**Introduction**

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

**The Late Robert Hayes Memorial Ceremony**

Despite the protestations of a Yellow Face Spur Winged Plover who was nesting in the grass nearby, Elayne Hayes was joined by academic and professional staff, friends and family of Robert and Elayne, and students both past and present, who had all gathered to remember and celebrate the life of Associate Professor Robert Hayes. Professor Michael Adams and Dr Stephen Janes each shared a few recollections of our departed friend and colleague before each attendee participated in the planting of a Magnolia tree which was adorned at its foot by a memorial plaque. It was a beautiful morning and an emotional ceremony from which we now have a fitting reminder of Robert’s legacy and contribution to our lives. Elayne Hayes was very pleased to have had this opportunity to remember Robert in this fashion. It is very likely that the plover will soon take up residence in Robert’s tree. Special thanks to Kerri Manning for catering the post-ceremony gathering. Additional photographs of the tree planting ceremony have now been placed on the law common drive.

**Good News: Staff Matters**

**Law Students Association Ball**

This year’s LSA Ball was held at the very up-market club, The Ivy, on George Street, and was attended by approximately 300 students on Friday 27th September. The Dean, the President of the LSA and Callan O’Neil (barrister) all gave short and sweet speeches. The highlight was a photo booth and it was wonderful to see the students and their partners all dressed up. The most significant event was the naming of the LSA Law Teachers of the Year:

Simon Kozlina was named as the most outstanding law teacher of the world, well at least UWS across both campuses and received over 30% of the total number of votes. Katrina George, once again received the law teacher for Parramatta campus, Dr Lucy Robinson received the law teacher for Campbelltown campus.

Congratulations from all the law staff and students.

Yvonne Daly has been appointed as a Justice of the Peace for NSW. Her appointment is from 4 July 2012 for a period of 5 years. If you need anything witnessed and certified Yvonne can now do so as well as Stephen Chapman.

**Good News: Student Matters**

**Law students High Achievers function**

On the 12th September the law school hosted a function for the First Year High Achievers in the Female Orphan School on the Parramatta campus. Approximately 60 of our top students, plus academics, law alumni and our top Mooters (as well as LSA representatives) came together to celebrate our best and brightest law students. Simon Kozlina acted as MC and gave a passionate speech. The Dean, Professor Michael Adams, continued the thanks and appreciation to the work Simon and Jane Lindsay do with all our first year students. The main speech was Ms Anna Ford, an Associate with the law firm Coleman Greig lawyers. This was both inspiring and encouraging to all UWS law students.

Jason Donnelly recently appeared in a case of some significance in the New South Wales Court of Appeal. The decision is called Patsalis v State of New South Wales. The effect of the judgment based on my submissions has changed as aspect of the law in New South Wales in relation to the legal rights of prisoners.

In broad terms, the decision also is of some significance in the area of Administrative and Constitutional Law in Australia.

**Premier’s Debating Challenge**

On 7th September, UWS School of Law hosted the NSW Year 11 Debating Challenge. The two teams were from Sydney Girls and Manly Selective School and they debated whether voting should be compulsory (which was very appropriate as the local council elections took place the next day). It was a close debate and Sydney Girls were the winners and the Hon Anthony Whilliam QC (who is a member of the premier’s Debating Challenge) presented the EG Whitlam Cup to the best individual debater.

**Mooting Matters**

UWS well represented at National Intervarsity Women’s Moot. While other students were enjoying their mid-semester break, a dedicated sisterhood of UWS mooters participated in the National Intervarsity Women’s Moot held at Sydney University.

The UWS team of Aleksandra Ilic, Mel Pudig and Suzanne Mortimer performed very well to win two moots out of four (one moot was lost by only one point despite both UWS speakers being ranked as “best speaker”, while the other loss was to the eventual winners of the tournament). The team and the coach, Simon Kozlina, wish to give special thanks to Ralph Melano for providing advice on Sale of Goods Act issues.
**Research & Scholarships**

**Professor Steven Freeland**

Presentation (by invitation) ‘Torture under International Law – a Living Norm?’ at symposium ‘Torture and Sovereignty: interrogating State violence in the modern age’ sponsored by Justice Research Group, School of Humanities and Communication Arts, University of Western Sydney, Sydney 7-8 September 2012


External referee (invited) of article on the International Criminal Court for the Australian Journal of Human Rights

**Professor Michael Adams**

Professor Michael Adams spoke at the “Small Business Symposium” hosted by Victoria University in Melbourne on Friday 28th September. The title of his paper was “Does global governance trickle down to Australian SMEs?” This was part of his ARC research project into the “Developing a responsive regulatory system for Australia’s small corporations” with Victoria University, UWS and the University of Canberra.

**Research Seminar Series**

The next seminar will be presented by Mark Wellard, Lecturer QUT Professor Michael Adams, ‘Corporate Reform: Evolution or Revolution’. This seminar will be held on:

17 October 2012
Moot Court, Building EO Parramatta Campus

**Robert Hayes Scholarship Cocktail Reception**

An evening to celebrate the life of Robert Hayes and help raise support for the Robert Hayes Memorial Scholarship Fund.

When: Friday, 9 November 2012
Where: Alexander Dawson Room, King Street Court
Time: 5.45pm – 9.45 pm

RSVP: Elayne Hayes on 0408 308 515 or email Elayne_Hayes@hotmail.com  See Invitation

**Publications**

**Dr Shelley Bielefed**


**Professor Steven Freeland**

Quoted in ‘Law unclear on drone strikes’ Lawyers Weekly 23 August 2012

**Professor Razeen Sappideen and Ling Ling He**


**Thilla Rajaretnam**


**Community Engagement**

**Hon Michael Kirby talk to UWS law students on Monday 17 Sept 2012**

Excellent coverage of the talk in Lawyers weekly. Kirby was welcomed by the Parramatta Provost, Eric Sidoti of the Whltam Institute and formally introduce by Professor Michael Head of the School of Law. Kirby spoke for one and a half hours and the Dean helped facilitate questions and lots of photographic opportunities. Justice Kirby talk was entitled “What is it like to be a justice of the High Court?” It will be televised on TVS later in the year. You can view the lecture online.

**Law School Twitter**

Twitter snapshot for UWSLawSchool for week ending 28/9/12
14 tweets, 9 retweets, 131 followers, 1 favourite, member of 6 lists.

Reminder: Please send Elen your links to interesting articles, newspaper stories, conference appearances - law or law related to tweet about.

**Elen Seymour**

Elen will appear on the Sydney Law School Postgraduate Conference panel on ‘Crossing Boundaries: Social Media, Law and Academia’, on 2 November 2012 Moderated by Ms Melissa Castan (Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director of Monash University's Castan Centre for Human Rights), the panel consists of Elen Seymour, Dr. Daniel Joyce (Lecturer, Law Faculty, UNSW, Project Director, New Media and Human Rights Project, Australian Human Rights Centre), Carolyn McKay (Visual Artist, PhD candidate, Law Faculty, University of Sydney, and Martha Barnett (Barrist).”

**Lucy program graduations**

The graduation ceremony of the Lucy Mentoring program took place at the law firm Spark Helmore on Tuesday 25th September 2012. This program is run by UWS and the University of Sydney, which features students from law and business. The afternoon has presentations from the mentees (our students) and their mentors (who come from law firms (like Spark Helmore, Clayton Utz, Coleman Greig & Freehills), financial services (like Aon, CBA, NAB, Westpac, NSW Treasury & BT Financial Group), professionals (Deloitte, Crown Solicitors Office, OSR) and Woolworths. After the presentation there was a graduation ceremony and some speeches, as well as our own law student, A Alyse Goknur Shanah (sang opera as a soprano). The PVC(Engagement) was there, as well as Dr Laura Horn, Susan Fitzpatrick, Nola Bourne, the Dean and others from UWS. Dr Ingrid Schraner, from UWS School of Business, announced that a research grant had been won to run the program in Egypt next year.

**Professor Michael Adams**

Dean of the School of Law, UWS