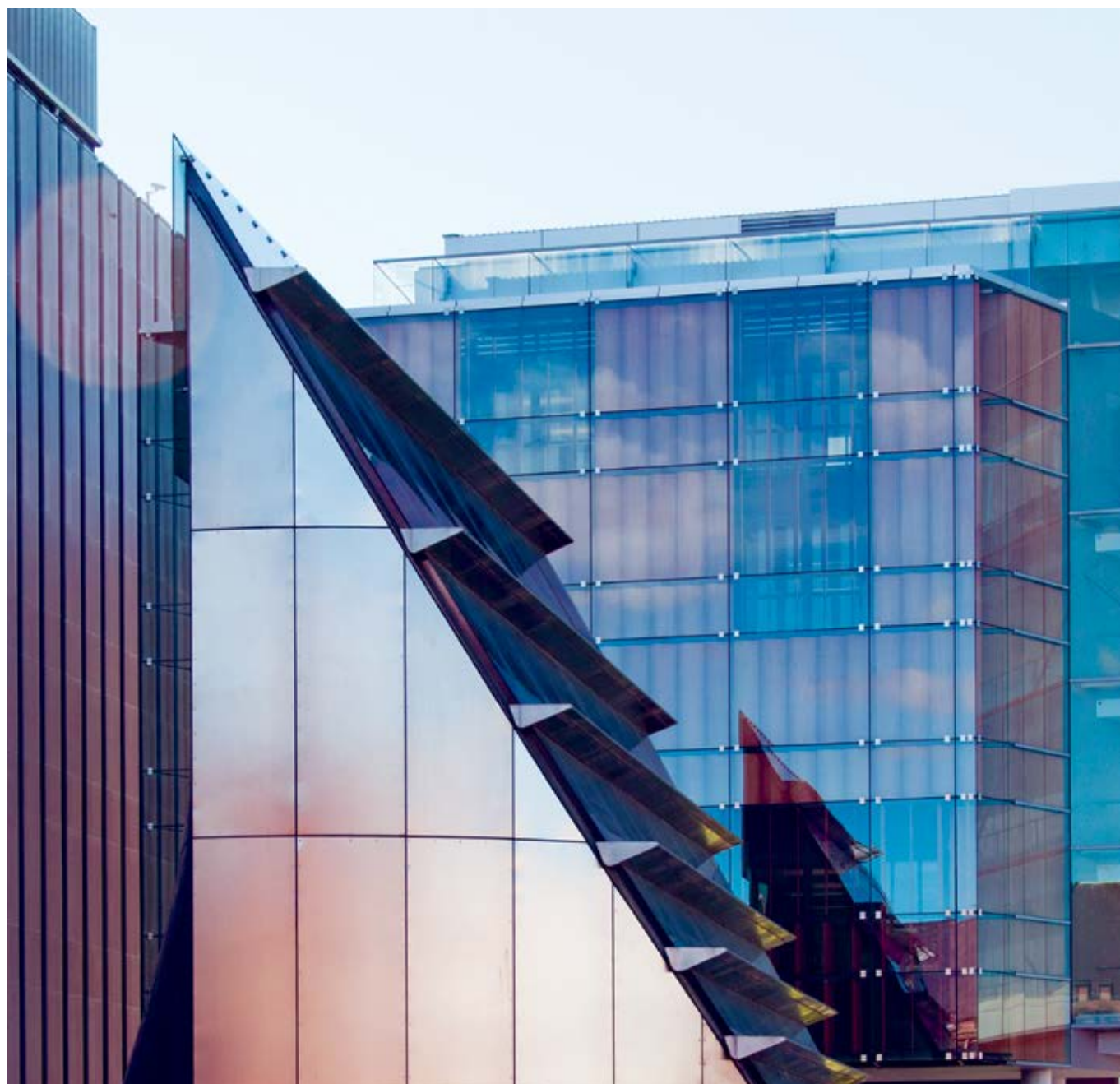


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Many of the stories in this edition focus on the opportunities Sydney students have enjoyed this year to experience the law in action, and to fully understand how valuable their legal education is — for themselves and the communities around them.

Reviewing the pre-publication proofs for *JuristDiction* is surely the most pleasant of my responsibilities as Dean of Sydney Law School. Each edition — and this is no exception — is full of great stories about the achievements of our alumni, students and staff as they work and study all around the world.

Hannah Solomon's experience as a UN intern at the Khmer Rouge Tribunal in Cambodia, and the opportunities that alumna Natasha Naude is creating for health law students interested in HIV-related issues, are inspiring examples of the breadth of opportunities available to Sydney graduates.

Our students are truly remarkable. Mitchell Cleaver, our first graduate of the

Cambridge Pathways program, achieved first-class honours and was fourth in the order of merit for the Master of Laws.

More welcome news arrived with the return home of Daniel Fletcher, our 2015 Peter Hely Scholarship recipient, who won the Vinerian Scholarship Proxime Accessit for achieving second place in his Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) exams at the University of Oxford.

Read closely the stories about our students' successes and you will also see the work of our inspiring academic staff: Associate Professor Rita Shackel, mentoring our Law Without Walls students; Dr Garner Clancey, creating links for our students to community policing and Professor Chester Brown

for leading our Vis Moot team to become the highest-ranked Australian team to compete in Brussels and Vienna; Professor David Hamer, supervising students in the Not Guilty Sydney Exoneration Project, and many more.

It certainly is a privilege to work with such a dedicated team, and with such talented, energetic and community-minded students. And it is wonderful that so many of our alumni keep in touch with us, as they use their legal education and experience to change our world.

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Former High Court Justice, the **Hon. Michael Kirby** AC CMG (BA '59 LLB '62 BEc '66 LLM '67 LLD '96), was appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to a high-level panel on health technology, innovation and access.



The **Hon. Justice Stephen Burley** SC (LLB '87), a specialist in intellectual property, administrative law, competition and trade practices, was appointed to the Federal Court of Australia.



Edward Santow (BA '01 LLB '03) was announced as the new Australian Human Rights Commissioner. He currently heads the Public Interest Advocacy Centre, is a director of the Australian Pro Bono Centre and the University of Sydney Law School Foundation.

Photo: Sydney Morning Herald



Dr Garner Clancey (MCrim '00 PhD '14) is the recipient of the 2016 Adam Sutton Crime Prevention Award from the ANZ Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) for his paper in Crime Prevention and Community Safety.



Sibella Matthews (BEcSocSc '11 LLB(Hons I) '13), a Sydney solicitor and policy advisor who is passionate about juvenile justice and child protection systems, received a Robert Gordon Menzies Scholarship to Harvard.



Hannah Ryan (BA(Hons) '12 LLB(Hons) '14) received a Fulbright Scholarship, which she will use to pursue her interest in civil liberties through a Master of Laws (LLM) in the United States.

Staff named among Australia's best lawyers

The Best Lawyers list is published each year by the *Australian Financial Review*, using data compiled by a United States peer-review company.

In total, 2852 lawyers gained a place on the 2015 list. We are very proud to have 42 staff members and associates from the Sydney Law School listed among them, including seven faculty staff:

- Professor Margaret Allars
(BA '76 LLB '78)
- Dr Robert Austin
(BA '66 LLB '74 LLB '69)
- Emeritus Professor John Carter
(BA '75 LLB '77)
- Professor Mary Crock
- Emeritus Professor Ron McCallum
- Professor Sheelagh McCracken
(PhD (Law) '91)
- Professor John Stumbles
(BA '71 LLB '74).



Excellence in research recognised

In the 2015 Australian Research Council (ARC) Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) assessment, the University of Sydney has once again achieved the highest rating of 5 for its research in Law and Legal Studies.

The ERA evaluates the quality of research in Australia's higher education institutions. The University of Sydney's ERA result for its legal research once again confirms that its research is considered, in a rigorous peer-review evaluation, to be "well above world standard".

The Dean of the Sydney Law School, Professor Joellen Riley, says "the announcement acknowledges the results of Sydney Law School's ongoing commitment to excellence in the field of legal research.

"Our researchers have shown ambition in the important and difficult questions they have been tackling, and a relentless focus on producing excellent quality legal research. It is very pleasing to see the results of that work being recognised in the demanding evaluation process the ERA involves."

Sydney Law School climbs in QS World University Rankings

The Sydney Law School's global reputation for excellence in legal research and education was once again highlighted with the release of the 2016 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World Subject Rankings on 22 March 2016.

The Sydney Law School is now ranked 11th in the world, reflecting its recent outstanding achievements.

"This is wonderful news, and it comes almost 12 months to the day after we learned that our 2015 Jessup Team had made us equal best performing law school in the Jessup World Championships," said the Dean, Professor Joellen Riley.

"This Law School is its people and the result reflects the work and expertise of our academic staff in particular, many of whom are world leaders in their fields."

Vice-Chancellor Dr Michael Spence (BA '85 LLB '87) said it was very pleasing to see the University show global leadership.

"The results confirm Sydney's place among the world's top research and educational institutions, and are testament to the hard work and distinction of our staff, students and alumni. The University of Sydney has maintained its excellence in the face of increasing competition on the world stage, and continues to demonstrate strength across its diverse breadth of academic areas."

Launched in 2011, the annual QS World University Rankings by Subject is a comprehensive guide to a range of popular subject areas.



The prestigious rankings are regarded as the most comprehensive global comparison of universities at individual subject level.

To compile the rankings, QS evaluated 4226 universities, qualified 2691 and ranked 945 institutions in total. The process included analysing more than 113 million citations, and verifying more than 15,530 programs.

Sydney Law School also attained a maximum QS Star rating of five+, the reflection of an audit that evaluates an institution against more than 50 different indicators, and awards universities between one and five+ stars over eight wider fields, including Internationalisation and Facilities.

Law alumni recognised with the best in 30 Under 30

Congratulations to 11 of our alumni (listed below) who were finalists in the *Lawyers Weekly* 30 Under 30 awards.

These awards celebrate Australia's top lawyers younger than 30 years in 10 different practice areas.

- Nicholas Lowe (LLB '11), Commercial, Banking and Finance
- Kelvin Liew (BA '11 JD '14), Commercial, Banking and Finance
- Peonie Gebbie (BA '11 LLB '13) Government
- Fiona Graney (BEcSocSc '09 LLB '10), Government
- Meredith Riley (BCom '09 LLB '11), Government
- Allan Flick (BCom '10 LLB '13), Dispute Resolution
- Jodie Lilir (BEcSocSc '08 LLB '10), Intellectual Property
- Samin Raihan (BS '09 LLB '11), Intellectual Property
- Daria Orjekh (BCom '09 LLB '11), Mergers and Acquisitions
- Mia Pantechis (BEcSocSc '09 LLB '12), Workplace Relations, Employment and Safety
- Rebecca Byun (BA '08 LLB '10), Workplace Relations, Employment and Safety

The winners in each category were announced in June 2016, and included Allan Flick, Peonie Gebbie, Jodie Lilir, Samin Raihan and Daria Orjekh.

Vis Moot team shines

Congratulations to the Sydney Law School Team, who did us proud at the 2016 Vis Moot competition in Vienna. They made it to the last eight out of 311, were the highest ranked Australian team, and received awards for their written memoranda and oral advocacy.

They also excelled in the 2016 Brussels Pre-Moot Competition, where they came first. "This is a great achievement for the team, and we can now say we have gone 'back-to-back' – as we also won the Brussels Pre-Moot in 2015," says convenor, Professor Chester Brown.



Our Vis Moot team: Penina Su, Brendan Hord, Andrew Bell and John Tsaousidis



Keep up to date

Sydney Law School alumni
sydney.edu.au/law/alumni/

Not Guilty: The Sydney Exoneration Project

An innocence project at the University of Sydney will combine forensic psychology with legal expertise to investigate claims of wrongful conviction.

Written by Luke O'Neill

Undergraduate and postgraduate students in psychology and law can now apply to be supervised to review cases for individuals who have cleared a rigorous application process to have their conviction assessed.

“Not Guilty: The Sydney Exoneration Project ultimately seeks social justice for those in need,” said Dr Celine Van Golde (PhD(Science) ’13), founder and director of the project.

“Research shows eyewitness misidentification is by far the key cause of wrongful convictions, while other contributing factors can include false memories, false confessions, and laboratory error. The Sydney Exoneration Project applies forensic psychological research into memory and testimony to investigate these issues,” said Dr Van Golde.

In the United States, researchers estimate between 0.5 and five percent of American convictions are recorded against innocent individuals.

Unfortunately there is currently no reliable national data on the prevalence of wrongful convictions across Australia.

Without an independent body mandated with powers and resources to investigate wrongful convictions, they can be difficult to identify.

“Wrongful convictions happen in this country,” says David Hamer, Associate Professor of Evidence and Proof, and supervisor of the Sydney Exoneration Project. “But without any real mechanism to identify and address them, Australian legal systems are left without a clear picture and means of amending miscarriages of justice.”

“In the absence of a proper government body, innocence projects must attempt to fill the gap.”

In Britain, an independent Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) has the power to send or refer a case to an appeal court, if it determines a real possibility of a quashed conviction or reduced sentence. The CCRC’s work leads to the overturning of around 20 miscarriages of justice a year.

Between 2007 and 2014, NSW had a DNA review panel that failed to correct a single miscarriage of justice.

However, it operated on a far more limited basis than the CCRC. It only considered the most serious cases and could only act where evidence still existed that was capable of producing a DNA profile which would clear the defendant.

“There is a clear need in Australia for bodies like the CCRC with proper powers and resources to conduct investigations into possible wrongful convictions across the board,” says Associate Professor Hamer. “In the absence of a proper government body, innocence projects must attempt to fill the gap.”

The Sydney Exoneration Project will consider cases where no DNA evidence is available, but where other evidence, such as eyewitness error and false confessions, can verify a person’s innocence.

The project, which begins in March, will de-identify cases to protect victims and will publish its findings in scholarly journals.

Research into the outcomes of long-term incarceration on innocent individuals has identified negative health effects such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression and alcohol and substance dependence.

Bullies, bastards and the land of the fair go

My time at the Public Interest Advocacy Centre

Written by Mike Butler (JD Year 3)

While studying at the University of Sydney teaches you how the law should be, a stint at the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) teaches you how it really is.

And the great irony of the practice of law is that it can be as lawless as a schoolyard brawl. The reality is that the law isn't a level playing field that provides a fair go for all. It's where the weak, vulnerable, unpopular or poor risk being singled out and mauled by the bullies of the jurisprudential schoolyard.

PIAC is the confident kid that comes out of nowhere to step in for the weaker one who is about to have the snot knocked out of them. It's that kid you don't actually know – all you really know is that they're right there for the sole reason that it's the right thing to do.

If you've ever been bullied you'll know it isn't about winning or losing, it's about feeling helpless and having your dignity destroyed. This may sound a little oblique, especially if you've never felt that pit-of-your-guts fear of sitting in the dock of a court room or being steamrolled by a corporation or government department coming after you or your family. But coming from disadvantage, trust me, this is how it feels.



Mike Butler and students during the course at the Public Interest Advocacy Centre.

The common thread through what I've done and seen during my time at PIAC has been about giving strength to the weak.

That's meant going to court with the Homeless Persons' Legal Service solicitor advocate to watch him stand up for the homeless man the police intend to lock up for reacting to unnecessary provocation and harassment.

It has meant learning how PIAC is fighting back on behalf of every electricity consumer against the juggernaut electricity network businesses that have run roughshod over power prices for more than a decade now.

It's meant watching the blind man being led into a conference room by a PIAC solicitor while I was chained to a desk researching facts on unfair dismissal, unlawful arrests and sexual assault. I can't tell you what the blind man was there for but I know what I saw: a vulnerable person being given the dignity of legal representation.

It also meant being part of the process of investigating a judge who gave short shrift to a disadvantaged couple trying to assert their rights against a major private healthcare provider.

While I cannot give details of the case, my involvement in applying the principles of administrative law and participating in conference calls with senior counsel was deeply satisfying.

Will the client win? Will they even risk pursuing it? It's not for me to tell. But what I can say is that without PIAC's help, these clients would not have an ice cube's hope in hell of even entertaining the option of taking on people or companies massively richer and more powerful than themselves.

That's what PIAC has shown me: that the law doesn't have to be how it is, but how it should be – a fair go for all.



Our scholars shine at Oxford and Cambridge

The Sydney Law School Pathways Program with universities in Oxford and Cambridge offers high-achieving students the opportunity to undertake the final semester of their degree in Oxford or Cambridge.

Upon completion of their studies, they receive a University of Sydney LLB or a JD, as well as a relevant degree from the UK university. This could be an Oxford Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) or Master of Law and Finance (MLF), or a Cambridge Master of Laws (LLM) or Masters in Corporate Law (MCL).

Already, the Pathways Program is producing extraordinary results.

Arts/Law student **Mitchell Cleaver** was the first Sydney Law School student to join the Cambridge Pathways Program

Mitchell achieved first-class honours and fourth in the order of merit for the Master of Laws.

“It is wonderful that our first Cambridge Pathways student has returned home with such an outstanding result,” said the Dean, Professor Joellen Riley. “His achievement sets the bar very high for our future students in the program.”

Mitchell said that while the Pathways Program may seem daunting, this should not dissuade students from applying. “If anything, having been in full-time education immediately prior to commencing the course can be a real advantage,” he said.

“Although the courses are demanding, they are also incredibly rewarding. Students are encouraged to focus on what they consider to be fascinating, challenging or controversial. There is a lot of scope for independent research.”

Mitchell said that one of the most exciting aspects of his time at Cambridge was participating in college life. “The college system means that one is living and working alongside students from a large number of disciplines, all of whom

share a similar love of learning,” he said. “The sense of community is very strong.”

Outside of his studies, Mitchell played on the hockey team at Jesus College and served as a student representative to the law faculty.

“Cambridge is a fantastic place to study and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to spend a year here,” says Mitchell.

Sydney Law School graduate **Daniel Fletcher** (LLB '14) also achieved exceptional results studying in the UK.

Daniel returned home as the esteemed recipient of the Vinerian Scholarship Proxime Accessit, a prize awarded to second place in the Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) exams at the University of Oxford.

He gained first place in all four of his subjects, receiving the Law Faculty Prize in Commercial Remedies, the Law Faculty Prize in Law and Society in Medieval England, the Law Faculty Prize



Mitchell Cleaver

in Legal Concepts in Financial Law, and the Peter Birks Prize in Restitution of Unjust Enrichment.

“It is wonderful to hear such good news of Daniel’s success,” says Sydney Law School Dean, Professor Joellen Riley. “Sydney graduates have a long history of excelling in the Oxford BCL, and we are fortunate indeed to be able to offer scholarships to help them achieve their aspirations.”

Daniel was also the winner of the 2015 Justice Peter Hely Scholarship. Established in 2008 through the contributions of friends and colleagues of the late Justice Peter Hely, the scholarship promotes postgraduate study in commercial law and equity.

Applications for the 2017 Justice Peter Hely Scholarship open on 31 October 2016.

“I am extremely grateful for the continued support of Sydney Law School and the Justice Peter Hely Scholarship,” he says. “I hope my time in Oxford will prove to be an invaluable step in my career.”

While at Oxford, Daniel sang with Lincoln College’s chapel choir and played a few games of cricket for Magdalen College. “The whole year was a pleasure and I would recommend applying to anyone who is thinking about it,” he says.

A student at the beginning of his Oxford chapter is **Nicholas Condylis** (BA ’13 LLB (Hons) ’15), our new 2016 Peter Cameron Scholar.



Nicholas is an exceptional student. His honours thesis on federal executive power was published in the *Melbourne University Law Review*. He also won the 2014 Gilbert + Tobin Constitutional Law Moot and was a member of the 2014 Sydney Jessup Moot Team.

The scholarship will support Nicholas during his studies in the Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) at Oxford University.

“The great thing about Sydney Law School is that you meet some truly inspiring people,” says Nicholas. Their achievements keep you modest about your own. They also show you the level of dedication and preparation required to succeed in a law degree. This lesson should serve me well at Oxford.”

Nicholas works as tipstaff to the Chief Judge in the Equity Division of the NSW Supreme Court, the Hon. Justice Patricia Bergin. Previously, he was a lawyer at Allens Linklaters. He also lectures at Sydney Law School in federal constitutional law.

The selection committee was most impressed with Nicholas’s proficiency in constitutional law and his commitment to community service, shown through his experience with the Homeless Persons’ Legal Service in Sydney and Cairns, and his current volunteer position with Redfern Legal Centre.

“It’s no secret that the Oxford BCL is an extremely rigorous degree, but I’m confident Sydney Law School has prepared me well for the challenge.” Nicholas says.

The Peter Cameron scholarship was established by the Law School and the Cameron family through contributions from the friends and colleagues of the late Peter Cameron to promote postgraduate study in law.

An Australian intern in London

This October Sydney Law School student Catherine Qu will journey to London to participate in the exclusive International Bar Association Internship.



The internship is with the Commercial Law and Policy Reform Unit at the International Bar Association, which manages areas including anti-corruption, multi-jurisdictional practice, corporate governance, anti-money laundering, merger control, competition law and policy, and international trade.

The internship involves tasks ranging from conducting legal research, drafting reports and working papers, to assisting in planning and developing new international projects and initiatives.

Catherine views the three-month internship as an opportunity to develop her interests in private international law and legal policy.

“I hope to develop my research and drafting skills, familiarise myself with the topics involved and meet a network of inspiring people,” she says.

The International Bar Association internship, which only accepts 10 people worldwide, provides invaluable insight and knowledge on international commercial law reform.

In future, Catherine plans to engage in projects within the research space or legal practice. She hopes to contribute to the work on the harmonisation of international law, a goal which the internship will aid her to achieve.

“I am hoping to build not only networks and expertise in this specific area, but develop skills of critical analysis and intellectual excellence that I can take anywhere in my career,” she says.

Catherine decided to study at Sydney Law School because she wanted to pursue a challenge in an area that played to her strengths: critical thinking and writing. Now in her final year of the Bachelor of Laws, she is continuing to discover the many possibilities offered by her degree.

The London internship isn’t her first overseas experience. In 2013, she went to Lund University in Sweden as an exchange student, and to Fudan University in China for in-country study the following year. In 2015 she travelled to Spain for a month to study the Spanish language.

Later this year she will be attending a working group conference in Vienna, as part of UNLAWS (UNCCA Law-Student Attendance Working-Group Scheme), an initiative of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

Outside of her studies, Catherine has enjoyed participating in the rich network of student-run societies at the University of Sydney.

“The highlight has been my participation in the MADSOC (Movement and Dance Society) and in particular, choreographing and dancing in the major showcases over three years. Everyone in the society is passionate about dance and it was definitely a much-needed break from studying law,” she says.

The benefits of quiet diplomacy

Australia's Ambassador to Japan, Bruce Miller,
is optimistic about a future built on shared interests.

With a career in foreign policy that spans 30 years, Bruce Miller (BA '84 LLB '86) has dealt with Australia's relations with East Asia and Australian responses to regional and global security issues.

Having held the post of Australia's Ambassador to Japan for five years, Bruce says our relationship with Japan continues to produce big wins, which often come in below the radar because they are not controversial.

"The total stock of Japanese foreign direct investment in Australia moved to second place after the United States last calendar year," he explains. "And there will be more to come. Japanese corporate reserves are enormous, and looking for productive use outside Japan and Australia can be a very competitive destination."

Bruce adds that since the emergence of the Japan-Australia free trade agreement, there have been big increases in areas where tariffs have been removed or reduced. He believes the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), of which we are both members, will only add to this momentum when it comes into force.

"Importantly, it is not just the big end of town," he adds.

"We are seeing a whole new class of small- to medium-sized exporter who has not previously had much in the way of an international business.

"Further, the defence and strategic relationship has moved forward in leaps and bounds over the last 10 years. We are both democracies and market economies committed to the liberal rules-based international order which has prevailed, albeit imperfectly, over the last few decades. This means that our cooperation in dealing with international issues arises naturally and proceeds smoothly."

So how did Bruce's studies in law at Sydney help him prepare for a career in foreign affairs and diplomacy?

"I had been interested in international relations and in the countries of East Asia from my high school days on, so working in diplomacy was always one option," he says.

"Having both a law degree and an arts degree gave me several different ways of approaching problem-solving. My law degree helped me develop the capacity to make a case, that is, to be an advocate for Australian interests abroad.

The process of sifting through the evidence, looking at the principles and the precedents available, and then trying to come up with a creative and persuasive argument also owe an enormous amount to my law studies."

Bruce acknowledges the breadth of education he received at Sydney Law School, naming three teachers as particularly memorable.

"Professor Patrick Lane gave me an appreciation of constitutional law, the guiding document underpinning government and our society, which has stood me in good stead as a public servant.

"Professor Bob Austin's forensic exposition of the complexities of equity was a marvel of clarity and a model for logical advocacy.

"And Professor David Johnston taught me the principles of public international law. I enjoyed his 'softly-softly' approach, and so much of what he taught has stayed with me."

"While Japan is grappling with escaping from 20 years of deflation and low growth, it is notching up successes in some areas of structural reform which will have long-term benefits to the Japanese economy, and create more opportunities for Australian exporters."



The definitive book on Australian defamation law

Professor David Rolph

(BA '97 LLB '99, PhD (Law) '05)

is the author of *Defamation Law*, a book set
to become the authoritative work in this field.

“Professor Rolph’s text combines both academic and practical approaches to this complex topic,” writes the Hon. Justice Susan Kiefel of the High Court of Australia, in the book’s foreword.

“He provides a comprehensive explanation of the theory of defamation law and a guide to its many aspects in practice. He points out that, despite defamation law in Australia now being uniform, it has not been subjected to real reform.”

Defamation Law analyses the competing interests underlying defamation and considers in detail the requirements of the plaintiff’s case for defamation, the range of available defences and the remedies that may be awarded.

Journalist, publisher, lawyer and alumnus Richard Ackland (BEC '70) launched the book at a special event in the Sydney offices of Gilbert & Tobin.

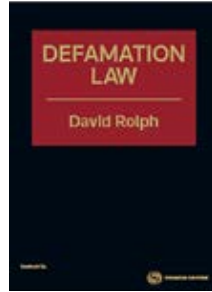
“If anything this book is a pointer to the shocking shortcomings of our defamation law, a law stuck in the age of the golf club noticeboard that does not reflect the reality of what is happening with digital publishing,” Mr Ackland said in his speech.

“Our courts and legislators are well behind the curve in their response to information technology. The courts even think that search engines can be treated as publishers of defamatory statements and this applies even where the operator of a search engine is not on notice.

“More than anything, the internet with its army of bloggers requires the response of a single publication rule, a serious harm test, someone to work out a contextual truth defence, a responsible journalism defence and an end to the unworkability of the High Court’s efforts in *Lange*.”

In her review in the *Gazette of Law and Journalism*, Defamation List Judge, Her Honour Judge Judith Gibson (BA '74 MA '91 LLB '78) of the District Court of New South Wales, described the book as “a lively and thought-provoking account of the history and problems of defamation law in Australia.

“It is also a work of detection: who is responsible for Australian defamation law being (to quote the sub-headings in Chapter 1) so ‘technical’, ‘artificial’ and ‘complex’?



From left: Mr Richard Ackland, The Hon. Michael Kirby, and Professor David Rolph. Photo: Michaela Whitbourn

“Professor Rolph’s publication is a vital contribution, not only to the identification and clarification of defamation law, but to the law reform debate generally. He has set out the issues for reform in the wider framework of how the legislation and case law succeed – or fail – to deal with the tension between protection of reputation and freedom of speech. And this dispassionate and objective approach means that the problems – and the solutions – are clear.

“If defamation law reform is to go back onto the legislative drawing board, this book will be an essential reference text.”

Joining the chorus of eminent support for Professor Rolph’s work, the Hon. Justice Peter Applegarth of the Supreme Court of Queensland remarked: “I confidently expect that David will have a long and

happy life updating this great work as courts, and hopefully legislatures too, embark upon the neglected task of reforming defamation law in this country.

“Anyone with an interest in what our law is, and in what it might be, should read this great addition to legal scholarship.”

Having completed his legal education at the University of Sydney, Professor David Rolph joined the University as a full-time academic in 2005, immediately after completing his PhD.

Professor Rolph’s expertise in media law has gained him roles on the editorial boards of the *Media and Arts Law Review*, the *Communications Law Bulletin* and the *International Journal of the Semiotics of Law*.

He also served as the editor of one of Australia’s leading law journals, the *Sydney Law Review*, for seven years. What he values most about being an academic at the University of Sydney Law School is his freedom of choice as a researcher.

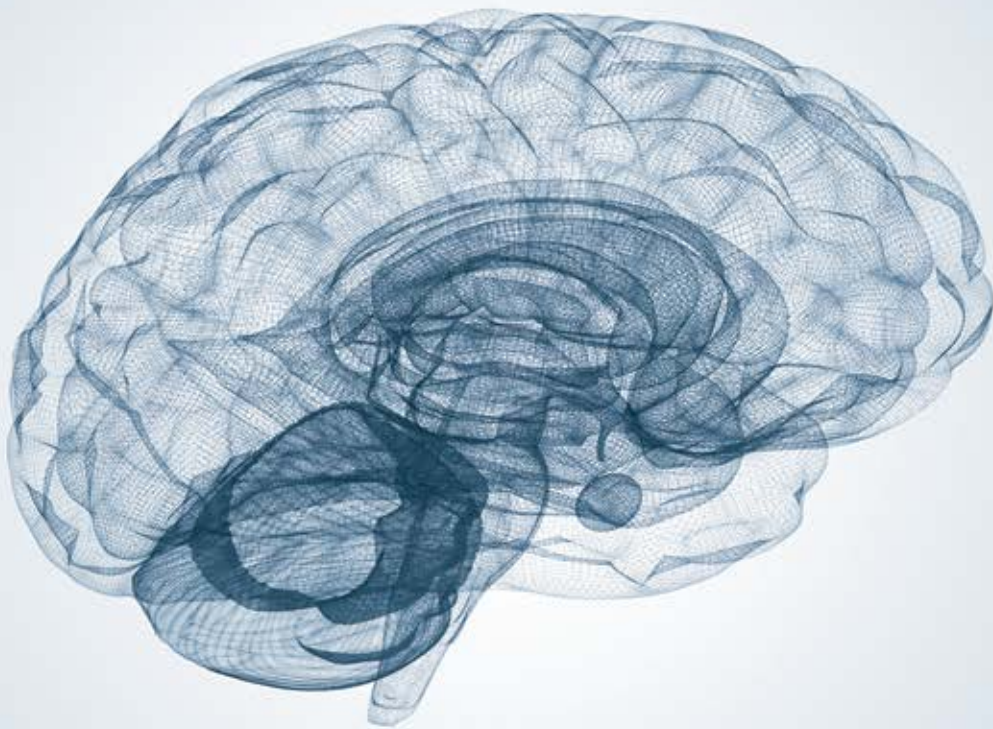
“That level of independence, in terms of what you do and how you do it, is very rare to find in any other job,” he says. “I would think there are very few people who can get paid to do something they are so passionate about, and in which they are given such autonomy.”

*The Lange ‘qualified privilege’ defence is named after the *Lange v Australian Broadcasting Corporation* 1997 defamation case brought by New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange against the ABC.

Tracking the impact of neuroscience in the courtroom

Neuroscience could reveal some of the mysteries of how humans think and behave, but judges and lawyers are grappling with how it should be used.

Written by Luke O'Neill



Cases drawing on neuroscientific evidence have doubled in the United States between 2006 and 2009, but less is known about its impact in Australia.

American prosecution and defence teams have called on the developing science as evidence in arguments about defendants' responsibility and their competence to stand trial. In civil cases, brain scans are regularly being admitted to test claims of pain and suffering that have until now been difficult to prove.

Similar cases are appearing in Australia. In New South Wales, a recent judgment by Supreme Court Justice Monika Schmidt (LLB '79) treated post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as a bodily injury, challenging a long-standing legal distinction between 'mental disorders' and physical damage – where recovering compensation for purely mental injury has traditionally been heavily circumscribed.

Meanwhile, in Victoria, a forthcoming challenge to the legality of poker machines is expected to draw heavily on gambling devices' impact on the hard-wired rewards system in players' brains.

To capture and analyse the impact of such cases, the University of Sydney and Macquarie University have pooled their data on 'neurolaw' in civil and criminal cases to keep track of neuroscience's impact in the courtroom.

In December 2015, Justice Schmidt launched the Australian Neurolaw Database, a collaboration between the University of Sydney and Macquarie University, where the project began.

The database contributes an Australian perspective to international research on the impact of neuroscience on the development of law and on the administration of justice.

Hosted by Macquarie University, the database is a publicly available resource comprising a collection of Australian cases involving neuroscience evidence spanning crime, sentencing decisions, tort claims, professional regulation, testamentary capacity, end-of-life decision making and more.

“The emerging field of neurolaw raises so many ethical and legal issues that it is important that we be aware of the direction the courts are moving in.”

The project has so far collected more than 100 fully coded cases and will be continually updated with contributions from the research team, as well as students and members of the public who can contribute new cases to the site via a wiki feature.

The project is compatible with international collections including a US database under development at the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Law and Neuroscience at Vanderbilt University.

Neuroscience research is still in its infancy and the Australian legal community remains skeptical, according to Dr Sascha Callaghan (LLB '99 BEc(SocSc) '95 MBioethics '11 PhD(Medicine) '14).

As she explains: “Criminal sentences have been reduced because of evidence of the effects of brain damage caused by dementia and Parkinson's disease, for example. And end-of-life decisions have been informed by neuroscience evidence of consciousness, while others have turned to it to help prove the existence of injuries such as pain and the lifelong effects of childhood trauma.

“But despite the hype, how people behave is, for the moment, still more persuasive for courts than what we can see on brain scans.”

She adds that “the real difference neuroscience is likely to produce over the next few years is that the community's intuitive responses – whether or not a person should be held responsible for actions, whether they are telling the truth about pain and suffering – is also likely to change as science informs community opinions on these things”.

Her view is shared by Dr Allan McCay (PhD(Law) '13), a lecturer in Criminal Law at the University of Sydney and senior researcher at the Centre for Agency Values and Ethics (CAVE) at Macquarie University. He says “the emerging field of neurolaw raises so many ethical and legal issues that it is important that we be aware of the direction the courts are moving in”.

The Australian Neurolaw Database will be a vital resource in doing so, and plans are underway to widen its scope. The researchers are looking to partner with international projects in the next phase of the project, to develop an integrated global research database for neurolaw.

Experiential learning with the police force



Images: Constable Jacqueline Buchanan (top left); Inspector Gary Coffey (lower right)

Students and staff from Sydney Law School recently collaborated with the NSW Police Force to put their knowledge of evidence law into practice.

As part of developing closer links between the Law School and Leichhardt Local Area Command (LAC), police officers acted as witnesses as part of a special moot court exercise with students enrolled in the undergraduate and Juris Doctor elective unit of study, 'Advanced Evidence'.

“Two of the matters involved domestic violence, and the third was an assault of a police officer.”

Students were assigned one of three cases and divided into prosecution and defence teams.

“Students really enjoyed putting their knowledge of evidence law into practice with real police officers,” said convenor and senior lecturer, Ms Miiko Kumar (LLB '95 BA '94). “Two of the matters involved domestic violence, and the third was an assault of a police officer.”

“The exercise provided students with invaluable experiential learning. The students performed extremely well and I was proud of them.”

Inspector Gary Coffey, Constable Jacqueline Buchanan and Constable Adam Dawes took part. The three police officers were examined and cross-examined by the students.

This gave the students an opportunity to interact with police officers about how they investigate matters and prepare briefs of evidence.

Dr Garner Clancey (MCrim '00 PhD(Research) '14), from the Law School's Institute of Criminology, said the initiative grew out of discussions with senior police within LAC in relation to the need for junior police to acquire more experience in appearing in the witness box.

“This means that they get less exposure to courtroom procedures and being cross-examined,” he says. “I think there are numerous benefits to flow from having police and law students engage in this manner.

“Both get some applied, practical experience of practicing what they will need in their professions. They also become a little more familiar with the perspectives of different players in the criminal justice system, which helps build insight.”

The initiative received great feedback from all parties and there are plans to run the exercise again and expand it to other units of study.

“From my perspective, I think that it was interesting for students to learn that the main crime that police respond to is domestic violence,” said Ms Kumar.

“It was also fantastic to hear from positive, committed and energetic police officers.”

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"LWOW brings together today's leaders and those of the future to innovate collaboratively to solve problems facing legal education and the legal profession for the benefit of whole communities, the marketplace and for greater access to justice and legal services," says Lead Faculty Representative and LWOW Academic Mentor Associate Professor Rita Shackel.

"Few such experiential opportunities exist for students with the potential for real-life international impact."

Sydney law students **Claudia Sheridan** and **Sandra Hu** were selected to attend LWOW 2016. They were sponsored by global law firm, King & Wood Mallesons.

The technology/law intersect

Claudia is a penultimate year Arts/Law student majoring in Government and International Relations who also works as a paralegal at the head office of gym franchise Anytime Fitness. She has been a social media producer for a commercial television network, and she volunteers with the Aboriginal Legal Service.

Claudia has an interest in the nexus between technological innovation, social networking and human rights law. She is hoping LWOW will give her the opportunity to explore how developments in technology can be harnessed to change people's engagement with social justice issues in a positive way.

Sandra is a penultimate year Commerce/Law student, with a major in Finance. She completed a two-year cadetship at a global professional services firm and currently works as a paralegal.

She is interested in seeing how innovative technology can enhance the services offered by commercial businesses and legal practices. She aspires to a career in international commercial law and hopes technology will allow her to work in a more fluid global legal structure.

The Executive Director of Innovation at King & Wood Mallesons, Michelle Mahoney, was supportive of sponsoring the two Australian representatives. "The future of law needs young, curious minds who are willing to explore the boundaries of innovation," she said. "This was a fabulous opportunity for Claudia and Sandra to start their legal innovation journey."



Sandra Hu and Claudia Sheridan attended the KickOff in Madrid during February as well as the ConPosium in April, hosted by the University of Miami Law School.

Kicking off the program

The 2016 Law Without Walls KickOff took place at IE University in Madrid, Spain, between 16-17 January. This was followed by the ConPosium at the University of Miami from 16-17 April.

At the Madrid KickOff, the students met their teammates, then spent four months working virtually with students from Peking University, Miami University and the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro to come up with a 'Project of Worth' in their topic area.

The Miami ConPosium was the concluding presentation of Law Without Walls at which the students pitched their projects to judges.

Sandra's project, Photo Guard, is a software program that educates teenagers on the legal ramifications of distributing sexual or nude images, and protects teenagers with a tracking feature that empowers them to hold someone legally accountable.

The impetus for the product was the problems young people face in navigating the legal landscape. "Teenagers are stuck between laws which theoretically protect them but in practice harm them," Sandra said. The product was voted "most creative" and the team is hoping to continue development and eventually take it to market.

Claudia's product, C Cube, is a specialised ratings and data analysis portal that evaluates company compliance systems in Japan, China and South Korea. It functions as a complementary risk assessment and monitoring tool for investors by providing them with insights into the compliance structure and culture of company targets. The product also caters to company clients by providing benchmarking and evaluation services that can shape future compliance strategies.

The University of Sydney would like to thank King & Wood Mallesons for supporting Sandra and Claudia to attend the conferences in Miami and Madrid.

Learn more

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My time at the Courts of Cambodia

Social justice in action

Written by Hannah Solomons (JD '15)

It's 8.30am or so. I've just finished eating spicy noodle soup for breakfast and I am hurrying past an enormous building that projects naga (or protective snakes) into the surrounding air from each corner.

It's the courtroom of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), set up by the United Nations and the Cambodian Government to try former Khmer Rouge for international crimes.

I pause to reflect on what I am doing here. There are 193 member countries in the UN, and instead of shooting each other we are working together, here, today. Nobody is sure how many people died under the Khmer Rouge, but let's say a rough estimate is 25 percent of the population.

Today I will be reading lists with names of tens of thousands of people allegedly tortured. These numbers are unknown to an



Photos taken by Hannah Solomons during her internship at the Courts of Cambodia (Khmer Rouge Tribunal) in Phnom Penh

Anglo-Saxon woman like me – at least not since the bubonic plague and the Inquisition. Here, today, I get to be a part of bringing justice to those responsible.

I reach the top of the stairs and give a sunny “Soursday” to the receptionist who is the real brains behind the three Chambers, and smile at my American and Swedish fellow interns. We walk down the corridor and meet up with our Belgian, French and Albanian legal officers. Soon I’ll be presenting my idea to them all, along with the two Chamber judges, high-ranking judicial officers and experts in their field.

I gulp and consider turning around and running back down the stairs to the cafeteria. I can’t believe this is what I am doing today. This will count towards my practical legal training, but so would a community legal centre in Australia. I wonder at all the forces that converged to bring me here instead. I am so glad they did.

Apart from making an important contribution to something bigger than myself, I also had the chance to grow emotionally and intellectually. I was in the Pre-Trial Chamber. Put simply, if you want to learn how an inquisitorial or civil law system is

different to a common law one, that’s where you’ll learn it. Half of what crossed my desk simply had no equivalent in the common law at all. I came back with a legal mind about twice as wide as I had when I left.

Emotionally, the people are beautiful. My international superiors have devoted their lives to human rights on a grand scale, but they also put it into practice on a micro level in the office in a way that made working under them one of the best working experiences I have ever had. My Khmer colleagues were inspirational. The local Khmer culture is beautiful and cannot be experienced on a tourist trip.

Going to Cambodia and working for the UN was truly the opportunity of a lifetime. At the beginning of the Juris Doctor, I never expected it would be a part of my life, but you should never underestimate where the study of law can take you.

This article reflects only the personal opinion of the author and not that of the United Nations, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia or any of their staff.

Health law student joins international delegation on HIV law

Written by Professor Roger Magnusson

Master of Health Law candidate Natasha Naude joined a delegation from the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO) attending the 21st International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa, on 18–22 July 2016.

Natasha is the first health law intern under an agreement between the University of Sydney and IDLO to establish a health law internship program.

Her responsibilities included supporting IDLO events and activities at the conference, attending satellite meetings and drafting a report on HIV, law and human rights, to be published by IDLO.

The Sydney Law School-IDLO health law internship builds on the University's Memorandum of Understanding with IDLO, and supports IDLO's law-related work in the health sector in developing countries.

"The health law internship gives Sydney health law students the opportunity to work in-house with IDLO on a current project in a host country, or at IDLO offices around the world," said Professor Roger Magnusson.

"Each internship will be a bespoke experience, tailored around the current activities of IDLO's health law program. Natasha's demonstrated interest in HIV and the law was a perfect fit for IDLO's involvement in the 21st International AIDS Conference."

To apply for the internship, students need to be enrolled in the Master of Health Law or Graduate Diploma of Health Law at Sydney Law School, or enrolled in health law units as part of their Juris Doctor or LLB program.

Natasha's interest in the intersection of HIV and the law was reflected in her honours thesis, which examined the status of criminal transmission for HIV in Australia.

As a Master of Health Law candidate, Natasha has also examined whether the Red Cross 12-month donor deferral period for men who have ever had sex with men is necessary, adequate and appropriate to prevent the transmission of blood-borne infections.

Following her time in Durban, Natasha, who is Product Manager (Knowledge) at risk management firm SAI Global, will continue her studies in health law.



Master of Health Law candidate Natasha Naude, pictured here with her daughter Mahla.

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ARC grants to promote research into citizenship and child sexual abuse law

TWO OF OUR STAFF WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THE LATEST ROUND OF AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC) FUNDING.

Citizenship rights

Conditional citizenship? Revocation's implications for Australians

Dr Rayner Thwaites received a Discovery Early Career Researcher Award for this project.

Proposal summary

This project will study the implications of the proposed citizenship changes in Australia. Spurred by a potential terrorist threat from citizens, the federal government has proposed expanded powers to strip a person of their Australian citizenship "in specified circumstances where a dual citizen engages in terrorism-related conduct".

Proposed as an instrument of counter-terrorism policy, the expansion of powers over citizenship also has significant implications for fundamental principles of Australian law and for the very nature of Australian citizenship, which is a key legal link between individual and state.

The project plans to draw on the experience of countries comparable with Australia and relevant theory. It aims to provide guidelines for policy makers and to benefit debate on the legal constitution and nature of the Australian community.

Sexual abuse prosecutions

Threshold decisions in determining whether to prosecute child sexual abuse

This project will be investigated by a team led by Professor Judith Cashmore AO and including Professor Patrick Parkinson and Associate Professor Rita Shackel (DipEd(Second) '91 BSc '91 MA '92 LLB '95 PhD(Law) '06), along with colleagues from Deakin University and Charles Sturt University.

Proposal summary

A disturbingly small proportion of cases of child sexual abuse reported to the police are prosecuted in court. Recent research in New South Wales and South Australia for the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse indicates that this can vary – by state, by the age of the child at the time of the alleged offence, how old they are when it is reported, what type of offence is involved and whether the victim is male or female.

This project aims to examine how police and prosecutors decide which cases proceed and why, and how they confer with each other as well as when and how they consult with complainants and their families.

It is a five-stage project that involves policy analysis, file analysis, interviews and work with police and prosecutors, and developing and testing practice tools and principles for police and prosecutors, with expected benefits for both them and the families involved.



Alumni honours roll

Congratulations to all of our alumni represented in the 2016 Queen's Birthday and Australia Day honours.

Australia Day honours

Member (AM) in the General Division

Mr Robin Anthony Crawford
(LLB '71 BA '68)

For significant service to the community through leadership roles with cancer support, mental health and social welfare groups

Mr James William Dwyer (LLB '71 BA '68)

For significant service to the community through fundraising support for youth, healthcare and medical education initiatives, and to the law

Mr David John Gallop (LLB '90)

For significant service to sports administration through executive roles with football and rugby league organisations, and to the community

Mr David Kenneth Handley (BA '87 LLB '89)

For significant service to the visual arts through the promotion of sculpture, and as a supporter of, and advocate for, artists with a disability

Mr Kim Lindsay Jacobs (LLB '77)

For significant service to business through a range of senior roles, to Australia-Israel relations, to higher education, and to the community

Ms Kaaren Lea Koomen (BA '85 LLB '87)

For significant service to the information technology and communications sector, to business through executive roles, and to education

Mr John Hayward Mant
(DipTCPlan '89 BA '60 LLB '63)

For significant service to urban planning and public administration as an advisor and consultant to local and state governments

Mr Lionel Philip Robberds (LLB '62)

For significant service to the law, to rowing, and to the community

Medal (OAM) in the General Division

Mr Richard John Glover (LLB '67)

For service to charitable organisations, and to the community

Mr Gregory Norman Hammond
(BA '80 LLB '82)

For service to the community through a range of volunteer roles

Mr Michael Charles Reid (LLB '91)

For service to the visual arts

Australian Police Medal (APM)

Miss Caroline Anne O'Hare (DipCrim '93)

Queen's Birthday honours

Officer (AO) in the General Division

The Hon. Justice Arthur Emmett (BA '64 LLB '67 LLM '76 LLD Honoris Causa '09)

For distinguished service to the judiciary and to the law, to legal scholarship and education in the field of Roman Law, to professional development, and to the community.

Member (AM) in the General Division

Mr Maithri Hemachandra Panagoda
(LLM '96)

For significant service to the Sri Lankan community in New South Wales, and to the law, particularly in litigation and dispute resolution

Medal (OAM) in the General Division

Mr Brian Abington Doyle (DipCrim '69)

For service to the law, and to the community

The Hon. Ronald David Dyer (DipCrim '75)

For service to the people and Parliament of New South Wales

Mr Michael Stuart Chapman
(BA '71 LLB '74)

For service to sailing, and to maritime organisations

The late Ms Bridget Mary Whelan
(BEcSocSc '96 LLB '99)

For service to community health as an advocate for people with cancer

Australian Police Medal (APM)

Detective Superintendent Michael John Willing (DipCrim '00)

Law alumni prominent in achievement awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO NINA UBALDI AND ADAM FOVENT, WHO WERE HONOURED IN THE 2016 UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS ON 19 APRIL 2016.

Convocation Medal

Nina Ubaldi (BA '13 LLB '15) was awarded the Convocation Medal for undergraduate achievement. She is a winner of major debating tournaments and moots and recipient of several academic prizes and scholarships, including an International Exchange Scholarship 2015 and the Walter Reid Memorial Prize for Arts and Law in 2009 and 2012.

Her original, thoughtful thesis on the politics surrounding Italian dialects earned her the University Medal in Government and International Relations in 2012.

As a debater, Nina won three major tournaments, including the Australasian Debating Championship. She also volunteered as the Chief Adjudicator of the Women's Debating Tournament, ran training days for school students, and represented the University in the prestigious Jessup International Law Moot.

Nina was editor-in-chief of the Law Society's social justice journal *Dissent*, and assisted two law professors with research. "The University's lecturers and tutors fostered my academic curiosity and taught me the patience and skill necessary for good research," she says.

Edmund Barton Medal

Adam Fovent (BSc (Adv) '11 JD '16) won the Edmund Barton Medal for master's by coursework achievement in the Alumni Awards.

The first in his family to undertake tertiary education, Adam achieved high distinction averages in both the Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and the Juris Doctor.

Though faced with a significant medical diagnosis during his time at university, he has been recognised with a range of academic prizes and scholarships from the faculties of Science, Medicine and Law.

He served as a student representative on the University's Disability Action Plan Consultative Committee, and completed a student placement at the Public Interest Advocacy Centre.

In Cambodia, he conducted fundraising campaigns for NGOs, and volunteered at an orphanage for children living with HIV, and with a grassroots NGO combating the causes of human trafficking. He also volunteered in Costa Rica, and has a long-standing involvement in Australia-Japan cultural exchange initiatives.

"My fundamental desire is to pursue a career characterised by the centrality of service," he says.



Nina Ubaldi



Adam Fovent

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James Francis Grange Argent
Academic Merit Prize

Andrew Bell

John Geddes Prize for Equity

Zubin Bilimoria

George and Matilda Harris Scholarship No. IIB for Third Year of Combined Law; LexisNexis Book Prize No. 3 for Most Proficient in Combined Law III; Minter Ellison Prize for student commencing fourth year Combined Law

David Blight

George and Matilda Harris Scholarship No. IIA for Second Year of Juris Doctor; LexisNexis Book Prize No. 6 for Most Proficient in Juris Doctor Year II

Sarah Bradbury

Academic Merit Prize

Lucinda Bradshaw

Nancy Gordon Smith Prize for Honours at Graduation

Jonathan Roger Brennan

ANJeL Akira Kawamura Prize in Japanese Law; Thomas P Flattery Prize for Roman Law

Benjamin Jordan Brooks

Peter Paterson Prize for the best student contribution to Sydney Law Review

Michael Butler

Victoria Gollan Memorial Scholarship

Melissa Chen

Ian Joye Prize in Law; Joye Prize in Law; Mr Justice Stanley Vere Toose Memorial Prize for Family Law; Nancy Gordon Smith Prize for Honours at Graduation; RG Henderson Memorial Prize; Rose Scott Prize for Proficiency at Graduation by a Woman Candidate; Sir Alexander Beattie Prize in Industrial Law; University Medal

Stephanie Classmann

Ross Waite Parsons Postgraduate Coursework Law Scholarship

James Calen Clifford

Harmers Workplace Lawyers Prize for Anti-Discrimination Law

Nicholas Condylis

Peter Cameron Sydney Oxford Scholarship

Natalie Czapski

Academic Merit Prize; Edward John Culey Prize for Proficiency in Real Property and Equity; Margaret Ethel Peden Prize in Real Property; Sir John Peden Memorial Prize for Proficiency in Foundations of Law, Federal Constitutional Law, International Law and Real Property

Shalini Priyangi De Silva

University of Sydney Foundation Prize for Australian International Taxation

Gabrielle Elizabeth Doyle

Judicial Conference of Australia Scholarship

Paul Dunne

Ross Waite Parsons Postgraduate Coursework Law Scholarship

Antony Faisandier

Jeff Sharp Prize in Tax Research

Daniel Farinha

Academic Merit Prize; George and Matilda Harris Scholarship No. 1 for Second Year; LexisNexis Book Prize No. 4 for Most Proficient in Combined Law IV

Thomas Farmakis

ANJeL Akira Kawamura Prize in Japanese Law

Trent Matthew Forno

The Judge Perdiau Prize No. 1

Adam Fovent

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Raymond Fowke

The Alan Ayling Prize in Environmental Law

Emily Meredith Gadsby

JH McClemens Memorial Prize No. 3 in Diploma in Criminology

Harry Wai-Lung Godber

Walter Ernest Savage Prize for Foundations of Law

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Lucas Thomas Hejtmanek

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Samuel John Hoare

Law Press Asia Prize for Chinese Legal Studies No. 1

James Patrick Higgins

Zoe Hall Memorial Scholarship

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Academic Merit Prize

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Ross Waite Parsons Postgraduate Coursework Law Scholarship

Nasreen Jahan

Judicial Conference of Australia Scholarship

Charlotte Elizabeth Johnstone-Burt

Law Society of New South Wales Prize for Law, Lawyers and Justice; Margaret Dalrymple Hay Prize for Law, Lawyers and Justice

Amelia Catherine Joyner

Law Press Asia Prize for Chinese Legal Studies No.2

Daniel Robert Kensey

GW Hyman Memorial Prize in Labour Law; The Judge Perdiau Prize No. 2

Jacqueline Jane Krynda

Pitt Cobbett Prize for International Law; Edward and Emily McWhinney Prize in International Law

Dr Zoe Louise Lagana

The Marjorie O'Brien Prize

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Bronte Lambourne

Nancy Gordon Smith Prize
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Environmental Law

Alice McGlashan

AMPLA Prize in Energy
and Climate Law

Madison Lee Mclvor

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Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Jane McNess

The Marjorie O'Brien Prize

Maria Mellos

ED Roper Memorial
Prize No.1 for Equity and
Corporations Law

Stephan Meyer

Ross Waite Parsons
Postgraduate Coursework
Law Scholarship

Rodney Barnes Micheltmore

Law Press Asia Prize for
Chinese Legal Studies No.2

Jake Miyairi

Sybil Morrison Prize for
Jurisprudence Part 2

Ellen Josephine

Elizabeth Moore
Julius and Recla Stone
Award in International Law
and Jurisprudence

Chloe-Rose Carmela Morel

Judge Samuel Redshaw Prize
for Administrative Law

Luca Moretti

Academic Merit Prize; ED
Roper Memorial Prize No.2 for
Equity and Corporations Law

Samuel James Murray

Academic Merit Prize; John
George Dalley Prize No.1B;
Nancy Gordon Smith Prize for
Honours at Graduation

Angus Blyth Nicholas

Academic Merit Prize

Declan Gwyn Watkins Noble

LexisNexis Book Prize No.
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Rowan John Keith O'Donnell

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Lukas Opacic

Recla Stone Scholarship in
Legal Theory Scholarship

Isabella Rose Paganin

JH McClemens Memorial Prize
No.1 in Criminology; Tuh Fuh
and Ruby Lee Memorial Prize
In Criminology

Brittanie Payne

Roy Frederick Turner AM
Scholarship

Justin Michael Pen

Judicial Conference of
Australia Scholarship

Joel David Phillips

EM Mitchell Prize for
Contracts; LexisNexis Book
Prize No. 5 for Most Proficient
in Juris Doctor in Year I

Sarah Nadine Pitney

Academic Merit Prize; Nancy
Gordon Smith Prize for
Honours at Graduation;
Sir Dudley Williams Prize

Stephen Pitt-Walker

Longworth Scholarship for
the Juris Doctor

George Theodore Psaltis

John Warwick McCluskey
Memorial Prize

Gella Rips

Ross Waite Parsons
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Law Scholarship

Jake Robson

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Chinese Legal Studies No.2

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in Corporate Law

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New South Wales Justices'
Association Prize in
Administrative Law;
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Law; Playfair Prize in
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Hope Errolly Beth Williams

Academic Merit Prize

Remona Zheng

David Burnett Scholarship
in Social Justice

Alice Zhou

Academic Merit Prize



Melissa Chen, University Medal recipient, gave the student address. A recording is available on our podcast page: sydney.edu.au/law/video

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