Introduction

This fortnight there are a number of events that have been occurring connected to the School of Law.

Campbelltown Law School Refurbishment

The refurbishment of Building 22 at Campbelltown is under way. Thank you to all staff who have packed up their offices ready for moving. In particular thanks to Kerrie and Jenny for organising boxes, bins, labels etc. and assisting staff with their packing. This work will take until February and reception will be relocated to another building at Campbelltown during that period. Once completed all staff will be consolidated onto the ground floor of Building 22. Steven Freeland and John McGrath have now relocated to Parramatta Campus.

Good News: Staff Matters

At the Council of Australian Law Deans meeting last Friday 16th Nov, hosted by Monash University in Melbourne CBD, Professor Michael Adams was appointed to the NSW Legal professions Admissions Board for 2012-2013. He was also elected as a member of the CALD Standing Committee on Legal Education and also the Standing Committee on Legal Practice and the Professions.

Good News: Student Matters

Two of the School’s PhD students recently submitted their thesis for examination. Gao Qi, supervised by Professor Michael Jeffery and co-supervised by Professor Donna Craig submitted in October 2012. Her thesis was entitled: “Procedural Framework for Cooperative Sustainable Governance of Water Resources in the Mekong River Basin”.

Manzoor Rashid, supervised by Professor Donna Craig and co-supervised by Professor Michael Jeffery submitted his thesis for examination earlier this month entitled: “Legal Framework for Community Participation in Governance: the Role of Co-Management in the Forest Protected Areas Management of Bangladesh”.

Research & Scholarships

Ms Sue Field

Sue Field has given a number of presentations in the last few weeks, these include (but are not limited to) presenting at the 2nd International Guardianship Conference in Melbourne, the annual PCJC Elder Law seminar in Parramatta and invited speaker at the Hastings Legal Centre in Pt. Macquarie. Sue will also be an invited speaker at the World Study Day to be held prior to the Canadian Centre for Elder Law conference in Vancouver and Sue will also present at the conference itself.

Professor Steven Freeland

Guest panellist (invited) in ‘Q and A’ with Julie Bishop (Opposition Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs) and Sophie McNeill (Walkley winning journalist) organised by 10 High Schools, Sydney, 7 November 2012

External referee (invited) of article on Space Law for the Australian Journal of International Law

Professor Michael Adams


Professor Adams was interviewed on the Lawyers Weekly ‘Weekly Law Report’ looking at the implications of the James Hardie ruling for directors’ duties and asbestos victims. His interview can be viewed at the following link: http://www.lawyersweekly.com.au/video/video-nov-16-23-weekly-law-report-james-hardie-spe

Publications

Professor Steven Freeland


Professor Michael Jeffery


Dr Marina Nehme

Dr Marina Nehme, from the UWS School of Law, has featured in national and international media outlets discussing the appointment of administrators to one of Nathan Tinkler’s companies.

In the article, syndicated by the Bloomberg financial news wire, Dr Nehme explained how the liquidation of Mulsanne Pty Ltd. could lead to further action against Mr Tinkler by the corporate regulator.

You can read the original story at: http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-11-19/tinkler-s-mulsanne-resources-ordered-into-liquidation.html

Community Engagement

Ms Francine Feld

Francine showed South-Western Sydney principals the Campbelltown Moot Court last Thursday and spoke to them about the facility and Law at UWS. They were most impressed with everything they saw on their tour.

The School Education Director who was the catalyst for this said she was sure that the principals were now much better informed of the opportunities and facilities at UWS.

Professor Michael Adams

Dean of the School of Law, UWS