



December 2009/January 2010

Vale Jack Goldring

The UOW Faculty of Law's Foundation Dean, District Court Judge and Emeritus Professor **John (Jack) Goldring**, died on 6 October at his Austinmer home, aged 66. Jack was a passionate advocate for, and leader of, the newest law school on the block in the early 1990s. He deserves an enormous amount of credit for the reputation which the UOW Faculty of Law quickly earned for quality legal education and scholarship. All UOW law students, past and present, are the beneficiaries of the commitment to student centred-learning and the friendliness of a 'small' law school which Jack instilled in his colleagues. Jack was remarkable in his ability to balance the demands of the Dean's role with getting to know the Faculty's students and taking a keen interest in their achievements and welfare. Since Jack's death numerous graduates from the early years of the Faculty have been in touch to pass on their condolences and to record their gratitude for the role that Jack played, personally, in supporting their successful transition to, and progress through, university studies, and encouraging them in their post-graduation careers. He will be missed.

Of course, Jack's time at UOW was just part of the contribution he made over the course of a distinguished career. His contribution to law reform and his success as a District Court judge have been appropriately recognised, including in obituaries produced by the Australian Law Reform Commission www.alrc.gov.au/media/2009/1014.html and published in the *Sydney Morning Herald* www.smh.com.au/national/obituaries/fine-mind-sharpened-by-a-big-heart-20091029-hnl1.html

During 2010, we will be taking steps to permanently recognise the contribution that Jack Goldring made to the Faculty of Law and the University of Wollongong.

Public Lecture by Lord Walker

On 10 August 2009 the **Right Honourable Lord Walker of Gestingthorpe** visited the Faculty of Law and presented a lecture to LLB students and University staff on the topic of 'The Law Lords and the UK Human Rights Act'. Lord Walker was appointed a High Court Judge in 1994, after practising at the Chancery bar from 1961, and becoming a QC in 1982. In 1997 he was appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal and in 2002 he was made a Law Lord. In October 2009 he became one of the first Justices of the new Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.

Barbara Nicholson's contribution to Aboriginal Justice Recognised

A highlight of the Law and Justice Foundation of NSW's Annual Justice Awards held at Parliament House in Sydney on 1 October was the recognition given to **Barbara Nicholson**, Honorary Senior Fellow in the UOW Faculty of Law. Barbara was nominated for the Aboriginal Justice Award in recognition of her many years of advocating for the rights of Aboriginal peoples, including via her work on the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee NSW, her work with Link-Up, her work with Koori prison inmates, and her significant contributions as an educator, including at the University of Wollongong. Friends and colleagues from the Faculty of Law joined Barbara to celebrate her nomination at the

Awards dinner. The list of nominees was incredibly strong, and the Award went to the panel of 12 Elders who have made a major contribution to the success of the Circle Sentencing Program in Nowra. The UOW Faculty of Law was very pleased to see the recognition given to this important project, particularly as the Coordinator for the Project is **Gail Wallace**, a UOW LLB graduate.

Visitors from Brawijaya University, Indonesia

Following the May signing of a MOU with the Faculty of Law at **Brawijaya University**, Indonesia, in October 2009 the Faculty hosted a three week visit from three members of the academic staff of the BU Faculty of Law: **Adi Kusumaningrum**, **Djumikasih** and **Hanif Nur Widhiyanti**. The visit was supported by the Indonesia Managing Higher Education for Relevance and Efficiency Program. Our BU visitors participating in a range of lectures, seminars and discussions on topics including international business law, conflict of laws, consumer law and international and comparative intellectual property law.

Launch of SPELT Seminar Series

2009 saw the launch of the Faculty of Law's Supporting and Promoting Excellence in Learning and Teaching (SPELT) Seminar Series. Convened by Judith Marychurch (Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning)), the seminar series is designed to:

- provide a forum to discuss topics of interest in learning and teaching in the discipline of law;
- showcase examples of good learning and teaching practice;
- inspire colleagues through the sharing of ideas and reflection on learning and teaching; and
- encourage collaboration on learning and teaching initiatives.

Seminar topics in 2009 included:

- Class Participation: How do we manage it? Challenges & Options
- Role-playing as a Learning & Teaching Tool: A case study and a glimpse into the future
- Courting the Blues: Attitudes towards depression in Australian law students and legal practitioners
- Online enhanced Problem-based learning in the GDLP
- Problem Questions: Why and how do we use them? Implications for learning & teaching

A program of SPELT seminars is planned for 2010.

Success in 2010 ARC Discovery Project Grants Round

Researchers in the UOW Faculty of Law were the recipients of two Australian Research Council Discovery Project grants, when successful applications were announced in October by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr. **Dr Robin Warner** and **Professor Martin Tsamenyi** (from the Faculty of Law's Australian Centre for Oceans Resources and Security (ANCORS)) were awarded \$322,000 for a projected titled 'Harnessing the oceans to combat climate change: Developing law and policy frameworks for ocean energy and climate change mitigation.' **Professor Luke McNamara** (Dean, and a member of the Faculty of Law's Legal Intersections Research Centre) and **Associate Professor Kath Gelber** (School of Social Sciences and International Studies, UNSW) were awarded \$196,000 for a study of the impact of hate speech laws on public discourse in Australia.

Sydney Alumni Function

On Wednesday 11 November 2009 the Faculty of Law together with Deacons hosted a function for its alumni. Held at Deacons' Sydney Office, the event was attended by over 60 UOW law alumni, and staff of the Faculty. The location was convenient for the many alumni now working in Sydney, who took the opportunity to catch up with former teachers and friends from their university days. The Dean of the Law Faculty, Professor Luke McNamara, acknowledged the achievements of so many successful alumni who have proved the value of an LLB from Wollongong as a pathway to promising and fulfilling careers. Special thanks to **Ashley Tscalos** (BCom/LLB 1999) and Partner at Deacons, as well as the UOW Alumni Development Group and the UOW Alumni Network for helping to make the night a memorable one for all who attended. (Note: as of 1 January 2010, Deacons has joined Norton Rose Group.)

2009 UOW Law Students' Society Junior Moot Competition

On 19 November the UOW Law Students' Society hosted the Junior Moot Grand Final, at the new Moot Court in the Faculty of Law's ITAMS Building on the Innovation Campus. The Moot was judged by **The Hon Barry Collier MP** (Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General and State Member for Miranda), **Mr Bill Dalley** (barrister and Honorary Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law), and **Margaret Bond**, from the Faculty of Law. Congratulations to winners, **Alexandra Payne** and **Nicola Sanchez**, and runners-up, **James Diment** and **Dalia Ismaiel**.

Further details:

<http://media.uow.edu.au/news/UOW069556.html>

December 2009 Graduation Ceremony

A ceremony on 15 December celebrated the achievements of more than 140 students who graduated from degree programs offered by the Faculty of Law. A highlight of the ceremony was the award of the prestigious University Medal to two LLB (Hons 1) graduates. Congratulations to **Chris Dyson** and **Simone Foggo**. Chris and Simone will now have their names added to the elite list of University of Medallists that is proudly displayed in the Faculty of Law foyer.

Another highlight was the award of a Doctor of Philosophy degree to **Dr Alaeldin Maghaireh**, from the Faculty of Law's Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention.

Summer Visiting Fellows

The 2009/2010 Summer Session has seen the Faculty of Law continue its tradition of offering a diverse range of elective LLB subjects, taught by distinguished international academics and specialist practitioners. This Summer more than 110 students are enrolled in the following subjects:

- *Bills of Rights in Comparative Perspective*
 - **Debra Parkes**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba, Canada
- *Transnational Crime and Transnational Policing*
 - **James Sheptycki**, Professor of Criminology, York University, Canada
- *Law of International Organizations*
 - **Bill Edeson**, Professorial Fellow, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), Faculty of Law, University of Wollongong
- *Bankruptcy & Corporate Insolvency Law & Practice*
 - **Ed Muston**, Barrister, Selborne Chambers & Senior Fellow, Faculty of Law, University of Wollongong

Planning is already underway for an exciting program of Summer Session offerings in 2010/2011.

Promotions for Faculty of Law staff

Congratulations to the following academic staff from the Faculty of Law who were promoted in the November 2009 UOW Promotion Round:

Marett Leiboff (Associate Professor)
Ian McCall (Associate Professor)
Nadirsyah Hosen (Senior Lecturer)
John Littrich (Senior Lecturer)
Cassandra Sharp (Senior Lecturer)

Introducing the Professional Legal Training Program

Effective 1 January 2010 the Faculty of Law operation previously known as the Legal Practice Unit has become the Professional Legal Training Program. Under the leadership of Director, Associate Professor Ian McCall, the Program will continue to deliver the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (UOW's PLT course), and will also be responsible for the delivery of the Faculty of Law's Master of Laws (Criminal Prosecutions) and Graduate Certificate in Laws (Criminal Prosecutions) courses, as well as a program of Continuing Legal Education seminars for practising lawyers.

Inaugural International and Comparative Law Program Scheduled for 2010

From 28 June to 24 July 2010 the UOW Faculty of Law will host the inaugural *International and Comparative Law Program*. For many years, scholars, judges, policy makers and law reformers in Australia and Canada have engaged in trans-Pacific borrowing and co-operation, drawing on the shared legal histories and contemporary political structures of both countries. Traditionally, law students have had few opportunities for gaining equivalent insights. The 2010 International and Comparative Law Summer School represents a unique new chance for law students in both countries to enhance their legal education by stepping out of their provincial/state and national jurisdictions to address issue of contemporary importance in an international context and from a valuable Canada-Australia comparative perspective. The four week Program will be run in co-operation with the UOW Centre for Canadian-Australian Studies and the Faculty of Law at the **University of Alberta** in Canada, and will involve the delivery of two subjects – International & Comparative Intellectual Property Law and International & Comparative Criminal Law. Students enrolled at law schools in Canada and Australia will be eligible to enrol.

Further details:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/law/UOW069226.html>

Seeking Alumni News

In the next issue of Law E-News we would like to give extensive treatment to alumni updates. We encourage all UOW Faculty of Law graduates to consider submitting a short account of what you have been up to on the career, further study or community service fronts. Please send submissions to the Dean's Assistant, Felicia Martin fmartin@uow.edu.au

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