had their fair share of the academic administration cake—and a big cake it was.

In the following pages you will see that many good things went on in the Law School. Important prizes were won and incredible successes were achieved. Our MSLS contributed greatly to help maintain and build our greatest asset at the Law School—a functioning and vibrant academic community.

The difference between an o.k. institution and a great institution is the willingness of the people to do more than their job, to go the extra mile. The people in this institution, our Law School, have clocked a lot of miles!

Jürgen Bröhmer

It is hard to believe but the year is almost over and the festive season is at the doorstep. It has been a very busy year — the first year under the new institutional structure and the first year of implementation of the results of the broad curriculum reform. That we got through the year as well as we did is because we have dedicated staff in the school - both academic and professional - and a high level of collegiality. The changes have put a particular strain on our admin staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their abundance of patience, their diligence and commitment. As the Dean it is impossible to overstate how fortunate I am to have Fiona, Gail, Lyn, Michelle, and Shirley at my side!

But it is not only our admin staff, our academics also had to plough ahead under sometimes difficult circumstances. Especially curriculum changes have kept our Associate Deans Teaching & Learning (Professor Neil McLeod and AProf Kate Lewins) extremely busy on top of everything else that needs to be done. The discipline leaders along with our Academic Chair (AProf John Mugambwa) also

National Recognition of Law School Staff

The Law School is extremely proud to advise that Ms Lorraine Finlay (Category: Team nomination, with Professor Phil Evans) has received the national 2013 Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning from the Office for Learning and Teaching (OLT).

Citations recognise and reward the diverse contribution that individuals and teams make to the quality of student learning. Citations are awarded to academic and professional staff who have made long-standing contributions to the quality of student learning and to improving the overall student experience.

Lorraine has received this award for inspiring and motivating students through developing a world-class moot program that provides advanced advocacy training and develops practical legal skills.

The award ceremony was held at the OLT Citations Presentation Ceremony in Perth on 19th September 2013 at the Western Australian Maritime Museum.

Congratulations Lorraine!
Dean’s External Advisory Group

The Dean of the Law School, Professor Jürgen Bröhmer, welcomed the new “Dean’s External Advisory Group” (DEAG) for its inaugural meeting at the School of Law on Wednesday, 24/7/2013.

The Group will serve as clearinghouse for advice, ideas, feedback for everything the Law School does and it will help the Law School to remain firmly grounded and to be aware of expectations and perceptions outside academia in the broader legal community. The DEAG consists of:

1. Wayne Martin, Chief Justice of WA
2. Carol Adams, Mayor of Kwinana
3. James Edelman, Associate Justice at the Supreme Court of WA
4. Cheryl Edwardes, Senior Advisor Strategic Communications at FTI Consulting, Atlas Iron Ltd.
5. Paul Evans, State Solicitor
6. Alannah MacTiernan, Member of Parliament
7. Joseph McGrath, SC and Director of Public Prosecutions
8. Glen McLeod, Consulting Lawyer
9. John Poulson, Managing Partner for Squire Sanders Australia
10. Christopher Shanahan SC, Barrister, Francis Burt Chambers
11. Ralph Simmonds, Associate Justice at the Supreme Court of WA, long-term (and Foundation) Dean of the School of Law
12. David Stewart, Director Wrays Lawyers

Business Law Staff move to Law School

In January 2013, the Business Law compliment of the former Business School (now School of Management and Governance) and associated staff ‘moved house’ to the Law School.

The undergraduate and postgraduate business law units offered in the Law School include Principles of Commercial Law, Company Law, Finance Law, Workplace Law, Technology and the Law, Tourism and Hospitality Law, Marketing and Advertising Law and Work, Health and Safety Law. These units are aimed at the Murdoch business and commerce students in order for them to gain valuable legal knowledge in their commercial studies and are part of the Bachelor of Business.

The units are offered in traditional on campus mode at our South Street campus but also available on-line for external students. They are also offered at our Singapore campus and in Malaysia and Dubai. The onshore coordinator of the program is Dr Joseph Indaimo, whilst the units offered offshore are coordinated by Ms Elizabeth Waldeck.

For the year 2013 we will expect to have educated approximately 5000 students who have enrolled in our units!

From left to right: Glen McLeod, Joseph McGrath, Paul Evans, Alannah MacTiernan, Dean Jürgen Bröhmer, Chief Justice Wayne Martin, Christopher Shanahan, David Stewart, John Poulson,

Pictured: Natalie van der Waarden, Ajantha Thinakaran, Elizabeth Waldeck and Joseph Indaimo (missing: Murray Brown and Ken Robson)
The Murdoch Student Law Society (MSLS) is a student-run organisation that is dedicated to promoting educational, social and extra-curricular interests of the Murdoch Law School. This year we have seen membership numbers soar to over 400 members, the largest the society has ever been. With our increase in size we are increasing what we can offer to our members.

This year’s social calendar has included our annual Law Camp, the First Year Dinner, the Mature Age and Graduates’ Wine & Cheese Night and the Clayton Utz Law Ball. We also competed in the Quad Law Netball Competition against UWA, Notre Dame and ECU. Our first semester competitions included the Allens Linklaters Client Interview competition, the Herbert Smith Freehills Mooting competition, Ashurst Trial Advocacy competition and DLA Piper Paper Presentation competition. We ran the Corporate Careers Day aimed at educating penultimate and final year students on what made each law firm different and why they should consider working there. We have released two issues of our Carpe Diem publication, featuring articles written by the committee and students, and have released our 2013 MSLS Careers Guide for students looking for employment. We have become the social hub of the law school by staffing and running The KWM Law Café. The café features the cheapest coffees on campus, soft drinks, juices, pies and sausage rolls, Turkish rolls and croissants, muffins and more. We provide tables, couches, powered desks, a beautiful outdoor courtyard and a fun atmosphere for all who come by.

During the second semester we had some exciting developments. We have launched our very own MSLS Mobile Application. The MSLS application will cover all portfolios of MSLS and include easy access to information for students. For education, the application will incorporate the biggest directory of WA firms, governmental departments and social justice organisations complete with contact information and links for contact via phone, email or website. For social and sporting an events guide with calendar integration is featured. Competitions sign-ups, rules and manuals will be available directly through the application. We have portals through to our MSLS Facebook and Instagram pages for those who like to keep up with us on social media. Collaborating with the Moot Court Bench (MCB) we have detailed information on international moots and competitions, current MCB justices, and MCB competition information and sign-ups. These are just a few of the features of the app, which we are hoping to expand in the future.

This semester we held our first Criminology and Legal Studies Careers Day. This event has been designed to inform law, criminology and legal studies students of the different paths their degrees can take them outside of a law firm. Organisations that came to talk to students included the WA Police Force, Mission Australia, Department of Child Protection, Outcare and more. This semester also saw the introduction of the International Humanitarian Law Moot for students to compete in. This competition featured students mooting over a substantive international humanitarian issue and served as a preliminary round to the ALSA/Red Cross competition held in July.

These are only a few of the events that we launched in 2013 alongside our second semester social calendar, Quad Law sporting events and competitions. To find out more visit www.msls.asn.au for information and contact details.

2013 Committee pictured below

Committee: Sam Harper (President & Competitions VP), Mitchell Tolcon (Treasurer), Melanie Tang (Secretary), Lachlan Smith (Education VP), Emily David (Publications and Marketing VP), Lisa van Toor (Social VP), April Fitzgerald (Legal Studies Rep), Mikaela James (Criminology Rep), Moni Tepy Pen (Mature Aged and Graduate Rep), Andrew Shackleton (Information-Technology Officer), Edward Love (Social Justice Officer), Anna Hitomi (Café Manager), Amy Hunt, Patrick Williams, Ashleigh Antoine & Mollie Hartley (General Committee), Andy Hunter and Virginia Cole (First Year Reps)
In January this year an incident happened at the only Juvenile Detention facility in WA. Referred to as a riot, it resulted in extensive damage to the centre and almost half of the male detainees being immediately transferred across to Hakea Adult Prison, with the rest to follow within a couple of weeks. The boys reported mistreatment by some of the prison guards, long periods of lockdown, minimal access to family through visits and phone calls, hardly any recreation or education and no access to rehabilitation programs.

In conjunction with Shine lawyers, SCALES community legal centre and the Human Rights Clinical students from Murdoch took an action to the Supreme Court to try and address some of these conditions and get the boys transferred back to Banksia. Due, in part, to the fantastic work of our students, this case uncovered the systemic problems within the Department of Corrections including understaffing and the woeful lack of contingency planning regarding situations of emergency.

While the action was ultimately unsuccessful, as a result of the media coverage and the associated pressure, the conditions at Hakea immediately began to improve. Lockdown periods were reduced, the food improved and there was better access to education, recreation and programs.

Our clinical students continue to monitor the situation, now working on broader issues of justice reinvestment.

Murdoch Clinical Students at the Supreme Court challenging the transfer of juveniles into an adult prison

Juvenile Justice in WA: the Hakea case

Clinical Legal Education at SCALES

Murdoch’s Clinical Legal Education program is a national leader in the field and places students within the vibrant and challenging community legal practice at SCALES.

It gives students the opportunity to engage in all of the tasks normally associated with legal client work. Students bear primary responsibility for interviewing, investigation, planning, negotiation, strategic analysis, research, writing (letters and legal submissions), and advocacy. Under the supervision of the solicitors at SCALES, they work with real clients on their legal issues.

Here is what the students have said about the program over the years

Murdoch Clinical students have been doing some fantastic work on the three strikes eviction policy which often results in homelessness for the families affected. There was lots of media interest in the done by the clinic including a story on ABC news.

Reading the case files is often heart wrenching, yet feeling you can do something to help these people who otherwise would have no avenue of appeal, is heartening. SCALES is not only the most important unit I have undertaken, but also the most enjoyable, because we are helping real people in real, desperate situations, in a secure, structured environment.

Jasmine Watts SCALES 2013

It was real. You were not learning in a vacuum. It was not hypothetical or “just academic”. It was in context, these were real people with real problems and it mattered.

Sharon Burchell, Barrister-at-Law, Victoria, SCALES 1999

The best incentive after a long day at work at SCALES, is that you have made a difference to a person’s life, who without your input, may not have access to their legal rights. You will not solve everything, but you are given the opportunity to have a real go, and learn a lot from the process. I highly recommend SCALES as one of the best unit(s) you could ever do at law school.

Recollections of Law

David Stewart, who is now a director of Wrays Lawyers and proud Murdoch alumnus, shares his recollections of the first cohort of Law.

One of my clear recollections was that the entire exercise of the first weeks of the new School of Law had a 'new car smell'. That first lecture was conducted in the brand new (and truth be told, not quite finished) Economics Commerce and Law Building, which formed what was then the southern-most boundary of the campus, save for the vet buildings way over to the east. (Most of us parked our cars on the cement dust of the “car park” south of the ECL building, now partially built-over by the Amenities Building).

The Law Collection, a section of the library, was brand new – it had been created by the kind donations of benefactors, most of which were law firms, and each of those benefactors was acknowledged in shiny new gilt letters on a glass entrance. And Professor Simmonds’ energy for the task at hand was freshly minted, and positively contagious. He talked about his aspirations for us, and for the School of Law. That first day, and the enthusiasm which Professor Simmonds generated in that first encounter, part-lecture and part- policy speech, has not faded from my memory.

The passage of 2013 means that it is now 20 years since that first class left Murdoch University’s School of Law and ventured into the workforce.

In 1993, Australia was locked in a recession with 11 per cent unemployment, a grim economic position for new entrants to the legal market. Except for the academic leading lights, our graduating class was openly concerned that we would not get jobs.

My naive understanding when I enrolled was that we would all get jobs within the law, and the inclination of law firms not to hire was a grim reality check. Remarkably, with a great deal of effort and lobbying of firms by Professor Simmonds, working in conjunction with Geraldine Byrne of the Law Society of WA, the vast majority of us who wanted to work in the law eventually did so. The proliferation of law schools in WA since that time, and the current reality that most law graduates nowadays do not work in the law, has caused me to realise in recent years how very fortunate we were to be able to fulfill these ambitions.

The first class was reasonably diverse in character and outlook, and they have gone on to achieve much and do many interesting things.

Tanya Aplin is now a Professor of Law at Kings College London. Daniel Mah works for SES Americom in Washington DC. Adam Bandt is the Greens’ first Member of Federal House of Representatives. Grant Gernhofer is the General Manager of BWP Management Limited. Simone Muller is a native title expert taking a year off to live in Houston, Texas. Stephanie Unwin is General Manager, Strategy and Business Development at Verve Energy. Sonia Walker is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Law. Ian Campbell-Fraser is the Manager of the Native Title Unit in the Department of Sustainability and Environment in Victoria.

Many of us are now partners/directors/senior associates in law firms, or have migrated into senior in-house legal positions.

I’m very pleased that I am still in touch with many of the graduates from that first year. I know that I am not unusual in that, and I wonder if being in that first year created a lasting bond, or whether it was a natural outcome for all graduates of the School of Law. The push by many universities towards the introduction of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) does not take into account that very significant benefit of tertiary education.

If that first group has achieved much, we were assisted by great lecturers and tutors. We stretched the patience and tried to absorb the expertise of the likes of Michael Pendleton, Linda Jurevic, Gary Meyers, Hannes Schoombee, John Mugumbwa, Neil McLeod, Gary Davis, and others.

But most of all, we benefitted from the vision, skill, and care of Professor (now Justice) Simmonds: if counted as a nominal member of that first class, he has been amongst the most successful of us, with his appointment to the bench of the Supreme Court of Western Australia in February 2004. I am told he is still a strong supporter of the School of Law he founded, and his portrait sits in a proper place of honour in the lobby of the annex which now harbours the School of Law.

It would be remiss of me not to mention Murdoch Student Law Society. Founded in 1990 at Professor Simmonds’ urging, MSLS has been a hub of law student academic and social activity from the very beginning. Sometimes controversial and occasionally very contentious in its activities, MSLS was an important part of student life for many of us in those first years. I am just as proud to have been an MSLS president as I am to be a Murdoch School of Law graduate (some of my fellow graduates assert the novelty and pride of being MSLS president should really have worn off by now, but quite honestly, it hasn’t and it won’t). It brings a keen sense of satisfaction to know that MSLS remains relevant and important to the life of law students at Murdoch University.
IMLAM Moot - Southampton 2013

Murdoch University School of Law is proud to have organised the 14th annual IMLAM Competition, hosted by our colleagues at University of Southampton. The event was a great success, with a record 24 teams competing. As ever, the students impressed the arbitrators with their level of preparation and mastery of both the law and advocacy skills.

After the general rounds, the top 8 teams progressed to the quarterfinals. Those teams were:

1. University of Queensland
2. Singapore Management University
3. National University, Singapore
4. City University of Hong Kong
5. Universitas Gadjah Mada
6. Murdoch University
7. University of Hong Kong
8. University of Antwerp

University of Queensland and National University Singapore fought their way to the Grand Final, held in the awe-inspiring facilities of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. The Grand Final was before his Lordship Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers KG, former President of the Supreme Court; Charles Debattista, Maritime Arbitrator of Stone Chambers; and Jane Andrewartha, Partner of Clyde & Co.

In a close finish, the winning team of the oral rounds was University of Queensland – for the second year in a row! The following prizes were presented at the awards function, kindly hosted by Clyde & Co at their amazing new building at Aldgate:

- Winner, Oral hearings sponsored by Minter Ellison – University of Queensland.
- Runner-Up Oral Hearings sponsored by DLA Piper – National University of Singapore.
- Best overall Written Memoranda sponsored by Informa Law from Routledge – National Law School of India University.
- Runner up Best overall Written Memo sponsored by Informa Law from Routledge – Murdoch University.
- Best Speaker in the General Rounds sponsored by K&L Gates – awarded jointly to Emily Chalk and Aaron Brooks, both of University of Queensland.
- Best Speaker in the Finals (& Ron Salter award) sponsored by Holman Fenwick Willan – Emily Chalk, University of Queensland and Ho Pey Yann, National university of Singapore.
- The Sarah Derrington Achievement Award, sponsored by Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand: Kerala Law Academy Law College, University of Kerala.
- AMTAC ‘Spirit of the Moot’ award, sponsored by AMTAC – University of Southampton and Sri Lanka Law College.
- The new Prize for Best Newcomer in the IMLAM Moot, sponsored by the Worshipful Company of Arbitrators, England and awarded to two teams who made the top 8 in their first year of entry: Singapore Management University and University of Antwerp.

The following Universities participated in the competition:
- University of Exeter
- Victoria University
- Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-En-Yvelines
- Kerala Law Academy Law College
- University of Kerala
- Swinburne University
- Murdoch University
- City University of Hong Kong
- The University of Hong Kong
- Singapore Management University
- Universitas Padjadjaran
- National University of Juridical Sciences
- Gujarat National Law University
- Indian Maritime University Chennai
- Sri Lanka Law College
- Maastricht University
- Universitas Indonesia
- Universitas Gadjah Mada
- National University of Singapore
- National Law School of India University
- University of Southampton
- University of Queensland
- University of Antwerp
- National Law University Jodhpur
Study Law at the Università di Macerata in Italy

Macerata and its more than 700 year old University and Law School again hosted our “European Summer Law Program at the Università di Macerata”. Macerata is a beautiful medieval University town on the eastern side of the Italian boot shaft not far from cities like Ancona, Pescara or Rimini. Modern lecture theatres are similar everywhere but everything else in Macerata is unlike anything else in Australia. Total immersion in intensive teaching (European Union law, Comparative Law and International Trade Law were on the academic menu) and dolce vita at the Piazza della Libertà - a combination none of the participants will forget. The only downside were the research assignments waiting to be completed after getting back to the routine at home. But all good things must come to an end.

Below the 2013 group of Murdoch students (most of them) with the Dean of the Law School of the Università di Macerata, Professor Ermanno Calzolai (front left), for whose hospitality we are very grateful, and the Dean of Murdoch Law School, Professor Jürgen Brömer (back right).

Study Human Rights Law in Geneva

The Geneva Program in International Human Rights Law was an enormous success this year. Forty students travelled to the Swiss city to learn about Human Rights in context.

We have managed to add Claire Mahon, Human Rights Advocate, Change Entrepreneur, and Geneva stalwart to our teaching staff which has anchored the program even further in practice. Our constantly developing links with the agencies working in this area has also presented a growing number of intern opportunities, which 5 of our lucky alumni have been able to take advantage of this year alone.

While there, the students are also given opportunities to meet other Australian’s working in Geneva and learn from their experience. From interns to the heads of UN Departments, from special rapporteurs to the Chairs of UN Committees, our students had the opportunity to engage and discuss Human Rights with a range of people. This course gives them a flying start to a career in International Human Rights.

Anna Copeland. Claire Mahon and Melinda Ching Simon from the Women’s Interest section of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.
Students, staff, alumni and supporters of the Murdoch mooting program recently came together to celebrate our achievements in the 2013 Jessup and Vis moot competitions. The Law School hosted an International Moot Reception on Monday, 20 May to recognise the efforts of these moot teams and to congratulate the team members.

The first team to be congratulated were the mooters who competed in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. The 2013 team achieved Murdoch’s best result to date in this prestigious competition, being ranked 35 out of 290 teams in Vienna and winning an individual Honourable Mention Best Speaker Award (awarded to Will Goodheart).

Congratulations to team members Will Goodheart, Stephanie O’Connor, Amy Ryan and Patrick Williams, and to the Team Coaches, Associate Professor Phil Evans and Vlada Lemaic.

The Murdoch team who competed in the Philip C. Jessup Public International Law Moot Competition were also recognised for their achievements at the international rounds of the competition in Washington D.C. Over 550 law schools entered the 2013 Jessup Competition, with 126 teams competing in the international rounds. The Murdoch team made it through to the Quarter Finals of the competition, finishing as one of the Top 8 teams in the world. Congratulations to team members Veronica Burns, Elyse Fernandez, Molly Greenfeld, Carmel Proudfoot and Ashhiba Sultan, and to the Team Coaches, Lorraine Finlay, Ryan van der Merwe and Andrew Mason on this excellent result.

The success of our students in these prestigious competitions reflects the world-class training that they receive as part of the Murdoch mooting program. While the reception was held to congratulate the students for their outstanding efforts, it was also to acknowledge the staff, alumni and members of the legal profession whose continued support and assistance is greatly valued. Thank you also to the Murdoch University Alumni Office for their continued support of the moot program, and their sponsorship of this event.

Ass. Professor Lisa Young invited to address Japanese lawyers and Scholars on family law

Japan is presently considering reforming its family law and especially its parenting laws, to bring them into line with trends in many Western countries. Such a change would be very dramatic for Japan, where there is a long history of sole custody post-separation. A research group headed by Professors Ogawa (Kindai University) and Takahashi (Kibi International University), and funded by the Toyota Foundation and the Ministry of Education, has recently embarked on a program of bringing international scholars to Japan to share experiences from their home countries.

Assoc Prof Young was the second in the series of invited speakers, and she delivered talks to the Tokyo Bar Association and Kyoto Women’s University about the Australian situation and its relevance to Japan. The first of those presentations was directed more at lawyers, judges and legal academics and particularly considered shared parenting laws. The second presentation was directed at a broader audience and focussed more on the implications of shared parenting for the protection of victims of violence in family law disputes.

The two papers that were prepared for the presentations will be combined into one paper for publication in Japan, as this group of Japanese scholars are keen that, before any changes are made, there is engagement with the international experience and deep reflection on how such systems might translate in Japan given their quite different social dynamics.
**Summer Intensives 2013/14**

**Week beginning Saturday 30th November:** LAW3002 Special Topics in Law: Oil and Gas Law (Dr Tina Hunter, University of Queensland). This unit will run on Saturday 30th November, Monday and Tuesday 2/3 December and Thursday and Friday 5/6 December 2013. **This unit provides student with an overview of all aspects of upstream petroleum activities, including licensing, explorations and production, safety, environmental requirements and well integrity. It will provide a comparative study of the main developed licensing and concession regimes, and will incorporate examples from Australia, UK, Norway, USA and Canada. At the course conclusion, students will be familiar with how petroleum activities are regulated in these countries, and the structure and function of the legal frameworks that regulate these activities.**

**Week beginning December 9th:** LAW367 Law of Planning – (Merinda Logie and Glen McLeod). This unit will run Monday-Friday classes from 5:30-9:30pm and then daytime classes on the weekend. **This unit introduces the legal principles and statutory framework governing the regulation of town planning and land development in WA and beyond. It considers control at the State, regional and local government levels, rights of appeal against subdivision, development and building decisions, the jurisdiction of the State Administrative Tribunal in resolving disputes, the role of environmental assessment and approval in planning outcomes and compensation for the use and acquisition of land for public purposes.**

**Week commencing 6th January:** LAW383 Introduction to the European Union and International Labour Market Law (Professor Marc de Vos, Ghent University, Belgium). This unit will run Monday to Friday with classes anticipated to be from 8:30am to 4:30pm. **This unit explores the development of international and European labour and employment law. It examines how the 'European social model', as opposed to the Anglo-Saxon model, mirrors the international model and has generated European Union wide standards. The unit focuses on the International Labour Organisation and on the European Union. It offers both a general introduction and more advanced exploration of topical issues such as migration, discrimination, worker participation, and the conflicts between free market and labour protection laws.**

**Week commencing 27th January:** LAW300 Special Topics in Law: Cross Border Business Relations. This unit will run Monday to Friday (or Tuesday 28 Jan – Saturday 1st Feb) with classes from 8:30am to 4:30pm. **This unit will address legal issues arising in cross-border business relations in an international and comparative manner and from a variety of perspectives. The (international) conflict of law perspective will not only address questions of the applicable law but also the choice of forum problem. Important procedural questions range from the preferable dispute resolution system (state based courts or private arbitration), to the service of documents to issues around evidence and the enforcement of judgements in other jurisdictions.**

You can view unit information including prerequisites in the online University Handbook: [http://handbook.murdoch.edu.au/units/](http://handbook.murdoch.edu.au/units/)

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**Associate Professor Kate Lewins invited to speak to cruise ship operators in China**

During the week of the 11-16th November 2013, Kate Lewins visited Shanghai to address cruise ship operators and other tourism professionals about the latest developments in cruise ship law. Dr Lewins is the guest of the International Shipping Law School of the East China University of Political Science and Law.
Murdoch was proud to host the November meeting of the CALD meeting on 15th November 2013. There were 35 Deans from around Australia that attended the meeting.

2013 Murdoch Scholarship Awarded to Zia Van Aswegen

The Murdoch School of Law is pleased to announce that the 2013 Murdoch University Most Outstanding Mock Trial Student Scholarship has been awarded to Zia van Aswegen from Lake Joondalup Baptist College.

The announcement was made at the WA Supreme Court following the Grand Final of the Mock Trials Competition on Monday, 21 October. Zia was presented with her Scholarship by Lorraine Finlay, who is the Director of the Murdoch Moot Program. This followed a Persuasive Argument competition being held on Saturday, 28 September where seven scholarship nominees from amongst this year’s Mock Trial competitors were assessed on their analytical, research and advocacy skills. The Judging Panel this year consisting of Lorraine Finlay, Evan Ennis-John (Chief Justice of the Murdoch Moot Court Bench) and Amy Ryan (Justice of the Murdoch Moot Court Bench and 2011 Murdoch Scholarship winner).

This year is the sixth year that the Murdoch Scholarship has been awarded. As the recipient of the scholarship Zia is guaranteed a place at the Murdoch University School of Law in 2014, and will also join one of the mooting teams that will represent Murdoch University in international mooting competitions next year. Murdoch has an enviable reputation in mootng and has won national awards for the innovative moot program it offers its law students. As a member of one of the Murdoch Law School mooting teams Zia will receive extensive training in legal advocacy and research in preparation for her participation in an international moot.

The Murdoch Law School would like to congratulate Zia on her achievement, and look forward to welcoming her to the Law School next year as our 2014 Murdoch Scholarship recipient. Thank you also to the Law Society of Western Australia for their continued partnership with the Murdoch Law School in awarding this Scholarship.
2013 School of Law Publications

Books, Book Chapters & Monographs


Refereed Articles


Van der Waarden, N., “Regulating Australia’s Youngest Workers” (2013) 38 Children Australia, pp. 76-86.


Other Articles


Zimmermann, A., “How ‘Tolerance’ is used to curb our freedoms” (6 July 2013) Newsweekly, pp.16-17.


Zimmermann, A., “How Radical Feminists have betrayed women” (23 November 2013) Newsweekly, pp 10-11


Reports

Dr Zimmermann Confirms Keynote Speakers for Major Conference at Murdoch Law School

Dr Augusto Zimmermann, Senior Law Lecturer and a Vice President of the Australian Society of Legal Philosophy, has won the bid to host the highly prestigious annual conference of the Australian Society of Legal Philosophy at Murdoch Law School, commencing on Friday 27 June and ending on Sunday 29 June 2014. Dr Zimmermann is now able to confirm that we have four keynote speakers who are world renowned legal philosophers:

- Thomas Pogge (Yale Law School) – confirmed
- Jules Coleman (NYU Law School) – confirmed
- Jane Stapleton (ANU Law School) – confirmed
- Robert P. George (Princeton Law School) – not confirmed as yet

The annual book symposium will be devoted to Allan Beever’s ‘Forgotten Justice: Forms of Justice in the History of Legal and Political Theory’ (Oxford UP, 2013). Three commentators have been selected for the book symposium:

- Jonathan Crowe (Queensland Law School),
- Matthew Harding (Melbourne Law School)
- Lu Weis (Melbourne University)

Undoubtedly, this will be one of the most significant events in the calendar year of the University. Indeed, the conference is expected to attract the attention of leading academics in the field from Australia and beyond.

Anna Copeland to speak at annual Arts for Amnesty Event

Our Clinical Director has been named as the speaker at the annual Arts for Amnesty event to be held at the Fremantle Arts Centre on the 30th of November. This event brings together arts and musicians to raise money for Amnesty.

This year’s theme is Equity and Anna has been asked to speak about the work of our fabulous clinical students. For more information go to the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/events/515243375238457

The Murdoch School of Law would like to thank you all for your support during 2013 and wish you and yours a happy holiday season.