

Blackacre
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EDITOR'S FOREWORD

After several years on standby, Blackacre has been produced again, and it is my utmost pleasure to present you with this publication in 2010! Since many students' recognition and appreciation of Blackacre diminished during the years that it was not published, our team was faced with a mammoth task to rebuild interest in the publication, whilst compiling and collecting all the materials from as many final year students as possible. The end result was only achievable through the help of a dedicated sub-committee - to Dhruv Nagrath, Shannon Yan and Kyrren Konstantinidis - thank you so much. Special mention must also be made of Fiona Cunningham, Hannah Quadrio, May Samali, Meredith Simons, Fayzan Bakhtiar and Eugenia Baydikova for all the hours they sacrificed in helping sort out the specifics of the publication.

As voted by students, this edition of Blackacre has been created with an 'artsy' theme in mind. There are also several sections that sub-divide the publication to reflect the many facets of a law student's journey through law school. These include individual profiles, interviews with notable academics, accounts of extracurricular activities, social commentaries, and lots of photographs for keepsakes. Afterall, we want this publication to be THE piece of memorabilia that every final year student can reflect on in the coming decades.

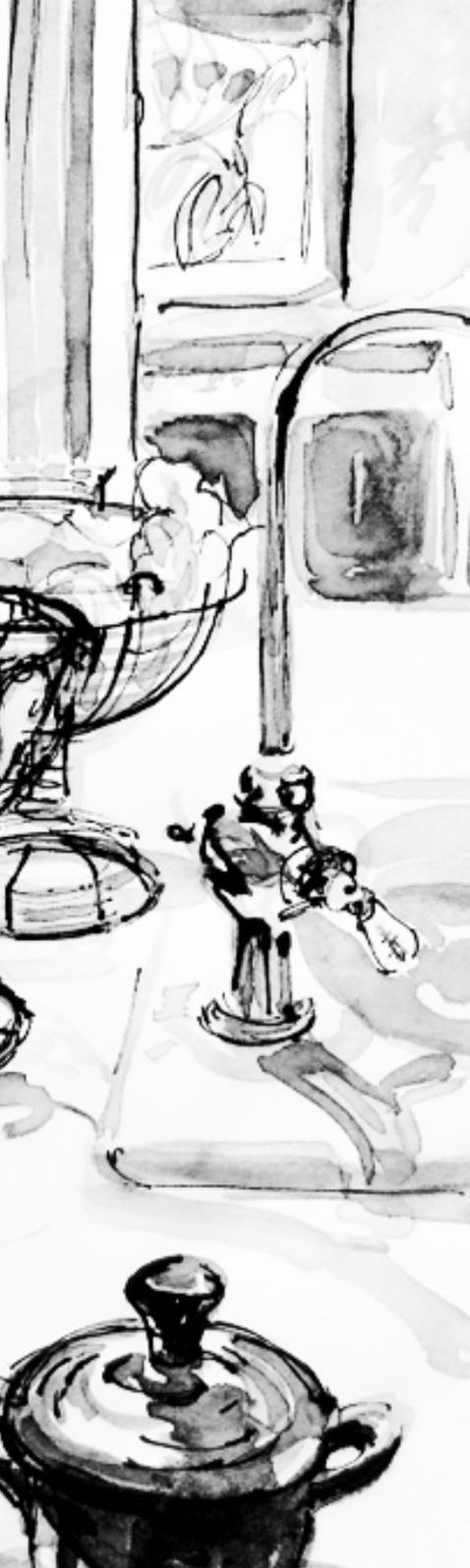
Finally, I would like to stress the importance and value of Blackacre. Created in the 1930s and collected in libraries around Australia, Blackacre has recorded musings and thoughts from the most prominent academic, legal and non-legal figures during their own uni-heydays. It is SULS' intention to see this publication pull through another year and several decades more, and to continue the tradition held so dear by past graduands of the law school.

To the final year students of 2010, we wish you all the best for your future endeavours. We know that whatever paths you follow, you will always carry a bucket full of ambition and perseverance with you. Enjoy.

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IN REVIEW:
OUR EXTRACURRICULAR
LIFE

Mountains and lakes: a law student's discovery of native title

By Matthew Kalyk

At first sight, the landscape around Kalgoorlie (or 'Kal' as it is more affectionately known to the locals) seems surprisingly varied for a town in central Australia. Off in the distance, various peaks can actually be seen brimming from the horizon. And if you look at a map, you can see a number of blue shapes that depict the large number of lakes surrounding the area. As I soon learned, however, these initial observations about the landscape are mistaken. As a lawyer explained to me on my first day in Kalgoorlie, 'the thing about Kal, is that the lakes are not actually lakes and the mountains are not actually mountains'.

By this, he meant that the lakes are all salt lakes that only very intermittently (and sometimes rarely) contain water. And the mountains are mostly huge clumps of dirt that were removed from the ground by mining operations. Once soil is taken out of its compressed form in the ground, it becomes impractical to put it all back in. So it is just left there, and a layer of topsoil is planted over the top so it at least blends into its surroundings.

Kalgoorlie is the heart of the Goldfields region, which, as its name suggests, contains one of the richest deposits of gold in Australia, some say the world. Like many mining towns, Kalgoorlie has been the site for some great fortune. Many prospectors and mining companies over the years have found great fortune in the red soils of Kalgoorlie and, in turn, have boosted Australia's GDP. A number of years ago, Alan Bond bought all the tenements in one location on the edge of town and created a mine that is so big it is now known as the 'super pit'. The super pit is a hole in the ground nearly 4 kilometres long, 2 kilometres wide and 500 metres deep. The mine is so successful that they just kept digging.

I was in Kalgoorlie working at the Goldfields Land and Sea Council, which is the colourful name given to the Native Title Representative Body (NTRB) representing the region. NTRBs are government-funded organisations approved by the Commonwealth to represent Aboriginal people seeking assistance in regard to a multitude of actions surrounding land, and most famously, establishing the existence of native title.

I was on an internship organised by the Aurora Project for six weeks. And, with native title law not offered as an elective by Sydney University (tsk) and barely being tucked into the compulsory property courses, I was very eager to learn about it. When I started studying law at Sydney University, one of the first things we were taught was the Mabo decision. In my case, it was probably the only legal case that I actually knew about prior to studying law (thank you, Dale Kerrigan). The decision is taught as being both important and victorious: it was the triumphant moment for Australia's indigenous people (both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) whose rights to land had been ignored since Captain Cook politely asked them to leave in 1770, and it was a triumphant moment for a legal system that became able to recognise those rights.

Before I arrived in Kalgoorlie, it seemed to me that things were progressing quite well since Mabo. There was even a recent groundbreaking Federal Court decision that not only found native title to exist over a large section of the sea in the Torres Strait, but also found native title to extend to encompass rights to economic exploitation.

One of the first things I did in Kalgoorlie was talk to local Aboriginal people about how native title has helped them. I was a bit surprised to find that every single person I spoke to was cautiously positive, indifferent or negative about its effect on their lives. It was something very far from the enthusiasm with which native title is first delivered to first-year law students.

What quickly became clear is that at every step of the way, the system is stacked against Aboriginal people. Not only does the system not work properly, but also it is inherently degrading to indigenous Australians.

At the very start of the claim, for instance, the onus of establishing native title rests with the indigenous claimants. It is not hard to see



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how difficult this is for indigenous Australians to swallow. Europeans settled in a land populated by indigenous inhabitants and now it is for the indigenous inhabitants, not the white immigrants, to prove that they own rights to the land.

Once a claim is initiated, it is very difficult to make out and the procedure is painstakingly slow. As to the difficulty, the Howard government's blatant attempt to systematically reduce the chance of success in native title cases through the Native Title Amendment Act 1998 (Cth) has achieved its goals. Most crucially, Aboriginal groups must demonstrate that under (the Court's impression of) the traditional laws and customs of the group of indigenous claimants, there are rights and interests to the claim area based on a pre-sovereignty connection to the area that continue to be recognisable today. As to the length of trials, a combination of the difficult nature of the subject matter and the lack of funding of NTRBs means that claims can take more than a decade to be resolved.

The difficulty of establishing these claims is exacerbated by the fact that they are frequently heard by judges who do not have any actual or substantial experience with Aboriginal people and their culture. Native title law, however, requires that judges make very qualitative judgments about the particular Aboriginal culture in a given area. In the decision of *Yorta Yorta*, for instance, the High Court established that the traditional laws and customs of an Aboriginal group have had a 'continuous existence and vitality since sovereignty'. However, in assessing this criterion, many judges fail to understand the dual roles that indigenous Australians have to undertake. Aboriginal people frequently adopt certain modern elements to their lifestyles, but it doesn't mean they don't still retain a very powerful connection to their land. Many such people still undertake camp-outs regularly, hunt in traditional ways, follow traditional practices and rituals, live a rich cultural life and observe ancient spiritual beliefs.

Even if they satisfy this onus, the benefits that are actually gained through a successful claim for native title are often very little. For instance, compensation for extinguishment of native title does not extend to land that was alienated by the Crown prior to 1975; any such native title is 'extinguished'. Therefore, centuries of white settlement and government grants have often whittled down the rights of traditional

owners either completely (known as 'total extinguishment') or to bare rights to hunt and fish (known as 'partial extinguishment'). Not only does this mean that claims for native title are for much less, but also it exacerbates the injustice of the situation by allowing State governments to use their own wrongful actions of disrupting Aboriginal communities to their advantage in a native title claim.

Even if a determination of unextinguished native title is made, two further problems arise. First, such title is only a 'surface right' that does not extend to the minerals and resources beneath the soil. This means that there is no right of veto that would prevent governments from granting mining rights over the land. Secondly, the people who regain title to land are often far too poor or lacking in management skills to make any use of the land. Some can't even afford the cost of the fuel to travel these (often vast) areas. And while the Native Title Act provides for the establishment of 'Prescribed Bodies Corporate' to hold title to land, it does not give these bodies any financial support or management training.

But the problems don't stop in the courtrooms. I learnt that native title has in too many cases created serious tensions amongst Aboriginal people and communities that did not exist before native title was recognised. One of the incredible things about Aboriginal societies was that there was a very different concept of individual ownership. Land and possessions were communally owned or held in a custodianship for the community. While there were over 600 language groups, or tribes, within Australia, there were no rigid marking out of territory in the way that western societies have done.

Native title, however, requires that the particular land be specified along with the particular claimants within that land. There can be no inconsistencies and no overlapping claims. This process, however, is far from a mathematical calculation of lineage or family trees. Aboriginal norms and laws that determine who belongs to a particular area of land are complex. By forcing these various groups to now draw lines in the sand has led to similar lines being drawn between groups, friends and even families. Serious and often permanent divisions have occurred throughout many Aboriginal societies that have damaged the lives of many people.

I am not saying that the entire native title system needs to be

removed. There are many elements of the native title system that have the potential to be very effective. Indeed, in many parts of Australia, such as the Northern Territory and northern Queensland, native title is seen by many to be a great success. Much of the frustration I perceived could be traced to the fact that native title has been very difficult on the people in the Goldfields-Esperance region. There is yet to be a successful determination of native title in the region, with one case going to trial only to be dismissed without a determination either way.

At the same time, I am not saying that the problems listed can all be fixed. Some problems are unavoidable in solving this very difficult problem and reconciling two very different cultures. It is hard to avoid the fact that Aboriginal groups will have to fight for their land. But there are many steps that can be taken to lessen the effect of these problems, including making the tests less stringent, the system less

degrading, and the rewards greater for Aboriginal people.

There has, for a long time, been an evident need to reverse the effect of the Native Title Amendment

Act 1998. However, not only has political debate on native title nearly dried up - at least at the Federal level - but also, as this legislation has remained in place for over a decade, it is very unlikely any government would have the gall to do something this dramatic. We need only to look at Kevin Rudd's attempt to enact the Mining Super Profits Tax to see how powerful the mining lobby in Australia is and how politically dangerous it is to oppose mining interests.

Nonetheless, less dramatic measures can be taken. While there are numerous changes that can, and should, be made, I note only five here.

First, the onus of proof in native title cases should be reversed. This suggestion, made by Chief Justice French, among others, would see native title deemed to apply unless proven to the contrary by the relevant State. This not only serves to give Indigenous people the benefit of any doubt in native title cases, and takes at least some of the sting out of the degrading process of Indigenous people having to prove to a court what had for a very long time been theirs.

Secondly, the mechanism known as the 'right to negotiate' must be strengthened. At present, if a native title claim has a sufficient chance of success, it will become 'registered', meaning its claimants will be accorded the 'right to negotiate' with any person - private or public - who wishes to perform acts on the land claimed. In some cases, these negotiations lead to an agreement of compensation, as well as non-monetary benefits such as employment opportunities and training programs for indigenous people.

In its current state, however, the right to negotiate is terribly weak. Not only do Aboriginal groups, from the outset, occupy a substantially inferior bargaining position compared to the well-funded mining companies, for instance, but also the requirements themselves are not stringent. Parties need only negotiate 'in good faith' for six months.

Further, in *Puutu Kunti Kurrama & Pinikurra People v FMG Pilbara*

Pty Ltd & Ors, the Full Federal Court decided that the 'good faith' component does not require that negotiations reach any particular stage or that negotiations contain any particular content. Once the time limit has lapsed, the relevant

party is free to proceed to arbitration which invariably results in approval of the proposal. Naturally, then, this often turns out simply to be a waiting game.

Should this right become a real impediment to mining activities, the types of settlements that will be achieved will be significantly advantageous to Aboriginal people and cost-effective for the Australian tax payers. A number of changes could be made to achieve this. The length of time for negotiations could be extended to at least one year in order to provide a stronger incentive for mining companies to reach settlements. Further, contrary to the finding in the decision in *Puutu Kunti*, there must be a number of basic substantive requirements against which that the parties can be measured in court. One possibility could be that parties must act 'reasonably' in negotiations. Another is that negotiations must fulfil the requirements of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, particularly that any interference with their traditional and customary use of land must not occur without the 'free, prior and informed consent' of the Indigenous owners.

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Thirdly, if delays are to be reduced, NTRBs need more funding. At the moment, there are a significant amount of claims that are amassing but simply cannot be pursued fully by NTRBs. These problems could be avoided. The NTRB I worked at – being one of fifteen in Australia – is allocated less than \$4 million, which pales in comparison to other government spending, such as the \$50 million Tourism Australia spent on its 'Walkabout' advertising campaign. The present level of funding is embarrassing considering the huge profits made by mining companies on Aboriginal land and the way in which the Australian government shamelessly profits from the appeal of the Aboriginal people in its 'Walkabout' commercials.

Fourthly, State governments must be encouraged to settle native title claims. Litigation is long, expensive and very difficult for communities, not to mention that they involve a significant uncertainty in how a case will be decided. One way to achieve this is by establishing a specialised public inquiry commission like the Waitangi Tribunal in New Zealand. Such a body could be composed mainly of historians, anthropologists and indigenous persons and would be tasked with investigating native title claims. It would then issue public recommendations to the relevant State government as to the existence or non-existence of native title as well as the proposed way in which settlement should occur. This solution could reduce the ability of State governments to adopt rigid (and callous) negotiating positions by increasing the level of public scrutiny and it could prevent State governments from leaving investigation completely on NTRBs. Fifthly, successful claimants of native title should have the facilities available to them to make use of the land that is theirs. This involves the provision of free (but not mandatory) business management training programs and loans to Prescribed Bodies Corporate set up under the Act.

The Native Title Act was in every sense a compromise. It was a compromise between white Australia and Aboriginal Australia and it was a compromise between money and morality. The Australian Government stood to lose billions of dollars in compensation by acknowledging the wrongs that had been done. But it could not be so callous as to completely ignore the Aboriginal people who were there first. Even if the English acquired Australia lawfully under international law (and that is by no means clear), that doesn't mean it was right or moral.

It is fitting that this article should be written in a publication called Blackacre. As the title implies, there is a very clear correlation between property ownership and the notion of belonging. 'Blackacre' is a piece

of property that a Sydney University graduating class will always have to remember that they belonged to something greater. It is for the preservation of this same sense of belonging for which the native title process exists.

The central lesson that I learnt on my internship was that issues in native title are far from settled by the Mabo decision in 1992. It is a constant and difficult work in progress. It needs to change and develop in order for the system to be a success. The native title system must be understood not as a means simply of determining land ownership; it is a means by which the Australian people can make amends for the wrongs done in the past. And it is a means by which the Aboriginal people can exercise their international right to self-determination, that is, to freely determine their own status and to ensure that any act performed on their land has their full, free and informed consent.

But to reach these goals, changes are needed before any more native title claims are dismissed for the wrong reasons. Native title actions have so strenuously affected many Aboriginal communities and this situation needs to end. We need to move on to dealing with the rest of the plethora of problems affecting Aboriginal people, such as alcoholism, incarceration rates, literacy and life expectancies. When the Native Title Act was first proposed, it was one prong of a two-pronged approach to dealing with Aboriginal issues. The second prong was a social welfare package. The second prong did not come into effect and is still needed.

Ultimately, as the lawyer told me on my first day in Kalgoorlie, sometimes what appear to be mountains are not mountains and what appear to be lakes are not lakes. Native title is certainly not as great as it first appears. In its current form, the system is stacked against indigenous claimants at every step along the way. But it is a system that, with the proper reform, has the capacity of redressing a serious wrong if the Australian people are willing to make the system work. And it would be wrong to think that the hour is too late for such reforms to take place. The majority of native title claims in Australia are either yet to be determined or yet to be brought. We still have a chance to do the right thing and make the system work.

Glitz and glamless - an edifying summer 'clerkship'

By Peng Huang

I was part of a group of unfortunate people (a significant majority) that did not secure a summer clerkship at a top-tiered corporate law firm. At the time, it felt as if I had failed at one of the Sydney Law School's unspoken 'rite of passage'. The promise of working on multi-million dollar transactions at a glamorous office building with harbour-side views and celebrating with corporate cocktails seemingly vanished into nothingness. It felt as if my time at the Law School was somehow 'wasted'. With that state of mind, I asked myself, why am I still here?

This view, which is held by many, is unrealistic. It is unrealistic because, at least on a superficial level, only a tiny percentage of a pool of people (who I am sure are outstanding achievers in their own right) actually get clerkships. More importantly, this view mentally shuts out the possibility of pursuing other opportunities that are offered during the summer break.

One such possibility is summer vacation work at boutique law firms. In my opinion, the experience one receives working at those firms, although without all the glitz and glam of top-tiered law firms with corporate cocktails, yum cha lunches and trivia nights, is probably as good as - if not better than - the experience obtained during the much coveted top-tier clerkship.

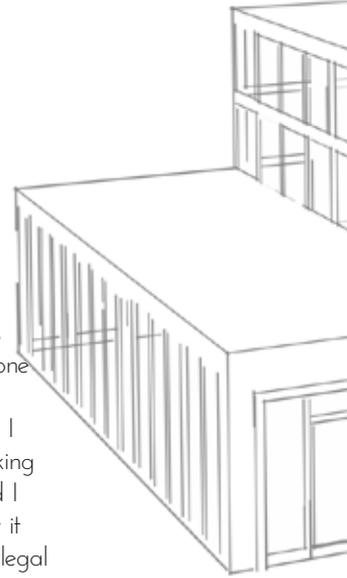
I managed to find work volunteering as a paralegal at a family-run solicitor's firm of three lawyers for the 2009-10 summer break. I had done some casual work with them previously. Offering to work for free has its benefits. I was able to negotiate a 3 1/2 days working week (I leave at 2pm on Thursdays and I have Fridays off). Another benefit is that it greatly increases your chances of finding legal work experience.

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The firm specialises in commercial law, but like many other boutique law firms, it also practices family, migration and succession law. The

office was situated in a squat 6-storey building near Wynyard Station. Although the office does not have sky-line views or have the latest interior design, the brightly-lit office was surprisingly spacious, but cosy at the same time.

A typical day consists of collecting the mail (to the DX at Martin Place - good exercise!), taking and making phone calls, some administrative work, photocopying, due diligence work and occasionally some legal research tasks.





For most of the time, I was working in conveyancing - the bread and butter of all boutique law firms. Compared to your average top-tiered law firm, the experience is not really all that different. The money at stake may not be in the millions nor are the clients ASX-listed, but the work I've done is just as important.

One of the main differences that I've experienced working in a boutique law firm (apart from stripping away all the social activities and fringe benefits) is how closely you are working with your supervisor or boss. Through the guidance and nurturing assistance of my supervisor, I caught a glimpse of the ins and outs of how a small law firm actually operates as a business, how solicitors resolve various legal and non-legal issues, and tips and tricks of the trade.

Another big difference is that I have been given a lot of responsibility with the legal tasks that I had been assigned to do (e.g. minor correspondences with other solicitors on obtaining their mortgagee clients' consents to

lease and to produce their certificates of title for registration of those leases). And yes, it can be very daunting at times to complete them - and getting it right the first time. But you learn so much about substantive law and everyday legal practice. It is through these tasks that you get a sense of the importance of your work and that you are not just a cog in the corporate machinery.

In a nutshell, do not underestimate the value of other legal opportunities other than that at top-tier law firms. Work experience at a boutique law firm in the greater Sydney is just one of the many avenues open to law students embarking on law careers. Oh, and it is not like you don't get any fringe benefits at all. On my last day, I was treated to lunch at an expensive French restaurant. There, as I savoured the last mouthful of chocolate soufflé, I reflected back on my time at the firm. I had gained and learned so much. I would not have spent my summer break any other way.



Internship at the Australian Mission to the United Nations

By Christine Ernst

There are some jobs that never lose their lustre regardless of long you've been in them. That's the impression I got of being a diplomat at the United Nations. Sure, General Assembly negotiations can sometimes become a bore; hours can be wasted on protracted debates about whether to 'note' or 'take note of' a given report. Discussions can become painfully stagnant as delegates dig their heels in and spout out the same old rhetoric meeting after meeting.

But there is something undeniably thrilling about working at the UN. Walking through the corridors, you overhear conversations in languages you've never heard spoken before. Sitting in negotiations, you realise that you're debating resolutions that could affect the lives of countless people around the world. And at least once every day, you get an overwhelming sense that although the system is imperfect, it's the best we've got - and it is, after all, an almighty achievement to get 192 countries to even sit down at the same table.

THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

I was an intern at the Australian Mission to the UN from September to December 2008 (having deferred a semester of law school to take up the role). The Australian Mission oversees Australia's diplomatic representation at the UN headquarters in New York. It recruits interns once a year to work from September to December, which is when the General Assembly sits. When I started at the Mission, it was abuzz with anticipation. The Prime Minister and Foreign Minister were to be arriving the following week to meet with foreign dignitaries. The interns had a few days of training - this is how to draft a resolution; this is how to navigate the Dag Hammarskjöld library - and then, before you could say Boutros Boutros Ghali, we were shaking K-Rudd's hand.

Once the frenzy of 'Leaders' Week' subsided, we settled into our longer-term roles. I was paired with Australia's diplomat on the Third

Committee of the General Assembly. The Third Committee focuses on human rights and social development, and therefore fit perfectly with my interests. Attending negotiations on Australia's behalf was terrifying at first, but with time my confidence grew and I found myself pleasantly surprised at what I could achieve when given the opportunity.

Interning at the Mission has been the highlight of my career experiences to date. It was a great break from my long (and sometimes dreary) law studies. More importantly, it was an unparalleled opportunity to use my legal skills in a field I am passionate about.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN INTERN

8AM: early-morning briefing at the Mission to review instructions from Canberra
9AM: breakfast meeting with Canadian and New Zealand colleagues to discuss common goals
10AM: informal negotiations on a draft resolution on human trafficking
1PM: side event on the death penalty, hosted by Amnesty International
1.10pm: attempt to eat lunch discreetly and without spillage
1.15PM: fail miserably and ponder the ever-expanding dry-cleaning bill
2PM: informal negotiations on a draft resolution on torture
5PM: head back to the Mission to report back to Canberra
7PM: seafood buffet dinner at the Tongan Mission
9PM: drinks with UN interns

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INTERNSHIP:

- Urgently drafting a statement to be delivered in the General Assembly
- Meeting the PM and Foreign Minister
- Living a few blocks from the Broadway theatre district
- Drinking Glühwein at the Austrian Mission
- Entering the UN building through the staff entrance
- Being interviewed by the BBC
- Meeting top journalists like Michelle Grattan and Phillip Coorey
- Being in Times Square the night Obama was elected



STANDING IN FRONT OF A MEMORIAL OUTSIDE A RURAL COURTHOUSE

My Death Row Internship

By Andrew Marriott

It started with Easements. Make that Prescriptive Easements. I had tuned out of a Property Law lecture, having found the topic of Prescriptive easements as entertaining as a repeated punch to the lower jaw. Having run out of other distractions, (including two SULLS election pamphlet Sudokus and whispering humorous hypotheticals to my equally bored class mate "Would you rather be married to someone who always talks too loud OR has a permanent death stare?") my eyes started to wander.

I came across a nearby flyer for an upcoming "Perspectives" lecture, boldly proclaiming a headline "Ever wondered what it is like to defend someone on death row?" Well, um realistically I hadn't - up until that point at least. But, in any event, I attended the lecture, which turned out to be held by Reprieve - a Melbourne based organisation which sends Australian interns

in the way that a verdict of the death penalty had been reached. In defence of an inmate, the lawyer is able to present statistical evidence showing racial disparities in how the death penalty has been used.

If a judge finds the evidence convincing, the inmate's death penalty could be converted to a sentence of life in prison. Also, in future murder trials in North Carolina, judges will be able to block prosecutors from pursuing the death penalty if they find a history or a pattern of racial bias in the use of the death penalty. The Act was passed after the wrongful convictions and subsequent exonerations of three black defendants. An all-white jury sentenced one of the exonerated defendants, and the other two had only one black juror on each of their juries. In all three cases, at least one of the victims was white.

THE NORTH CAROLINA RACIAL JUSTICE ACT... IS A GROUNDBREAKING, YET CONTROVERSIAL PIECE OF LEGISLATION, WHICH ALLOWS DEATH-ROW INMATES TO CHALLENGE THE DEATH PENALTY BY ARGUING THAT THERE WAS SYSTEMIC RACIAL BIAS IN THE WAY THAT A VERDICT OF THE DEATH PENALTY HAD BEEN REACHED.

(mainly law students) to assist in the defence of death row inmates. As there is little state money allocated to their defence, any assistance from these interns is greatly appreciated.

I applied for the internship and after many interviews, and various security checks I was sent to work in North Carolina where I was assigned to work on The North Carolina Racial Justice Act. The Act is a groundbreaking, yet controversial piece of legislation, which allows death-row inmates to challenge the death penalty by arguing that there was systemic racial bias

With the passing of the Racial Justice Act, the University of Michigan with the help of the University of North Carolina commissioned a comprehensive study to support the reform, by comparing the cases of current death row inmates with 5,800 cases that were eligible for (but did not get) the death penalty for the years 1990 through 2009. As every single county courthouse can try the death penalty, it was my job, along with two other interns, to drive out to over 60 county courthouses to retrieve the death cases eligible to be used in the study that was marshalling the statistical evidence... so,

for three months, we criss-crossed the state visiting a wide variety of counties.

We soon realised that representing death row inmates made us targets of hostility - particularly in conservative/pro death penalty counties. Some counties were so small, that when we arrived at the courthouse and asked for certain file, everyone there personally knew or knew someone connected with the case - it was a very sensitive situation. Other courthouses were more than willing to help - one clerk was so impressed at three Australians turning up at her remote courthouse, she asked us to ring her teenage daughter and "just talk in Australian". I felt like I was a celebrity on the radio calling a fan. Hey baby, I'm huge in rural North Carolina.

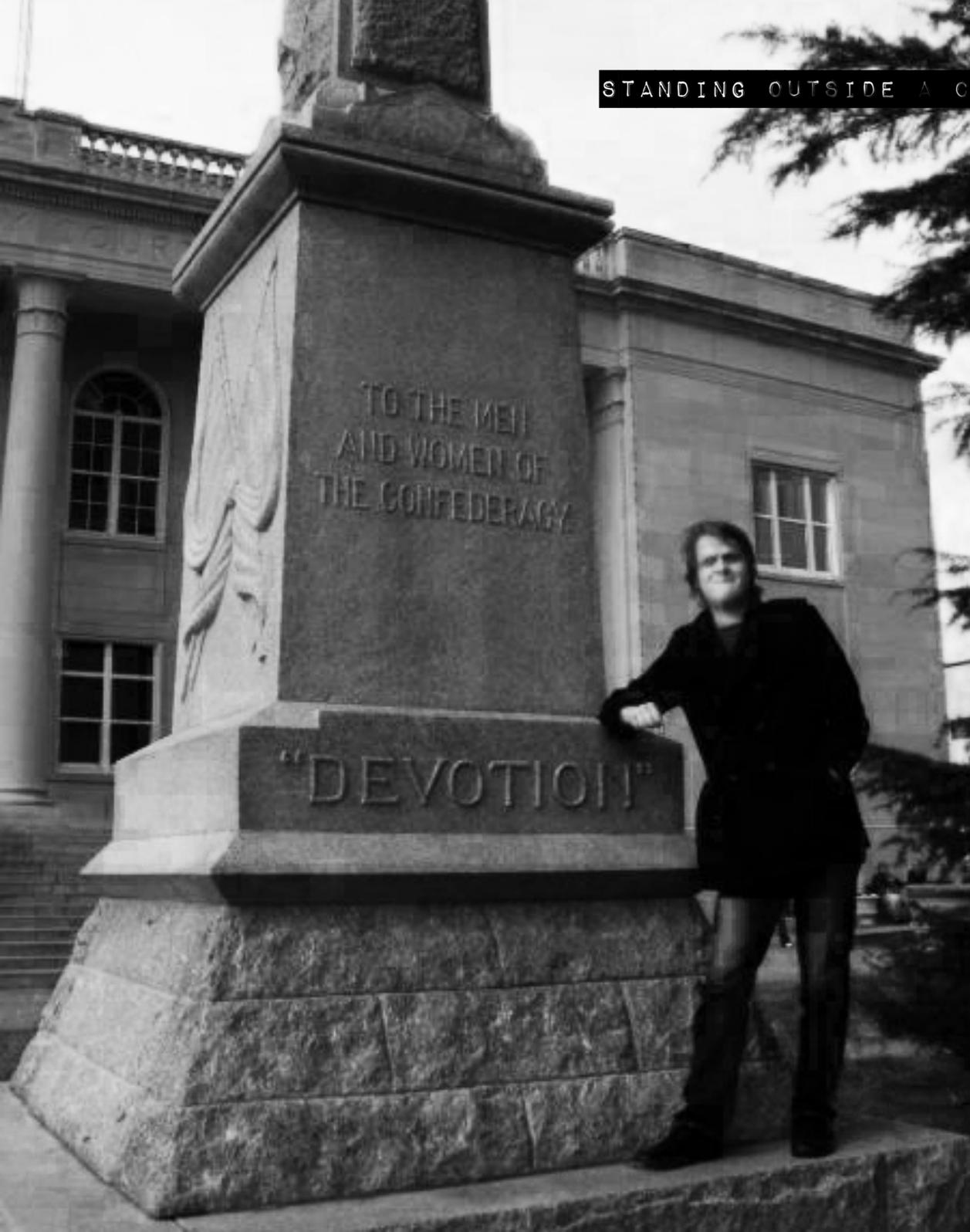
There were countless memorable tales from the road. A particular fond memory was when we stayed overnight in a county with a large military base and decided to frequent a local bar. Upon entering I saw that I was the only person there with hair longer than my earlobes - everyone was a Marine. It was the first time I had REALLY felt out of place. I sat at a table and was soon joined by four soldiers recently returned from Iraq. Although they were amazingly friendly and talkative, the conversation soon moved to tallying their wartime kill count. "Yeah, they caught me by surprise but I killed two of them!" "Yeah", another boomed, "Well I perched on a hill and saw an enemy truck in the distance, and armed with a rocket launcher - I got four!" It was like they were comparing their penis size. Sensing the moment I smiled and said " My kill count is seven... In Halo 2!" Silence. What I thought was a comical joke about my kill count in a popular Xbox game, died. Tap, Tap is this thing on? Tough Crowd. I'll be here all week, try the chicken. Maybe I just don't get marine humour.

The data we collected was processed by the universities, which found that a jury that included either one or zero persons of colour sentenced 40% of the defendants on North Carolina's death row to death. In addition, the study found that in cases with at least one white victim, a defendant is 2.6 times more likely to be sentenced to death than if the case does not involve a white victim.

Based on the results of the study, on August 3, 2010, five death row defendants filed their Racial Justice Act motions in superior courts in the counties where they were tried. Personally, it was a great honour to be involved in such important work and I thank both Reprieve and The North Carolina Racial Justice Act study for such a rewarding experience.

But, onto a more important subject, do easements by prescription hold the same legal weight as written or implied easements? Sorry, I wasn't listening the first time round.

STANDING OUTSIDE A COURTHOUSE.





The Summer Clerkship 2009-10

By Gemma Lardner

At the beginning of our fourth year, as we all stared down the prospect of four concurrent law subjects for the first time, quiet chatter started about summer clerkships. By the end of July this chatter had become a deafening roar. It was impossible to sit in a classroom or walk down the hallway without hearing the name of a law firm or advice about cover letters and application questions. We sat through countless talks from law firms and read innumerable brochures sprouting catchwords like 'excellence', 'pro bono' and the beloved 'culture' until we could no longer remember our own names let alone distinguish between the firms by anything more than the freebies they gave away. By the end of July the applications had closed. Then began the interviews and cocktail nights, many inconveniently placed the night before exams and assignments were due. We tried to find the right balance between appearing enthusiastic but not weird, able to drink but not alcoholic and focussed but also open-minded. When October came around the chaos was finally over. Offers had been made and accepted and fourth years started planning their summer based on clerking, mooting or travelling.

For those undertaking a clerkship, the Summer began with days of training in document management systems, firm culture, legal drafting and legal research (much appreciated by those of us who had reverted to Google since we were first taught in first year). Within a few days we were thrown into the deep end to tread water in our practice group rotations and were already beginning to feel at home.

Before we knew it, Christmas had arrived. There were firm parties, kris kringle and the annual Summer Clerk Cruise, this year held on 23 December. The theme? 'All I want for Christmas'. Costumes included presents fashioned out of cardboard boxes, candy

canes, the navity scene, snow, angels, tinsel and most of the cast of the Wiggles (to the confusion of many though it did make sense, honest). The cruise wound its way around the harbour while we drank cheap beer and questionable punch that not even the bartenders could describe. With the after party at Cargo the two hundred and something clerks partied into the early hours of Christmas eve, comforted by the knowledge that we could go home at lunch time the next day.

The post-Christmas Trivia night held in January was another rousing success which saw one of the Freehills teams' general knowledge win them the day. With the circus theme of the evening everyone took the fancy dress competition seriously. There were circus freaks, clowns, acrobats, ringmasters, circus animals as well as several unidentifiable characters. Thankfully, the outrageous outfits didn't impede the dance floor.

In addition to testing our creative and costume skills, the clerkship also challenged the sporting abilities of many. The inter-firm sports competition this year deviated from the traditional basketball and instead saw us competing in soccer, touch footy, netball and volleyball. Donned in our firm colours, the skill levels varied significantly, from representative standard to those who can best be described as 'enthusiastic'. Thanks to the variety of sports, the hotly contested results ladder changed each week but the ever-strong Baker McKenzie team took out the title at the end of the summer.

In between the individual firm activities, the official events and the sports competition there were numerous informal drinks nights and dinners. Countless future colleagues, potential court rivals and new friends were encountered over the ten weeks, which all contributed to a summer that won't soon be forgotten.

Ed's Exchange Experience in the Lion City

By Edward Chee

They say Singapore is a fine city. Hungry on the bus? Eat to your heart's content, if you can afford to lose \$500. Those wild monkeys up that tree are starving; but before you feed them, think about that \$1000 fine. And every time you don't flush the toilet, you risk throwing away \$150. And everyone knows that drug trafficking is punishable by death, and vandals get caned. Welcome to Singapore, the Lion City.

Selecting Singapore as an exchange destination came almost naturally for me. The Lion City is a fusion of Eastern and Western culture, and this was the most obvious in their native language: Singlish. Singlish is 'uniquely Singapore'; it's really a mixed bag of English, Hokkien, Malay, Teochew and Tamil. "My English damn powerful one can" is best translated into "I am fluent in English."

Being an Australian Chinese, I thought the cultural assimilation into Singapore society would be effortless - I was wrong. There is no such thing as customer service here; customers are invisible. Immigration officers never smile or strike a conversation with you. 'Aunties' will always sprint for the nearest spare seat on a train, shoving any poor soul aside in the process. I clearly remember on the first day of using an escalator, I almost toppled over because they were moving so fast. Singaporeans are a fast-paced bunch.

But taxis and food are dirt cheap. You'd be forgiven for thinking that the night life here is tame, boring

and quiet. But what if I said shopping centres don't close their doors until 10pm - people are still hustling and bustling trying clothes on, dining out and drinking till they drop. DJs here make sure everyone rips away the dance floor until 4am, and the taxi fare back to my place was only \$10. You don't have to imagine how wild the night life is here.

Of course, my primary reason for going to Singapore was to advance my legal knowledge! The National University of Singapore is highly esteemed in Asia and ranks as one of world's leading universities. It was a pleasant surprise to find that the first reading here was a NSW case by Justice Kirby! My most favourite



course here was 'Administration of Criminal Justice'. It was in this course that I sat with a judge of the District Court, and surprisingly bested her in the final exam. I clearly remember in the first class, I asked why Singapore did not have a jury system and this ignited a heated debate. I'm pretty sure I sat next to Singapore's future Attorney-General!

It would be a complete waste if I didn't travel, after all, Singapore is rather small. So my adventures brought me to Indonesia where I had a relaxing Balinese massage; across the border to Malaysia where everything was half price; and in the ancient ruins of Cambodia, I could not deny feeling like Indiana Jones as I traversed Angkor Wat! Regrettably, the protests in Bangkok meant I could not go to Thailand, and nearing the end of my exchange, I literally could not afford Vietnam.

I have had many crazy moments in my time here, and I will amuse you all by recounting them to you now! I was at Tanjong Pagar and walked passed a few bars, or at least what I thought were legitimate bars. As I was walking, two young women hurled themselves at me and grabbed me by the arms, "Handsome man, come inside, come inside." I was bewildered, and partly embarrassed. In another incident, I was on the dance floor and when the DJ retired at 4am, a white guy came up to me, and



held my hand. I was bemused; it took a while for me to realise he thought I was some Thai go-go dancer/toy boy. Unknowingly, I give off that kind of vibe. Another outrageous incident: I applied for a Visa card here and banks here use a 6 digit-PIN. At the ATM, thinking I was still in Sydney, I stupidly entered my 4 digit-PIN and, to my disbelief, my Visa card was eaten!

Without a doubt, these were the best six months and ten days of my life. I met the most amazing people, made many great friends from all over the world, and had the best culinary dishes! As a person, I have matured in my outlook on life, and I have now set my career path onwards for Asia. If you told me I would be going on exchange during Year 1, I would have called you crazy. And if you told me I would be working in Asia one day, I would have dismissed it. But now, I have fallen for the people, its food, and the city. Singapore is a fantastic city buzzing with life; its nightlife is electric; and though its laws seem draconian to some, they definitely work.

Wah liao, cannot wait to go back leh!



Competitions Memories

Mooting, client interviewing, negotiations and witness examination are the competitions unique to law school. Competitors will have fond memories of nerves and rushes of adrenaline as they made their first moot submission or first negotiation compromise with a hostile team.

Apart from providing useful practical legal skills, the love hate relationship with competitions represented an opportunity for law students to come together. It seems that more and more students are getting involved with these competitions and the class of 2010 was no exception. In 2010, with many fifth year students getting involved in competition coordination and judging, we all can be assured the legacy of competitions lives on.

In 2010 a group of University of Sydney students went to Adelaide to represent Sydney in the Australian Law Students Association Conference. While we did not come home with the winning trophy, the experience was a blast. With parties scheduled almost every night, law school competitions never looked so sweet!

ANTHONY URSINO (CLASS OF 2010)





2010 JESSUP TEAM

By Naomi Hart

In the late eighteenth century, a ship stumbles across an archipelago in a sprawling ocean. The ship's captain claims the islands in the name of his monarch, leaving a plaque but then departing with no other trace. The following year, another state discovers the islands and establishes a temporary settlement which they, too, abandon. Several decades later, a shipwrecked boat from the first state takes refuge on the islands and establishes the first permanent settlement there. It is only when the second state sends a ship on a reconnaissance mission to the islands that the heads of state discover that there are competing claims of sovereignty.

Jump forward 180 years. Monarchs have come and gone, states have declared independence, bickering over the islands has continued, and, most importantly, oil has been discovered in the islands' exclusive economic zone. Investors from various states are bidding for the rights to exploit the oil.

If you spent all of last summer grappling with these facts of swash-bucklers and oil moguls, you were either advising Her Majesty's Government on its next move with the Falkland Islands, or you were competing in the 2010 Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

Callista Harris, Christine Ernst, David Robertson, Matt Kalyk and I had

been charged with the honourable mission of representing the University of Sydney, under the tutelage of our coach Houda Younan (a former Sydney Jessuper). Now some people will tell you that Jessup is the largest and most prestigious moot competition in the world. All that the members of our motley crew know for sure is that it's freakin' hard work.

From December to early January, we became the first Jessup team lucky enough to spend all their waking hours (and a good number of their sleeping ones) in the schmick moot court "complex" in the new Law School. We had swipe cards, our own fridge and access to the dedicated "rape victims" room complete with camera for remote presentation of evidence - hell, we had it all.

Before 8 each morning, we traipsed into our office to get our hands dirty in cases of the International Court of Justice, international arbitration records, textbooks as old as the hills and our daily block of Cadbury chocolate. Times were grim: our greatest source of entertainment was when Matt described a faculty member as "head poncho around here".

By early January, we'd shed tears, written and then cut tens of thousands of words, and narrowly avoided knife fights over whether we should describe self-determination as "de lege ferenda". But we'd also produced two 9000-word memorials. Taking them to the printers and posting them off was like saying goodbye to a child on their first day at school.

With the bulk of our research and writing out of the way, we embarked on a gruelling regimen of practice

moots, one-on-one training sessions, fashion critiques (and in some cases, sorely needed haircut expeditions), and a once-off afternoon of tennis and pims.

Before we knew it, we were packing our car boots full of printers, textbooks and suits and making our way to Our Nation's Capital for the oral rounds. In baking heat, we schmoozed at cocktail functions, suited up for four oral rounds, and were ultimately delighted to hear

that we'd come out of the preliminary rounds undefeated and in first place.

The team took the quarter-finals in our stride, defeating Murdoch University in a high quality,

unanimously decided moot. But our luck ran out in the semi-final, when our opposition, ANU, managed to sway a full panel of judges. That meant that we missed out on a trip to Washington for the international rounds, which is the spectacular prize for both teams in the grand final.

Later, at the formal dinner at the High Court, we were honoured to receive the prize for Best Respondent Memorial, and Christine and Matt were announced as being among the top ten speakers.

We came out of Jessup with a lot more than hang-overs from post-grand-final drinks at the Hyatt and a stack of library fines. We had new friends - a gang nicknamed "The De Lege Ferendas". We had indispensable research and oral presentation skills. And we had the Thai La-Ong free delivery menu committed to memory. The experience was definitely worth it.

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*Pictet
2009:*

SAVE THE

WORLD, VISIT NICE

PLACES IN FRANCE.

By Samish White

The Jessop mooting competition is highly prestigious and confers credit towards a law degree, whereas the 2009 Pictet team received no credit points and only muted accolades. Jessop mooters, however, compete in Canberra. We spent a fortnight in Paris and on Lake Geneva.

Our Tour began in late 2008 when Callista Harris, Sofia Yiannikas and I became the first Sydney team (representing only the second Australian university) to qualify for International Humanitarian Law moot hosted by the Red Cross, held in 2009 in the village of Evian-les-Bains: home of Evian spring water, restorative baths, and a fairly ho-hum casino.

Unlike other moots, Pictet requires participants to have a broad knowledge of IHL and general Public International Law (acquired over many long summer afternoons, and a few nights, in the new law school), and to assume the roles of various actors in a fictitious international conflict; often with only several hours' notice of a scenario and sometimes none at all. The style of moot is popular on the continent; that is to say, it is rather European.

We arrived in Paris in the springtime, and decamped in St Germain for several days to overcome the jetlag. We combined some last minute study of IHL with the usual appreciation of the culinary and aesthetic delights the city has

to offer, and when we finally arrived in Evian by high-speed train we felt relaxed and ready for the week of competition ahead and full of cheese.

The competition itself was challenging, with universities from war-torn countries outperforming some of the more fancied institutions and the Westpoint Military Academy progressing to the semi-finals for the first time. We were highly commended for our participation and felt we did the uni proud, in particular our coach and academic staff Katherine Fallah (the first Australian to have ever won the competition). Heartfelt thanks must also be extended to the Dean, Professor Gillian Triggs, for her fantastic support on behalf of the Law Faculty. Our team will certainly treasure the memories and friendships we made on the pleasant shores of Evian, with splendid nightly views of Lausanne Switzerland only eleven kilometres across the lake.

It was over all too soon. We broke our return journey to Paris in Lyon, where we sampled some of the chicken that Hemingway in his characteristic bluster once derided Scott Fitzgerald for overrating. A four hour lunch and a missed connection later, the big man had once again been proven wrong. And Pictet, while being a lot of work for all involved, had certainly been worth it.

To conclude on a serious note, it was an honour to be a member of the first Sydney team to assist the Red Cross in their ongoing mission of promulgating IHL via the Pictet Moot. Hopefully there will be many more Sydney teams in years to come.



LAW AND SOCIETY
IN 2010:
OUR PERSPECTIVES

Breaking Up is Hard to Do

WHY PARTITION AND FORCED MIGRATION ARE NOT THE SOLUTION TO IRAQ'S PROBLEMS

By Naomi Hart

In September 2007, three-quarters of the United States Senate voted in favour of a resolution stating that Iraq has broken up and cannot be put back together. Yea-voting Senators approved of dividing Iraq into separate Shia, Sunni and Kurdish states - either wholly independent of each other, or co-existing in the loosest of confederations - to maintain peace between the ethnic groups.

Opponents of partition highlight numerous drawbacks to carving Iraq into pieces. It would be immensely difficult to define the states' borders and to divide Baghdad in a way that satisfied all three sects, and to ensure that all three states were economically viable, given that three-quarters of Iraq's oil reserves are located in the would-be Shiite state in the south. The threat of conflict between the new states would be omnipresent. And the wisdom of defining three states according to ethno-religious identities is questionable: ill-defined ethno-religious identity would itself become an inevitable source of conflict within the states.

But a critical obstacle would arise even before the new states were formed: the transfer of populations between them. Although Shiites predominate in the country's south, Sunnis in the west and Kurds in the northeast, no region is ethnically homogenous. In urban areas, especially cities such as Baghdad, Kirkuk and Mosul, there are no clear geographical boundaries separating the groups. Dividing these cities, or allocating them wholly to a prospective state, would force tens of thousands of Iraqis to move from their homes to a state prescribed, somewhat arbitrarily, by

ethnicity. Such transfers could be legally mandated as a term in the partition contract, or Iraqis could be unofficially compelled to emigrate out of fear of persecution by the ethnic majority.

Movement of such large populations is perilous. Following the partition of India and Pakistan in 1947, hundreds of thousands of internally displaced people undergoing 'transfer' under the partition agreement died from fatigue or were killed because they were mistakenly diverted through conflict zones. Ideally, personnel overseeing population transfers in Iraq - Americans, NATO or EU troops or UN peacekeepers - could choose a route that would avoid hotspots. But in a country as incendiary as Iraq, no third party can guarantee that they will identify every danger to people travelling between the new states. Misinterpretations are common in countries ravaged by civil strife, like Iraq.

Even if a secure route could be plotted reliably, providing sufficient personnel, food, shelter and medical supplies to make the actual journey possible entails exorbitant costs. Following the unofficial partition of Cyprus in 1974, the transfer of Greek and Turkish Cypriots, in numbers similar to those who would be forced to emigrate in Iraq, required an investment of \$US22 million per annum for five years and an extra \$US10 million per annum for the next 20 years. If donor fatigue sets in - and Congress is already weary of Bush's war expenses - then people midway through their journey would be left isolated without resources or support.





Equally significant is the immeasurable personal cost to those who are forced to relocate. Acquiring compensation for property loss is complicated and protracted. Despite the unique efficiency of the Property Law Implementation Plan in Bosnia-Herzegovina, it will take 20 years to process all the claims by Serbs who lost property in the now Bosnian-Croat Federation, and 40 years for Bosniacs and Croatians who lost theirs in the now Serb Republic. Compensation programs in Iraq would be even more complex because of the difficulties of ascertaining exactly who lost property, and just how much they lost, during and since the devastating 2003 occupation.

There are also costs that simply cannot be quantified. Iraqis forced to relocate would lose their homes, business networks and relations within a community, and would face joblessness, food insecurity and homelessness. For centuries, the ancient city of Samarra, situated in the now Sunni-dominated Salahaddin province, has

attracted thousands of Shia pilgrims. No amount of reimbursement could compensate for their loss if the new Sunni state severed their connection to that land. The trauma they would experience could only inflame relations between the prospective Sunni and Shia states.

Iraq's break-up, and the concomitant population relocations, are not the inevitable outcomes of ethnically-based civil strife. Countries like Spain and post-conflict Rwanda demonstrate that previously hostile ethnic groups can co-exist when their security is guaranteed and satisfactory power-sharing models are developed. Already conflict in Iraq has declined as the surge of American troops improves security and Iraqis of different ethnicities recognise that their greatest enemies are not each other but foreign terrorist groups. Compelling tens of thousands of Iraqis to immigrate to ethnically-defined states would be a step in the wrong direction.

Negligent Sexual Assault: Reform of the Criminal Law

By Richard Sawyer & Tom Jian

INTRODUCTION

Prior to 2007, there was no s 61HA of the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW). At that time, to successfully convict an accused for sexual assault, the prosecution had to establish three things beyond reasonable doubt. First, that sexual intercourse had taken place; second, that the complainant did not consent to that sexual intercourse, and; third, a mens rea or 'knowledge' requirement. To discharge their onus regarding this last limb, the prosecution had to prove that the defendant either knew the complainant was not consenting or was reckless as to consent. This, at least theoretically, meant that a defendant who could establish a subjective belief that a sexual partner was consenting would be acquitted, no matter how unreasonable that belief, leaving a gap in the protection afforded by the law.

In this article, we consider the legislative attempt at closing this gap in the form of the Crimes Amendment (Consent - Sexual Assault) Offences Act 2007 (NSW), which added the new s 61HA and, with it, an objective approach to the requisite mens rea. We contrast this solution with our own alternative model based in tort law, which, while suffering from its own problems, provides a useful theoretical contrast to the approach taken by the legislature.

Our thesis is that approaching reform of the criminal law with a primary preoccupation with the harm suffered by a victim will inevitably cause controversy and dissatisfaction. This is because the criminal law has traditionally focused on the guilt or innocence of an accused. Our alternative model, utilising tort law, does not require reform of the law because it relies on the natural legal distinction, inherent in the criminal and civil systems, that allows tort law to focus on the victim, while criminal law focuses on the accused.

THE 2007 AMENDMENTS

In 2007, the Crimes Amendment (Consent - Sexual Assault) Offences Act 2007 (NSW) amended the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW) to add a new Section 61HA. This article shall only discuss s 61HA(3)(c) and its introduction of an objective mens rea for sexual

assault.

Where a defendant now claims that he or she thought their sexual partner was consenting, a jury will be asked to determine whether they had reasonable grounds for that belief. If the jury finds they had no reasonable grounds, the defendant will be treated as if they knew the complainant was not consenting.

The section works through something of a legal artifice: imposing on a defendant an artificial state of knowledge in response to the unreasonableness of their real state of mind. This mens rea requirement is thus 'objective' since it discards the subjective mind state of the defendant for an inquiry into whether a person such as the defendant, sharing the defendant's belief, would hold their belief on reasonable grounds.

In determining whether the defendant had reasonable grounds, juries are to have regard to all the circumstances of the case and particularly any steps that the defendant took to ascertain whether the complainant was consenting¹. An appellate court has yet to interpret the effect of this new section and there remain significant questions as to its proper operation².

This reform had a number of admirable aims, among which was the stated aim of attempting to address low conviction rates for sexual assault. Nonetheless, the specific form that the reforms have taken places them at odds with how the criminal law has historically attributed liability and may in fact legitimise rather than attack pre-existing suppositions made by juries that the actions of a victim play a causative role in sexual assault. If this is the case, then the reforms have not achieved their aims of better substantive justice for victims. These concerns will now be addressed.

A. AN OBJECTIVE MENS REA

The concept of an objective mens rea standard in the criminal law is controversial. Traditionally, criminal culpability has been connected

conceptually to the guilty mind of the defendant. One major justification for a focus on such subjectivism has been that the development of mens rea requirements in the criminal law was a civilising move away from an unjust focus on the actus reus alone that may have characterised criminal law systems of the past.

A major concern with the new amendments and notions of objective fault is that they fail to distinguish between people acting intentionally or recklessly and those that have merely taken less care than the reasonable person. There are clearly two different levels of moral culpability, but under the current law they are treated the same.

B. TWO LEVELS OF CULPABILITY

The taskforce briefly considered a suggestion to introduce a separate offence with a lower maximum penalty for sexual assaults in which the defendant had an honest but unreasonable belief the complainant was consenting. The suggestion was to include a s 61A:

Any person who has sexual intercourse with another person without the consent of the other person and who fails to take reasonable steps to ascertain whether the other person consented, is liable to imprisonment for 5 years³.

It might seem that the culpability of the accused could be taken into account on sentencing even without having separate offences, but under the current system, the sentencing judge would be left unaware of the jury's grounds for conviction. Further, there are other ramifications associated with the label of an offence that may fail to take into account the lesser level of culpability, such as blacklisting through a criminal record and offender registries⁴.

One concern raised was that having separate offences may lead to compromised verdicts, as juries opt to take the lesser statutory offence. Surely though, this should not be a concern if we are to hold to a standard of proof that is beyond reasonable doubt.

However, any system involving levels of culpability raises a tricky political debate about the rights of complainants. It is difficult to imagine how a lawyer might justify to a complainant why the attack on them deserved a lesser penalty: is rape not just rape? It is worth considering that the possible harm caused to complainants may not be commensurate with a more appropriate label for the defendant's crime.

C. REASONABLE GROUNDS: THE VICTIM ON TRIAL?

In either its current form, or in a graduated liability structure, negligent sexual assault trials may have the opposite effect on a complainant's experience of justice than that anticipated by the legislature. It may be

that in their attempt to extend further protection to the complainants of sexual assault, the legislature has inadvertently created a situation in which a complainant's actions will become the primary focus of sexual assault trials.

Where a defendant claims they believed a complainant was consenting to sex, the jury is required to have regard to 'all the circumstances of the case' in determining whether there were reasonable grounds for that belief. Although the extent to which the subjective features of the defendant may be taken into account in determining whether they had reasonable grounds is yet to be determined, naturally, the words and conduct of the complainant preceding sexual intercourse are likely to be included for examination. In addition, facts the defendant knew about the complainant and even things the defendant had heard about the complainant could be considered relevant to determining whether the defendant had reasonable grounds for their belief.

It may be commented that at least in practical terms the position did not differ before the amendments. Nonetheless, the distinction after the reforms is that the law now actively encourages juries to engage in this form of reasoning, giving them a duty to consider 'all the circumstances of the case' in measuring the grounds for the defendant's belief. The view that some victims may contribute to their sexual assault is now ingrained in the letter of the law.

A TORT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

The injustice of the law before the amendment was centred on the complainant's unaddressed harm, not on any guilty mind of the criminal. To us, such a focus resembled the preoccupations of tort law more than those of criminal law. Could tort law be used to address the harm suffered by the complainant, without moving criminal law away from its traditional focus on a subjective guilty mind? What we propose is a tort of sexual assault: a civil penalty for negligent sexual assault.

Apart from offering a more theoretically-accordant basis for remedies, a tort of sexual assault would have a number of key benefits for complainants. The tort would bolster the court's public denouncement of the defendant's actions. Defendants would face social consequences as their behaviour was publicised, and combined with the pecuniary penalty, would communicate public disapproval of the behaviour. In addition, and also in favour of complainants, the trouble of conservative juries would be eradicated from tort cases. Similarly, complainants would avoid the difficulties of the very high standard of proof required in the criminal law, as their case would be subject instead the 'balance of probabilities' standard applicable

in the civil law.

At least technically, liability in tort for sexual assault would not need to stem from the creation of any new, discrete tort. Plaintiffs might already bring a complaint of sexual assault through battery, or, as seen in some existing case law, in negligence.

A. BATTERY

Battery is the most attractive civil remedy available to a complainant of sexual assault as a result of the operation of onuses of proof. Battery is a trespass to the person whereby the defendant causes physical contact with the plaintiff. In Australia, a plaintiff must merely establish the fact that contact occurred for an action of battery to lie.

In an action for battery in the civil law, consent is most likely a defence and must be proven by a defendant. This position is not without comment in Australia. However, the issue seems settled in Australia since McHugh J's strong statement in *Marion's Case* that the onus of proving consent must fall to the defendant⁵. McHugh J argued that to find otherwise would be to fail to adequately recognise individual autonomy and the right to have control over one's body⁶. This reasoning is clearly applicable in the context of sexual assault.

Accordingly, a defendant would have the onus of proving that their sexual partner consented to the sexual intercourse on the balance of probabilities⁷. In contrast, consent is part of the *actus reus* under the criminal law and must be established by the prosecution. The change in the onus and burden of proof would be a procedural advantage to complainants under tort law.

B. NEGLIGENCE

Under the current law of negligence, the plaintiff would need to establish a duty of care, breach of that duty and damage caused by the breach that is not too remote. It is still unclear in Australia whether acts amounting to intentional trespass can be pleaded as negligence. In sexual assault cases, the sex act is usually intentional, though the defendant may have been careless in ascertaining consent. The High Court has said in obiter that if the actions of a defendant were intentional, then the claim must be brought in trespass and not negligence⁸. However, this was not followed by the Tasmanian Supreme Court in *Wilson v Horne*, where the plaintiff was allowed

to sue in negligence for sexual assault⁹. However, *Wilson v Horne* involved resurfaced memories of sexual abuse as a minor, which presented a different situation as consent was not an issue.

“PERHAPS THE MOST OBVIOUS CONCERN WITH A TORT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IS THE EXTENT TO WHICH DAMAGES MIGHT APPROPRIATELY REMEDY THE HARM SUFFERED IN A SEXUAL ASSAULT.”

The law of negligence would need to be adapted to incorporate notions of consent for a tort of negligent sexual assault. People would owe

a duty of care to ensure consent before engaging in sexual intercourse. This duty would be breached if the defendant had no reasonable grounds to believe the plaintiff was consenting. Causation of damage and remoteness could then follow the general law, being physical or psychological harm¹⁰. Such a tort would mirror s 61HA(3)(c) of the Crimes Act.

Without fundamental changes, negligence does not seem to be the right model on which to base a tort of sexual assault. The language of consent is unfamiliar to negligence, while it is a defence to battery. The emphasis in battery is placed upon the disregard of human dignity, while negligence is more concerned with assessing the harm caused.

The tort of battery also has advantages in terms of the amount of damages recoverable by a plaintiff. The most obvious limitation on damages in negligence, the Civil Liability Act, does not apply to 'sexual misconduct'¹¹. Aggravated damages may be awarded depending on the defendant's conduct, but exemplary damages are only likely to be awarded where the sexual assault was intentional¹².

C. PROBLEMS WITH A TORT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Perhaps the most obvious concern with a tort of sexual assault is the extent to which damages might appropriately remedy the harm suffered in a sexual assault. Money may be seen as a vastly inadequate response to the non-financial damage occasioned by sexual assault. Further, damages in tort are always first and foremost limited by the capacity of the tortfeasor to pay. Where tortfeasors are unable to pay, plaintiffs would be left with a claim against the victim's compensation fund¹³. Further, the plaintiff plays a greater role in tort claims, and in the case of negligence, this might further expose them to defences such as contributory negligence and voluntary assumption of risk. This would only place more emphasis

upon the complainant's actions during trial. Finally, the problems mentioned above that arise in the context of having two separate levels of liability (here, a criminal sanction and, alternatively, liability in tort) apply. It is possible that the existence of liability in tort, but not in criminal law, would ostensibly separate complainants into classes more or less responsible for their own harm.

IV CONCLUSIONS

The issue of consent in the law of sexual assault highlights fundamental conflicts about who the criminal law should ultimately protect. The law as it stood before the introduction of s 61HA led to injustice for some complainants of sexual assault; it did not recognise their 'right' to see their assailant punished. However, the legislature's solution in s 61HA conflicts with historical and theoretical tenets of the criminal law regarding the culpability of accused persons. The criminal law has traditionally placed a greater emphasis upon the accused's right to be judged according to their subjectively guilty mind.

The insertion of an objective mens rea into sexual assault also fails to reflect different levels of moral culpability for negligent versus intentional or reckless sexual assault. A graded set of sexual assault offences would more appropriately match the crime to the level of moral culpability and is more in line with other negligent mens rea offences. Yet, such a set of offences may have the undesired effect of grading complainants¹⁴. We have argued that this unfortunate outcome stems from attempts to utilise the criminal law to redress victims' harm, disregarding the important fact that the criminal law has traditionally focused on the culpability of the accused, not the harm caused to the victim.

We have raised the possibility of a separate tort of sexual assault that is more in line with traditional notions of criminal law yet still protects the complainant's rights. Tort liability for sexual assault is possible under existing tort law and offers a range of benefits for complainants, including in regards to the burden and onus of proof, as well as the problems currently faced by victims when faced with conservative juries. However, tort remedies rely on

there being a solvent offender to sue, may implicate complainants in counter claims and may similarly grade victims. While a tort of sexual assault is an unlikely contender for reform, it is nevertheless always useful to be reminded of the alternatives that lie beyond the boundaries of the criminal law and which may be more theoretically consistent in achieving the aims of policymakers. By focusing all of their efforts on reforming the criminal law in attempting to find justice for victims, legislators may have settled on a 'solution' that does not respect traditional legal distinctions and therefore will never satisfy all stakeholders.

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What the **HECS**: Defending education that is accessible but not for free

By Naomi Hart

Many planks of the Australian Greens' education platform merit praise. The foundational premise of the party's education policy is that there should be universal access to high quality education. According to their official policy document, the Greens will use their leverage in both houses to fight to increase funding for universities, increase academics' salaries, expand the number of places available and get more indigenous Australians, refugees and hicks into tertiary classrooms.

There's one more critical pillar. Emblazoned across the Education page of the Greens' website is a lightning rod for student activism: "FREE UNI, NO HECS DEBT". In their policy document, they expand: they believe that "all people are entitled to free ... education" and they will work to provide "free university education". If they had their way, the government would "abolish fees for educational services at public universities for Australian students and forgive HECS debts and FEE-HELP debt incurred at public universities".

Despite its intuitive appeal, fee-free tertiary education is a regressive allocation of resources that will make universities more cash-strapped and less accessible. Australian unis currently operate under an optimal system, where students are not required (but may, for a discount) pay their fees upfront. If they choose not to, the government extends them interest-free loans which they are only required to repay incrementally if their annual income reaches a certain level, which may be never. This is the HECS-HELP system.

Nobody disputes that a person who wishes to pursue education beyond high school should have the opportunity to do so. Wealth should not discriminate who gets to go to uni. That is

an excellent reason to not demand that students pay their fees before or during study. But let's be clear: the fact that at some point in the future, students will have to pay those fees (or part of them) is not a barrier to entering uni in the first place. When people are students, it literally could not be cheaper to enrol in and attend classes - students are free to pay the same amount as if university was free: niente.

Of course, attending university is not cost-free as a holistic enterprise. But the costs which students cannot defer meeting, like transport, housing and food, would still exist if university was free. Currently, universities and the governments use the fees that people pay (either upfront or by way of repayments of their debts) to provide student loans and subsidies for housing, current deficits of which are the authentic source of student poverty. Preventing the government and universities from charging fees at any point would hamstring them in their efforts to provide such services. That would make attending university more difficult for more people.

Given that a system of optional deferred payments doesn't impoverish students, what's the virtue in collecting the tab at a later date? It's that tertiary study confers immeasurable benefits. Those benefits are felt across society but are indisputably concentrated in those who attend university. While you're at uni, you have access to special loans, transport concessions, unique welfare benefits and the street cred of being a student.

More importantly, university graduates have, on average, far higher earning capacity into the future than people who never grace the Quad, the UTS Tower, the UNSW whatever and

their equivalents at other unis. The HECS-HELP system is sensitive to this advantage as it requires those for whom that advantage is realised – that is, for people who do in fact go on to earn a lot – to make annual contributions to supporting the tertiary system from which they derived that benefit. Making university free would mean that instead, that cost would be shouldered by everyone – including those who can't afford to go to uni or miss out by a handful of marks, and who never derive that benefit from it. That's why it's regressive.

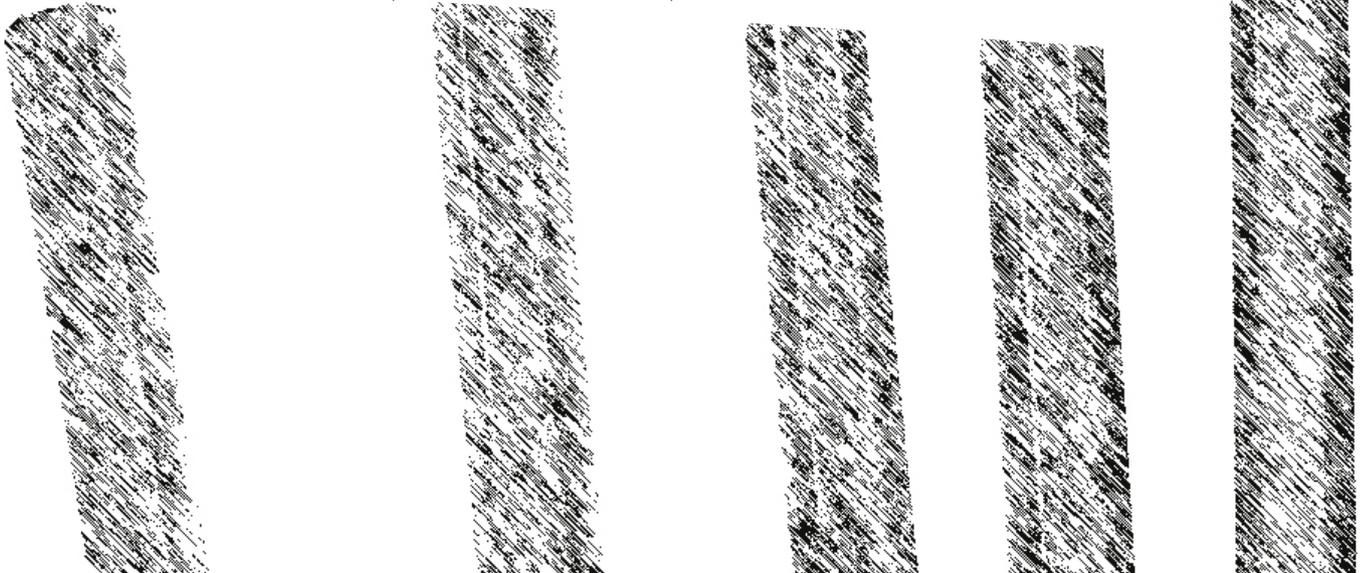
What's more, if you're in a profession that is likely to earn less, is in high demand, and produces an indisputable good for society you have to pay less. And even on top of that, if you never reach that earning capacity, then you never have to pay a cent. That means both that there are gradations between lawyers on the one hand and teachers and nurses on the other, and between lawyers who work in huge firms on astronomical salaries and those who slum it in community legal centres.

There are enduring concerns that students are under the burden of debt after they graduate. Again, the debt is paid back incrementally according to how much you earn, so those

who can't afford to pay aren't required to do so. Moreover, the loans are interest free. That means that there's no penalty whatsoever for paying the loans back later rather than earlier – so former students are free to take time off to travel or raise a family before they enter the workforce, or to work in low-paying jobs for a few years before hitting the high end of town, without incurring any extra liability.

Perhaps it's the case that the threshold for when graduates have to start repaying their HECS debt is currently set too low, or that the required repayments for certain income-earners are too onerous. That's a reason to tinker with the figures, but not to scrap the approach wholesale.

If the people who financially benefit the most from attending university never have to pay a dime, two things could happen. People who never attend uni or never earn enough to repay their HECS-HELP debt would have to pay more for uni. Alternatively, the overall amount of money directed towards unis could shrink, meaning that course quality drops or unis offer fewer places, diminishing the calibre and accessibility of tertiary education that everyone agrees are paramount.



Who's On Board? Not Women!

By Vanessa Austen

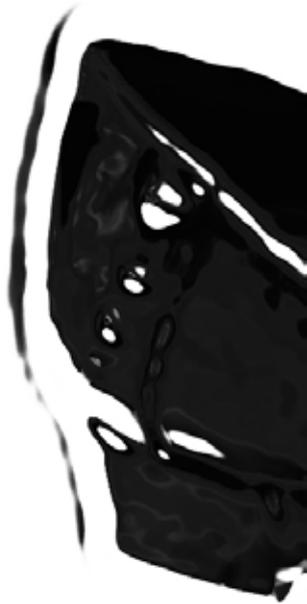
I'm the first to admit that my interest in corporate law is fleeting. I spent most of last year's corporate law classes on Gmail chat. So when a woman in one of my seminars flippantly remarked what woman would want to be a company director at thirty-five, I was surprisingly indignant. I was shocked that a bright person - well, bright enough to get into a competitive law school - could hold such conservative opinions about their own gender. I realised then that in an alternate world where I would want to be a corporate high-flyer, some of my female peers would bitch about my transient lifestyle, my stay-at-home partner and/or my potentially barren womb. I considered that perhaps this was one reason why there were so few women on company boards. We're too busy knocking each other down.

In 2008, in the ASX200, 2% of chairs and 8.3% of board directors were women. 51% of ASX200 companies had all-male boards¹. This year has shown some improvement: women now make up 10% of directors, and 36 women have been appointed to ASX 200 boards, compared to ten last year². These figures are still appallingly low. Australia introduced anti-discrimination laws over twenty years ago, and women have moved through tertiary education and industry at an equal rate to men for decades. There are certainly qualified women out there who are eager for these positions, but the pool of potential female company directors is so paltry that there are few women to appoint: only 10.7% of executive managers were women, and only 54.5% of ASX200 companies had at least one woman in executive management.

Norway tried to remedy their gender disparity, forcing

large public listed companies to diversify their boards by maintaining a minimum of 40% female non-executive directors. Yet the lack of women in executive management meant that the best women ended up with 25-35 directorships each³. Evidently, affirmative action at the board level does not address the lack of women in the executive management talent pool.

There are formal mechanisms that seek to ensure greater female participation. The current ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations require companies to have a board of effective composition. The commentary to the Principles list further considerations like competency and board succession plans. The Australian Government Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee recommends that board diversity in terms of gender, age, ethnicity and professional expertise form a part of the commentary. Even though these principles are not mandatory, companies must disclose on an 'if not, why not' basis, thus forcing companies to account for their non-compliance. Mentoring programmes and scholarships are a start. The Australian Institute of Company Directors' Chairmen's Mentoring Programme seeks to assist women to develop connections and gain advice⁴. Scholarships through the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Australian Government Office for Women seek to provide



board-ready women with specialised knowledge to secure directorships⁵. These efforts are commendable, but unless there is an organisational culture where women are viewed as leaders, women won't get those executive positions that will lead to board appointments.

Ultimately, women are seen to nurture rather than to lead, and this is what impedes their participation in higher management. This essentialist view of gender informs the snide remarks from other women; from those that do not approve of their gender eschewing or limiting their role in the domestic sphere. Female leaders are seen to 'take care' - support, reward, mentor, and team-build - whilst men 'take charge' and have healthier risk appetites⁶. Chairmen report to EOWA that women on boards had a stronger understanding of 'softer' issues like culture and human resources, and that 'their emotional sensitivity can be very helpful'⁷. Moreover, EOWA reports reveal that female directors are considered less experienced than their male counterparts, are appointed as a symbolic show of diversity, and distanced themselves from their role as an advocate for women⁸.

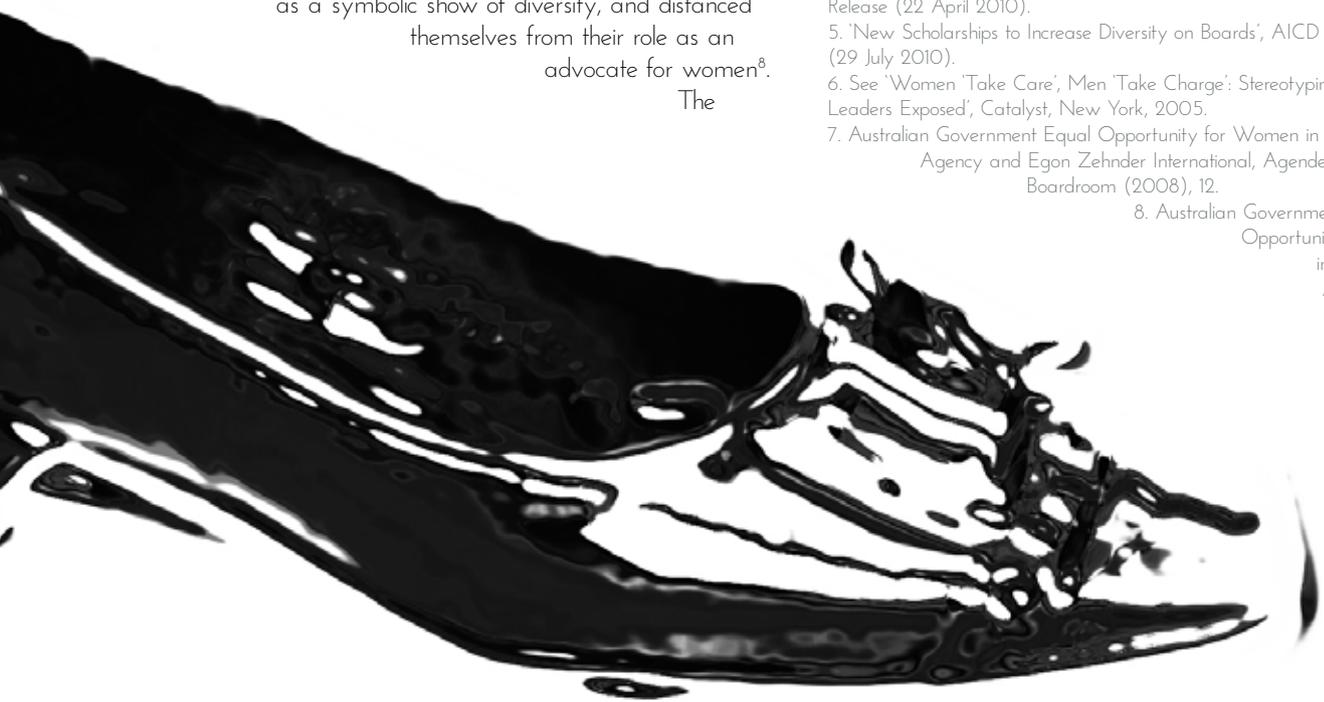
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number of women in the boardroom can only increase if these stereotypes are removed, and women are appointed on their merit rather than their gender.

To create change in company culture, women need to start supporting other women to progress beyond middle management. Instead of just integrating themselves into the existing networks, the more visible women are in executive management, the more likely they will be perceived as equally competent as men; not just as nurturers, but as leaders too.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY: QUADRANGLE
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REMINISCING:

OUR TEACHERS

*An interview with Associate Professor
Peter Gerangelos
By Michael Lee*

INTERVIEW DATE: 5TH AUGUST 2010



FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A LAW ACADEMIC?

11 years, including the time I lectured while in full time practice and completing my doctorate.

WHAT FASCINATES YOU IN THE AREA OF FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW?

The nature and ambit of, and limits to, executive power; the status of the separation of powers, the persistent influence of Dr Bonham's case (1610) and whether, just maybe, Coke CJ had a point after all; constitutional history and jurisprudence from ancient to modern times.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE LANDMARK HIGH COURT DECISION? WHY?

The Communist Party case (Australian Communist Party v The Commonwealth (1951) 83 CLR 1) for what it says about the rule of law in Australia, reinforced by the civilised way it was received by the Government.

IS THERE A PARTICULAR HIGH COURT JUDGE (DEAD OR LIVING) WHOM YOU PERSONALLY ADMIRE? WHY?

I do not presume to judge the living or the dead, especially High Court justices and their jurisprudence. If you insist, off the top of my head, I admire Sir Owen Dixon for his ethos of courtesy from the bench, his genuine intellectual tastes and his reading of Aeschylus in the original for pleasure; Sir Anthony Mason and Sir Gerard Brennan for their high respect for academic law and their support for the

academy; and for their particular acts of kindness to which I have been witness. (You may wish to ask also which law professors I admire most.)

CAN YOU NAME ONE CONTROVERSIAL HIGH COURT DECISION?

Al-Kateb v Godwin (2004) 219 CLR 562: In my very humble opinion, and with respect, the minority was correct, on purely legal grounds; without discounting the sad facts involving a stateless man.

WHAT ARE THE VALUABLE SKILLS YOU LEARNED THROUGH YOUR LEGAL EDUCATION?

Analytical and reasoning skills; precision; appreciating due process; a reservation about positivism's dichotomy between law and ethics but great respect for its emphasis on identifying what the law is, especially when making a case for what it ought to be; the ability to perceive humbug and to see through the Caesars; enduring sheer hard work; acquiring the taste for, and deriving intellectual pleasure from, pure legal reasoning in the common law tradition, while being aware of the role of policy, history and philosophy; that a lawyer can be someone's champion.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES AND OTHER INTERESTS?

The only "hobby" or "interest" time permits for now is my family (especially our youngest who monopolises my time when I am home) and friends. But when I can: history, philosophy, music, the Greek and Latin Fathers, literature (albeit I am very eclectic), walking in mountainous country.

IF YOU WERE NOT A LAWYER AND ACADEMIC, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN INSTEAD?

The competing tendencies of my youth suggest: a medical doctor/researcher; a historian (European history); a classics/history master; other slightly more altruistic possibilities which are perhaps best not mentioned. My wife thinks I would

have made an excellent CEO of a reputable company or a judge. (So does my mother.) I might have been an utter failure which, in fact, was a very close run thing – though no-one is a hopeless cause and everyone has value.

WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST CHANGES SINCE YOU WERE A LAW STUDENT IN TERMS OF OUR SOCIETY IN GENERAL?

The fall of communism and the rise of terrorism; the Internet; a decline in maturity and substance with the rise of "spin" and "marketing"; increased tolerance (though not in all things) but a decline in graciousness and loyalty; the growth of ethical relativism and the decline of shared verities and non-negotiable values; the triumph of "managerialism" even in domains where it does not belong; a decline of respect for the public space; the decline of the family and the increased vulnerability of children, especially their innocence and emotional security. There is much else, but not enough time. I remain a hopeful pessimist.

IS THERE ANY ADVICE YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TO FUTURE LAWYERS OF AUSTRALIA?

Who am I, after all, to give advice? "Though I'm anything but clever, I could talk like that forever." (Gilbert & Sullivan, *HMS Pinafore*). You might, however, find the following quotations useful: "The law is a noble profession, not a business. Remember you have just taken an oath" (an older friend on my admission); "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" (Edmund Burke); "Our love of things of the mind does not make us soft" (Pericles); "Never despair!" (Anonymous); "Birth and fortune I despise! From virtue let me friendship rise." (Handel, *Saul*); "Beauty is truth, truth beauty." (Keats) [think about it]; "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (King James Bible); "This above all: to thine own self be true. And it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man. Farewell, my blessing season this in thee!" (Shakespeare).

Lecturer Profile: Dr. Salim Farrar

By Ben Baxter

Salim took me for Introduction to Islamic Law in Semester 1, 2010. Born in England, of proud English parents - for whom learning French was considered radical



- it is fair to say Salim has taken an unconventional path to say the least. Salim studied law at the Royal College of London, read for the Bar and became a barrister. Becoming disenchanted by the legal profession, Salim first took up an academic post in Malaysia at the Islamic University of Malaysia for a

number of years and then came to Sydney University. Along the way he adopted Islam as a religion, learned the Arabic and Malay languages.

I found Salim thoroughly interesting and engaging because he opened my eyes to the values and virtues of comparative studies and a respect for culture.

When I interviewed Salim he had just been on a trip to South Korea to attend a conference on models of economic growth. He explained to me that being the site of phenomenal economic growth in the last thirty years, South Korea had organised this conference in order to share experiences with

representatives from countries from around the world. He explained that at the conference, emphasis was placed on mutuality and openness in the sharing of ideas.

His appreciation, celebration almost, of this pursuit by South Korea reflects how he sees his role as an academic. In his view, the role of the academic is to facilitate organic change through comparative studies. He believes that a critical open comparison helps "build bridges" and fosters "harmonious changes". The openness and mutuality required of such a process is crucial because it is only through openness and mutuality that our essence as individuals can be exposed without risk of degradation. Salim believes in the sanctity of the "essential core" of humanity. He believes that it is on the periphery of this core where change occurs and therefore advocates an approach to ideas which follows a respect for others' points of view. The idea is to learn from one another, not to impose ideas on one another.

Following this view, he sees the human rights discourse as covering too much territory- as an inappropriate and in reality, futile effort at control. It challenges, in his view, an aspect of the essential core of humanity- religion. And in doing so both undermines an individual's cultural dignity and frustrates any attempt at the sharing of ideas. Being religious himself renders his argument compelling.

My time here at Sydney Uni law school is now coming to a close, I have to agree with the broad consensus that fifth year is the best year. Having the opportunity to choose elective subjects like Introduction to Islamic Law and be exposed to fascinating characters with challenging ideas like Salim is enriching and refreshing.

A tribute to some of the women of law school

Reflecting on my time at Law School, it is amazing how much I have been shaped personally and intellectually by those who have taught me. Yet, while I was certainly taught by great men, somehow it has consistently been the women who have inspired me the most with their dedication, excellence and kindness. As a parting gesture, then, I interviewed four of the women who taught me at law school: Professor Barbara McDonald, Associate Professor Anne Twomey, Senior Lecturer Miiko Kumar and Lecturer Dr Arlie Loughnan. I want to share some of their stories with you.

'When you went through law school, was it a sexist place?' Two of my lecturers look at one another before answering. 'No' says one; 'yes' says the other. They both look a little shocked by the other's answer. I interviewed Miiko and Arlie together at a coffee shop on campus - they graduated a few years apart from Sydney University. With all the marking done for the semester, and both looking forward to a semester's sabbatical, spirits were high.

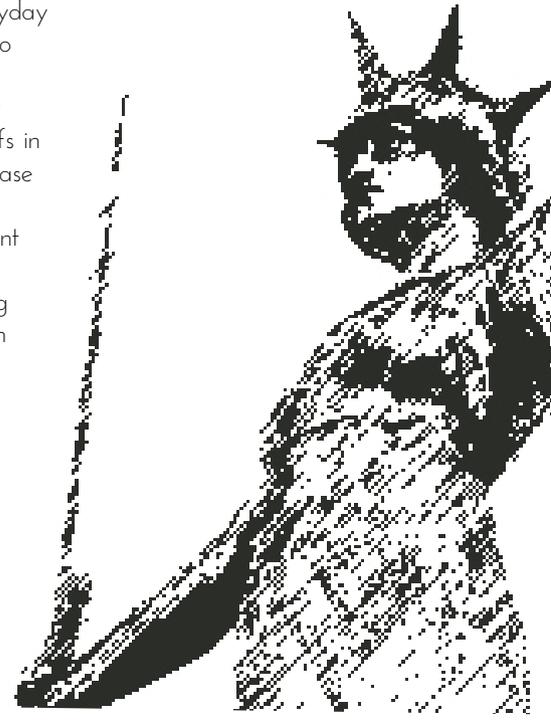
What was sexist about law school? 'Well I remember asking a lecturer to use gender neutral language in lectures,' Miiko tells me. Later, both women tell me about Fems Rea - the now defunct women law students' society. 'We had our own room at Law School, on Philip Street. I fought for that,' Miiko recalls, proudly.

Both women were actively involved with student politics. Both had, like me, fought lost battles to run SULS - in Arlie's case, on a devotedly feminist ticket. Such open engagement with feminism is unimaginable at Law School today; though I am sure many would disagree on why that is the case. Miiko laughingly recalls making herself ill from fume inhalation, feverishly screen-printing t-shirts at home. For both women, these are some of their fondest memories - and both worry for students today: that they are too hurried, too focused on marks, under too much pressure.

It is certainly true that law students today worry from very early in their degrees about summer clerkships at commercial firms. There is a casual assumption that the natural progression beyond law school involves a clerkship in one's penultimate summer and a few years as a grad in a big firm. However, the four women that I interviewed are testament to the variety of paths open to Sydney Law School graduates.

Three of the women I interview have worked at firms for varying lengths of time. After graduating from the University of Sydney, Barbara took a role in the litigation department at Freehills where, she says, a team much smaller than today's allowed a great diversity of commercial experience. After 5 years in practice, Barbara took time to complete a Masters of Law at University College, London - appreciating the pause to appreciate the law removed from its everyday application. Returning to work, Barbara spent virtually an entire year working for the plaintiffs in the Hospital Products case and only left Freehills when she was pregnant with her first child - concluding that juggling raising a newborn with litigation practice was unrealistic.

Both Anne Twomey and Arlie Loughnan also worked briefly for commercial firms



- yet experiences elsewhere have had a more profound impact on their careers. Anne left commercial practice to work at the High Court - followed by experience in the Commonwealth Parliament. After marriage and a move to Sydney, Anne taught litigation at Sydney University on a one-year contract. She then worked for several years in the NSW Cabinet Office, advising governments on whether their promises could be constitutionally valid. Like Barbara, though, after having her first child, Anne made the decision that full-time practice in parliament was not feasible with a young family.

In Arlie's case, leaving the commercial world led to her receiving a Fulbright scholarship to attain her Masters of Law at New York University, before moving to London to complete her PhD at the London School of Economics. Arlie's research experiences bring a theoretical depth



to her teaching that make being her student incredibly rewarding. This demonstrates that there is no simple rubric to determine what makes a fantastic lecturer in law - practice versus research, public versus private experiences.

Miiko Kumar is one of the best examples of lecturers who use practice to inform their teaching. Between 2001 and 2006, Miiko was a full time barrister - lecturing part-time at Law School. In 2006 this switched around, but she continues to practice, despite having had her first child last year. But Miiko does not think that experience practising as a lawyer is essential in a good lecturer: 'Its relevance depends on the area of law that you

teach, and the approach of the individual lecturer. For me, practice enormously aids my teaching.' Anne Twomey would agree. 'The

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feedback I get most commonly from students is that they enjoy my stories'. This does not surprise me at all. I was taught Public Law by Anne - and

her colourful insights brought the Constitution to life for me.

Yet, despite the diversity of experiences, their profession unites these women as academics. And all of the women I interviewed stressed that academia is an ideal profession because it gives so much flexibility to women in how they organise their time (Anne described waking at 5am to mark papers before driving her son to school). It was immediately obvious to me with all of the women I spoke to who had children that, even before the children were born, a child-friendly workplace was an important factor to them. I wondered how many of my female classmates were taking their future children into consideration - and, especially, I wondered how many male classmates had taken time to consider it.

Overall, though, the message from these inspirational women was one of energy and I struggle to imagine anything getting in their way. Their achievements stretch well beyond the rough précis I have given the beginnings of their careers. While it is always important to reflect on the way that gender is affecting our educational and professional ambitions, there is no reason to resort to a feminism that has served its end. Ending my chat with Barbara she said, 'There is nothing that annoys me more than when we have a guest lecturer who comes and talks about being the first woman who did this and that, and tells a story about a sexist remark a judge once made. We've moved beyond that now. To a large extent I think life today is what you make of it.' As the elevator doors began to close and Barbara raced off to teach, I thought, what a perfect note to end with.

An interview with Dr. David Rolph

By Dhruv Nagrath

THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS FIRST, WHY LAW? AND THEN, WHY ACADEMIA? IS THIS A SUMMER CLERKSHIP INTERVIEW?

The answers to these questions are rather boring and straightforward. I have always been interested in law and I like to think and write, hence legal academia for me.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDOLS OR HEROES FROM THE JUDICIARY, THE LEGAL PROFESSION OR ACADEMIA? WHY DO THEY INSPIRE YOU? ANY VILLAINS?

Having gone to law school in the 1990s, it is perhaps unsurprising that one of the people I most admire is Sir Anthony Mason. The other person I quite like is Sir Victor Windeyer. Both have a broad and a deep understanding of the law and both write extremely well. They have an enviable clarity of thought and expression. As a defamation lawyer, you hardly expected me to commit to writing the names of my favourite legal villains, did you?

IF YOU WEREN'T A LEGAL ACADEMIC, WHAT WOULD YOU BE? HAVE YOU CONSIDERED PURSUING ANY 'DREAM' JOBS OUTSIDE OF LAW?

There are too many - film critic and host of a daytime chat show would probably be the two which spring immediately to mind. I think there is a need for a Beauty and the Beast revival.

AS A LECTURER, YOU APPEAR JUST AS COMFORTABLE (AND CAPABLE) OF DISCUSSING THE IMPACT OF THE STATUTE OF ANNE 1709 ON THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF COPYRIGHT LAW AS YOU ARE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PAGES OF NEW IDEA OR ON NINEMSN'S

'ENTERTAINMENT' SECTION. HOW DO YOU RECONCILE YOUR DIFFERING PASSIONS?

I grew up in an intellectually eclectic household. By way of illustration, I remember a Sunday lunch where my father ranged over topics as diverse as Icelandic literature and the musical output of Lil Bow Wow (as he then was). Reconciling diverse passions runs in the family.

IN THAT VEIN, WOULD YOU RATHER HANG OUT WITH LEGAL ACADEMICS OR GOSSIP COLUMNISTS? BE HONEST!

Legal academia is quite gossipy, so these categories are not mutually exclusive.

POIROT OR MARPLE?

Both have their merits. Perhaps Poirot, because he is fastidious, is constantly emphasising the 'little grey cells' and there are more novels in which he appears than Miss Marple. I would note that I am grateful that Inspector Barnaby of Midsomer Murders fame keeps the English country house tradition of murder mysteries alive and well.

80'S OR 90'S HIT YOU'D MOST LIKE TO HEAR REMIXED INTO A DANCE FLOOR HIT FOR THE YOUTH OF TODAY?

There are too many to mention but if I were forced to choose one, I would plump for Kylie Minogue's Hand On Your Heart. Her second album, Enjoy Yourself, I feel has been critically underrated and will one day be recognised as a key work in Australian music history.

YOU TEACH TORTS, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND MEDIA LAW. EACH OF THOSE AREAS SEEMS TO FAIRLY REGULARLY PROVIDE AMUSING

CASES WHICH PIQUE MORE THAN JUST AN INTELLECTUAL INTEREST IN THE PARTICULAR FACTUAL SCENARIOS THEY CONTAIN. WHAT IS YOUR ONE MOST FAVOURITE CASE TO SHARE WITH LAW STUDENTS AND WHY?

I think my interest with Andrew Ettingshausen's defamation proceedings against Australian Consolidated Press is well-documented, although it is under challenge from Max Mosley's breach of confidence proceedings against The News of the World.

AND HOW ABOUT YOUR LEAST FAVOURITE CASE TO TEACH? OR THE HARDEST CASE TO EXPLAIN?

Teaching *Penfolds Wines v Elliott* to first year Torts students has been an ongoing challenge. Thank heavens it has now moved to Torts and Contracts II.

IN YOUR BLACKACRE PROFILE, PUBLISHED NOT TOO LONG AGO, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT YOU WERE A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR THE REDECORATION OF LEVEL 5 OF THE OLD LAW SCHOOL WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A COCKTAIL BAR, MOOD LIGHTING AND SUITABLE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT FROM JULIO IGLESIAS. INEXPLICABLY, THOSE SUGGESTIONS WEREN'T TAKEN ON BOARD. A LITTLE OVER A DECADE LATER, ANY CHANGES YOU WOULD MAKE TO STUDENT OR STAFF AREAS WITHIN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING?

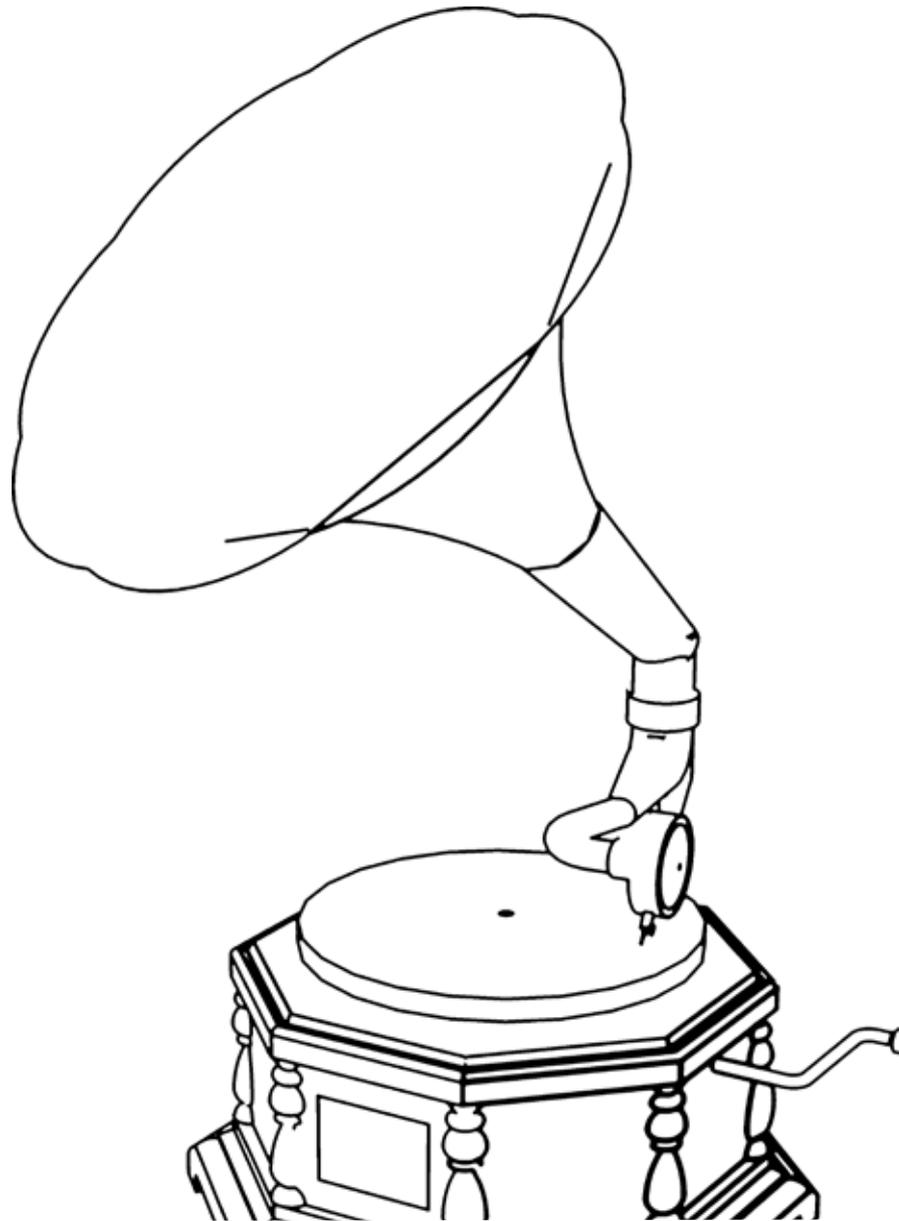
The New Law School building is fine; it just needs to be closer to David Jones.

WHAT WAS THE SINGLE MOST VALUABLE THING YOU LEARNT AT LAW SCHOOL?

Reading and absorbing information becomes easier the more you do it.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU OFFER THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2010 AS THEY HEAD OUT INTO THE REAL WORLD?

I have always tried to live by Trevor Hendy's maxim for Uncle Toby's: "You dream, you believe, you create, you succeed." I think there is something in that for all of us.



MASQUERADE
IMAGE BY OLIVIA TEH

REMINISCING:

OUR MEMORIES

FROM LAW SCHOOL

+ PROFILES

Growing up

By Jess Cowell

Growing up is a funny thing. I don't know about you, but little by little I'm starting to learn that I won't get there - it's not really a destination, but I still talk about it like it is, referring to what I'm going to do 'when I grow up'. My friends laugh at me and kindly point out that with nearly two degrees finished, a job lined up and a husband, how much more do I think I need to do before I decide I'm an adult? Maybe it's full-time work, kids, grandkids, I don't know. But then again, I know you don't have to look too far to find 'old people' who still think of themselves as twenty. I vividly remember my grandfather's 85th and the way he looked across the table at me after blowing out the five candles my grandmother had put in his cake and said, "I still feel like I'm five!"

Remember starting at Sydney University? Remember taking your first Foundations of Law class? It was a little bit like school - you still had the class clown, yes that was you Gonczi, and you still had the sweet teacher trying to get everyone to engage and answer questions. There were the kids who talked a lot (Giselle, Gem, Linton, me?) and those who never did. It's all very clear in my memory. Remember when phrases like 'prima facie' and 'contributory negligence' didn't roll off the tongue like they do now? Remember when we didn't know what 'the vibe' in Mabo was? I felt like you all knew it, and I didn't have a clue, but maybe we all felt that way.

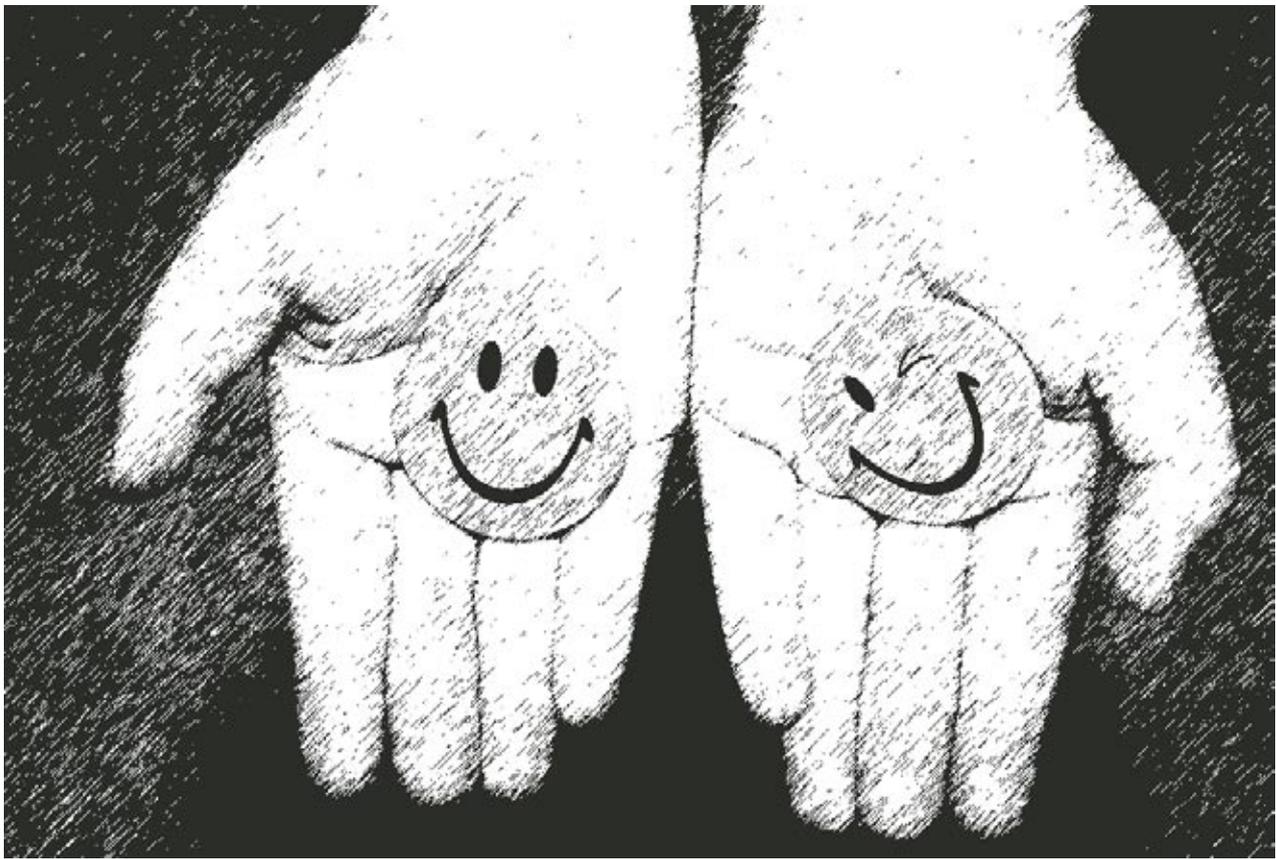
The rest of the years blur together a little more. I remember a few defining moments when I suddenly felt like I had more perspective on life, and on people. I

just felt more, grown up.

Applying for a summer clerkship seemed like one of those pretty grown-up steps. But getting ready for my first interview, I felt anything but. I arrived early, nervous. Walking through the city slipping out of my infrequently worn high heels that I thought helped me look the part. I'd burnt my shirt - never ironed linen before, and covered it with a black jacket hurriedly borrowed from a friend the day before and tucked into a suit skirt my Mum bought me for my birthday. I'd tried to tame my curls in a 'grown-up' sort of way, but had pulled the mess back too tightly, which I think had the effect of making me look even younger. I honestly felt like a kid wearing big people's clothes to play dress-ups.

Meeting other applicant's didn't help my confidence, because, well, they all seemed more grown-up than me. They looked relaxed. One girl was wearing the same shirt as me, although hers wasn't burnt and she looked like she actually knew how to wear a suit and put on stockings without getting ladders.

All things considered, I felt very blessed to receive a call from Clayton Utz informing me of my acceptance for a summer clerk position. I had similar struggles finding an outfit for my first few days of work but gradually grew more comfortable with corporate attire and lasted out my couple of months without too many wardrobe malfunctions. It was brilliant to be clerking with another twenty odd people of roughly the same age, but I think it often sheltered us from the fact



that we were back to being the babies. You know the feeling when you leave preschool for 'big school', primary for high school and school for uni, but it's on a much larger scale once you get out of the education system. Suddenly there are plenty of people up to three times your age often working in the same place.

Perhaps once you've been immersed in that world you do start to feel like a real adult. But then you don't recognise your colleague's favourite band, and they laugh because you weren't born when that top hit came out, and you've just made them feel old. It's probably not that bad to have people make you feel old occasionally. Remember when you started to see the '06 school jersey being worn, and you remarked to each other how old you felt, but really you just felt

thankful that you'd finished that part of your life, and a little reminiscent about the good times it conjured up in your memory?

I have no idea whether I'm just a strange girl (woman?) with some funny ageing issues, or if some of you have shared these thoughts. Even though I'm looking forward to life after uni, I think I'm going to miss it, so I guess I'm reminiscing a little in advance this time. I think in the end how old you feel must have to do with responsibility, and there's only more and more of that down the track. But when we're older and we have the chance to look horrified when younger friends don't remember Captain Planet or the Backstreet Boys, we can laugh and feel young again...

Awkward Moments of a Typical Law Student

01. TRYING TO MAKE A POLITICAL STATEMENT

Last Friday, we had a whole day of International Law lectures.

We had 45 minutes to order lunch, eat it and run back to class.

We went to Thai La-Ong.

\$6 Newtown Thai is good for one reason - it's quick and easy.

This restaurant failed to deliver.

It let us down.

We demanded a refund.

I promised to boycott Thai La-Ong.

Businesses need to learn lessons too.

A week later, I headed out with a few mates.

We headed to King St for dinner.

The consensus was Thai.

We started heading to Thai La-Ong.

I stopped.

I demanded we go to another restaurant.

So we went to Thai La-Ong II instead.

I was very proud.

This was the first time I had 'boycotted' something.

In an attempt to look cool, I shared my story with friends on Friday.

I wanted them to know how awesome I had been.

Cat then pointed out that Thai La-Ong II is owned by the same people who own Thai La-Ong I.

That's why it's called Thai La-Ong 'II'.

Apparently, the fact that they have the same name makes this fact obvious.

So basically my money went to the same people anyway.

And to make matters worse - now my friends think I'm an idiot.

Awkward all round.

02. TURNBULL HANDSTANDS

Turnbull donated a whole lot of dosh to my law school.

So they built a spaceship in his honour.

"The Turnbull Reading Room" is its official name.

[It's a room in the library that looks like a spaceship].

I paid a visit to my twin today

While she was "studying" in the spaceship.

I told her I wanted to be the first student

To do a handstand inside the spaceship.

Because "I rock at doing handstands."

So she dared me to handstand

Inside Malcolm's spaceship.

My short legs glided into the air

Thumped against the wall

And rebounded back to the ground.

All within the space of one second.

Handstand fail.

My twin had a disappointed look on her face.

My excuse is that the room is dome-shaped

And the walls curve inwards.

So my legs couldn't lean against the walls.

As they usually would at home.

My amateur gymnastics didn't impress.

Instead I created a huge thumping sound

That echoed in the dome

Breaking the silence in the library.

Students death-stared me out of the spaceship.

03. BEING LAUGHED AT

Today's topic of discussion in class was the use of evidence in criminal trials.

We were analysing sexual assault cases involving minors.

Law lecturer: 'what is the only way an accused can argue against a sexual assault charge against a minor?'

Me: 'by proving consent'

Law lecturer: 'No!'

The entire class laughed AT me, not WITH me. It took me 20 seconds to realise why my answer was completely irrational...

REALLY awkward.

Now my winter school class thinks I'm stupid.

04. ELEVATING ENCOUNTER

It was 7pm.

I was on Level 2.

I needed to get to Level 4.

I walked into the Law School elevator.

Standing inside the elevator was the object of my 'academic adoration'.

It's not every day you get to spend one-on-one time with the 'academic love' of your life.

I was so excited and nervous to be in the same elevator with [this academic] that I forgot to

press the button of the level I wanted to go to. So the elevator went all the way up to Level 7.

[This academic] asked: 'Are you getting off at Level 7 as well?'

I awkwardly answered: 'No'.

It became blatantly obvious that I had gone all the way up to level 7 just to be in the elevator with [this academic].

I blushed.

And awkwardly waved goodbye as the doors shut.

First Year Camp

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Quotable Quotes

"Even if you do not understand anything that I'm saying, I promise you that you have learned this by process of osmosis"
- ASSOC PROF PETER GERANGELOS

"It's a sad state of affairs when I'm not the nerdiest one in the group."
- DEBIRCH

If you spell judgment with an 'e', you shouldn't be in law school."
- PROFESSOR TOLHURST

"If you want to make a lot of money, you are in the wrong course."
- Gerangelos

"Don't quote me on this or I might get sued"
- VARIOUS LECTURERS

Quote Part 1: "This is not a democracy. If you're going to have a nude photo scandal you have to be young and beautiful"

Quote Part 2: 'All I am saying is that there can be no nude photo scandal if there are no nude photos. But if you ARE going to have a nude photo scandal, be sure to do so when you are young and beautiful.'
- DR DAVID ROLPH

"He's returned the CLR's again...yeah, they've got...yeah there are pages missing"
- LIBRARIAN, LAW SCHOOL.

"A photo was taken of the Duchess of Argyle fellating a head-less man... well at least one of his heads was in the photo"

'I bet you Mr Squiggle didn't have to deal with this'
- DR DAVID ROLPH, muttering softly at a misbehaving sliding blackboard.

"What's this
Maybo
case I
keep

reading about?"
- STEVE LEE, LEGAL PROFESSION TEACHER.

"I wish my boobs were brains!"
- UNSOURCED

"I dont like to mention names but last week when I was having lunch with Justice Mason....."
- ANONYMOUS LECTURER

"These are my slides about Past Sexual History. They aren't slides about my past sexual history...that would be only one slide"
- ANDREW MARRIOTT, ADVANCED EVIDENCE 2010

"The customer pays his money [to automatic machine] and gets a ticket. He cannot refuse it. He cannot get his money back. He may protest to the machine, even swear at it. But it will remain unmoved..."

...In order to give sufficient notice, [an exempting clause] would need to be printed in red ink with a red hand pointing to it - or something equally startling."
- LORD DENNING MR in Thornton v Shoe Lane Parking Ltd [1971] 2 QB 163 who clearly was upset with automatic machines issuing tickets with unscrupulous exclusionary clauses



Quotable Quotes

"Some people just have no idea in life"
- MIIKO KUMAR

"I'm a sexual refugee from Canada."
- SAUL FRIDMAN

'I know I am talented, but I don't
know I am that talented.'
- DR SIMON BUTT

"If you are to learn anything in
defamation and privacy law it is to
not put a firecracker up your anus".
- ANONYMOUS

"I know, it's not even legal to
masturbate on an airplane anymore.
Thanks alot Bin Laden"

"Do you think these guns just
happen?"

"It's a lot like your constitution...you
guys have a constitution, right?"
- UNNAMED TEACHER, 4th year
ethics

"Our law firm is not the Starlight
Foundation - we're not here
to make your hopes and
dreams come true."
- WAYNE
COURTNEY on his
former employer
at a law firm

"Do it live; Get it done; Skiplica;
Shaniqua Ketange Ketange; Moredor;
Lessdor; Antony Dance-face-andier;
Team Friendship '09; Clench!; Robo-
Clark; D-Liminator; Second Lim;
Wildcats; Mildcats."

- Quotes provided by JANE
DRUMMOND

"...The quality which sustains judicial
legitimacy is not bravery, or creativity,
but fidelity. That is the essence of
what the law requires of any person
in a fiduciary capacity, and it is the
essence of what the community is
entitled to expect of judges..."

- MURRAY GLEESON

"The stream cannot rise above the
source"

- this quote from PETER
GERANGELOS will forever be
engrained in my head.

"Nice axe"
- LAW REVUE 2009

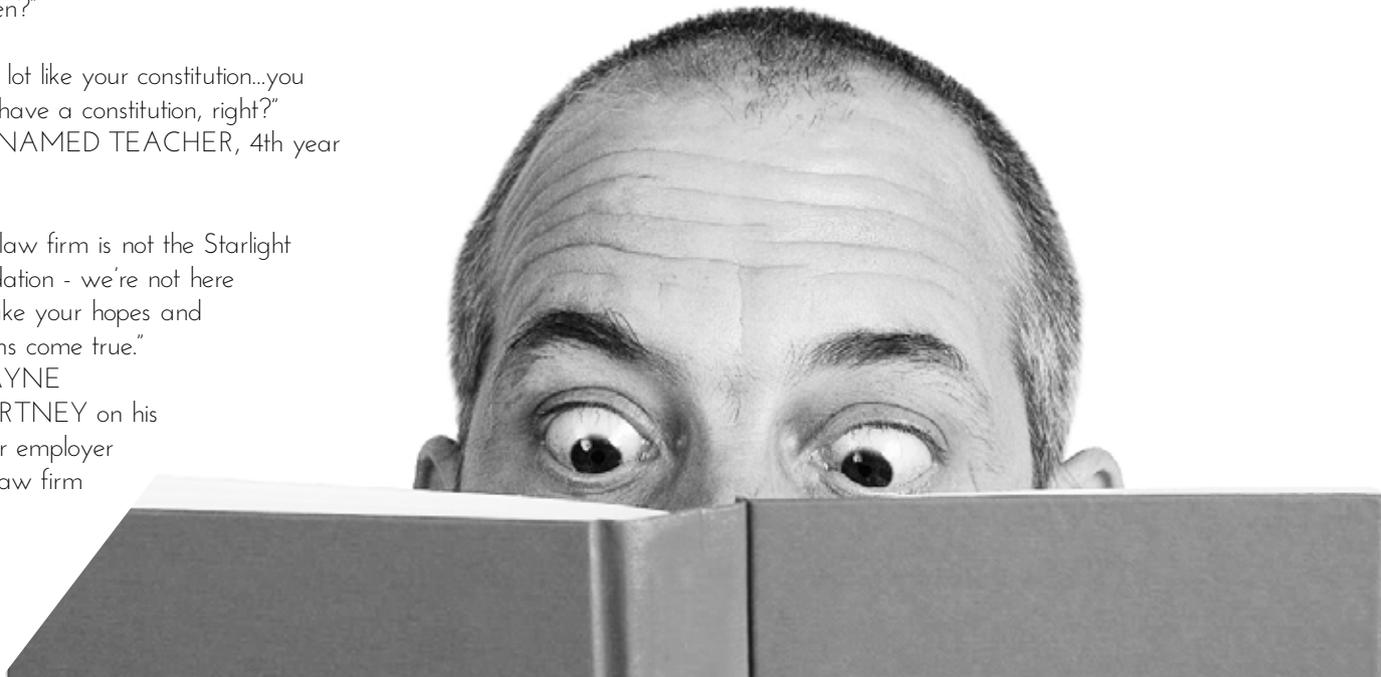
MR GAGELER: One cannot get a
more clear statement of it than his
original articulation -...

GUMMOW J: A clearer view.

MR GAGELER: Pardon?

GUMMOW J: A clearer view. You
said "more clear", which is horrifying.

MR GAGELER: It horrifies me that I
said it. I withdraw that, your Honour. I
was getting carried away...

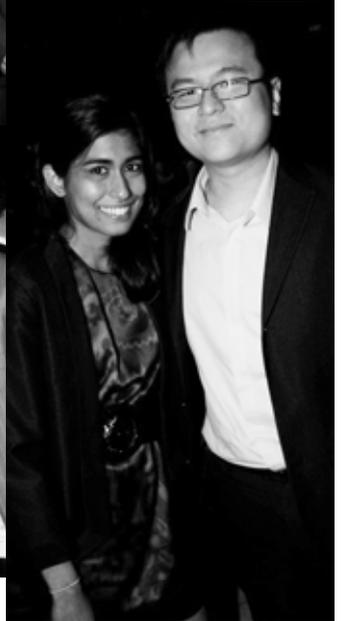


Final Year Dinner

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PROFILES

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Rawan Abdul Nabi

GRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Turning up late to any 9am scheduled class.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Having the opportunity to undertake an internship in Palestine with the human rights organisation and legal centre, Adalah.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Get to class and get out as soon as possible.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Played with the idea of studying medicine.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being present and being absent. Generally having the presence of absence.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: like working in a corporate maze.

The library spaceship is good though.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Ross Anderson and Ben Saul.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS:

Introducing some people to the Palestinian struggle and making good solid friendships.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Time, a paid job and a lot of soul.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: The Legal Profession



Vanessa Austen

UNDERGRADUATE



Vanessa Austen was unavailable for the writing of this profile, as she is currently defending the Human Rights of Cambodians everywhere. A normal pass time for Vanessa, who has tirelessly worked for others during her time at Law School, notably as a founding member of national social justice conference Breaking Down Boundaries.

Vanessa is admired by all for her academic prowess: an honours thesis; a Dissent article; a feature in the Women's Edition of The Bull; a valuable study session participant... the list goes on.

If you are unaware of the above, you will recognise Vanessa as the girl who everyone turns to stare at when she creeps through the law school doors 45 minutes late to class. It's OK - she looks fabulous - think Kate Moss with dark hair.

The lateness is due to her journey from the Blue Mountains everyday - lucky for us, she chose the commute!

Written by Anna Shelton-Agar with input from Richard Sawyer, Tom Lai, Tom Tian and Rosaline Yusman.

Jessica Assi

GRADUATE



MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Ten minute breaks in every class (omg FOOD!), Dr Rolph's Defamation lectures and A/Professor Gerangelos' Constitutional Law lectures.
IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Written a book..... Yeh right! Watched heaps of 'Keeping up with the Kardashians' marathons and 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' dvds!
I REALLY WISH: That I didn't come late to every single one of Dr Shackel's Foundations classes in those crucial first 2 weeks of grad law. It's like how they say what you do on New Year's sets you up for the rest of the year.....
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: underground. Like that other place. What was it called again? George? Phillip? No wait- Kent St wasn't it?
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: the back page of the Herald- the only part of the paper which doesn't make noise in class.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: A work funded trip to LA in the middle of first semester of final year! And learning the law (or at least where to find it).
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My sanity. Duh!
MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Introduction to Property and Commercial Law.

Rachel Bartholomeusz

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: A twitch in my right eye when I do an all-nighter.
MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Playing pranks on Phil. Playing truant with Georgia. Reminding Yaz he is special. Making a barrier for Henry. Swapping Fiona Burns Fan Club stories with Tanvi, and other less interested parties.
MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Beat Phil (the sorest loser that ever lived)
IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Auditioned for masterchef - although seeing as being a lawyer/ law student is apparently a prerequisite for getting on the show, this degree will probably come in handy...
I REALLY WISH: I knew what I was going to do with myself next year!
I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: being the person that you rang to ask 'so, how many words do you have?' when you wanted to feel better about how late you'd left your essay.
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: challenging because I can never seem to get inside. Why are those doors always chained shut?! How many law students (and, one time, a judge!) does it take to open a door? Too many.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: lifelong friends (and more importantly, fodder to blackmail them with when they become important)
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: sleep, jokes that are actually amusing (and not just amusing to lawyers/law students) and my eyesight (printing cases 4 to a page to save money/trees is never a good idea)
MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: the underground ones where you can't get internet access on your laptop.



Ban Baxter

UNDERGRADUATE

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Awesome because any moment I feel as though we are going to lift off and go to a newly discovered planet, full of hens and highplaces.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Seven devils and a tamborine man...

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Youth Allowance, Centrelink... No not really... Acute skills and deduction, analogical reasoning and a mastery of the written and spoken word.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: I don't know.....

I know a man called Jo Jo Mimisiku. Jo Jo was a fine fellow. Fetching and strong. A law student by day and ukulele player by night. One day, Jo Jo skipped class and joined the circus. From Togo to Timbuktu, he and his colourful, sometimes freakish friends, made a life of it, travelling exploring the world with their carny eyes and hands... Jo Jo became obsessed with drinking technicoloured light, doing backflips and patting small people on the head.

Awesome! I should have been Jo Jo he sacrificed nothing for his carny dream. Nothing.



Dana Beiglari

UNDERGRADUATE



Dana-Marie will go far, there is little doubt about it. During her time at uni Dana has been a constant presence in the Law Revue, starring in skits that will go down in history such as "Neutramedics Party." A bright and talented character, she was wooed by multiple firms in the lead-up to clerkship positioning, finally settling for none other than Allens Arthur Robinson. Graduating with flying colours from International Studies, she is set to say farewell to Sydney University Law School in Semester 1 2011.

Andrew Bobb

UNDERGRADUATE

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Become a chef. Or a Real Estate Agent perhaps.

I REALLY WISH: That Practical Legal Training (PLT) was included in the 5 years spent at law school.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: being a last minute student

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Perhaps the loudest experience of my life.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: My friends.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: A law degree.

And, the ability to write better and read faster.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Administrative Law.



David Birch

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Wearing a suit to bed.
MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Proposing after-class, before-class, and during-class drinks.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Imagining you appearing before me when I'm sitting on the High Court.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Died.

I REALLY WISH: The law degree was three years longer. And that Leeming was single.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being smarter than you.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: ...Who cares about the building as long as there's a library.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Myself. None of your contributions even come close.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Social skills.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: I have loved every second of Law School and I won't hear a word against it.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: ...International Law...the Mickey Mouse subject.

Oliver Bolton

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Making terrible legal puns, using 'prima facie' and 'in the alternative' as legitimate phrases, and actually reading the tiny print.
MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Jumping onto the Seymour Centre stage in the law revue, being involved in some wonderful events and initiatives through SULS, and getting to know some fascinating people.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Far fewer books to use to prop my door open.

I REALLY WISH: That the line at the coffee cart would hurry up!

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Fixing your computer that time.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Paper cuts and coffee cups.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Peter Gerangelos, Ron McCallum and Saul Fridman - for putting the black letter of the law into perspective.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: reams of notepaper as an offering to the good Lord (Denning MR).

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Administrative Law (a.k.a. Personal Admin).



Phil Bonardo

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Abusing Claratyne for it's study drug potential.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Being the oldest student to attend Beachball.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Spade.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Gotten a job at Azzuri for the fine, fine grind of coffee.

I REALLY WISH: ...You didn't have a boyfriend.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Hooking up with you last weekend.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Difficult because of all my media attention. Too much glass for the paparazzi.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Being a full-time housewife for Jonathan Ribot and Alex Houseman.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: My arch-nemesis, David Birch.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My shirt.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Why sleep when you could spade?



Lucy Boyle

UNDERGRADUATE



Lucy Boyle may be hard to find for post exams celebrations. She has likely travelled abroad, protecting the human rights of Indians everywhere. A tireless campaigner for social justice, look for Lucy in ten years heading Amnesty International.

Lucy is a notorious hard worker who has managed to juggle study along with being an active member of SULLS, editing The Bull and Honi Soit, shaping the younger generations as an economics tutor, and being a first rate floor ball champion. She is also a fantastic cook and wonderful photographer, her artistic photos winning awards and popping up on all self respecting mini-feeds on a regular basis.

Lauren Brignell

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: highlighting textbooks, which was unimaginable back in 1st year.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: been looking for a job with just a history degree.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Peter Gerangelos' Constitution classes.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: to celebrate mediocrity.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: ethics, and by sleep, I mean facebook.



Grae Isabel Brown

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Entering class at least 20 - 30 minutes late

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: There were many, none scholarly! Law revue 2007; meeting awesome friends; Patricia Loughlan's lectures; when "Campos" opened and I got to sample the cherry pastry; the TDH who sat next to me in trademarks...

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Beautify between classes

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Probably studied business at LSE.

I REALLY WISH: That I can see the Rockafella centre ice skating rink in New York at Christmas when it's all snowy!

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being odd

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Very positive experience, nice library, gorgeous views. Almost makes you want to read something!

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: My peers.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS:

Learning you are your only limit.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Five years of fame and fortune!

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Real Property

Vanja Bulut

GRADUATE

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Gone to work for the UN and saved the world!

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being loud, opinionated, and argumentative... and I have no problem with that!

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: SLEEP!!!! And the ability to watch Law and Order without yelling at the TV due to the evidentiary inaccuracies!



Sarah Butler

UNDERGRADUATE



Sarah Louise Butler has been one of the usual suspects within the Sydney Law crowd from the start. She teamed her law degree with a bachelor of arts, majoring (and excelling) in anthropology. Sarah has been an active member of the Sydney Law Revue Society where she affirmed her status as a triple-threat by showcasing her dancing, acting and producing abilities in Law Revue throughout 2007-2010. Never seen at Law School without her partner-in-crime, affectionately known to her as D-Dog, Sarah has conquered law's challenges with humour, determination and originality.

Edward Chee

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Feeling empty when I'm not reading a legal textbook.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The endless supply of alcohol at every End of Semester SULLS Party! Drink up!

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Hanging out with friends during lunch, having a few Jolly Jogs at Manning, and the enriching classroom experience.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Studied paleontology and dug up the world's first complete fossil of a Tyrannosaur.

I REALLY WISH: That all my friends fulfil their dreams and aspirations, whatever they may be, and that I myself become a criminal lawyer either in Australia or Singapore.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: That guy who studied law because he was genuinely interested in it and felt it was a noble profession. But more likely, the guy who gets kicked out of every SULLS party for drunken behaviour.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNED MOST FROM: My inspiring lecturers, especially in Public Law, Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Evidence and Equity. I also learnt the most about my friends playing Truth or Dare at those late night SULLS escapades.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: are the friendships I have forged and the invaluable knowledge I have gained. A law degree is not just a certificate, it equips me with the power to change the world. Above all, my exchange at the National University of Singapore has been the biggest highlight.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: The Legal Profession

WRITE SOMETHING MORE ABOUT YOURSELF: I entered Sydney Law School hoping to secure a job as a prosecutor, gain first-class honours and become a millionaire. These never happened - instead, I made fantastic friends along the way, got drunk at every SULLS Party, and ended up going to Singapore as an exchange student. Everyone knows I studied law to become a criminal lawyer!



Wei Jia Chen

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The art of speed reading at 80 pph (pages per hour), answering a question with a question when prompted during class participation, answering a question without actually answering a question (a useful skill to learn, learned friends). Also, strategically timing the borrowing of law books from the library just before final semester final exams such that I can keep them until the exams but not run fines of more than \$25.00 (oh woe the lengths I go to given expensive law textbooks). On hindsight, some of these habits have morphed into much needed legal skills. I am most likely to retain these habits in legal practice.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Being able to work as an Intern in the law school and having a spectacular view of the Sydney city skyline every Friday. Oh how the law school academics are spoilt!

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Gone and done something crazy and outrageous like auditing. No, seriously, my life would have been far less interesting had I not done law. I am looking forward to a life after law school!

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Architecturally amazing. Not to mention a two minute walk from home/ college - the new law school has done wonders for my sleep.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: The confidence: substance ratio is really 80:20.



IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Definitely not ruin my eyesight so much.

I REALLY WISH: The textbooks were lighter !

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Walking in slightly late for having done the most important thing first: getting coffee.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Difficult as finding a place to sit is rather hard enough.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Personal anecdotes of lecturers or where they go off-topic.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: The ability to get the rather nerdy-but-cool law jokes.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: The ability to relate to the rest of society.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Anything held in Carslaw and evidence.

Emily Christie
GRADUATE

That I'm writing this profile when I have four papers and a presentation due in the next few weeks pretty much says it all: these are the lengths I will go to in order to avoid the dreaded study. It doesn't even matter that I like the subject (for those that know me, yes, it's do-gooder human rights). Hopefully, over time, the exams and evidence law will slowly but surely make their way deep into repressed memory land. At long last I'll be left with just the rosy memories: Gerangelos's tales of the lives of the Greats (and the not-so-greats) of the High Court; Ross Anderson's unicorn tie; sunny lunchtimes on the lawns outside the law school; free drinks and, finally, the gradual decline of our sense of humour as we start believing law jokes are funny (provide your own easement pun here).

Law school has also changed me (although Jury is still out as to whether it's for the better): if I hadn't studied law I would still be able to stand on a soap box and rant without feeling the need to back up my statements with precedent and proof (actually, I take that back, pretty sure I still rant regardless); I would also still be able to watch legal dramas on TV without automatically analysing them and pointing out the many mistakes, much to the dismay of my non-law friends (law friends invariably join in).

And lastly, if I hadn't studied law I wouldn't have all the friends I've made in law school, thanks everyone - you helped me survive 3 years of law relatively unscathed, I owe you.*

*This statement is purely an emotional expression of gratitude; it in no way confers any legal obligation on the writer.



Sean Coleman

GRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Cleaning religiously prior to exams which is also the most productive procrastination method I have. My favourite procrastination method is playing Peggle. If you're reading this in 20 years do people still play that?

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Trying to explain to my non-law friends why meeting Justice Kirby was awesome. They still don't get it.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Hanging out at the Ledge to climb...

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Remained a ski bum chasing the winter and living off two minute noodles and cheap beer.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Writing this awful Blackacre entry.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: The new classrooms beat the 1st year of grad law at St James where one of the rooms leaked right in the middle. The new building just leaked in the library. Improvement.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: A ridiculous number of opportunities to go climbing in awesome spots because lecturers also chose to put assignments and tests over the mid-semester holidays.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Any class that ran from 4 to 6pm or was right after lunch.



Joby Cooper

UNDERGRADUATE



As was the case for so many of us, it was while attending constitutional law lectures given by Peter Gerangelos that I really came to appreciate studying the law. The defining moment was when he counselled us that the best way to take in the nuances and intricacies of the WorkChoices decision was to sit down and mull over it with a lovely bottle of red.

I have discovered two universal truths during my time at law school. First, if you have any aspirations whatsoever to practice law and retain some semblance of a clear conscience, never take anything that Saul Friedman says to heart. Second, following along the lines of PG's advice, two-hour equity lectures are much more palatable after sharing lunch and a bottle of wine with a good mate.

Tom Cooper

UNDERGRADUATE



The only reason I ever felt good going into an exam was because I knew that Ben Mankarious was in a far far worse position than me.



Loves Jesus and loves her law school buddies.
Wife of one Simon Cowell (not the famous one).
Proud St Andrew's College alumnus, and very much wishes she could always live a 10 minute walk from work. And wear ugh boots every day.
Is finishing law without a coffee addiction, so we'll see how long that lasts.
Has been known to type notes in a lecture with her eyes shut...
Going off to work for Clayton Utz next year.
And is very likely to heed the advice of Dr Peter Gerangelos not to join the mafia.

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The impulse to colour-code things. (I'm colourblind.)

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: By far, to see the Law Revue each year. Well done to those who have put on such fabulous shows over the years.

MY FAVOURITE QUOTE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: 'Thus, it could not, as a matter of ordinary language, be said that the fact that a person had a head was a "cause" of his being decapitated by a negligently wielded sword notwithstanding that possession of a head is an essential precondition of decapitation.'
- March v E & MH Stramare Pty Ltd (1991) 171 CLR 506 per Deane J at 523

AND

'[C]ommon sense [is], perhaps, a rash test to take in a revenue matter...' - Hochstrasser (Inspector of Taxes) v Mayes [1960] AC 376 per Lord Denning at 396.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: To read the cases, get across all the issues and the way everything interacts, then promptly forget which names apply to which cases.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been an accountant. It's better this way.

I REALLY WISH: The law exams had genuinely tested understanding.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: The guest lectures in Foundations of Law. I might not have appreciated them all at the time, but many have really stuck with me.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Friends, wonderful intellectual stimulation, and precision.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Sleep, some social time, and a normal perspective on the world.



Maeve Curry



UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Throwing inappropriate legal jargon over the dinner table
IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Pursued something creative and nearly impossible; yet, with passion.
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Lunchtime seminars and Dr Peter Gerangelos
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: A questioning mind and the ability to argue from many viewpoints without missing the loopholes

Maddison Daniel

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: A daily weak soy cappucino.
MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Lunch.
I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Becoming sentimental about handwriting my class notes and hence refusing to type.
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Mostly below ground level.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: The amazing friendships I have formed.



Erica Danielello

GRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Surreptitiously accessing facebook during lectures.
MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Post contracts exam commiseration drinks (and games) at the Royal.
MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Redeem my free loyalty coffee.
IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Had far less HECS to pay off.
I REALLY WISH: There were more power points.
I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Inventing the best M&M trick in history.
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: The same as Phillip St - underground.
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Wikipedia.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: The ability to use Latin phrases to sound more important.
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My 20/20 vision.
MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Administrative law - obvious choice.

Matt Der Sarkissian

UNDERGRADUATE

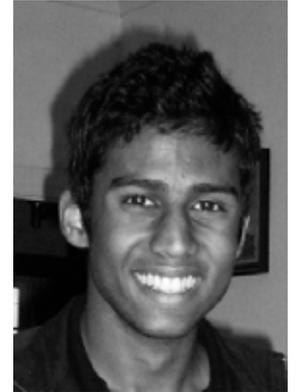


THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Aggressive use of the 'synonym' function
MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Exchange
MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: YouTube
IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been rich by now
I REALLY WISH: I was Black
I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: A few weeks
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Well worth the \$200 million
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Wikipedia
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: An appreciation of the difference between tax 'evasion' and tax 'avoidance'
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My time at law school
MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: I don't discriminate

Rohan Dias

UNDERGRADUATE

Rohan had a love/hate relationship with Sydney Law School. Rohan did not like law at first, and attempted to escape to the medical faculty on more than one occasion. After having endured the persistent workload of a Physics degree however, he discovered that there was a side to studying law that he loved: free time. If you played it correctly. Following strict guidelines of never reading the allocated reading before class, not engaging in class but instead taking notes verbatim, and frantically making sense of it all in the two days before an assessment, Rohan was able to master traditional wet-shaving, become a sound photographer and set up a T-shirt business. In hindsight, however, Rohan has been very appreciative of his legal studies, which forced him to engage in intellectual consideration of legal theory and social justice issues beyond the insular bubble of quantum mechanics. Law School made him feel more like a fully-fledged university graduate.



Don Do

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Taking photos of places where legal cases have arisen, when I come across them.
MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: One semester of international exchange at Leiden University, Netherlands.
MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Play Robot Unicorn Attack.
IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been a writer, artist, journalist, architect.
I REALLY WISH: For world peace.
I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: "Jai Ho" during an important Criminal Evidence lecture.
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: STUVAC cram sessions.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Maturity, and a girlfriend.
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Words.

Jane Drummond

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Letting Antony fill out forms for me.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Being in the law revue cast in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. And Antony.

I REALLY WISH: I was Antony.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Amusing. Nothing works. I particularly enjoyed a broadcast email informing staff and students that the floor numbers in the lifts had been changed to correspond to the building's floor numbers.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Antony.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Sleep.



Adrian Duchini

UNDERGRADUATE



STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Inspiring. I really love the library. It's like a meet and greet area for everyone! You can go there and you don't need to worry about being quiet and doing uni work like in other libraries, that is just so 1990s. In our library we can have a good ol' fashion hoe-down screaming at the top of our lungs and chatting constantly on our mobile phones and the great part is that no-one cares! We're so lucky to have such a grand establishment. Oh, and the roof leaks when it rains.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Debt... crippling, mounting debt.

MORE ABOUT MYSELF: I have red hair so, naturally, I hate the world. Although my hatred really centers upon the sun. It burns! For that very reason I really do like moonlit walks along the beach though more because that is the only time I can be topless on the beach and tanning rather than its romantic appeal.

I am also a very avid rugby player. Typical jock! It's all about the 'gun-show'! Seriously, I wouldn't know what to do without rugby, everybody needs that little burst of pure physical violence in their lives. Nothing better than a whole bunch of muscled-up guys wearing tight shorts and tighter jerseys jumping on each other to prove how masculine we really are.

I loved uni too, for the first three years. Then the novelty wore off and the stubborn desire to finish kicked in, which pretty much kept me going. But hey, we've made now it right! Well done to us all!

Best of luck to everyone! I hope all your dreams and aspirations are realised!

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THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Making up nicknames for the Undergrads, none of which can be revealed here.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Elisabeth Peden mysteriously no longer teaching Contracts to Graduates midway through the semester, right after everyone did poorly on the mid-semester test.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Continued studying to become a banker/accountant, so that I might set myself up for a job where I will be underpaid and work extremely long hours... which is exactly the same as what I'm doing now.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Receiving copious amounts of abuse, based on my (alleged) religious beliefs.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Not that dissimilar to Phillip Street. Sydney Uni seems to have an obsession with making its Law students study in dungeons.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Peter Butt (ed), Butterworths Concise Australian Legal Dictionary (3rd ed, 2004). Note the conformity to the SLR Style Guide (it only took 3 years to figure out).

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Um... a degree?

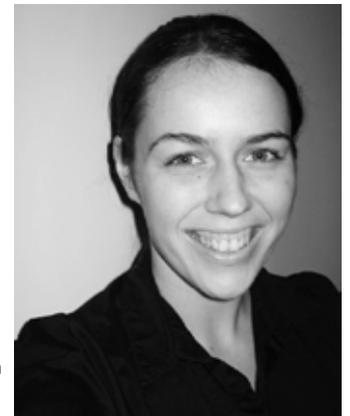
MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: There was not any one favourite. I enjoyed sleeping in all of them equally.

My first three years of law school were spent avoiding law. On exchange in California, studying political science, I decided to pull out of my combined LLB altogether and study languages instead. My plans were foiled when the fax machine I was using stubbornly refused to send my un-enrolment form to Australia.

That faulty fax machine sealed my fate.

In my final two years of law school, I have come to relish the law. The turning point came with federal constitutional law and international law. These showed me the transformative effects the law can have on how we govern our local and global communities. From that point on, I began to appreciate the law for its intellectual richness and, importantly, its potential to impact people's lives.

And I became grateful for the fact that, despite rapid advances in modern technology, some communication devices still don't work properly.



Antony Faisandier

UNDERGRADUATE

This isn't about me, but here it is...

I look forward to the day when Kaldor SC goes head-to-head in a murder case with Wall SC before a bench consisting of Simons, Barnett, Buckingham, Oakes, Ray and Hind JJ (and Chief Justice Lyons). It's early days yet, but my money says the facts involve Scott Cummins conscientiously objecting to a war, and Julian Hui being so enraged that he poisons him with lettuce.

I'd like to apologise to everyone for every conversation you were forced to have about law revue. And I'd also like to apologise to Rosie Thomas for every conversation we had that wasn't about law revue - there were three and they were all terrible.

To the Class of 2010: we may well suck at evidence, but at least we understand the concept of a bell-curve. You're a great bunch and I hope we stay in touch. - Antony



Georgia Flynn

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Slowly and methodically preparing for exams in order to engage my long-term memory.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Living a double life as an international spy.

MY FAVOURITE QUOTE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: "And the winner is...Georgia Flynn."

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Practice my telekinesis.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Taken over a small country and had the people worship me like a god.

I REALLY WISH: I had taken over a small country and had the people worship me like a God.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Beating David Birch in Equity.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Architecturally significant. And erotic.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: My parcours instructor.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: The ability to control the elements.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: A Vestil Virgin.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: More like my favourite member of the class to sleep with.

Maggie Fong

UNDERGRADUATE

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Laze about in the sun on the lawns outside law school

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Interesting - given the "underground" bomb-shelter feel, recyclable water bathrooms to the artsy fluoro green and red sofas.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Who says law ain't fun?

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Sleep, the sunshine and free time on weekends



Ben Friis O'Loole

UNDERGRADUATE



Head down, swing hard is probably the most apposite summation of Law School. It has been superb and it will be sad indeed to leave.

Best of luck to the rest of the Sydney Law School class of 2010. Surely a group of high-altitude flyers.

Jennifer Garrick

UNDERGRADUATE

[From Jess Sparksman]

When Jennifer wasn't volunteering somewhere, working a 40 hour week or buying designer shoes - sometimes she was at law school. But where? She may have been eating wasabi peas in Admin or having a Glee-off on the front lawn? Maybe she was forgetting boys names at law camp, constructing hypotheticals in LLJ or making 'seduction eyes' in Fed Con? Alternatively, she could be playing FMK in real property, announcing her love of 'equity' on facebook or truanting from jurisprudence? She might even have been studying - but probs not, hey.



Julia Gentelman

UNDERGRADUATE



MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Constitutional Law with Peter Gerangelos. I want him for a grandfather.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Have tea in the library while planning painful deaths for the maths students sitting behind me who not only take up all the space but won't stop shut up.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been a miserable, frustrated human being. Probably in finance making lots of money.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Awesome except for the aforementioned maths students.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Wonderful friends, the ability to make a difference in people's lives and the ability to successfully argue with my parents.

Charlene Gervard

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Being able to death-stare flyer-wielding people outside the Law School building into avoiding me.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Meeting lots of awesome people who are as nerdy as me.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Count how many random floaty toys have been chucked into the mini-impluvium-like water feature near the Moot Court.

I REALLY WISH: I were better at filling out questionnaires.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Great, except for when those annoyingly loud Commerce students take over the library at exam time.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Professor Gerangelos, with his life lessons mixed in with Constitutional law.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Legal knowledge [hopefully]. Or the ability to clearly make up my mind about something and argue it. Either one.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Sleep and sanity.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: I would never do such a thing...

MORE ABOUT ME: I like [in no particular order]: gumboots and being able to walk through puddles, Justice Mason and his all-encompassing judgments, not being rained on, sunlight, furry animals, playing 'spot the first year student' at the beginning of each year, and feeling entitled just because I've reached fifth year.



Jocasta Giles

GRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Counting the number of pages I have to read, working out how long it takes me to read a page, then calculating how much time it will take to do the work - Instead of doing it.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Non academically: 2008 law ball, all of it. Academically: realising that I was thinking like a lawyer

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Now, it is scouting out the Campos cart to see what kind of muffins they have for the day.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been a singer.

I REALLY WISH: Law books weren't so heavy.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Both welcome and unwelcome contributions in class.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Frustrating, why are the students underground, again?!

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Thirteen hour days during STUVAC. There is nothing like pre exam cramming to make a subject clear.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: My education and my friends.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: The ability to watch a movie without feeling guilty about three hours of not studying (even if I wouldn't have studied anyway).

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Evidence.

James Gonzzi

UNDERGRADUATE



MY LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCE: A SHORT IMAGINED MONOLOGUE

For some people it's a calling. Other people fall into by accident. Maybe your dad was one and thought that you should follow in his footsteps. But for some of us, we do it because there is a passion burning deep within us that just can't be contained. I was one of those people. My whole life people were telling me:

"James, you've gotta put yourself out there. Work hard and never give up on your dreams and you can accomplish anything"

The fact of the matter is that there was nothing, has been nothing, will be nothing that i have wanted more than to be a singer/dancer and musical theatre performer. Ever since the first time that i saw Cabaret back in...

WHAT?

I've been doing what degree?

Law? Are you serious? But what about all those dance numbers and all the singing that I did?

So what you're telling me, and let me just make certain that i have understood you correctly, is that i was not given credit towards my degree for doing law revue or any of those musicals.....?????

I am so dead.

Mark Grince

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Drinking unhealthy amounts of coffee

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: First year camp would have to be one of the most memorable experiences...fresh faced newbies, an island, a never ending supply of alcohol, and a week long hangover.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Sit back and contemplate life while reading Lord Denning judgments

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: A lot less debt, and a lot more free time

I REALLY WISH: I had paid more attention in ethics....

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being that guy who had to travel a long way to get to uni.....I'm pretty unforgettable

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: I don't know, most of my classes are still in Carlaw

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Hardcore cramming, and facebook the night before an assignment is due. Oh, and some truly amazing lecturers particularly Peter Gerangelos and Patrick Parkinson

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: The great friendships with inspiring, intelligent, fun and all-around amazing people who will no doubt go on to bigger and better things!

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Social life, freedom, weekends, normal sleeping patterns, inner peace



Anna Brunseil

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The pre-class power-point stake-out.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: 9am Monday morning guest lectures in first year, when law always seemed like a poor choice of degree until the 7am maths class trudged out of the lecture theatre.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: A source of constant entertainment as the uninitiated wander around completely lost.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Another postnominal. Oh, and I may have met a few vaguely interesting people along the way too..

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Any class held at 4-6pm after having been in class since 9am.



Naemi Hart

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: These days, whenever I construct a Quistclose trust, I am always careful to put the bank or other financial institution on notice that it is in receipt of third party trust property. Who knows if subsequent notice would be sufficient? Thank you, Barclays!

MY FAVOURITE QUOTE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Equity looks on that as done which ought to be done; Equity assists the diligent, not the tardy; Equity will not suffer clogs on the right of redemption; You can lead a horse to Equity but you cannot make it think.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Dug for minerals under my neighbour's property, unaware that anything I found would belong to him by virtue of the *cujus est solum maxim*. Dodged a bullet there!

I REALLY WISH: That I found a snail in a bottle of soft drink. Apparently I'd be entitled to some sweet cashola.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Several of my Jessup teammates following an argument the night before the memorials deadline. Their bodies are buried under the marble bench in the Moot Court.

Henry Francis Lawtherne

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Drinking way too much coffee, learning how to procrastinate for hours on end (!!!) and eating pages of CLR's.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Being asked to stop eating the pages of CLR's.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Ensuring that there is always at least one tennis ball, if not a rubber ducky, in the Law School water feature.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Probably committed more crimes, and perhaps civil wrongs also, without understanding how my actions fit into a larger scheme of social governance to which we would be wise to adhere.

I REALLY WISH: I hadn't eaten that CLR.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: The guy who won all those many awards and monies for make good lawyer.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: A multi-disciplinary experience, as my neighbours in the library were invariably looking at diagram of a brain or a company balance sheet.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: www.sporcle.com

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: A working knowledge of Australia's legal system / ability to control time.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: A full head of hair, a promising career as a concert kazooist and the firstborn of every Egyptian household left unmarked by the blood of a lamb.



Brian Hayne

UNDERGRADUATE



MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Having a great time with my mates at Law Balls.
IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Become a Top Gun pilot.
I REALLY WISH: That I had a billion more wishes.
I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: MY enthusiasm for the dance floor.
Studying in the New Law School Building has been: awesome when I can actually find a place to study in it.
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Peter Gerangelos - his suggestion of drinking wine whilst reading a High Court decision is actually a great way to spend a Saturday night.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Lots of life long friends.

Marc Hemsin

UNDERGRADUATE

During my time at uni, I've had the privilege to have done something that I can boast about involving Sydney Law that is, surprisingly, not snobby nor pretentious. I was fortunate enough to have met these professional 'urban' climbers one night out drinking at the cross who took the piss out of any construction safety hazards by climbing up cranes for fun. Coincidentally, they told me that they were going to climb the new Sydney Uni Law crane that was still in construction at that time. There was no way I was going to let this opportunity get away so I persuaded them to bring me along. Harness and rope: check. Brewskies: check. Death wish: check. Climbing the preliminary fences and getting to the base of the crane was a piece of cake, but halfway up the crane, the alcohol started wearing off and that's when I nearly shitted myself. However, I still went through with it to the top and the view over the University and C.B.D was simply priceless.

It was an unreal experience, relaxing above a 50m drop, and even chucking a little sneaky vomit on what would now be the top floor admin offices, somewhat of my lame attempt for revenge for all those years of law related pain and suffering. The night could have not ended more dramatically when we freaked out, thought that security spotted us (they didn't), attached our rope to the end of the crane and abseiled down before scattering in opposite directions.

And that was my most memorable law moment at uni, ranking it as on the to-do list amongst things like christening the fisher library stacks, impregnating your lecturer, and being as cool as Antony Faisandier.



Emily Hill

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Colour coordinating my notes to the point of border-line OCD.
MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Suck up to lecturers by helping them figure out the AV systems.
IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been much happier.
I REALLY WISH: People in the library would shut the f@#* up!
I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Vacant expressions on Monday morning.
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Wet - after years of design and building, the roof leaks!
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My marks for a social life.
MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: None. Sleeping in public is weird.

David Hinder

UNDERGRADUATE

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Looking uncannily like Nathaniel Ware (from the cohort below ours). Recently in the Law library I was asked if I was Nat Ware or 'the guy who looks like him.'
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Marvellous. Although the leaks in the ceiling of the library are somewhat off-putting...

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: That one should never be an unsecured creditor.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Torts & Contracts II

MORE ABOUT ME: David first fell foul of the law when his family unwittingly became involved with Bulgarian friends smuggling goods into Turkey. This ill omen accurately predicted his first three years 'studying' law: a time largely spent wrestling with the angst a literalist science student experiences upon hearing a lawyer describe the reasonable person standard as an "objective test." In Peter Gerangelous' Constitutional Law class David realised that he actually did enjoy law and would like to pursue it further, possibly in some sort of professional capacity. After this law school became quite good.

David still considers alternate careers in agronomy, teaching high school physics, and being a mountain guide. For the moment he plans on seeing where law takes him.



Hinder

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Getting to uni at 9am in the morning.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Read SMH in class.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Broken it.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Cold.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: How to find loopholes; and saying you're from Sydney Law doesn't always get you the girls.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Torts.

Natasha Hooper

GRADUATE

I want to be remembered when I'm dead. I want books written about me. I want songs sung about me. And then, hundreds of years from now, I want episodes of my life to be played out weekly at half past nine by some great heroic actor of the age.



Flora Ho

UNDERGRADUATE



3 THINGS LAW SCHOOL WILL MISS ABOUT FLORA 'CHANDINI CHAKRABORTY':

Her love for all things Indian (including her surname).

Her unlimited wardrobe of stylish clothes.

Her incredibly messy handwriting.

3 THINGS FLORA WILL MISS ABOUT LAW SCHOOL:

"Mergggers" and acquisitions.

Jurisdictional errors!!!

Being last to leave the library on Friday night.

3 THINGS THAT CAN BE LEFT AT LAW SCHOOL:

The really uncomfortable benches in Carslaw and Chemistry building.

The long line to get drinks at SULLS parties.

Pre-exam panic.

Jenny Huang

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Constantly needing to eat in class.

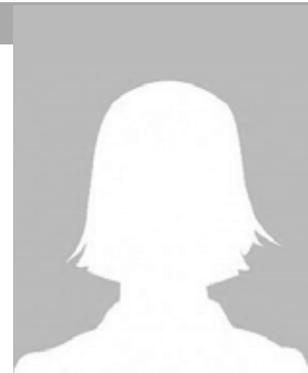
MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The relatively short contact hours compared to other courses.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Hang out with friends on the lawns.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Gone on the dole.

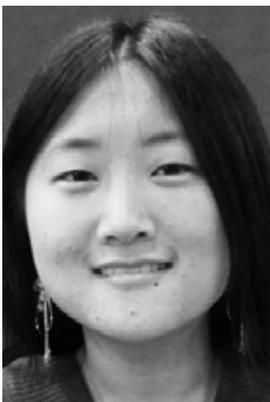
I REALLY WISH: I'm not allergic to the new law library.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: The legal profession..



Katrina Huang

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Not working on assignments until the very last minute.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Federal Constitutional Law with Peter Gerangelos.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: I can't imagine doing anything else but law - sad but true!

I REALLY WISH: I could have better appreciated my time at uni in my first few years, as it's a bit too late for that now.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Exhilarating, inspiring, amazing - okay, maybe not, but all those power sockets have made it a lot easier.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Probably the good friends I've made.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: A whole lot of sleep!

Feng Huang

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: To always look at every scandal, calamity, incident from a legal angle, to the dismay of my friends...

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Being able to rub shoulders with lecturers in a community-styled Italian restaurant at a Faculty/Student Dinner. The best \$40 spent in my entire life.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Aside from playing with the lecture room's lectern system, simply being able to sit on one of the comfy seats in the foyers and for that brief moment, not care about anything else in the world other than to chat with friends or simply admire the scenery.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Studied optometry at UNSW.

I REALLY WISH: (1) That I had done Arts (probably majoring in Chinese Studies and Art History) rather than Commerce (for my other non-law degree)! (2) That I went on exchange! (3) Got more involved with SULS!

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being the guy who provided a power board to plug laptop chargers to! And all free of charge! (No pun intended)

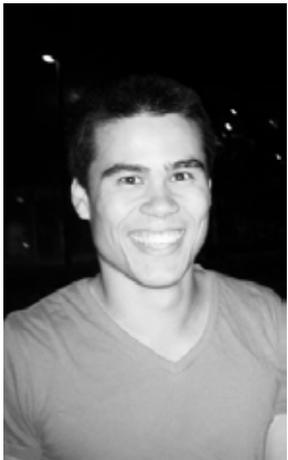
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Both a curse and a blessing - a blessing, because there is this vibrant, modern and fresh atmosphere that permeates the building. A curse because now I have to catch one extra bus to get on the main campus. Otherwise, getting to the old law school only took one bus.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Peter Gerangelos (because he is such a gentleman and such an engaging and captivating lecturer) and Saul Fridman (because he's not afraid to give you the low-down on the seemingly enticing corporate world out there). But you also learn a lot from your friends. You get through law school together.



Julian Hui

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Eating lunch with my friends. Before law school I used to eat lunch with my enemies. It works much better this way; less ninjas.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The time that I did that exam - that problem question with the ridiculous premise that would never occur. Or that essay that was vague and difficult to substantiate.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: I'm a massive fan of the bubblers. Free water; revolutionary.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been a much, much more interesting person.

I REALLY WISH: Upon a star.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: My outstandingly mediocre grades. Everyone will stop and go "Hey, remember that guy with those mediocre marks?" and then the other person will respond with, "Antony?" to which the first person will respond "No, the other guy".

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: A bit like a Philadelphia Cheese ad, everything is so damn bright and white.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Probably the lecturers, but possibly also the tutors and also the janitors - never leave a bin unattended, those things go wild.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: A law degree. That seems kind of self-explanatory?

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Very little. If we were to make an analogy with animal sacrifices, and abandoning your family and friends for law school was the equivalent of sacrificing an elephant, I would have sacrificed a rodent of some sort, or perhaps a pygmy.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Foundations, or processes of justice, or legal profession, or torts, or contracts, or intro to property and commercial, or criminal, or public, or admin, or fedcon, or equity, or property. Not intellectual property, the chairs are very uncomfortable.

Emma Hunt
UNDERGRADUATE



Emma Hunt thankfully made the wise transfer from UNSW at the end of first year, and joined the far trendier and less studious world that is Sydney Law.

She studied hard, managing to squeeze Law Review in between her hectic schedule.

On top of this, Emma is a protector of refugees. She spent her 2009-2010 summer holiday in the dark, old Phillip St Law School volunteering for RACS and was rewarded with a sojourn to Christmas Island Detention Centre. She's also volunteered at UNICEF.

In 2008 she buggered off overseas for 12 months, floating from one country to the next. Luckily for the rest of us, she found her way home to finish law and keep us company in classes.

Deo Indevor

GRADUATE

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Practiced law without a certificate

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Getting busted with a beer in the contracts exam room



Sally Anne Irviney

UNDERGRADUATE



MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Studying International Law of War, Crime and Terror.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Eat lunch on the lawn outside the new building.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been a high school history teacher.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Falling asleep in class.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Valuable friends.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Weekends in the sun.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: The legal profession.

Alina Kaye
UNDERGRADUATE

3 THINGS LAW SCHOOL WILL MISS ABOUT ALINA:

Her constant presence at the law library (they will be saddened by the loss of a piece of their furniture)
Her keenness to get involved with SULS via attendance at end of semester drinks/parties
Her wardrobe malfunctions (namely a certain top...)

3 THINGS ALINA WILL MISS ABOUT LAW SCHOOL:

Open bar tabs
Being the last to leave the law library on a Friday night
Daily treats from the Campos cart

3 THINGS THAT CAN BE LEFT AT LAW SCHOOL:

Overpriced 'new edition' textbooks each semester
100% Evidence exams
Stuvacs spent in hibernation



Matthew Kalyk
GRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Assuming that people would like to hear my opinion on every possible subject that arises in conversation.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Hardly my 'favourite' experience, but sleeping the night in the moot court was certainly an 'experience from Law School'.

MY FAVOURITE QUOTE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The law is the witness and external deposit of our moral life. Its history is the history of the moral development of the race - Oliver Wendell-Holmes

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Bitch about all the students in the library who are not studying law.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Still been trying to get a job after my Bachelor of Arts (English and Film) that didn't involve serving food or drinks.

I REALLY WISH: That I honestly thought life gets easier after university.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being far too interested in mooing.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Just as deprived of natural light as the old law school, but without the same choice of food, drinks and coffee.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: My many mistakes, and an appreciation of the probability that the trend will continue into the future.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: The now feel confident in using legal jargon in everyday life (e.g. 'I object').

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: All hope of being able to answer the question posed by a non-lawyer 'what sort of work do you do?' without putting them swiftly to sleep.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Ironic for a publication called Blackacre, but Real Property.



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The ability to annotate a course guide using a microneedle.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Watching how wild students get when there is a vote on how to rectify the inequalities between those who did and did not write in reading time. The political machinations were astounding. There were caucuses. And polling day balloons. Democracy gone mad.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Find powerpoints.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Graduated at an acceptable age, with a less cynical outlook on life.

I REALLY WISH: Saul Fridman could tell the difference between me and May Samali.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being yelled at by the Hawaiian shirt library man for having snacks in the library. To be fair, I had two apples, three bananas, fruit & nut mix, dried cranberries, a coffee, a litre of water, a box of cherry tomatoes and was at the time biting into my third raw mushroom.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: The most time I've ever spent with maths and marketing students.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Firstpoint's case summaries.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: A series of secret academic woman-crushes. Irving, McAdam, Mowbray, Kumar - I'm looking at you.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My dignity, brought to you by SULLS end-of-semester parties.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: LLJ. Sleep. Wake up. Yep. Still got ethics. Still passing.

This inspirational blondie will be remembered for many things.

She will be remembered as the fun and free-spirited yoga-teaching student who could write law exams and blogposts while doing headstands.

She will be remembered as the girl who discovered herself in an ashram far far away in India.

She will be remembered as the gentle, humble, animal-loving vegan cook who always stood up for her beliefs, even if it meant going against the crowd.

She will be remembered as the one whose friends all eventually became vegetarian, pescatarian or vegan.

She will be remembered as the girl most likely to feature as a superhero on Captain Planet and to become a Professor in Animal Law.



Bonita Ke

UNDERGRADUATE

I enjoy studying law because it has given me a myriad of opportunities to continually challenge myself. Being in an environment where people around me excel, I have been motivated to push the boundaries of what I am capable of. Not only in the academic sense, but also from my employment in the fashion industry. My personality has strengthened due to the legal discipline and training I have received, which will prepare me for the workforce.

Inspired by the distinguished alumni of Sydney Law School, I want to become a leader in my field. As Coco Chanel famously stated 'How many cares one loses when one decides not to be something but to be Someone.' I love fashion, food, and of course, the law. In future, I want to combine these three passions to become a successful lawyer for a fashion house, and always eat delicious food!



Matthew Koertge

GRADUATE



Matthew is the founding partner of a venture capital investment management firm. He started Graduate Law in 2008 to better understand the law. Whilst working in senior roles at two global investment banks, Matthew invested in 30 venture backed companies which encompassed all stages of the corporate life cycle including a number of successful IPOs and acquisitions. He served as chairman and director on the boards of various portfolio companies. Prior to joining the finance industry, he held several operational engineering positions. Matthew holds a BE(Elec) from the UNSW where he was a CO-OP scholar, a MBA from the AGSM where he completed the final semester at the Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania, the FAICD qualification and he has completed the HPLP at the Harvard Business School. As part of his Graduate Law degree, Matthew went to Shanghai to study Chinese Law and to Kyoto/Tokyo to study Japanese Law.

Terence Kwong

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Needing an authority for every thing that is said in lectures.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Federal Constitutional Law - the lectures were amazing. The celebrations at the end of fourth year exams were also great.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Relax in front of the new law school lawns.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Probably been successful by now.

I REALLY WISH: I could go back to first year law camp - the friends I made ended up being the friends I had throughout all of law school.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Amazing, it's great not to have to scramble for a power point for the laptop.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Torts - 'How to avoid injury'.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Learning how to write properly. I finally realised that other people had to read what I wrote too.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My liver, eyesight and I have probably also developed carpal tunnel syndrome.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Legal Profession!



Christopher Kyriacou

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Perhaps pretending to understand things which in fact I don't have a clue about!

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: My whole life is one big experience...too many and too long for me to record down.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Watch heated debates about pointless things.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Lost my mind.

I REALLY WISH: That I had a private jet plane...gone to Greece for lunch then Paris for an evening dinner. Perhaps stop by Egypt on the way home...

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being lay back, relaxed and enjoying the ride.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Awesome and long overdue.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Studying Contracts, Torts and most importantly learning from the experiences of others.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Problem solving skills along with a good habit of reading.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Precious tennis games for the sake of study!

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Definitely The Legal Profession.

Thomas Lai

UNDERGRADUATE

The law student from the graduating year of 2010 most likely to follow in the footsteps of Carter and Tolhurst, Thomas joined Sydney Law School a year later than most, but dazzled with his mastery of consideration, specific performance and The Super Servant Two. His contracts prowess culminated in winning the 2007 Contracts Moot. He was also the only person we know who got excited about Real Property. The accuracy of Tom's legal knowledge is unsurprising, given the hours he dedicates to studying the canons of Judge Judith Sheindlin.

But more importantly, Tom is a generous friend, a discerning gourmand and a fantastic cook (with a penchant for pork belly). Our time shared at law school, as clerks at Freehills and as exchange students in Utrecht with Thomas, is as precious as the burnt fig dotting the Maggie Beer ice cream.

Written by Ros Yusman with input from Richard Sawyer, Tom Tian and Anna-Shelton-Agar.



Wesley Lalish

GRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Being nice to strangers.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Read books.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being Canadian.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Noisy.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: That the law is not determinative or inherently just.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: A few principles. One moose. And most social skills.

Gemma Lardner

UNDERGRADUATE

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Had no outlet for my argumentative disposition.
I REALLY WISH: That I had mastered the art of staying on top of my readings as far into semester as week 4. Alas it never happened.
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Competitive: competing for powerpoints in classrooms, for desks and chairs in the library and for a coffee from the enormous line in the brief mid-class break.
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Peter Gerangelos. So many life lessons learned amidst the ins and outs of the Australian Constitution, such as: "You may be tempted, but don't work for the Mafia".



Joey Lawrence

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: An addiction to Red Bulls (might have been Live Wire, I get confused)
MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: First Year Law Camp, second night, Love Generation blaring... I guess Law School peaked very quickly for me lol
IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Combined with Science or Arts instead..
I REALLY WISH: SNAILS (students not actually in law) were kept out of the law library or at least had a lower priority..
I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Having weird sleep hours - if you called me at 3PM you probably just woke me up
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: A sheltering experience - "Manning"?
"Wentworth"? What? Where?
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: A great bunch of friends - diverse, interesting and fun people!
MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Real Property - lecturer was always 15 minutes late herself..

Michael Lee

GRADUATE

After completing B. Sc. Adv. with Honours (in Organic Chemistry), I decided I had enough hands-on research experiences in Science. But I still love Science very much. Therefore, I decided to apply for Graduate Law at USyd. The first few weeks of law were very tough, especially where the lecturers expected students to read up to 150 pages of textbooks and/or case books per week! Nonetheless, the cases were, and still are, very fun and interesting. I love how judges are very analytical in their judgments. Being theoretically minded, I love the way judges are like 'scientists'!

My favourite areas of law have to be administrative law (!), federal constitutional law, torts, and trade marks. Reading about different issues in cases does make you see the society in a different, often elevated, perspective. I have made a lot of friends who also share the same passion for law. Thanks guys!





Karen Li
UNDERGRADUATE

I would really like to thank my family, specifically my Husband, for all of their love and support over the past 3 years. Without it this would not have been possible. Living and studying abroad can be very challenging, but, you also have a unique opportunity to learn valuable life lessons and experience much more than acquiring a qualification. Thank you also to all those that have made my experience in Australia amazing and I look forward to hopefully, one day, returning the favour in Canada. Cheers!

DIETARY STAPLE: Pad Thai...at none other than Thai La Ong. Sorry Glebe, you just don't cut it.
FAVOURITE CAFE: A toss up between Sapphos (i think the books and wall graffiti imbues a sense of Soho hippiness) and Law school cafe (really just because it's close, and because i love the baguettes in the parent cafe on sussex st)

MOMENTS:

- Early morning routine in the library with other equally overly punctual friends, checking up on totally relevant and educational internet resources
- That tingling of annoyance starting at my toes whenever my two hour med law lecture "revises" material from the last weekfor an hour....every single week
- First bite of a wine-soaked raisin escargot after waiting in line for twenty minutes
- Running into Adv Corp class thinking you'll forty minutes late, and the lecturer wasn't there yet.
- Sitting in the same seats with your bunch of friends, so much so that your lecturer knows you're absent if your seat is empty
- Every single one of Gerangelos' lectures! That man is a champ!
- Lunches with thorough dissections of Man v Wild (where Wild = tangles of relationship issues)
- Walking around Careers days feeling like we'll never get there, and turning round at the end of fifth year, thinking why did we ever wanted it so much.



LAST DAY: Lament at why we spent so much time worrying about assignments and jobs and interviews and wish we could do it again....well minus the assignments and yada yada

SECOND TIME ROUND: would've gone to more Thai, should've gone to more non-law classes ie pottery and spanish and world domination (ie int arbitration), could've spent more time at Unimates kayaking and fajita eating and what not.

REMEMBERED FOR: an unhealthy interest in schemes with tax benefits

Daniel Lim

UNDERGRADUATE



[Written by Antony Faisander]
Daniel Lim's University career. Where to begin?

He directed and produced Law Revue; his tenor could make livestock implode and his pun-skit delivery is unrivalled; he has first-class honours in biochemistry; he was the lead singer of a thrash/death/hair metal band called 'Raedwald'; he knows all of Heath Ledger's dialogue from 'The Dark Knight' and recites it. Often. He ran for SULLS on WILDCARD and lost, thus saving the faculty from a double-denim themed Law Ball; he received the inaugural 'Service to Law-School' award; and he once stayed out until 5, then went to an exam in the morning and got an HD.

Everybody has a favourite Dan-moment. Mine is the time we had a stirring argument at a cast-party and Dan stormed out, only to return (Indiana-Jones-like) to cautiously reclaim his red cowboy hat. Standard.

He's a top-shelf guy, and law-school is worse off without him.

Bibi Limpalung

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Looking for fine print in every document.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Watching everyone go wild at Law Camp.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Think about the fun things I can do after class.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Done something more creative such as becoming a famous fashion designer.

I REALLY WISH: I could fly.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Dressing up too much in first year to not caring anymore in fifth year.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Awesome. It has minimised the amount of walking I have to do since all the classes are in the one building.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: My friends. Without them I would not have survived Law School.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: To never leave things to the last minute. Procrastination is evil.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Sleep. Lots of it.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: In my Jurisprudence subject.

Rebecca Linguist
UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The obsessive colour coding of my highlighters and folders.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been a poor musician, most probably living in a box.

I REALLY WISH: That there was a McDonald's on campus...or at least at Broadway.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being the girl with the cello. It's a difficult instrument to carry around both inconspicuously and gracefully.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: An adventure. It took awhile to learn how to dress for the extreme climate conditions of the lecture theatres and library. Another major discovery was the location of the secret bathrooms...

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: www.smh.com.au.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: A very large amount of sleep.

Ben Lodewicks
UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Inspecting the bottom of my ginger beer bottle for snails.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Making a whole bunch of new friends at first year law camp.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Actually had to get a job.

I REALLY WISH: The High Court had decided the other way in Al-Kateb.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: An excellent marketing exercise for the Law Faculty.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Other people's notes.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: The chance to do an exchange at Utrecht University.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Why discriminate between classes?



Tracy Lu
UNDERGRADUATE



Five long years have passed since I first entered the sandstone gates as a motivated and ambitious first-year. But as anybody can tell you, law school is a humbling experience, where despite the development of one's superhuman abilities to a) single-handedly carry four textbooks at a time, b) tolerate a hazardously high blood caffeine level and c) warp/squeeze time, one becomes acutely aware of the distinction between what one intends to do and what one ends up doing. However, with a string of inspiring lecturers reassuring the young and dejected that a corporate career is not the be-all and end-all, we somehow pulled through. There is no denying that between law balls and abusing the free wi-fi during class, I did learn many valuable things, like the importance of backing up one's computer. I have gained, I hope, lifelong friends and while sleeping very little, felt empowered to dream a lot.

Andrew Luboski

UNDERGRADUATE

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Being challenged by difficult legal principles.
Or Manning after law exams.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Hand in assignments.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: A bit sterile. Doesn't have the tradition or heritage of the Old Law School.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: The intelligent students from all walks of life I've encountered.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: The key role the law plays in the lives of all Australians, and the genius of the common law.



Sophie Lukaszewski

UNDERGRADUATE



If asked to describe her using only alliterative adjectives, Sophie Lukaszewski's colleagues would doubtless choose 'serious' and 'studious'. While she wouldn't disagree with them, Sophie feels this misses her sillier side, one kept at bay by the gruelling demands of Law School. It is best seen in her penchant for Facebook stalking, her secret trashy television habit and her not-so-secret addiction to shopping, which fuelled her life outside university. In the classroom, she particularly enjoyed torts, international law, defamation and property law, and was relieved to return to full-time law study in a brand new building after her Honours year in Economics. Her greatest disappointment at Law School was never having discovered the reason the Faculty choose to conduct their classes almost exclusively underground. Sophie hopes to be a successful commercial lawyer who will also maintain her interests outside of the law.

Alicia Lyons

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Study notes MUST be in Size 11 Arial Narrow font with 0.3cm spacing and 1.4cm margins.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: First Year Law Camp 2006, Phantom of the Opera Law Ball at Town Hall 2007, Summer Clerkships 2009-10... of course.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Take a break from Law School and visit a cafe on Glebe Point Road for a tasty toasted ciabatta or some corn fritters.

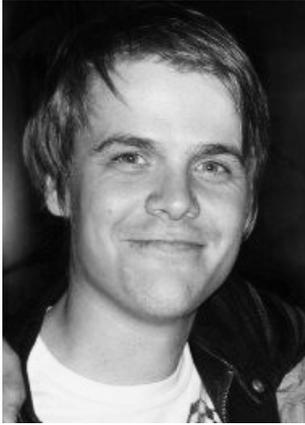


Kerrie Ma

UNDERGRADUATE



THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Having perfected my legal Google skills.



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Sabotaging dinner party conversations by lobbing in legal terms and saying how awesome I am for studying at Sydney Law. As I use words like 'caveat' I think I'm being intelligent. They think I am a wanker.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Shanghai Winter School. It's basically a three week piss-up where you learn about Chinese law and eat dumplings and shit. Greatest moment was the Chinese criminal law lecturer who proudly boasting his country's amazing 100% conviction rates. *Cue: Canned Laughter*.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Repeatedly look at the USYD law style guide. I still haven't figured out how to use it properly. So you italicise the case name right?

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Sat at home playing Xbox. No wait, Xbox 360. Yeah, I'd have played Fallout 3. Basically it's set in a post apocalyptic Washington D.C. and you play a lone wanderer who...
Reader turns page

I REALLY WISH: That concrete footpaths were replaced by bouncy trampoline material. That would be funny. But Australia's health system would then be crippled by the mass early onset of knee arthritis. I should have thought this through better.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Downing three cans of Mother before 11am. I'd then say a sentence crammed with five jokes, pause for 0.34 seconds and then proceed to explain each individual joke. I'd then panic thinking they didn't get the humour when I actually just didn't give them enough time to process it.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Ok. But did you know there are clean toilets that no-one goes to on the bottom floor near room O22? Yep, that's how interesting my life is. I get excited about secret clean places where I can take a dump.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: The headphones guy in the library.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Being able to study while simultaneously becoming an elite Orc Mage in World of Warcraft... Ladies.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Sleep. (Not really.)

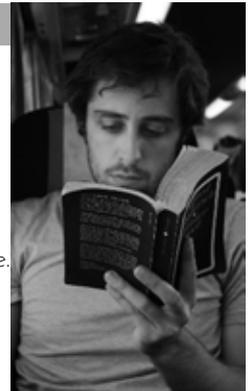
MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Sleep Law 101. A class made up entirely for the purposes of this joke. *Cue: Canned Laughter*. Actually that wasn't funny.

Scott Maxwell's time at law school is noteworthy for three things:

- (1) His judicious peppering of puns in conversation;
- (2) His participation in the adversarial struggle between the law and the crossword (which often proved one-sided); and
- (3) His not being in Sydney a lot of the time. Many an overseas university (three) have been blessed by his presence.

Academically, he is a firm believer in a thorough grounding in the basics, with his best law mark coming in Foundations of Law. Likewise, he is committed to being the best lawyer he can be, with his worst mark coming in Law, Lawyers and Justice.

During Semester 1 Scott is on exchange at the University of Vienna, Austria, where there are less kangaroos but more varieties of cake.



Jarvi Mehta

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Writing elaborate pros and cons lists for almost every person who walks by. You've been warned.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Too many to list! Extended coffees in new cafeteria, property law with Fiona, law balls, sitting up the top of the Turnbull light tower and judging everyone who walked past, mootng, Dissent, life lessons (and Wall Street) with Saul Fridman, awkward boy encounters (and the avoidance thereof), Newtown Thai, elaborate code names which made less and less sense every year...

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been a teacher, or journalist. Or run the amateur karaoke circuit. Or starred on a dodgy reality TV show.

I REALLY WISH: See favourite quote.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: (Mostly) successfully navigating law school in towering heels.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: A little like being in a fishbowl. So I like it!

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Online forums and Fiona Burns (if only she knew my name!)

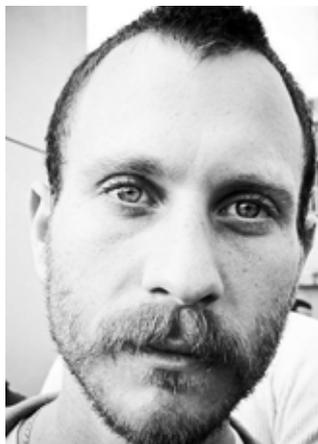
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My dignity (law party in third year... surprised that it took so long) and any hope that I could save the world.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: SLEEP? I'm too busy planning Facebook events...



Andrew Meyer

UNDERGRADUATE



MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Hooking up with a member of staff

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Long black and almond croissant

I REALLY WISH: Our "progressive" faculty had recycling bins for the thousands of coffee cups

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Depressingly subterranean...

artificial light, recycled air and no phone reception

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Saul

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Youth allowance

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: A couple of goats and a chicken to the exam gods

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Fed Con



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The tendency to drink 4 cans of Red Bull in 20 minutes.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS:

- 07, 08, 10 LAW CAMP!!! Law Camp Theme Songs: 10 Ke\$ha- Tik Tok, 08 Flo Rida- Low, 07 Dead or Alive-You Spin Me Round (Like a Record).
- Being on SULLS Executive and Campus Committee, cheeky SULLS merchandise and of course all the social events and inter fac sport! More specifically- Lying in the Fetal Position Thinking 'O GOD WHY WON'T THE ROOM STOP SPINNING', Coke Guy and Trent From Punchy Impersonations at Law Camp 10; My Head v Solid Wooden Beam in the Beach Hut, Supplying First Years (and Exec) with Freshly Squeezed Goon, Table Dancing, 'Balloon' Volleyball and The Bed of Doom at Law Camp 08; 'If you don't believe in something then it's not real'- Guy Who Proceeded to Pick Up Hot Coal From the Fire with his Bare Hand and Camp Kebabs at Law Camp 07.
- See also: SULLS Mid-Sem Drinks 10 Unofficial Hectic College After Party; Tequila Shots and Eating Kebabs on the Side of the Road after Emo Easter Party 09; SULLS Executive 08 End of Year Dinner and Being Kicked Out of Law Xmas Party 07 (Kids take heed, 16 Drinks in an Hour and a Half on an Empty Stomach is NOT a Good Idea).

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Be arrogant and wear my SYDNEY LAW jumper. I also enjoy being elitist by carrying my law textbooks facing outward to show everyone that I study law.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been unemployed with a useless Science degree. KIDS WHATEVER YOU DO, DO NOT DO SCIENCE!

I REALLY WISH: I could stay at uni and go to Law Camp again!

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Having the most recognisable fashion at law school, fluoro tracksuit pants, pink hair, bleached white hair, crazy hairstyles, ridiculously high heels, outrageous costumes, goonbag antics, turning up to class intoxicated on Thursdays and generally being the most drunk person cutting the sickest df moves at any law (social) event.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Creepy and unproductive see: Suit Guy.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: My lecturers and my friends- cherish the time you have at uni, it is the best time of your life and it's over way too quicky.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: The fact that it is possible to bill more than 24 hours in a day, thanks Saul! Also, the revelation that readings and assessments really cut into my drinking time.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My eyesight. DAMN YOU LAW READINGS!

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Processes of Justice and Legal Profession, seriously why do they even exist?

Dhruv Nagrath

UNDERGRADUATE



Farewell Law School, I'm really going to miss you. Onerous assessment periods and mid-semester lulls,
You've taught me how to argue, and deconstruct an issue. Were brought to life by this thing they called SULS,
You've taught me laws, of crimes and civil obligations, And yes while at uni, I was quite the hack.
Acquainted me with judges, and their wordy inclinations. But after five glorious law camps, I'll gladly go back.

But when I'm old and disillusioned; a failed chef or musician, Two Revues, countless drunken parties, and many a
It won't be rhetorical musings from the bench I'll be missin', Law Ball,
I'll remember most fondly the company of friends and Will be the favourite memories to wistfully recall,
classmates, And if in the debauchery I said "I love you", blew a
So smart and articulate they make med students look like kiss and sent it,
primates. I'll say now on record, most definitely I meant it.

Persia Navidi

UNDERGRADUATE

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: My favourite and most memorable experiences include law camp, the click clop clap of lap tops in lectures, Fed Con classes with Professor Gerangelos, Law Balls, and most of all making some lovely friends!

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Suss out the best coffee haunts and then finding the most picturesque spots to enjoy it in the sunny Quadrangle.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Travelled the world, settling in France and opening up my own patisserie in the heart of magical Paris.

I REALLY WISH: I could go back to First Year of Law School knowing what I know now...

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: My name (yes I am also Persian).

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Great, except for the high likelihood of not finding a seat at the Law Library.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Sleep!



Stephanie Ng

UNDERGRADUATE

3 Things Law School Will Miss About Steph:

Her nerdy jokes about pari passu. https://mail.google.com/mail/?ui=2&ik=20e29b9396&view=att&th=12c9190d962677eb&attid=0.1&disp=inline&realattid=f_ga28pbkrO&zw

Her attendance at SULS events (with bar tab).

Her trendy, over sized cardigans.

3 Things Steph Will Miss About Law School:

Stealing her friends' food.

Having "reading weeks" to catch up on partying.

Free sausage sizzles.

3 Things That Can be Left at Law School:

Doing all nighters to finish assignments.

"Caring" about good faith bargaining.

Essays. Research. Writing in general.



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: OCD with highlighting. I just don't feel productive if I haven't highlighted a single page of a judgement with at least 5 different colours. I can falsely convince myself that I am learned.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Waiting in line for a coffee at Campos during class breaks alongside the other 1234567+ students also in said class break.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Drinking from the bubbler outside the toilets. The chilled water never ceases to refresh.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been a fisherman. My new favourite hobby. If only I'd discovered it 5 years ago.

I REALLY WISH: The law actually cared about the weak, the destitute and the marginalised.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being that guy who always walks in late to class. Does he think he's fashionable or something?

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Claustrophobic. One gets the feeling when sitting inside a seminar room that the promise of a 'glass building' was but illusory consideration. And why is there always that smokey smell?

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Peter Gerangelos' sermons on constitutional law, being a lawyer, life, and why we should stay the heck away from the big law firms.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: The importance of being earnest.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My beauty sleep and hence my youth.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: None. Several cans of Mother each day ensure this will never happen.

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Yoghurt Addiction

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Submitting a rough draft for my Foundations of Law essay.... and still passing.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Hang with the B Team.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Become a weather girl.

I REALLY WISH: I had become a weather girl.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Saying ye instead of you

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Tragic for coffee breaks

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Wikipedia/Failblog

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: There is nothing that a glass of wine with friends can't fix.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Wonderful Irish weather.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Anything property related.

EXTRA INFORMATION: I came to Australia as part of a round the world trip and 3 years later I'm still in Sydney law school...South America never looked so good...



Jin Ooi

UNDERGRADUATE

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Whenever asked a legal question, a lawyer may legitimately answer "well, it really depends on the facts of the case and surrounding circumstances".



Daria Orjekk

UNDERGRADUATE



Despite working five simultaneous jobs and having a huge amount of extra-curricular commitments (everything SULLS, Law Revue, etc.) on top of full-time uni studies, Daria always has a smile on her face and time to stop and chat with people she knows (which is just about every second person at uni). Daria is determined, doesn't let anything stand in her way, and is always ready to party - even if it is straight after being hit by a bus, acquiring a black eye from walking into a door, or whilst battling pneumonia. This busy college socialite is also an awesome baker (definitely try her famous biscotti or choc fudge brownie cupcakes with lemon and vanilla bean frosting!), a true law camp veteran and 2008 Solo-Woman, the giver of great advice, and the only law student without a MacBook who handwrites her class notes using pens, highlighters and other assorted stationery in every colour under the sun.

Chris Parkin

UNDERGRADUATE

Chris learnt three things from studying law at Sydney:

- 1) For every rule there tends to be an exception (or at least a dissenting view from Kirby J or Murphy J);
- 2) A good argument will usually substitute for a correct answer; and
- 3) Wireless internet access in class makes lectures much more productive.

Aside from these pearls of wisdom, Chris leaves the Sydney Law School with a head full of questionable legal principles, a strange urge to ask obscure hypotheticals at inappropriate times, some great friends and having generally enjoyed the experience.



Rory Pettit

UNDERGRADUATE

would have got a friend to write something about me if I had any that could be stuffed, but unfortunately they were all too busy sleeping face down on the front lawn, inhaling their ninth cupcake, or reminding Murray of his true faith. All I can say is that I met some funny, wonderful, and mildly attractive people, some of whom were only moderately rich. For my own part, I tried my best to fly the Canberra (hometown) and leftie flags at law school, only to be usually shot down in the face of Peter's (Rugg, look him up) unrestrained greed, rippling pecs and good looks. In summary, my most significant contributions would have to be single-handedly keeping whichever coffee cart was closest in business, as well as offending the vast majority of people I met, at some point or another.



Thalia Frassas

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: My friends would say it's my use of 'law' terms in casual conversation... but, hey, I object!

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Law Revue 2008, 2009, 2010

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Lunch on the lawns.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: ...Probably broken the law more often. Ignorance really is bliss.

I REALLY WISH: The law library was reserved for law students... and, engineering boys.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: My 'nice axe'.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: A-MAZE-ing.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: The Constitution.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: That the friends you make at university are the friends you have for life. Sydney Uni law students really do 'raise the bar'.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Countless highlighters.

Hannah Quadrio

UNDERGRADUATE

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Leading SULS in 2010. A rich experience, and one I'm very thankful for.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Studied music or theatre...and things could have been very different!

I REALLY WISH: That we remember, 'from those to whom much has been given, much is expected'.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Made all the better by a permanent supply of Campus coffee.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Professor Peter Cashman, who helped me to realise that legal practice can be practical and proactive.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Great

friends, who I hope will stay with me. It has been a privilege to study with such an energetic and motivated group of people.



Fahim Reza Khan

UNDERGRADUATE



This student (or "man" as he would correct me) has strenuously strived to rebut the time old saying that "a man would earn \$16000 per extra inch of height".

Fiona Christina Ridgwell

GRADUATE



MY FAVOURITE QUOTE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: "A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer" - Robert Frost

David Rountree

GRADUATE

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Listening to Andrew Marriot trialing his standup during class and presentations.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Get angry at all the science students studying in the Law Library. Get your own library!

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Faffed around looking for an excuse not to start full time work other than uni.

I REALLY WISH: I liked bannanas. Apparently they are really good for you. But I don't.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being obsessed with playing frisbee

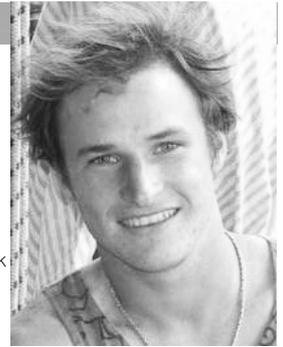
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Slightly brighter and less damp than Phillip Street.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Irene Baghoomians, because she scared me into doing all my readings.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: A keen sense of pedantry.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Very little really.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: The Legal Profession.



Peter Rugg

GRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Lolcats.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The post-exam celebrations.

My favourite thing to do at Law School is: the internet.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Studied adaptative physiology and genetics.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Nan's packed lunches: Mystery sandwiches, de-stemmed grapes, chopped carrots, general deliciousness.

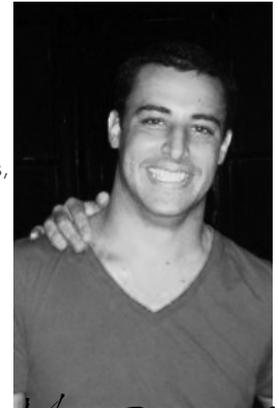
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: A cold, constant search for powerpoints

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Wikipedia

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: My degree (hopefully)

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Sleeping time before assignment deadlines.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: The Legal Profession.



May Samali

UNDERGRADUATE



Little May May is the heart and soul of law school. She holds a number of titles: she was the first student to do a handstand in the new Law School library, she has the most energy per cubic centimetre, and she is the student most likely to name her babies after Miiko Kumar and Ross Anderson. She is famous for her hilarious 'awkward' blog and is often mistaken for Rose Khaltizadeh (Saul Fridman still can't tell these two Persian princesses apart!). May will also be remembered as the 'President of everything' (Law Society, Politics Society, The Sydney Globalist etc) who made a huge mark at law school and then left us for bigger and better things in New York! Her love of the Evidence Act and international law will probably lead her to the Bar, the Hague, academia, or somewhere equally as stimulating. Expect big things from this wonderful girl.



3 Things Law School Will Miss About Rachel:

- Her singing and dancing prowess in Law Review.
- Those moves, adapted for various SULS party dancefloors.
- Her alternative (strictly for friends) 'bigmouth' email address.

3 Things Rachel Will Miss About Law School:

- Being able to sleep in until double figures (10...11...12).
- Packing a bag full of unlimited snacks for her friends.
- Free wireless internet to plan trips overseas.

3 Things That Can be Left at Law School:

- Late nights discussions on the intricacies of unit trusts.
- Being the last to leave the library on a Friday night.
- The dread of class participation.

Vasudha Sathanapally

GRADUATE

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Hanging out on the grass, in the sun, with the crew.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Probably attempted a PhD. Really glad it didn't come to that.

I will probably be remembered for: my packed lunches.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Pretty and in walking distance, although I have given up on ever trying to find a seat in the law library.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: A wake-up call on precisely what one cannot get away with.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My early to mid 20s. Also my cholesterol levels since croissants appeared in the building.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Civil Procedure



Richard Sawyer

UNDERGRADUATE



Richard was the SULS Social Director for 2009, created the role of Queer Officer and helped run Breaking Down Boundaries in its first years. He was also the driving force behind Shades, Sydney University's new queer society.

His good looks and charm made him the favourite of many teachers and his peers, though this does not come for free: Richard's great hair comes at the price of a mixture of 3 hair products in the morning.

Richard's natural hours of operation are probably between 12pm and 3am. Unfortunately, this often clashed with class time. Richard was probably one of the first students to discover 'free' parking under the new law school, and perhaps the first to also have to pay the price, though he tells us that 'it's actually worth it as you pretty much make back the fine after three parks'.

Written by Tom Tian with input from Anna Shelton-Agar, Thomas Lai, Vanessa Austen and Rosaline Yusman.

Anna Julia Shelton-Agar

UNDERGRADUATE

At Sydney University between 2006 and 2010? Never heard Anna's name? What were you doing!

This is a girl you cannot miss - no shadowboxer, Anna tells it like it is, and always stands by what she believes - hypocrites beware!

If you don't recognise the name, you would recognise the face, the clothes, the shoes - Anna added sartorial sass and a sharp individualist flourish to the look of the law school.

But Anna is also a notorious hard worker, who spent her years at University juggling demands on her time. An enormously successful 2009 USU Women's Convenor, founding member of the national social justice conference, Breaking Down Boundaries, Anna has also published a prize-winning article on women's rights.

Behind the scenes, friends knew Anna as a fiend for a good, roaring heater, and as the person most likely to whip out the Maharanee whenever, wherever.

Written by Richard Sawyer with input from Tom Tian, Tom Lai, Vanessa Austen and Rosaline Yusman.



Andrew Simon

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Adopting a 'reasonable persons' test in social situations.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Meeting interesting people with differing views and interests but with the common goal of completing a law degree.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Pursued actuarial studies at UNSW...thank god.

I REALLY WISH: The working week was structured the same way as a uni timetable i.e. 2 days a week on, 5 days a week off.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Talking too much in class but not adding any real value.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: A great experience, it is easily the nicest building on campus.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Classmates.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: The ability to think critically, think beyond the square and be perceptive.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: 5 years worth of remuneration. It better be worth it!

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Processes of Justice, The Legal Profession and Law as Communication.

Meredith Simons

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The ability to summarise the facts of a case in under 10 words (defamation clearly gave rise to the most entertaining examples: Wildly Wealthy Women, Princess raped/seduced by Rasputin, beer bellied buffoon disgrace to journalism, naked man strapped to piano etc)

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: SALS meetings at 7:30 on a Monday morning. I spent the first four years of my law degree avoiding student politics like the plague but saw the light in my final year. It has been absolutely fantastic to be involved with a group of 20 people who are so driven to make law school a more enjoyable and informative place to be.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Not found my Mr Wright

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: I'd like to say being a friendly face around Law School.

But maybe I'm just that random girl who has used the same backpack for five years with badges of random European countries on it.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: The 40 hours I got to sit in Federal Constitutional Law being taught by Peter Gerangelos. Never have I met anyone as committed to upholding the integrity of the legal profession both in word and deed. Every law student who has the privilege to be taught by him is the better for it.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Far too many sunny weekends!

Meena Subramanyam

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Feeling the need to correct people or provide "legal advice" with respect to every day problems of friends and family.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Going on exchange to the University of Leeds. Law School is a lot more fun when courses do not count.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Soaking up the sun on the law lawns with great company.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Graduated by now and experienced the credit crunch first hand.

I REALLY WISH: I enjoy whatever it is that I'm doing and don't feel compelled to remain in a fundamentally boring, stressful and life-depriving job. Some career battles are just not worth fighting for. I also hope that I make a positive contribution both in my personal life as well as professionally.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Being proof that students from comprehensive public schools can do just as well.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: A real pain to get used to—having to go downstairs, then upstairs, then downstairs again to get to the other side of the building. Apart from that, it has been great staying on main campus.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Lecturers that have the tendency to spoon-feed and/or are really interesting individuals. Particular favourites include (in chronological order): Associate Professor Greg Tolhurst, Professor Mark Findlay, Associate Professor Peter Gerangelos, Dr Shae McCrystal, Professor Patrick Parkinson AM and Professor John Stumbles.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Learning how to think critically and articulate clearly as well as understanding the legal underpinnings of society and developing the confidence to make appropriate life decisions.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Sleep—having the tendency to leave assignments till the last-minute.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Anything involving jurisprudence, particularly when we are expected to learn it at least thrice in our degree.

Diana Tang

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Writing everything in an indecipherable form of shorthand.

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: All those times bumping into people you haven't seen for ages and having massive catch-ups in that glorious 10 minute break between classes.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Never realised that there is such a thing called the common law, and I would have never learnt to love it so.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Exciting and curious. Why does it always smell like something's burning in LTO24?

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: A group of lifelong friends, who are smart, funny, kind, and generous. Law School just wouldn't have been the same without them.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My beautiful handwriting for an illegible scrawl, and many hours of sleep to perfect the art of footnoting.



Linton Teoh

UNDERGRADUATE



IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Studied Political Science or International Studies.

I REALLY WISH: I had studied more.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Laughing randomly and making inappropriate jokes.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: A constantly wet experience. The new library leaks all the time.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Law, Lawyers and Justices - that legal profession subject, whatever it's called. Alternatively, Evidence.

Samuel Thampapillai

UNDERGRADUATE

[We love you The Pap.: May Samali & Ben Lodewijks 2010]

To those who know him well, Sam Thampapillai "The Pap" has been one of the more entertaining characters around law school, combining an excellent sense of humour with a general desire to get involved in whatever came across his path. Always a keen socialiser, Sam found to his great dismay last year that being SULLS Treasurer involved more than just attending parties and wearing the SULLS T-Shirt. "The Pap" will be remembered for many things. He will be remembered by the SULLS Executive for decorating the office walls with photographs of himself, and being voted "Most Likely to Go into Politics." He will be remembered by law students as the founder and Women's Officer of WHOOSH! (the mock SULLS ticket) of great Honi Soit controversy. Teachers will remember him as the boy who came to class dressed in either track pants or expensive suits. Some of Sam's best work, however, has been behind the scenes as a tireless advocate for human rights, publishing award-winning articles in the aftermath of the civil war in Sri Lanka. He will be remembered as the nice guy who gave everything a try - from slaving away at investment banks, living it up at a Magic Circle law firm, to volunteering in the slums of Mumbai. This willingness to get involved in important causes should serve him well in the future.



Tom Tian

UNDERGRADUATE



Tom Tian's dapper appearance and perennial poise belie his accomplishments: tirelessly heading the SULS's Prisoners Clinical Legal Education Committee; being a founding member of SHADES (Sydney University's first Gay-Straight Alliance); and publishing twice while studying; first, on sexual assault in NSW prisons (winning a prize for the most outstanding contribution to Dissent), and second in Public Space: The Journal of Law and Social Justice on a potential tort of negligent sexual assault. He's one to watch - the quiet achiever - always ready with an incisive remark. But he is also deeply loved by all who are lucky to count him as a friend.

And he looks fierce in his Dior Homme suit.

Tom will leave Sydney for Russia, and then a law exchange at Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany in Semester 2 before, perhaps, settling down at Allens Arthur Robinson.

William Tse

UNDERGRADUATE

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Free lunches from the Clerkship Presentations

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Become a manager in a sweat shop that I used to work for.

I REALLY WISH: The guy who wears a suit and live in the library 24 7 go get a job.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: To open up to everyone and every opportunities in front of you.

MORE ABOUT MYSELF: My family decided that I would have a brighter future studying overseas than working in a sweatshop. I found myself a dingo and set out to sail for Sydney. I met many people during my journey- illegal immigrants from south east Asia and also Jessica Watson.

I was disappointed that I didn't get a 'welcome home' ceremony that Jessica received. I thought sailing from HK to Sydney solo would be quite an achievement. But the absence of Kevin Rudd shaking my hands suggest otherwise and I was greeted by border security instead.



Anthony Ursino

UNDERGRADUATE

[Written by Darko Vranesevic]

Anthony is a generous man - who else would volunteer their house for a small horde of boozy students to encroach, to eat his food, drink his drinks, and stealthily relieve him of certain of his household objects to serve as souvenirs (you can have it back when you guess what it is, Anthony). What's more, Anthony the host often follows with a poignant discussion of family heirlooms, on which note, he comes from a family of skilled hunters. Regrettably for his health, and whoever is sober at the time, Anthony enjoys spontaneously emitting funny sounds that I can only describe as throaty, he also enjoys upsetting members of the opposite sex, and Contiki tours veiled in secrecy. He gets many a laugh from the crowd, which is necessary if, like Anthony, your usual company is a group of the over-studious, straight-laced variety. He is not afraid to take the stuffing out of concepts, people and himself - he is realistic - but when push comes to shove he believes in his friends - he will, but will, show up - and will be coerced into attending certain seminars, wingmanning, going all 'political,' in the name of friendship. You want him in your corner. When mooing he is shameless, and sometimes even prepared. He has a good pulse on the happenings in his social world, through an intricate network of phonecalls, social outings and general networking. In his native hood, he goes silently by his title and there are formalities ('The Don') but at USYD he's our well dressed, and committed friend.

Lena Vanmali
UNDERGRADUATE

From snails to crayfish, it is often the smallest of things that makes the biggest difference in the history of law. 5 years have passed and I have barely scratched the surface of a world which seems both fascinating and contradictory at the same time. What will I miss? Most things, come to think of it - the vibe you get when you walk into law school, the lecturers who stick in your mind and make the words of judges from decades ago come to life, but most of all, just being a student. No, being a law student. It is a category of its own and an experience like no other. Law becomes a lifestyle, one which is grown from the very first day, and one which will stay with me forever.



Darko Vranesevic
UNDERGRADUATE



[Written by Anthony Ursino]

The D'man has served as the law school money man in the past year. He is the much needed friend at law school that keeps the group together and ensures we make the effort to keep law school exciting. The d'man keeps things in perspective and ensures we realise it is all about good times. Among the sleepless nights and the essays that never end the d'man makes sure we see the light in the looming hollows of law school. He is the good friend that will take a unique and positive perspective on everything... A half glass full person... And at law school we all need these friends. He is the kool mate that will stop and enjoy a beer with you... And yes it is all about the good times.

I know for Darko law school has expanded his horizons (for the better and the worst) but I think he is still trying to find himself... But aren't we all!

Cheers to the D'man!!!

Zheng Wang
UNDERGRADUATE

As a transfer student, I found myself entering Sydney Law School not knowing anyone. I had no idea that in first year, I would meet an amazing bunch of people who would walk this journey through law school with me: my moot partner, Anthony and I, make a formidable team; I would always turn to Darko for help with my studies; and it wouldn't be a law party if Eddie didn't blurt out something inappropriate or got drunk. It never occurred to me that I would be a lawyer one day - I always had my heart set on fashion design. In these five years, I learnt how stressful convening a moot is, that the best outcome isn't always what is just, and that at the end of every party, is always a massive party with my good friends. I wouldn't swap this five years for anything else. And being personally praised by Sir Lawrence Street, how do you top that!



Hamish White

GRADUATE



MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Pictet Humanitarian Law Moot, Evian-Les-Bains 2009.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Doing many of the things I said I would do.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Many classmates have real integrity, some are marvellously crazy; all are interesting.

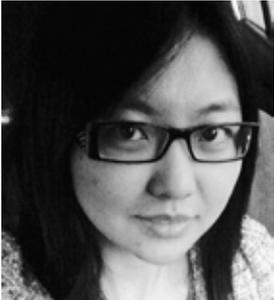
Todd Wu

UNDERGRADUATE

THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Taking a shot of tequila before Process of Justice seminars

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The bonfire at First Year Law Camp

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been chasing my childhood dream to become Optimus Prime



I'm an international student from China.

Joy Yan

UNDERGRADUATE

Shannon Yan

UNDERGRADUATE

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Coffee!

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Stream tv shows in the law library and watch it with earphones.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Not known how to reference properly.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Nice views of the city...

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: A law degree.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Hours i could've spent at Broadway.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: The legal profession.





LT O26 is a sea of confusion and despair as we struggle through Vandervell's Trusts. But like a beacon in the dark, Rosaline sits upright and alert, gracefully taking notes with her fountain pen. In fact, the only time Ros is vaguely phased is if she's only done a second draft of an assignment which is due in two week's time. Perhaps this behaviour is to be expected of a person who unashamedly admits to having an 'academic crush' on Barbara McDonald. Following in Babs' footsteps, Ros will start as a grad at Freehills after her sojourn in Utrecht in Semester 2.

Ros' prowess in the moot court can be matched only by her kind spirit, giving up her time to volunteer at the Redfern Legal Centre. She enjoys cooking feasts for her friends and is always more than happy to let them free-ride off her superhuman abilities in life generally.

Written by Tom Lai, with input from Vanessa Austen, Richard Sawyer, Anna Shelton-Agar and Tom

Alice Zheng
UNDERGRADUATE

[Written by Nadia Yetton-Lim]

Alice Zheng has been variously described as a poet, scholar, owner of piggeries, the man who really shot Kennedy and one time blogger, but never more accurately than as a pretentious Sydney Law student. Ernest Hemingway once wrote "A dilettante in war is like a female law student." Or if not Hemingway, then one of his contemporaries. Or possibly Alice herself.

Birthing from the agricultural wasteland of the People's Glorious UAI Factory (JRAHS) into the hallowed halls of Sydney Law, she has fulfilled her manifest destiny as mooter/polygamist.

Balancing her interests in Government and Law, Alice completed her Bachelor of Economics and Social Sciences (Hons I), and now completes combined law after 6 years at uni. In that time, Alice has not only excelled in her studies, but also enjoyed something of a dominance in mooting. She has won a swathe of competitions both internal and intervarsity and served as Comps Director on SALS.

Clearly in tune with the proclivities of the legal profession, Alice has turned to drink in her darkest hours. And in broad daylight. If nothing else can be said about the woman, she represents the eternal struggle of mankind against widows who remarry unseemly fast. Or was that Hamlet?



Alice Zheng
UNDERGRADUATE



MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Crosswords
STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Subterranean
DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: Countless hours of study for sleep.
MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: The Legal Profession

Yvonne Fong

GRADUATE

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Hanging out at the staircase to nowhere.

MY FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Eat chocolate croissants.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Become a restaurateur...! There's still a chance, seeing how many lawyers there are on Masterchef.

I REALLY WISH: I were more motivated.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: ... Not too much time spent in the Law School. Keep getting shunted into Education and other miscellaneous buildings.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: How to schmooze and how to drink a lot of hot coffee really quickly.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My sanity, my sleep and my slacker instincts.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: Admin law - hands down.



Steven Zographakis

UNDERGRADUATE



THE QUIRKIEST HABIT I HAVE DEVELOPED FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: The ability to write down notes in class and not absorb one peice of information

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Starred in a one-man off-broadway show.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: New. Although, I never really got to study in the old law school building. So about the same really.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: The informative writings on toilet cubical doors.

MY FAVOURITE CLASS TO SLEEP IN HAS BEEN: The Legal Profession - thinking about it is making me nod off.

Natalie Zwar

UNDERGRADUATE

MY FAVOURITE EXPERIENCE FROM LAW SCHOOL IS: Studying Chinese Law at Shanghai Winter School.

IF I HADN'T STUDIED LAW, I WOULD HAVE: Been a musician.

I REALLY WISH: I can work in-house for a record company. So many perks- free tickets, celebrity friends.

I WILL PROBABLY BE REMEMBERED FOR: Cigarette breaks.

STUDYING IN THE NEW LAW SCHOOL BUILDING HAS BEEN: Fantastic since the Campos coffee cart opened.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL, I HAVE LEARNT MOST FROM: Defamation Law; see above.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I HAVE GOT OUT OF MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL IS: Some amazing friends.

DURING MY TIME AT LAW SCHOOL I HAVE SACRIFICED: My academic record. Saturday nights have taken precedence.





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