Professor Michael Adams – Dean, School of Law, UWS

Professor Michael Adams is an internationally recognised specialist in Corporate Law, Governance, Securities Markets Regulation, and Legal Education (especially e-learning). He has been writing, teaching and regularly presenting on all these topics for over 20 years. He is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators (FACE), as well as the Australian Academy of Law (FAAL), and is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, Australia (FCIS). Professor Adams is currently President of the Australasian Law Teachers Association and a former President of both the Corporate Law Teachers Association and Chartered Secretaries Australia. He is the co-author of ten books and chapters, 30 articles and over 130 conference/seminar presentations. In 2000 he was the recipient of the Australian University Teacher of the year for Law and Legal Studies. Professor Adams is also the President of the Student Association in the School of Law at UWS.

Presentation Summary

Using discipline led clubs and societies to enhance career readiness

Professor Adams will focus on the benefits of a discipline based law students association. In particular, the School of Law has always had the support of the Law Students Association (LSA), as a club which works closely with the law school for the benefit of all law students. The LSA runs law based competitions (such as Mooting, client interviewing, witness cross-examination etc) which result in grand finals held in the NSW Supreme Court. The LSA selects the winners to then represent UWS at national competitions run by the Australian Law Students Association (AULSA). The LSA provides help and advice to all law students and has a number of social events, such as the Law Ball – a personal highlight of the academic year. When the University and thus the law school have events like UWS Day and UWS Open Day, the LSA provide students to chat with potential students and often will act out a demonstration moot (legal argument) in our Moot Courts at either Campbelltown or Parramatta campuses. The other major event is the Law Careers Fair and the LSA help organise student practice interviews. The LSA helps prepare law students for career readiness as well as the general employability across arrange of careers. Being a leader of a law students association in a variety of portfolios is seen as impressive for potential employers. It is a three-way “trinity” relationship with the UWS Law Alumni chapter also helping the LSA and the School of Law.