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## Appointment of the Hon Justice Virginia Bell to the High Court of Australia

In February 2009 **Justice Virginia Bell** was sworn in as a Justice of the High Court of Australia. The UOW Faculty of Law takes particular pleasure in the appointment because since 2005 Justice Bell served as the Chair of the Faculty of Law Advisory Committee. We congratulate Justice Bell on her appointment and express our appreciation for the contribution that she made to the Faculty of Law over the years.

## Annual Prize Night

The Faculty of Law hosted its annual Prizes & Awards Ceremony on 21 May 2009 with over 240 students, staff and guests in attendance. The event took place at the iC Event Centre and recognised the outstanding academic performance and other achievements of students during the past 12 months.

A highlight this year was an entertaining address by **Andrew Haesler SC**, who provided an insight into his 'Life of Crime' as a Deputy Senior Public Defender with the Public Defenders Office of NSW. Mr Haesler is also a member of the Faculty's Advisory Committee.

Representatives of many of the firms and organisations that sponsor prizes and support scholarships were on hand to present awards.

For further details on the ceremony: <http://media.uow.edu.au/news/UOW060568.html>

## Staff Awards and Achievements

Three Faculty of Law staff members will be the recipients of awards at the 2009 University of Wollongong Vice-Chancellor's Awards on 19 June.

**Susan Boyd**, the Faculty of Law's Placement Co-ordinator, will receive a Vice Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Service for General Staff.

**Ian McCall and John Littrich**, from the Faculty of Law's Legal Practice Unit, will receive a Outstanding Contribution to Teaching and Learning Award for their work on the LPU's Professional Legal Training Program.

## Launch of Community Outreach and Service Learning Project

On 14 May, during National Law Week and National Volunteering Week, the Faculty of Law launched the Community Outreach and Service Learning (COSL) Project, in conjunction with Wollongong City Council's Volunteering Illawarra and the Illawarra Legal Centre. COSL will provide students with the opportunity to complement the learning they do at university with practical legal experience in the local community. Community organisations will benefit from having student skills and energy applied to the challenges that they face on a daily basis.

An important component of the COSL project is a new elective subject for LLB students: Public Interest Law. Students enrolled in Public Interest Law will experience a combination of intensive training and short-term clinical placement, facilitated by the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) and the Public Interest Law Clearing House (PILCH) in Sydney, before completing a report on one of the community projects identified by Volunteering Illawarra and the Illawarra Legal Centre.

For more information on the launch:

<http://media.uow.edu.au/news/UOW059404.html>

## 2009 UOW Law Students' Society Senior Moot Competition

On 8 May the UOW Law Students' Society hosted the Senior Moot grand final, showing some of the finest young legal talent in the region at the new Moot Court in the Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention at the Innovation Campus. A crowd including students from Smiths Hill High School, Wollongong High School and Woonona High School watched the event. The Moot was judged by **Mr Bill Dalley** (barrister and Honorary Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law), and academic staff members, **Associate Professor Warwick Gullett** and **Mr Mike Devitt**.

The winners were **Ryan Gould** and **Alee Hadaya**, who narrowly defeated **Chris Dobbs** and **Melissa Coade**. Ryan and Alee will now represent UOW at the Australian Law Students' Association National Moot Competition in Brisbane in July.

Further details:

<http://media.uow.edu.au/news/UOW059170.html>

## Faculty of Law University Medallists Recognised on Honour Board

As part of the ongoing refurbishment of the Faculty of Law main foyer in the McKinnon Building, an Honour Board is now on display adjacent to the Moot Court, courtesy of a generous donation from a great supporter of the UOW Faculty of Law. The Honour Board provides a permanent record of Faculty of Law LLB graduates who have received the University Medal. The University Medal is for outstanding academic performance and is awarded to the highest achieving student of the graduating class. The UOW law alumni whose academic achievements are now recognised on the Honour Board are:

1994	<b>Silke Koernicke</b>	LLB (HONS 1)
1995	<b>Natalie Gray</b>	BSc/LLB (HONS 1)
1996	<b>Sinead Campbell</b>	BA/LLB (HONS 1)
1997	<b>Alison Gooley</b>	BA/LLB (HONS 1)
1997	<b>Sarah Williams</b>	BCom/LLB (HONS 1)
1998	<b>Sally Beasley</b>	BA/LLB (HONS 1)
1998	<b>David Jones</b>	BSc/LLB (HONS 1)
1999	<b>Ashley Tscalos</b>	BCom/LLB (HONS 1)
2000	<b>Jane Wright</b>	BCom/LLB (HONS 1)
2001	<b>Elisa Arcioni</b>	BA/LLB (HONS 1)
2002	<b>Rachael Cooper</b>	BA/LLB (HONS 1)
2002	<b>Trent Sebbens</b>	LLB (HONS 1)
2003	<b>James Goudkamp</b>	BSc/LLB (HONS 1)
2004	<b>Rachel Young</b>	BA/LLB (HONS 1)
2005	<b>Diana Nestorovska</b>	BA/LLB (HONS 1)
2006	<b>Marcel Gordon</b>	BCompSc/LLB (HONS 1)
2007	<b>Sylvia Arzey</b>	BA/LLB (HONS 1)
2008	<b>Ryan Thomas</b>	BCom/LLB (HONS 1)

## Lucy Mentoring Program

After a successful debut in 2008, the UOW Faculty of Law is again participating in the Lucy Mentoring Program. Lucy is a scheme supported by the Office for Women, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, which aims to put female university students in touch with a female 'mentor' working in a private or public sector organisation. Participating law students will be paired with a workplace mentor who will guide them through 35 hours of work based activity. They will also have the opportunity to network with other mentors and participating students at a formal program launch and presentation. The 2009 Lucy program will be launched on 26 June, and will run through to early October.

For further details:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/discover/LUCY.html>

## Support for High School Mock Trial and Mooting Teams

In April students from local high schools participated in a series of workshops organised by the UOW Law Students' Society and the Faculty of Law. UOW staff and students, and members of the local profession, combined to offer tips and feedback to high school teams from **Holy Spirit College**, **Smith's Hill High School** and **Wollongong High School**, who are participating in Mock Trial and Mooting Competitions during 2009.

For further details:

<http://media.uow.edu.au/news/UOW058446.html>

## UniConnections Workshop

On 21 May the Faculty of Law held a workshop for high school students as part of UOW's UniConnections program. UniConnections aims to encourage students from high schools that are educationally disadvantaged – either through their location or socio-economic factors – to consider University as a viable option for them. Thirty high school students from seven schools in the Illawarra and the Shoalhaven attended the workshop. They were given the opportunity to meet staff and students from the UOW Faculty of Law, observe a law class, participate in a sample law seminar, visit the UOW Moot Court and tour the campus. Special thanks to the current UOW students who made themselves available to share their experiences with the high school students attending the workshop: **Daniel Schweickle**, **Eloise Young**, **Michala Stansfield**, **Rocky Ruperto** and **Michael Brunero**.

## 2009 Legal Scholarship Support Scheme Grants

Ten academic staff members from the Faculty of Law have been awarded grants to undertake research on a diverse range of law-related projects in 2009. The recipients are:

Researcher	Project
<b>Charles Chew</b>	The Doctrine of Undue Influence as Applied to Guarantees: Implications for the Subprime-Related Global Financial Meltdown
<b>Andrew Frazer</b>	Employee Perceptions of their Duty of Fidelity
<b>Nadir Hosen</b>	Should Sharia Court Be Allowed in Australia? A Critical Study
<b>Jakkrit Kuanpoth</b>	Patent Rights in Pharmaceuticals in Developing Countries: Major Challenges for the Future
<b>Marett Leiboff</b>	How Theories of Staging Can Be Used to Inform Law's Understanding of the Actions of Individuals 'Online'
<b>John Littrich</b>	Collaborative Family Law in Action: A Case Study of the Collaborative Family Lawyers Illawarra Shoalhaven Group
<b>Mark Loves</b>	Developing a Theory of Knowledge Based Policing
<b>S M Solaiman</b>	Corporate Gatekeeper Civil Liability for Defective Prospectuses in Australia, the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada: A Comparison
<b>Sarah Sorial</b>	Feminism, Law and Deliberative Democracy: Beyond Equality and Difference
<b>Donna Spears</b>	Sentencing Discretion

The Legal Scholarship Support Scheme is funded by the Public Purpose Fund of the Law Society of NSW. This generous assistance for research and scholarship by UOW Faculty of Law staff is gratefully acknowledged.

## Centre News

### Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security

During 2009 ANCORS staff are actively involved in the Pacific Islands Regional Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Strategy, working closely with project coordinator, MRAG Asia Pacific, and research partner, Pacific Operations, to undertake a number of comprehensive analytical studies to support the development of a Regional Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) Strategy for Pacific oceanic fisheries. The focus of the regional MCS strategy will be on ensuring effective compliance with fisheries management measures. The strategy will support the sustainable use of oceanic fisheries resources throughout the Pacific Islands region, and provide additional benefits for other compliance functions (e.g. customs, immigration, counter terrorism). It is intended that the MCS strategy will boost existing arrangements through improved regional cooperation, better use of existing compliance assets and the further development of appropriate infrastructure and procedures. Senior Fellow **Quentin Hanich** is coordinating ANCORS participation. Other ANCORS staff involved in the project include: **Associate Professor Jack McCaffrie**; **Professor Martin Tsamenyi**; and Visiting Professorial Fellows, **Admiral Christopher Ritchie** and **Commodore Sam Bateman**.

For more ANCORS news: <http://www.ancors.uow.edu.au/>

### Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention

On 28-29 April, CTCP hosted a delegation from Indonesia for a two day workshop on 'Fighting Crime through International Legal Cooperation'. This training program was a joint venture between the Australian Attorney General's Department, Regional Legal Assistance Unit (RLAU), and CTCP. The delegation included participants from the Indonesian Department of Law and Human Rights, the Indonesian National Police and the Corruption Eradication Commission.

Details: <http://ctcp.uow.edu.au/news/UOW059019.html>

From 18-21 May, CTCP delivered a four day intensive Prosecution Training Program for senior prosecutors from Commonwealth countries, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Secretariat. More than 20 senior prosecutors from Commonwealth Nations (including Pacific, African and South Asian nations) were in attendance. The opening address was delivered by the **Honourable Robert McClelland MP**, Attorney General of Australia.

Details: <http://media.uow.edu.au/releases/UOW059340.html>

## Selected Recent Activities by Faculty of Law Staff

**Christoph Antons** (ed.), *Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Intellectual Property Law in the Asia-Pacific Region*, (Alphen aan den Rijn: Kluwer Law International 2009)

**Charles Chew**, 'Misrepresentation as Applied to Contracts of Guarantee: A Map through the Thicket' [2009] 3 *Journal of International Banking Law and Regulation* 164-171

**Bill Dalley** and **Mike Devitt** both presented papers – on 'Personal Injury and Workers Compensation' and 'Conveyancing Practice Issues "What went wrong?"', respectively, at the *Seminar by the Sea* hosted by the Wollongong and District Law Society on 21 March 2009.

**Elizabeth Ellis**, *Principles and Practice of Australian Law* (Lawbook Co, Thomson Reuters, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, 2009)

**Warwick Gullett** presented a paper titled 'Getting into the pickle instead of the fish: The significance of mistaken colonial legal opinion for current Australian offshore jurisdiction', at the 27th Annual Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society Conference, University of Adelaide, on December 2008.

**Clive Harfield** & Karen Harfield, (2008) *Covert Investigation*, 2nd edition, Oxford University Press

**Andrew Kelly** & Natalie Stoianoff, 'Biodiversity conservation, local government finance and differential rates: The good, the bad and the potentially attractive' (2009) 26(1) *Environmental and Planning Law Journal* 5-18.

**Marett Leiboff** & Mark Thomas, *Legal Theories: Contexts and Practices* (Lawbook Co, Thomson Reuters, 2009)

**Mark Loves**, the Faculty of Law's 2008 Teaching and Learning Scholar, presented a paper titled, 'Project Pandora: Student Teaching and Learning (Resources) Tool box', at the Clute Institute International Teaching and Learning conference in Hawaii in January 2009. As well as receiving a best paper award at the conference, the manuscript was accepted for publication in the peer reviewed international *Journal of College Teaching & Learning*, Volume 6(3), May/June 2009.

**Richard Mohr**, 'The Year the Enlightenment Ended: "The Uses of Argument" and "La Nouvelle Rhétorique" 1958 - 2008', Working Papers du Centre Perelman de Philosophie du Droit, No 2009/3 <http://www.philodroit.be>

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