Introduction

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

2012 ALTA at Sydney Uni Law School

This year UWS has a small group of 10 academics attending and presenting papers at the Australasian Law Teachers Association (ALTA) annual conference. This year the annual conference is being hosted by the University of Sydney Faculty of Law between 1st July to 4th July. In attendance will be Elen Seymour, Liesel Spencer, Dr David Newlyn, Dr Marina Nehme, Dr Elfriede Sangkuhl, Dr Laura Horn, Dr Lucy Robinson, Dr Shelley Bielefeld, Dr Sue Armstrong and Professor Michael Adams. More details of the various papers presented will be summarised in future Friday Frolics. It is hard to believe that UWS Law School hosted this same conference in July 2009!

Good News: Staff Matters

Congratulations to Fleur Beaufort on graduating with her Doctor of Laws from Sydney University Law School in May. The title of her thesis is: Australian Mental Health Tribunals: A New Cultural Imperative.

Congratulations to Michael Brogan who is a selected member of the Working Group of the 2012 Review of UWS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.

Robert Hayes Memorial Scholarship

The University, with the driving force of Elayne Hayes, has established the Robert Hayes Memorial Scholarship. There will be a major fundraising event in mid-November 2012 and Elayne will also speak about giving to the Scholarship fund at the Law Awards Night on the 19th July. If you wish to donate in advance, please click on the ‘Give Now’ drop-down button at: www.uws.edu.au/roberthayesmemorial

This scholarship is supported by the President of the UWS Law Alumni, Jonathan Adamopoulos and staff of the School of Law, who recently met with Elayne to discuss details of the administration of the fund.

Good News: Student Matters

Dr Laura Horn

The Lucy Mentoring Program 2012 has commenced with a launch sponsored by Westpac Banking Corporation on Tuesday 29 May 2012. There are 20 law students included in the program this year - the largest number we have had participating since Law first joined the program in 2005. Our law students are fortunate to have mentors from leading law firms and business organisations. One of the participating Lucy law students, Lourdes Samson gave an excellent thankyou speech on behalf of UWS students and we are looking forward to another successful mentoring program this year.

UWS graduate Jonathan Adamopoulos (BSocSc/LLB '09) has recently been offered to undertake the Bachelor of Civil Laws programme at the University of Oxford. Jonathan, who is currently a lawyer at Allens and lectures part-time, will be commencing his postgraduate studies in September this year. He is grateful for the assistance and support given by Professors Michael Adams and Razeen Sappiddeen, and John Juriansz during the application process. Jonathan hopes to use this opportunity to learn further about emerging developments in law (particularly in the areas of IP and litigation in which he principally practices).

Deng Adut is featured in issue 1 of 2012 IHL Magazine on page 16 of the magazine. See article

Research & Scholarships

Professor Michael Adams

Professor Michael Adams was the keynote speaker at the 2012 Annual Corporate Update, hosted by Chartered Secretaries Australia in Sydney (30th May) and in Melbourne (5th June). Professor Adams’ paper was entitled “Corporate reform – evolution or revolution?”
Professor Steven Freeland

Interviewed on ABC Radio National breakfast on the Charles Taylor Case, 31 May 2012

Co-organiser and Chair of symposium ‘In Heaven as on Earth? The Interaction of Public International Law on the Legal Regulation of Outer Space’, sponsored by the German Aerospace Centre, Bonn, and the Cologne University Institute of Air and Space Law, Cologne, held in Bonn 1-2 June 2012

Presentation of speech (invited) ‘How International Law Impacts on the Legal Regulation of Outer Space’ at symposium ‘In Heaven as on Earth? The Interaction of Public International Law on the Legal Regulation of Outer Space’, sponsored by the German Aerospace Centre, Bonn, and the Cologne University Institute of Air and Space Law, Cologne, held in Bonn 1-2 June 2012

Sue Field

Sue Field was an invited speaker at the inaugural Elder Abuse conference held in Brisbane last week. Sue, along with the two international speakers, and Brian Herd, formed part of the panel discussion and was later interviewed by ABC TV

Publications

Professor Steven Freeland

Publication of ‘International courts send strong message against impunity’ The Canberra Times 30 May 2012, page 9 col. 1

Publication of ‘Ensuring that tyrants can no longer act with impunity’ The National Times 30 May 2012

Dr Daud Hassan


Community Engagement

School Talks – Prof Michael Adams

It must be that time of year – in the last couple of weeks Professor Michael Adams, Dean of the UWS Law School has been out and about delivering legal talks to school children. On Monday 25th June he spoke to the Opportunity Class (gifted and talented) Year Six cohort at Kingswood Public School on the topic “The Australian Legal System”. By Friday 29th June, Professor Adams was talking to Years 11/12 HSC Legal Studies classes on “Why study law?” at Penrith Selective High School.

Professor Michael Adams
Dean of the School of Law, UWS