



BLACK ACRE

— THE 2011 YEARBOOK —



Editor's Foreword

The 2011 edition of Blackacre is only the second since its revival last year after many years of non-publication. It is unclear whether the reason for the lack of a yearbook for most of the 2000s was a lack of interest from final years, or a lack of interest from the SULS Publications Director. Luckily for the class of 2011, neither of those became an issue in the production of Blackacre 2011. Although it is a tremendously time consuming publication to put together for all involved, it is an extremely important moment of what has been for you a very long time at university. It is a publication which started in the 1930s and has featured in its pages some of the giants of the legal profession. It would be a shame if the university shenanigans in which future giants engaged were not chronicled for future use!



As we edited this publication, we noted some running themes throughout the personal profiles. It was extremely heartening to see that, despite a lot of coffee and a lot of last-minute assignment stress, there was a lot of positive optimism about time at Law School. There was clearly a great deal of importance placed on the value of friendships made at university as well as the education each person received. It appears to have been a tough road for a lot of people (I doubt anyone expected anything less), but in the end, it seems to have not been all that bad. And for a third year, I am very glad that even after another two years, I might still have something nice to say about it all.

It was also clear who the best teachers were. The likes of Gerangelos, Twomey, Anderson, McCracken and McCallum came up again and again, for their humour, their insight and their character. It was clear that the entire year was asleep during The Legal Profession (a very worrying sign), but that everyone should study in Shanghai if they get the chance. It seems from everyone's favourite quotes that the pastimes of this year group predominantly involved watching Legally Blonde and reading Denning judgments – both worthwhile pursuits indeed. And for those of you who regretted missing First Year Law Camp, we've included some photos from the experience to show you what it was like (read: rub it in).

I would like to thank Patrick Weller, Dominic McNeil and Philip Chan for their assistance in editing this publication. I would also like to thank the 2011 SULS Executive, who offered me a tremendous amount of support not only in making this publication but throughout the entire year.

I really hope that you enjoy your yearbook. Whether you're reading it straight after Law School or many years down the track, it will hopefully allow you to remember the good times that you had at university and the people who graduated with you. It may inspire you to ask: I wonder where they are now?

We wish you all the best of luck with your future endeavours. To begin a theme I mentioned which runs through this book: Congratulations Class of 2011 – you did it!

Jackson Wherrett

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Perspectives on Law School

AN INTERVIEW WITH ROSS ANDERSON

Emma Zhang

From the personal profiles submitted for this publication, Ross Anderson seems to stand out in the faculty at Sydney Law School. He teaches across numerous areas, predominantly in Torts and Private International Law. Having graduated from this Law School in 1973, he has certainly seen a few Sydney Law students in his time. Emma Zhang caught up with him and asked him to reflect on his life in the law and offer some advice to those of you graduating this year.

What was it like for you at law school?

I did my LLB at Sydney when it was a four year degree. I am the last member of the faculty now who was in the old old law school. So the law school before the law school in Phillip Street down where the leagues club is now. While I was a student we moved to what I still call the new law school which is in fact the building that you would have started off in.

That's where Justice Emmett said he started off in. Were you classmates?

Well in fact, we did a Roman law course together as a postgraduate course before I went to study overseas and when I was in practice. There were only about three of us in the class but we did it there in the evenings studying Roman law with the big charts of the Visigoths (laughs).

In a sense what was so different about the legal education then was that people were full time students but they were also involved in full time articles of clerkship. One of the reasons why the law school was located where it was was because we all worked in law firms. We would come to classes at the law school sort of at half past 8 or 9 and we would do a class in the morning, sometimes a class at lunchtime and we would come to class at the end of the day (not in the evening but we would have a class that would go to 6 o'clock).

So I lived in a college at university. I would get dressed in a suit everyday and go downtown, often go to class at law school and then walk down to the law firm. I was at Allens, what was then Allen Allen & Hemsley which is now Allens Arthur Robinson.

It was different so you see you needed to make a student life of another kind. There wasn't quite so much socialising and nobody was in the library because no one was around! The dynamic of the law school was very different you couldn't describe it as a particularly lively place because people would sort of come to class and leave. Just about everyone was an articulated clerk and the few people who weren't they would be working in something else. There wasn't that sort of full time student that we have now even though [nowadays] people do work a couple of days and have paralegal jobs. These were full time jobs and if you wanted to go and do something like get married you had to get permission from the admissions board to take time off because you had to tick off an X number of weeks in order to get your articles of clerkship.

But it was a great system of learning and doing at the same time. You would be working on the transaction and you'd go to the class and sometimes it would be somebody from your own law firm who was the teacher. There were a lot more part time teachers then. At one point there was no full time member of staff, they were all practitioners. Practice and Procedure [for instance] was taken entirely



by Queen's Counsel. He took the whole year as a single group.

That sounds like quite an intense experience, so what do you think got you through law school?

I really got quite interested in the academic aspect of the law but I think it helped a great deal in terms of motivation that you were actually doing stuff at the same time. You know you were litigating cases, you were writing or helping to write opinions. You were incorporating companies at the same time as you were learning about companies or winding them up. So that maintained or helped to maintain a high level of motivation apart from enjoying it - it was enjoyable too (chuckles).

What don't / do you miss about being at law school?

What I found was that after I had been in a law firm as a solicitor I ah, the University of Sydney gave me a scholarship to go and study overseas and the law firm were very happy for me to take leave to go and do so. And I discovered the joy of being a full time student.

Where did you go overseas?

I went to University College, London. My wife worked at University Hospital which was just across the road. I discovered how wonderful it was to just get up in the morning go to class, do some work during the day and have fun every night of the week. It was an absolute rule as a postgraduate student that by the end of the day you never did any work at night and you never worked on weekends and it seemed to it all worked out well. So that a great change from working full time and studying fulltime where you had almost no discretionary time and the weekends just had to be spent studying. Both days of the weekend. Much like people who have very serious part time jobs now they just don't get a lot of spare time on the weekends.

What was the most important thing you think you learnt at law school?

I suppose, although it sounds sort of quite serious, what I learned or acquired was an immense respect for the what I might described as the rule of law and immense respect for how a body of principles like the common law could evolve in the way it had over hundreds of years and could adapt to present day needs very often without any need for any legislative intervention. I thought as a living body of law it was a remarkable intellectual achievement. I think it is a remarkable intellectual achievement rivalled only by the Roman law.

What were you known for at law school (undergraduate or postgraduate)?

I was always known for being well dressed in my suit (laughs). I was always regarded as well dressed but then we dressed in suits so it didn't give much scope for dressing. It's a reaction actually - although for much of my working life I wore a suit I decided about ten years ago that it would only be on very rare occasions that I would wear a suit and even when I have to wear a suit I often get changed into a suit at work to go an do something rather than actually wear a suit around.

So for the gentlemen who are interested where do you get most of your clothes from?

Funnily enough I've always found that a place that's hard to beat is David Jones. I used to go to the Zegna shop but David Jones has the full range of Zegna suits and everything else so I would tend to buy .. no probably a place like David Jones is hard to beat!

What kind of styles over the years in the student body particularly struck you?

Well fashion generally sort of comes in cycles and at the moment it strikes me as being in a fairly moderately conservative cycle. I had an interesting experience ... in 2006 we had a visit from the Vice Chancellor of Oxford University, Sir Peter North. He is a Private International Lawyer and I know him quite well. He came to the law school and said: "is there something I can do for you?" and I said: "well, would you come and give a talk to all of the private international law students in the old assembly hall downtown?". The funny thing was he had been the then Allen Allen & Hemsley fellow of the law school about twenty years before and had given a talk then before the whole of the student body in the same assembly hall. He came into the assembly hall with me and we had got up on stage and he looked out at the audience and the hall was absolutely filled with people and he said: "nothings changed!" and he was absolutely right. When I looked up at the sea of faces and more particularly the dress, whatever cycle the fashion was in it was back to where it was twenty years before. It sort of struck me that we had been through all manner of fashion cycles in the twenty years and somehow or the other we had returned to a sort of a moderately conservative dress style. That strikes me as the dress style now is it or am I missing something?

Yes I think you are right. About your law school experience now, where do you usually go for lunch on campus?

I have to say its very very boring but I have quite a large teaching load by choice, I teach a lot of extra classes beyond what I would need to teach so as a result I very very often have to have lunch at my desk.

Okay, but have you been to Newtown Thai?

I actually haven't been to Newtown Thai but I have been to Glebe Point Road and I've been to the Spicy Sichuan place.

The funny thing about King Street is, when I lived in college on campus here as a student there was nothing on King Street. There would not have been a restaurant. Nobody went to King Street. There were a couple of the pubs that were there but they didn't really serve food and there might have been some old fashioned cafes but there wasn't the sort of the exciting teaming place now with all those Thai restaurants.

And where do you get your coffee on campus?

I make my own coffee actually. I drink very strong coffee so I make it because I can't buy it of sufficient strength. We have a coffee making machine here or I keep my little plunger here [gestures to cabinet] and I keep my coffee in the fridge.

Tell me a bit about your teaching experience. What do you like about the students and do you have any pet hates?

I don't have any pet hates of any kind actually. I have found in teaching in over quite a period I started as a part time lecturer in 1973... how long is that now... 39 years. To tell the truth the student audiences have been awfully attentive and apparently they seem interested in the subject and that has been undeviating. I can't over all of that time teaching the range of courses, I can't speak of any negative experience I ever had. And it doesn't matter really what the size of the class. I used to teach whole of the year group torts in a lecture hall so you know 200 people so that would have been as much fun as having a class of 25.

What is your strangest teaching experience?

I'm sure given time I could think of more.. ah.. well for example in breach of health and safety occupation regulations although I didn't fully appreciate this at the time, I did teach a class once in complete darkness when there had been a power failure. There wasn't a fire alarm so the fire alarm hadn't gone off but we were in complete darkness. The people in the class said that they preferred to have the class in the dark. Actually it was just after we had moved to this building and we were downstairs in the one of the seminar rooms. So that was an odd experience but it was a very pleasant one until eventually after half an hour security came along and they thought we should move along and not be there in the dark.

Years ago when I was teaching torts a colleague of mine was teaching contracts in the room next door. He gave a contract class and when he came out of class I gave a torts class to his contracts class and he gave a contracts class to my torts class. The odd thing about it was we had both taught exactly the same class. In other words we were dealing with but neither of us appreciated it, a kind of cross over between torts and contracts. So my tort class had been about the relationship between tort and contract, his class had been about the relationship between contract and tort and the students in the next hour were absolutely amused that here was the same class they just had.

Back in old law school we had some disruption to our class by people from another university which caused great havoc. Somebody burst into one of the classrooms with a fire hose and it might have been amusing except the water filled up people's briefcases with all their notes. I had to take the offender into custody in order to protect him from being roughed by the students who were very angry. But no by and large it's been quite uneventful.

Do you have any interesting past students that we might know of?

Oh look the gallery of students over 39 years embraces all manner of people. I shouldn't name people because they are people in politics, federal or state.. there have been people, charming people who sat in my office particularly in the old law school .. who have been out and about for a while and you might have said of this person who was seriously interested in student politics, this person clearly has got a long way to go in the Australian Labour Party and next thing you see that same person a minister in a Liberal government and you think this is not the same person I remember back at law school! But somehow or the other this student politician who clearly had a persuasion one way has completely changed to a persuasion of another way.

And there are a lot of judges and now quite a lot of senior judges were students and that's always amusing.

And there are people... I don't think I've quite got to grandchildren but certainly any number of students in times past their own children have been students so yes its sort of... its always great. Its happened on several occasions where somebody has come and said to me oh my father or my mother asked me to say hello. One of the disconcerting experiences and I can't name any names here... what was so disconcerting to me was I thought, I am sort of losing the plot here because this student is in my class but this student has been in my class before! But what I hadn't appreciated was that the mother and daughter were identical and the daughter now at whatever the age she was, about 21, looked exactly the same as her mother when her mother was 21 and her mother was a student. So it was sort of a de ja vu of a very strange kind .. like a reincarnation of a past student as a present student.

Just some personal questions to give people an idea of the man behind the podium! What is your favourite type of music?

Um mmmmm I don't really have a favourite type of music to tell the truth. I'm certainly not into sort of uh heavy rock music. I really love music I have sort of quite eclectic tastes in music ..

Okay so what are some of the things you listen to? Well I don't know I don't really pay any attention to it I just listen. I just go at random and buy some music and play it and oh it tends to be classical music more than anything else but not very heavy classical music. If there is a genre of light classical music I quite enjoy that but I like sort of rock music any sort of music. The era of music that was around when I was young I never liked then and I don't like now the sort of Beatle type music let alone that American rock music like that Elvis Presley sort of stuff I had no interest in it when I was an early teenager and no interest in it now.

What is your favourite kind of food?

I particularly like Asian food but then I also um Italian food. Um Italian food and Asian food generally yeah are my favourite.

Your favourite case?

Like law case?... Oh wow that's a very competitive field. My favourite one? Oh that's difficult. Well I have some favourite cases in private international law... one of my favourite cases now that I think about it is a case involving a Belgian sex worker called Maria Verwaeke who needs to find a husband in England so that she isn't deported. She finds a person literally on the street and convinces him to marry her. There ensues a long saga and a whole string of cases going to the House of Lords involving the consequences of this marriage because later in life this Belgian woman Maria Verwaeke actually marries a member of the mafia in Italy. The person that she marries dies during the course of the wedding breakfast. The question is whether or not she is his widow and if she is his widow she has just inherited a fortune but the problem is twenty years before there had been this very odd marriage that had taken place in England. So it's a case called *Messina v Smith* [1971] P 322. That's one of my favourite cases in private international law.

Another favourite cases is ah is because its an interesting and wide ranging case but it has no amusement value was the decision of the High Court in 1988 *Oceanic Sun Line Special Shipping Co Inc v Fay* (1988) 165 CLR 197 involving an accident and uh very serious personal injury to an Australian passenger on a Greek cruise ship and the litigation of that claim here in NSW.

Another one of my favourite cases is ah one where I first met on the other side of the case my long time torts colleague Barbara McDonald. This was the decision of the High court of Australia in 1976 in *Caltex Oil v The Dredge "Willemstad"* (1976) 136 CLR 529. Barbara McDonald was acting for the goodies and I was acting for the baddies and the goodies won of course (laughs) so that was a favourite case.

But there are so many in tort law there are so many every class will have an interesting case only yesterday in class we were looking at possession and finding. Do you remember Margaret Flack who found a briefcase with \$433 thousand dollars in a cupboard? Or at least there was found in her house in Glebe by the police. Well that was a great case. Or the police officer on point duty on Mt Isa who kicked the grass beside the road and it was a gold bar? And the person who finds a Viking boat buried in their land.

There are too many cases to pick a favourite.

What's your favourite restaurant to eat at?

Oh look to tell the truth I don't sort of have a favourite restaurant really. I really enjoy cooking so much.

Oh! What's your signature dish?

Oh I like cooking curries in particular actually (laughs).

What's your favourite drink?

My favourite drink is Coopers Sparkling Ale. Do you know the one? That's fermented in the... so coopers sparkling ale I'd have to nominate that as my favourite drink.

And what would you describe would be your perfect day?

A working day or a non working day? Well, my perfect non working day is I spend what time I can up on the North Coast up at a place called Yamba which is takes me about 6 hours to drive there. My perfect day is getting up and looking over the sea, going for a long run around all of the beaches and having some cups of coffee looking over the sea. And by the time it gets to mid morning I really feel as though I need to do some work so I start reading the pile of cases I brought with me. I try and do that as often as I can but just at the moment because work is so busy I haven't been able to do it as much but that's my perfect day of course with a nice dinner and a nice lunch and lots of swimming and lots of running.

What would you have done instead if you hadn't done law? And I guess inherent in that is why did you choose to do law?

I had been interested in the law right from the time I was at school - just the idea of the study of law. I don't come from a legal family so its not as though I had a family background but I'd always been interested in law and in studying law. If I hadn't... well I think I would have always done a law degree but there was a point where I had to make a choice as to what I would do and the other career that I might have pursued but which I didn't pursue in the end and I think I made the right choice in the end looking back was to go into the diplomatic service. I weighed it all up and decided to stick with law.

What was the deciding factor?

Well I was really interested in the law as such and at an early stage I really had some idea I would like to do some teaching and that's why right at the beginning I started teaching as a part time lecturer right from even before I had my degree in my hand.

The first subject you taught?

Ah it was Equity so there I was without my degree even, taking a full class of equity people who were only two years younger than me and it was great! It was one of the great compliments that had ever been paid me in teaching was right there and then in 1973. It was a packed lecture room down there at the law school and at the end of the class a couple of the people came up to me who I knew because they were just two years behind me and they said: "Oh that was going to be a very hard act to follow", talking about the person who was I was taking over from who was a senior practitioner and a very experienced teacher. And they said "oh we all thought that was going to be a very hard act to follow but you know, you really have pulled it off." I thought the reason I had pulled it off was that it was all so

fresh in my mind as I had done the course myself only two years before.

Do you still keep in touch with your classmates from law school?

Well not a great deal in a formal sort of way. Some of the people I went to law school with we just coincidentally happen to be good friends. Maybe it's not entirely coincidental but it partly is coincidental and so I keep in touch with them.

So how do you prefer to keep in touch with people? Would you ever consider getting a facebook?

Um look ah no not really not at the moment I tend to use very old fashioned methods like I tend to ring people up and make sure I ring them up at a convenient time to have a chat. People always ring me up when I'm cooking dinner or something so I've learnt to make curries and talk on the phone at the same time. No I don't use the facebook and I don't have any inclination to do so.

About life after school, what was the first job you ever got?

My father was an engineer and his father was an engineer and his father was an engineer so I was destined to be an engineer and really that was what I thought I was going to be. I did the maximum amount of physics and the maximum amount of math and the maximum amount of chemistry that you could possibly do. So it's a bit odd that I turned out studying law and in particular that my passion was in the area of legal history; even more, medieval legal history which I studied at the London school of Economics. Medieval history was 1216 -1307 so it was very medieval.

So from a really early age I went and worked in my father's engineering practice and he designed and built bridges and big infrastructure projects of that kind. That was probably from about the age of thirteen during the school holidays. I did that a lot and found it tremendously enjoyable. It meant going out into the field to where a railway was being built or where a bridge was being built and to try and make one self as useful as you could be at a very young age (laughs).

What are your plans for the next five years?

My plan in the next little while is to do quite a lot of travelling actually.

What are your top destinations?

My top destinations are places which I have been to before and I really loved and I want to go back to again. I have been to Greece a number of times and I want to go back to some particular islands in the North eastern Aegean. I particularly want to go back to spend some length of time on the island of Skiathos. I want to go back to Denmark where I spent some wonderful time. Norway is high on my agenda. I would [also] have to go back and go through a ritual trip in the UK having been a student there.

JUDGES CAN BE FUNNY... NO, REALLY...

Alexandra Stead

Ploughing through several years' worth of law reading is almost certainly easier if you can laugh at it. After all, surely even the reasonable man has a sense of humour. While sometimes the law provides amusement all by itself – one only needs to look at the facts in *Vervaeke v Smith*¹ for instance, or *Herbert Adams Pty Ltd v FCT*², where the central issue was whether a sponge is a pastry or a cake – on occasions judges can be a rich source of legal humour.

Avid watchers of the *West Wing* will be familiar with the notion of judges 'speaking in verse – a literary curse.' Happily, this phenomenon is not strictly limited to American television but has its foundations in US case law. In *Brown v State*³, as a result of losing a bet, Evans J wrote his opinion entirely in rhyme, beginning with:

The D.A. was ready
His case was red-hot.
Defendant was present,
His witness was not.

He prayed one day's delay
From His honor the Judge.
But his plea was not granted
The Court would not budge.⁴

However, his Honour did note that:

Justice and fairness
Must prevail at all times;
This is ably discussed
In a case without rhyme.⁵



Leaving aside the comparative ease of expressing judicial opinion outside the restrictions of rhyme and verse, no doubt nearly all defendants would object to their legal disputes being trivialised through poetry. However, *Brown v State* triggered the use of poetry in several more decisions. *Fisher v Lowe*⁶ probably contains the only ode to a tree known to judicial writing:

We thought that we would never see
A suit to compensate a tree.
A suit whose claim in tort is prest
Upon a mangled tree's behest;
A tree whose battered trunk was prest
Against a Chevy's crumpled crest;
A tree that faces each new day
With bark and limb in disarray;
A tree that may forever bear
A lasting need for tender care.
Flora lovers though we three,
We must uphold the court's decree.

Those who paid attention during Legal Research and know how to use Westlaw will enjoy the head-

note to this case, written similarly in verse by the talented editors.

There appears to be a sad lack of judicial poetry in Australian case law. Arguably, the sooner Australian judges take up this idea and throw off the shackles of traditional prose, the better. Interpreting poetry can only add to the arsenal of valuable legal skills important in a well-rounded law student. Perhaps more importantly, it will be easier for law students to remember cases written in verse.

But on a serious note, perhaps it is not the place of a judge to resort to ridicule of a case through rhymes. Although, if one party files a hard-boiled egg as part of an application for an injunction, then it could be said they perhaps deserve to be egged. This was the case in *Wolff*⁷ where Muirhead J recorded his dissatisfaction with the application:

There will be no eggs at court
To prove a clog in your aort.
There will be no eggs accepted.
Objections all will be rejected.

...

I do not like eggs in the file.
I do not like them in any style.
I will not take them fried or boiled.
I will not take them poached or broiled.
I will not take them soft or scrambled
Despite an argument well-rambled.
No fan I am
Of the egg at hand.

His Honour's grasp of Seussian style is to be commended. Parody also has a strong following in American case law. In *Schenk v Commissioner*⁸, Judge Goldberg aptly appropriated Ecclesiastes:

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to purchase fertilizer, and a time to take a deduction for that which is purchased.

Australian judges seem to prefer a more subtle style of humour. Those law students who seek supporting authority for the sedentary lifestyle endured during stuvac can turn to the NSW Court of Appeal. In *Trevali Pty Ltd v Hadad*⁹, Meagher J noted that 'all reasonable people know that any form of physical activity is both unpleasant and dangerous, and probably unhealthy as well; and...sport, which is communal physical activity, suffers the added feature of exposing its participants to the perils of tribal barbarism.'

And for those of us who struggled to understand the finer points of *Perre v Apand*, a suitable explanation has been provided by Mason P, who noted in extra-judicial writing that:

'At ancient Delphi the oracle spoke to Apollo's chosen intermediary. Originally a male monster (python), she had evolved in later mythology into a wise middle aged woman. Nevertheless, her disjointed babblings were recorded by attendant (male) priests who rendered them into ambiguous verse which was in turn open to endless interpretations. It all sounds like the attempt of an intermediate Court of Appeal to explain *Perre v Apand Pty Ltd* to trial judges and litigants.'¹⁰

Mason CJ has clearly had some experience in his time of law lecturers unleashing their creativity in the only way open to them – through problem questions. He noted in *A v Hayden* that 'there is an air of unreality about this stated case. It has the appearance of a Law School moot based on an episode taken from the adventures of Maxwell Smart.'¹¹

Many of the finer moments of Australian judicial humour arise from exchanges between counsel and the bench. One well-known example involves Kirby J's query as to the meaning of 'wuss':¹²

KIRBY J: What is a wuss?

MR HANKS: I think in Victoria it is a wooz.

KIRBY J: What is it?

McHUGH J: It is you when you drink only one glass of beer.

KIRBY J: I would not fall out of the window.

On another occasion, the burden of explaining the phrase 'hammered' to Kirby J fell to Hayne J:¹³

KIRBY J: "A drunk" has all sorts of baggage with it.

HAYNE J: Perhaps "hammered" is the more modern expression, Mr Jackson, or "well and truly hammered".

MR JACKSON: I am indebted to your Honour.

KIRBY J: I do not know any of these expressions.

McHUGH J: No, no. Justice Hayne must live a very different life to the sort of life we lead.

KIRBY J: I have never heard that word "hammered" before, never. Not before this very minute.

Law students who rely on a laptop to keep up with lecturers (or Facebook) have another reason apart from exams to maintain their handwriting – to avoid becoming the butt of a High Court joke. In *Sweeney v Boylan Nominees Pty Ltd*¹⁴, Kirby J pointed out:

KIRBY J: He certainly writes nicely. One rarely sees such clear writing. He deserves congratulations. I think his name was McTiernan.

GLEESON CJ: I do not. I think it is "McTernan" - - -

MR JACKSON: McTernan, I think, your Honour.

GLEESON CJ: - - - but perhaps his writing is not clear.

It is also important to make sure you are capable of distinguishing one High Court judge from another:

MR SHIELDS : The thing is that in this here, that you probably know, is - you are not Justice Toohey by any chance?

McHUGH J: No, I am not.

MR SHIELDS : Okay. We summonsed the - - -

McHUGH J: He has retired. When I sit on special leave days I think sometimes I should be retired.¹⁵

While law students will appreciate the occasional joke from our judiciary, it is unlikely litigants will similarly appreciate a judge's attempt to 'give verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative' through humour. This article is not intended to be a discussion of the propriety of judicial humour; rather a snapshot of some instances of it. One only needs to take note of Gleeson CJ's warning against 'giving too much scope to...humour or high spirits when presiding in a courtroom.'¹⁶ But this does not mean humour is entirely out of place. Chief Justice Mason stated in a recent graduation address at this University:

'Humour must always be moderate, measured and appropriate to the occasion. But beyond this, humour needs no further justification. It is a legitimate expression of humanity and individuality. These are judicial virtues in the eyes of all except those who want courts to be staffed by robots preferably made in their own image.'¹⁷

Clearly, judicial humour must be reasonably capable of being considered appropriate and adapted to

the situation at hand, considered in the light of the surrounding circumstances, the subject matter of the dispute, and the parties involved. Whether it meets such a test or not, it at least lightens the study of law for persons aggrieved by law reading.

Endnotes

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THE RYEBULLETIN DWORKINISM/ HEDGEHOG ANTHOLOGY

Julia Xi Bing Su



Top Quotations: Saturday 28 May 2011

Leiter sums up Dworkin's contributions to jurisprudence: 'So there we have it: seven distinctive Dworkinian theses, none very plausible, many spectacularly wrong-headed, all extensively criticized, and some abandoned already by Dworkin himself. That, as far as I can see, is Dworkin's "positive" legacy in core jurisprudence' – Brian Leiter, 'The End of Empire: Dworkin and Jurisprudence in the 21st Century' (2004) 36 Rutgers Law Journal 165, 176-7.

Leiter talks about why he's a nutjob: 'But philosophy is not about kindness, it's about getting things right. A large number of people who work in legal philosophy say privately what I've said publicly this evening....I never internalized the "reverence for the great man" which keeps so many others silent. Perhaps because I did my graduate work at the University of Michigan, in a philosophical climate which was ferocious and often merciless in its pursuit of an argument...I have reacted badly to Dworkin's merry-go-around of confusing distinctions, his endless reinvention of the wheel (as though no philosophical work on the topic had come before), his failure to represent either his critics or his targets correctly...' – Id, 180-1.

READER SUGGESTIONS

Dworkin digresses to instruct on purling etiquette: 'We should stick to our knitting.' - A Matter of Principle (Oxford University Press, 1985) 172.

Dworkin shares his latest bourgeois interior designing crises: 'Is this what it means to think that the injustice of slavery is part of the furniture of the universe? I cannot see the difference between the proposition that slavery is unjust and the proposition that the injustice of slavery is part of the furniture of the universe' - Ibid.

Special Edition: Tuesday 31 May 2011

In response to a deluge of requests this week for a special edition centred on everyone's favourite legal and political philosopher - Ronald Dworkin - the editorial team at RyeBulletin headquarters has been busy putting together this rare treat. Enjoy!

THE HEDGEHOG EXPLAINED:

‘There is a line among the fragments of the Greek poet Archilocus which says: “The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one big thing.” Scholars have differed about the correct interpretation of these dark words, which may mean no more than that the fox, for all his cunning, is defeated by the hedgehog’s one defence. But, taken figuratively, the words can be made to yield a sense in which they mark one of the deepest differences which divide writers and thinkers, and, it may be, human beings in general.

‘For there exists a great chasm between those, on one side, who relate everything to a single central vision, one system less or more coherent or articulate, in terms of which they understand, think and feel - a single, universal, organizing principle in terms of which alone all that they are and say has significance - and, on the other side, those who pursue many ends, often unrelated and even contradictory, connected, if at all, only in some de facto way, for some psychological or physiological cause, related by no moral or aesthetic principle’

Isaiah Berlin, *The Hedgehog and the Fox* (1953)

DWORKIN GOES MYSTICAL:

‘[J]ustice does not threaten – it expands – our liberty ... It makes it easier and more likely for each of us to live a good life well. Remember, too, that the stakes are more than mortal. Without dignity our lives are only blinks of duration. But if we manage to lead a good life well, we create something more. We write a subscript to our own mortality. We make our lives tiny diamonds in the cosmic sands.’

Ronald Dworkin, *Justice for Hedgehogs* (2011) 423

THE MASTER(/GOD) TAKES A WISTFUL LOOK AT HIS OWN LIFE AND CAREER:

‘I’ve tried to be responsible for my decisions and to make an authentic life. When I was a Wall Street lawyer, I realised I didn’t want that life. So I went and did what I found most fulfilling, thinking about, arguing for the things that are hard, important and rewarding. I’ve tried to do it well. I can’t say if I’ve succeeded.’

Interview 31 March 2011, source: <<http://www.u.tv/news/Ronald-Dworkin-We-have-a-responsibility-to-live-well/87674a5a-21a4-4302-bb80-51eb4339a01a>>

READER SUGGESTIONS

On jurisprudential methodology, Jules Coleman smoothly avoids the issue: In many cases, my main thought is that the debate needs to be more precisely structured and the issues at stake better clarified. Fortunately for the reader, I have neither the space nor the inclination to pursue any of these debates here. - ‘Beyond the Separability Thesis: Moral Semantics and the Methodology of Jurisprudence’ (2007) *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 27(4) 598.

Leiter delivers his ultimate judgement of Dworkin: So what in the world is Dworkin thinking? It is utterly mysterious. ‘Beyond the Hart/Dworkin Debate: The Methodology Problem in Jurisprudence’ (2003) *American Journal of Jurisprudence* (48) 18.

Leiter on Dworkin’s ‘Objectivity and Truth: You’d Better Believe It’: ...a brief, and rather badly confused, foray into the metaethical questions posed by his famous “right answer” thesis during the 1990s. *Ibid.*

The New Fad – “Pulling a Leiter” – Takes the World by Storm!: Saturday 4 June 2011

Jules Coleman on Dworkin: The conclusion that an analysis of the concept of law necessarily calls for appeal to political morality **appears as if by magic** ... [B]eyond the rather **Disney-like defence** of a normative jurisprudence that rests on an undefended imputation of a function of justifying coercion...we are left with nothing that looks like a plausible argument for the claim that the proper method of jurisprudence must appeal to norms of political morality’ -*The Practice of Principle: In Defence of a Pragmatist Approach to Legal Theory* (Oxford University Press, 2001) 185.

The editorial team at RyeBulletin kindly **suggests that Jules Coleman should refrain from adding extra footnotes to his books while soused.**

Or perhaps not, because it produces many a tasty morsel, like the following digression tucked away in footnote 33 of *The Practice of Principle*:

‘Though positivists may be mere Agatha Christies to Dworkin’s Shakespeare, it is uncharitable to interpret a positivist project as a second-rate production of Hamlet when it could be interpreted as a perfectly satisfying murder mystery’.

Hear, hear, Jules. We’re with you!

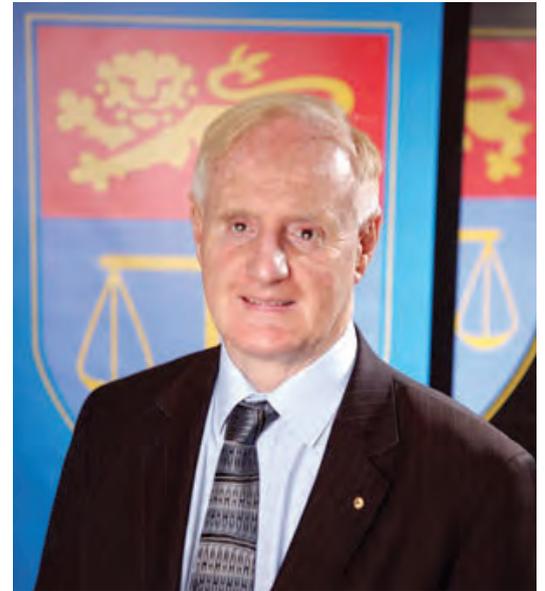


AN INTERVIEW WITH RON MCCALLUM

Bibhu Aggarwal

Senior Australian of the Year. The Chairman of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The former Dean of Sydney Law School. Professor Ron McCallum has been showered with accolades and titles. However, when asked what role he cherishes most, he replies, "being a teacher."

I caught up with Ron in New York City. He had just finished delivering the closing address at the Fourth Meeting of the countries that have ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and it was time for a cup of tea (apparently his fifth for the day). He was there with his wife, Professor Mary Crock, who is also something of a celebrity having been interviewed on radio, television and in newspapers following the High Court's controversial ruling on the Malaysian Solution. I was maybe a little star-struck.



But I had come prepared. Sitting there in my crisply ironed (read creased) white shirt and a suave red tie, I was there on a mission to interview Ron for Blackacre. Here's how it went.

Why did you decide to study law?

I was born ten weeks premature and lost my eyesight through the use of too much oxygen during a medical procedure. So I was looking for a job that I could actually do. Now my brother was a truck driver and as one of his friends said to me "Well Ron, if you can't drive a truck you might as well go to University".

I originally wanted to be a high school teacher, but my mother suggested that I give Law a go. So I did and I found great inspiration in the law. Now I would have liked to become a barrister. However, I couldn't read and I thought the other side would simply ambush me with documents. So I decided to become an academic. At least I could read all the material before class.

Was there much support for people with disabilities while you were studying law?

No, there wasn't. There were no documents in braille – I was the first blind student to graduate from Monash University. I had to have everything read to me. My family and friends would read me material, and when I became a teacher it was my students who helped me. In fact some of my best readers were my students.

Why did you decide to study Labour Law?

When I was in fourth year I wanted a day off. The only way I could do that was if I chose either Family Law or Industrial Law as an elective. In those days, Family Law was all about adultery, and I thought I didn't need that. So I was left with Labour Law. Two weeks into that course I decided that I wanted to be a Labour lawyer and so that's what I've done for the last 41 years.

So in trying to get a day off, you found a career?

That's 100% right.

Going through Law School did you have a favourite teacher?

Yes – my Labour Law lecturer, Professor Glasbeek. What was inspiring about him was his commitment and his firm belief in social justice. I could see Labour Law as a way of ensuring that we would be treated with dignity at work and would be able to earn appropriate remuneration for our families and ourselves. Now I told you that I wanted to be a History teacher. You couldn't understand Labour Law without history or politics. So everything came together – I understood this stuff. I never really understood covenants in real property.

Not many of us do. Ron you've been showered with accolades and held many important roles – Dean of the Law School, Senior Australian of the Year, the first totally blind person to be appointed to a full professorship at any Australian University. What do you regard as your greatest achievement?

Leaving aside marriage and children, being a teacher. The most important thing to me has been the privilege of teaching very gifted young women and men for 38 years. I hope that after students have spent a semester with me, they never quite think of people with disabilities in the same way. I want people to realise that we people with disabilities are just the same as the rest of us. There are a few geniuses amongst us – I'm not one of them – and there are a few sons of bitches amongst us just as there are throughout their community.

Finally, what advice do you have for us as young lawyers?

Try and do work which is fulfilling and makes you happy. Life is too short to do otherwise. If the law is not for you get out – it's a great education and you can use it many other ways – politics, banking and so on. But be sure to use your education for good, to do interesting work and to get some happiness out of what you do.

And with that I thought I was done. Ron and Mary had other ideas. Despite their enormously busy schedules they spent the rest of the day showing me around New York City. While it started off innocently enough with a tour of the UN, I was soon thrust into a world of Amish markets, latkes and Broadway musicals. But it's not the sweet aromas of the market, the crunch of latkes, and the rhythms of Broadway that I'll remember most. Instead, it's Ron and Mary's warmth, their fundamental decency and their inspirational efforts to build a more compassionate society.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SULLS CONSTITUTION, AGM 2011

1. This is a proposal to have a new executive position included in the SULLS Constitution.
2. This change is for the introduction of a 'Gentlemen's Officer' position.
3. The position is only open to law students who can demonstrate good fame and character.
4. The Gentlemen's officer will be responsible for all things gentlemanly. This includes, inter alia:
 - a. ensuring all cigars are equal in quality to the Cuban variety;
 - b. the proper implementation of safety procedures during jousting (and/or duelling) events;
 - c. the drinking of single malt scotch, aged 12 years or more; and
 - d. the supervision of tuition on perfectly triangular Windsor knots (this is particularly important considering the rapid increase of graduates choosing a career path in commercial law). Other similar skills, such as the re-tying of undone bow-ties when at formal dinners, may also be included.
5. The Gentlemen's officer will also be required to uphold the high standards that have made Sydney Law School the oldest and most prestigious Law School in the land. The following list is not exhaustive, but indicates what falls within the scope of this duty. Duties include:
 - a. ensuring that Sydney Law Schools strict dress code of Polo Ralph Lauren is upheld. Exceptions will only be made for 'Sydney Law' T-shirts;
 - b. that the University's sand-stone buildings are kept in a cleanly state;
 - c. administering future membership applications to the SULLS Yacht Club to ensure a minimum vessel size of 40ft. A second, smaller yacht may be appropriate where used for competitive day racing;
 - d. working closely with the Women's officer to:
 - i. support the institution of co-educational activities;
 - ii. ensure chivalrous and courteous conduct amongst law students; and
 - iii. to offer a supporting arm to Women's interests; and
 - e. any other duties as set out in the regulations.
6. As part of this amendment the following reforms are also suggested:
 - a. the provision of SULLS blazers to replace the abomination of this so-called "hoodie";
 - b. that embroidered SULLS pocket handkerchiefs are made available to all students; and
 - c. that, alongside the great initiative of an inter-varsity rugby tour in 2011, an inter-varsity cricket competition known as the 'Gentlemen's cup' be instituted. This suggestion is only proffered on the provision that tea will be provided. For a Law School to participate, the relevant university must have a minimum establishment of 150 years.

Yours Sincerely,

The Gentleman's Education and Teaching Society (GENTS)



Reminiscing: Photos

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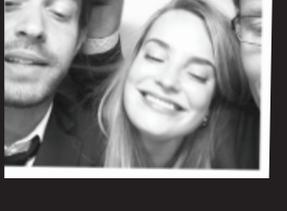
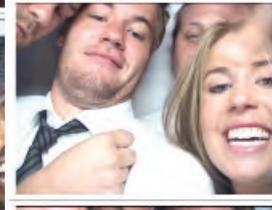
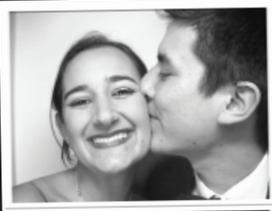










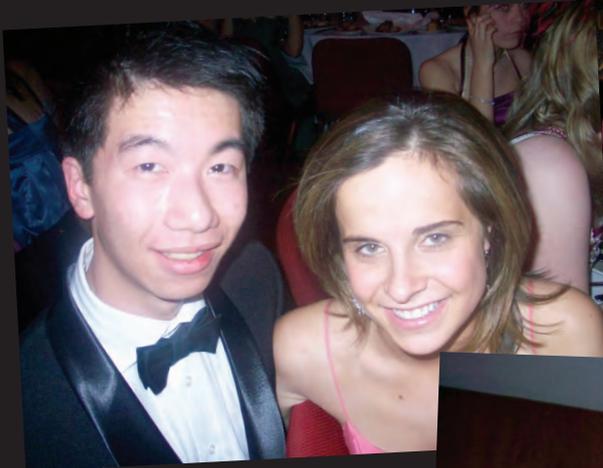




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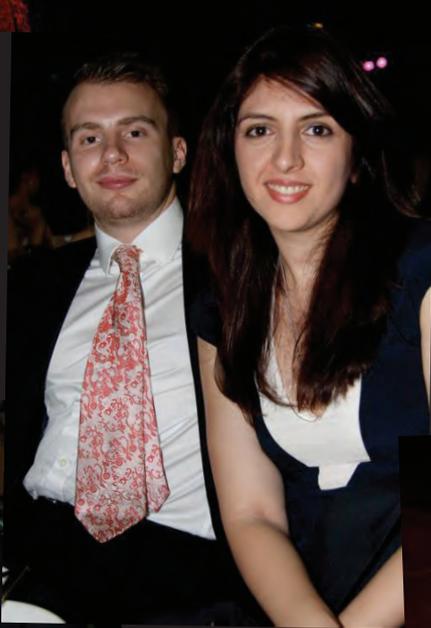


FINAL YEAR DINNER 2011











Individual Profiles A-Z

Undergraduate

Favourite quote:

Courtesy of Andrew Cong: “Geoffrey Robertson after quoting Sarah Palin who declared that America should hunt down Assange down like Osama Bin Laden quipped ‘presumably then Assange has another 9 years of freedom ahead of him.’”

Favourite Experience:

First year law camp remains a highlight.

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

Ended up as an Economist and spent a lifetime predicting events after they've happened.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Professor Ron McCallum. I was very fortunate to be in the last two undergraduate classes he taught at Sydney Law School. He is a fiercely intelligent, fundamentally decent and hugely inspiring individual.

The most important thing from Law school:

Lasting friendships. And hopefully a job.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

My eyesight.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Legal Profession should have been. Yet frequent loud and rather aggressive interjections provided for a less than satisfactory sleeping experience.

What got me through law school was:

Drinking. Coffee before exams. Alcohol after results. And of course having a sympathetic bunch of friends to whinge to.



My favourite quote from Law School is:

Communist Party Case and an extended metaphor between a particular poem he had been reading and the fundamental importance of preserving individual rights in national crises such as times of war.

“Good grief!” Mary Konstantopoulos’ two line summation of any negative situation, be it a practice problem question for a revision class or an 8.8 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Queensland –

And of course Jonathon Hon’s one line pick-me-up, always sure to make you smile even in the face of pending disaster – “We’re gorgeous dear!”

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Being one of three culprits shown the door by our Legal Profession teacher for smiling in class at Google’s search suggestions for the phrase “Can I die of...” In hindsight the recollection is positively hilarious. At the time the experience was nothing short of mortifying. It was only in my fourth year of university that the words “undivided attention” came to embody a real meaning for me...

My favourite thing about Law School is:

There was no single thing that made Law School the unforgettable experience it has been, but if I had to list some contributing factors they would definitely be: my wonderful friends, the sun on the law lawns, some amazing lecturers and stimulating classes.

I will probably be remembered for:

Being a paragon of perfect class attendance. This was most manifest in fifth year jurisprudence where I motivated my peers with not only consistent class attendance but also the demonstration of the aforementioned undivided attention.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Professor Peter Gerangelos and Professor Ron McCallum. Two lecturers who exemplify excellence in every way. Both lecturers not only inspire their students to strive to become legal scholars of a higher standard but exemplify the fundamental importance of being models of dignity and integrity. They are living examples that a legal education extends far beyond textbooks to understanding the importance of being models of trust and respectability in the community.

What got me through Law School was:

Too many cups of coffee, Emma Zhang’s sense of humour, checking out million-dollar Tiffany’s rings with Heather Huddleston, discussing antique books and hiking with Alex Stead and spying with Alicia Gray.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Foremost, to do my readings during semester, not the week before an exam. Secondly and overridingly, that Law School was an opportunity to not only gain a first class education with the best and brightest of a generation, but a chance to make lifelong friends, be educated by esteemed professionals and to embark on a future where the foundations had been laid to become a good lawyer and a better person for having known so many wonderful people.

Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

My biannual post-exam caffeine detox.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“Don’t lose sight of your character.” (Associate Professor Peter Gerangelos)

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Getting to know so many wonderful people (and a bit about the law along the way).

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The thriving social scene that is affectionately known as the Law Lawns.

If I hadn’t studied law, I would have:

Probably been Editor-in-Chief of Paris Vogue by now.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The length of the coffee queue.

I will probably be remembered for:

Perhaps my aesthetic facelift of ‘Dissent’ 2010 (special thanks must go to Jake Offen who assisted in the makeover process). But I would suggest posing this question to someone other than myself who appears in this publication...

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

My friends and Associate Professor Peter Gerangelos.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Well, purely on credentials, a law degree.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

My true character.

The best class to sleep in has been:

The Legal Profession.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

An exciting prospect!

What got me through Law School was:

The knowledge that if Elle Woods, the lovable, ditzy heroine from Legally Blonde, could do it, then so could I!



Lived the dream.



Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Saving word documents every few seconds in fear of losing something.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“Put your hands up Torts and Contracts.” (T. Cooper during a break in class playing something from his computer)

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Meeting a lot of down to earth and extremely intelligent people.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Been forced to accept a mediocre Bachelor of Commerce.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

100% closed-book exams and visiting Belgian Professors .

I will probably be remembered for:

Being late to class.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Ross Anderson and Peter Gerangelos.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Probably a few good nights out.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Without a doubt, The Legal Profession. But presumably you need to attend to sleep in class.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Travel, then starting work in a commercial law firm.

My biggest regret is:

Not getting more involved with on-campus activities.

What got me through Law School was:

Campos coffee

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Writing my notes in little pink A5 folders on pink paper with a pink pen... then regretting it come stuvac.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“Don’t you need to have evidence?!”

My favourite experience from Law School was:

WOODSTOCK 2010!! And eating baguettes and macarons on the law lawns (daily).

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The pastry selection at Taste.

If I hadn’t studied law, I would have:

Gone to Paris and studied art history at the Sorbonne. Alas!

I will probably be remembered for:

My Japanese fluency and amazing taekwondo skills.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Anna Bennett.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

The ability to identify the material facts!

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Any sacrifices were adequately compensated by four months off each year. I will definitely miss that.

The best class to sleep in has been:

8am Admin, even after three cups of coffee.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Travelling for a few months, then starting the grad program at HDY.

What got me through Law School was:

My lovely friends suffering alongside me.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Not to publicise my amazing inventions pre-patent.



Undergraduate

Favourite quote:

“...and so it’s a classification exercise, you know, do you put the panda with the bears or with the... something else...” (Prof Jennifer Hill)

Favourite Experience:

The 2 times I was in the Law Revue.

If I could change something about Law school:

The doors.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Firstpoint.

The most important thing from Law school:

Apply for everything!

The best class to sleep in has been:

Processes of Justice. Though, the best textbook to use as a pillow is Brown, Farrier, Neal and Weisbrot “Criminal Laws” (The Federation Press, 2006, 4th Ed) with its soft bible-paper pages.

Biggest regret:

Not mooting.

What got me through law school was:

Honi cryptic crossword and copies of SMH “Good Living” during classes. And also family, friends etc.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

The perfect is the enemy of the good.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“The road to love, never did run smooth.” (Fiona Burns in Real Property)

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Collecting sea shells whilst wading in the cool, lulling waves. Oh, those were the days. The Shanghai Winter School was a lot of fun too!

My favourite thing about Law School is:

Library books on shelves and crisp, clear-cut judgments.
 Reading week and stuvac and legal reasoning judgments!
 Open book exams and that case about the snail.
 These are a few of my favourite things!
 When the exams start, when the marks come out...
 When I'm feeling :(
 I simply remember my favourite things and then I don't feel so bad.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

The universe is inscrutable.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The addition of a sizeable Zen garden.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

The jurisprudence subjects 'Rights, Morality and Law' and 'Theories of Law'. I was a card-carrying jurisprudence junkie and jurisprudence subjects were my favourite subjects at law school. Jurisprudence reveals the ways in which most law subjects operate in epistemic bubbles with lots of built-in, and often problematic, assumptions. Also, Dworkin seems like a cool guy.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

The ability to think more critically about issues. To be aware of social inequalities and a desire to try and ameliorate them.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Any of them except jurisprudence.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

To study more. I'm not yet ready to leave the womb of academia.

My biggest regret is:

No regrets! It's better to look forward and just get on with life.

What got me through Law School was:

Meditation, exercise and sheer persistence.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

The importance of speaking up.

Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is

Taking pride in reading the fine print. After five years of black letter law, reading the fine print in gym contracts and product disclosure statements to name a few have become a clear passion and quirky habit of mine. Alas, it has come in handy and saved me a mint. I also have developed a massive addiction to online TV shows Jersey Shore and Gossip Girl. Perhaps the late nights of Contract Law really did make chick flicks appealing. Oh how I will miss those textbooks as thick as a brick.



My favourite quote from Law School is:

“Luck is opportunity mixed with preparation.” I will always remember this quote because it really signifies that success comes not just from being in the right place at the right time but also from hard work and dedication. Being at the Sydney Law School provides the opportunity, while hard work and persistence combine to result in success. It is something I will take with me into the future.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Way back in Foundations of Law. Leading the group for a class activity, we were labelled by the lecturer the ‘most conservative group I have ever come across in my twenty years of teaching’. Oh how pleased I was that I made her day.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The fact that yes there is free internet, printing and photocopying if you know where to get it and if you are on the inside, and free parking. Oh how I can see your faces wondering.

If I hadn’t studied law, I would have:

Been an Investment Banker.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

To move it to Cronulla Beach. How good what that be?!!

I will probably be remembered for:

Those Biceps. The White Macbook. The Faded Blue Jeans. Being a nice guy. Being a real person.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Myself. In an environment such as the Sydney Law School you really learn to believe in yourself, persist and do your personal best. As long as you try your absolute best, at the end of the day that is what matters.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Knowledge, people and analytical skills. I have learnt to think fast, efficiently and with purpose and to read all sorts of people. Law teaches you that.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Countless GTL sessions. Countless days at Cronulla beach and Countless sleep-ins. A few overseas holidays but I am sure there will be some after this year.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Legal Profession....what was that subject again??

After graduating, the next step for me is:

To move to London and start my legal career as a dual qualified Australian and UK lawyer.

My biggest regret is:

I have none! No regrets is the motto.

What got me through Law School was:

Family.
Friends.
Patience, Persistence and a Positive attitude.
God.
Gym and Waterpolo.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Undergraduate

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The water in the bathrooms....why is it brown?

I will probably be remembered for:

My inability to remember what classes/exams I have, where they are and what my lecturer's name is.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Legal profession or international comparative jurisprudence – actually it'd be too obvious since there's no one there.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

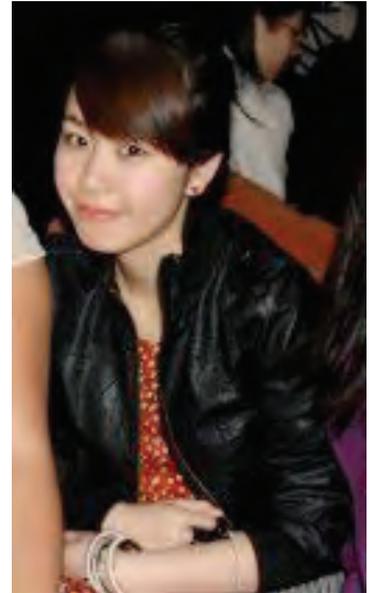
Not law, but consulting.

My biggest regret is:

Spending five years procrastinating on things like this when I should be finishing my essays.

What got me through Law School was:

All-nighters, coffee, my fabulous friends and a fridge of red bull.



Quirkiest Habit:

Scratching the names of law firms off their promotional stationery before being willing to use it in public.

Favourite quote:

“My experience is that the amount of reading set is inversely proportional to the amount actually done.” (Ross Anderson, Private International Law, Semester 1, 2011)

Favourite Experience:

Being informed by a respected colleague that he was the reincarnation of a Pharaoh. If he is ever appointed to the bench...

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

Been crushed by a microfilm reader whilst attempting a History PhD.

If I could change something about Law school:

Direct access from level 0 to the library. Exams. The bell curve.

I will be remembered for:

I have a verb named after me.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

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Next step is:

There is a whole world out there of Relevant things that I may have the Privilege to Discover.

What got me through law school was:

Gold Cross Glucojel Jelly Beans, despite not being diabetic (although the causation may end up running the other way).

Jonathan Choi

Graduate

Quirkiest Habit:

Using earplugs in the library...actually, just going to the library in general.

Favourite quote:

“Law is literacy mathematics” (Peter Gerangelos). Again, just anything by Peter is highly quotable.

Favourite Experience:

Classes with Ross Anderson - the man is my hero.

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

Been a fighter pilot. Or a physicist.

If I could change something about Law school:

Banning pharmaceutical students from the Law Library. Chemical formulas and scientific reasoning have no place in law.

I will be remembered for:

Complaining about how illogical Law is.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Peter Gerangelos, Ross Anderson, and Ben Saul. Three very different lecturers, yet each so passionate about their own classes in their own way. It's amazing how much it makes a difference.

The most important thing form Law school:

A degree (hopefully).

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

A life.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Legal Profession. Hands down.

Next step is:

Travel - looking forward to an epic trip around Asia. Then, joining the rat race.

Biggest regret:

Probably not doing more mootng. Though there's always next semester.

What got me through law school was:

Hanging out with the fellow Grad crew - I think just having a fellow cohort that is as stressed/frustrated as yourself makes everything seem just seem more manageable.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

Working your ass off. Even if you don't see the point, or it's driving you absolutely mad. It always pays off.



The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Surprisingly... no quirky habits!

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Meeting all my lovely friends! :) (that's not really an experience is it?)

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The nice new building?

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Completed my CA by now...

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The assessments...

I will probably be remembered for:

Being really girly and dressed up everyday (although that's just my style) and having 4 PT jobs on the side while studying FT law!

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

It's ok to procrastinate and study last minute! (without taking time off work of course!) :D

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Nothing? Money-making opportunities? (I mean work...)

The best class to sleep in has been:

Equity? (that might explain my mark for that subject...)

After graduating, the next step for me is:

To get a promotion at work...haha

My biggest regret is:

Studying law? (jks)

What got me through Law School was:

Self-motivation and support from family and friends of course! :)



Graduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Actually finding law jokes funny.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“Law is reason free from passion.” (Reese Witherspoon)

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Too many to mention. SULS parties in the final two years were a highlight, but the last three years have been a constant string of positive experiences.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

Getting to spend every day with your friends. It’s like high school, except no one cares what you do, and there are drinks after class.

If I hadn’t studied law, I would have:

Acted on stage, become a wildlife documentary film-maker, become a country singer, worked in politics. Haven’t yet ruled any of these out.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

Giving the classrooms windows, swipe cards for the law library, separate lines for law students at the coffee cart. Not because I’m elitist, just that law students tend to get cranky faster than the average person if they don’t get caffeine. Better to separate them from the unwitting public.

I will probably be remembered for:

Hopefully nothing too bad! Probably for drinking the law school cafe out of tea.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

The lecturers. That’s the point, right?

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

A law degree? I have also made an amazing group of friends which I will no doubt keep for life.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Endless weekends, and any last chance I had of trying to convince my family and friends that I was, in any possible way, ‘cool’.



The best class to sleep in has been:

The Legal Profession. Ironically the class that teaches you how you'll be sued if you're not paying enough attention to what you do.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Starting as a grad at a law firm.

My biggest regret is:

Don't have one. Maybe should have read more cases.

What got me through Law School was:

Friends, smarter people's notes, ciders after class, multiple cups of tea daily and the amazing baristas at Taste who'd make it for me exactly the way I like it, with a smile.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Hard work can sometimes be more valuable than natural intelligence.

Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Proficiency with a highlighter.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“We are practised in what is, in very truth, an ancient mystery. The common man who thinks the law in commonsense might be right if he watched the consummate lawyer at work in all his deep simplicity, and with that ease which conceals the great learning behind the apparent simplicity. But none the less the law is a mystery; and those who have mastered its intricacy have indeed great power in their hands and great responsibility.” (Barwick CJ)

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Shanghai Winter School - simply, awesome.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Been something less than I am today.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Rationes.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Virgins to pagan gods... it didn't get me the HD.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Legal Research I. Second best: Legal Research II.

What got me through Law School was:

Mother, the energy drink. Twin waking effect: the caffeine ...and the taste.

I will probably be remembered for:

Liking the sound of my own voice!

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Headnotes, crib notes, other people's notes, and not my own notes.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Unfashionable clothing, my conservative views, sleep, anything that wasn't an iPhone.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Mallesons Stephen Jacques.

What got me through Law School was:

The thought of finally being able to attend classes above ground.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

To be patient whilst waiting for coffee in the law building.



Undergraduate

Favourite thing about Law School:

The smell of rich mahogany and leather bound books.

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

Chased my dreams/ become a Pokémon master.

I will be remembered for:

Being both delicious and nutritious.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

www.nytimes.com

The most important thing from Law school:

Good times and bi-winning. No comprehendo? 60% of the time it makes sense, every time.

During my time at Law school I have sacrificed:

My dreams of being less awesome.

What got me through law school was:

My huge guns, my ab xylophone and my tremendous modesty.

Favourite quote:

“[L]aw is an act which requires long study and experience, before that a man [sic] can attain to the cognisance of it.” (Sir Edward Coke)

My favourite thing about Law School is:

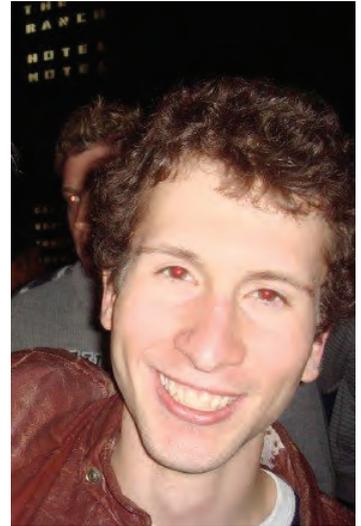
The camaraderie. The deepest friendships are born of shared suffering.

I learnt the most from:

The rare occasions when I actually read the cases.

My biggest regret is:

That it took me seven years before I realized what skill it is that law exams test. The ability to design and construct a functioning time machine. If only this insight had struck me earlier, I would have devoted my scholarly energies exclusively to that line of research.



Sacha Anne Sujii Edema

Undergraduate

Favourite quote:

“It’s all relative really.” (Alicia Gray)

Favourite Experience:

The entire Himalayan Fields school: bus rides, black outs, ‘beach resorts’ and all.

Favourite thing about Law School:

Its ability to inspire Emma Zhang’s puns.

If I hadn’t studied law I would have:

Less debt and a career by now.

During my time at Law school I have sacrificed:

A little bit of my mental health.

Biggest regret:

My intense relationship with the last minute.

What got me through law school was:

Friends and chocolate.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

To always read the fine print.



My favourite quote from Law School is:

“The level of inertia in this room is seriously disturbing.”

My favourite experience from Law School was:

First Year Camp, I wish we could relive the experience as fifth years!
Midsemester drinks at the White Horse in 2010 would have to be a close second, mainly because Weenie’s frat cups cameod.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The ‘secret bathrooms’ discovered by Anthony Baine.

If I hadn’t studied law, I would have:

Been a lot less paranoid.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The queue at Taste Baguette.

I will probably be remembered for:

Being Liz Boden’s twin, or for being Liz Boden.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Wonderful friends!

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Travel, College of Law and a grad position, much like everyone else!

My biggest regret is:

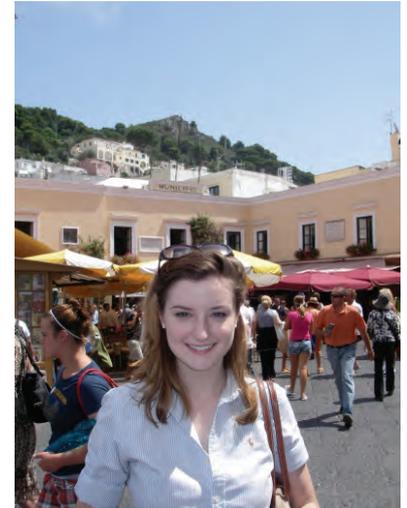
That Weenie Tidmarsh never serenaded a certain Equity lecturer under the bright lights of the Seymour Centre.

What got me through Law School was:

Google. It genuinely is an excellent research tool.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

To never give a guarantee!



Undergraduate

Favourite quote:

From a Legal Profession class: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter." (Martin Luther King Jr)

Favourite Experience:

Jamie Glister :P

Favourite thing about law:

The reading weeks.

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

Always wanted to.

If I could change something about Law school:

Upgrading the toilets. They get pretty shocking at times.

I will be remembered for:

My "accent".

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Peter Gerangelos.

The most important thing form Law school:

Apart from the LLB? Confidence.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Nothing. Probably why my grades suffered.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Administrative law, but it really depends on who the lecturer is.

Next step is:

Joining the workforce.

Biggest regret:

Drunk dialling

What got me through law school was:

A sense of humour and great friends to share it with.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

"Success is never final. Failure is never fatal. It is courage that counts." (Winston Churchill)



My favourite quote from Law School is:

For its eloquence and view on constitutional interpretation: “To construe the Constitution on the basis that the dead hands of those who framed it reached from their graves to negate or constrict the natural implications of its express provisions or fundamental doctrines would deprive what was intended to be a living instrument of its vitality and its adaptability to serve succeeding generations.” (Deane J in *Theophanous v Herald & Weekly Times Ltd*).



At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Some of the wonderful lecturers and tutors whose passion and enthusiasm for the law was palpable in the way that they taught even the most mundane aspects of the law.

What got me through Law School was:

Copious amounts of coffee, great friends and the knowledge that it will all be worth it in the end.

My biggest regret is:

Leaving a few law assignments to the last minute

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

That in studying black letter law there are inevitably always shades of grey and it takes the capacity for critical and innovative thinking to clarify those shades of grey and help develop the law.

Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Qualifying every answer to a question at the expense of definitive opinion.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“Oh, you go here? I thought you just liked me.” (My favourite coffee guy)

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Using the library group study rooms for morning singing sessions.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The boat deck out back.

I will probably be remembered for:

Vocally crushing on Gummow J and going to extraordinary lengths to meet him.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

An incredible group of people I'll never forget.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Trawling byways in search of the meaning of life.

My biggest regret is:

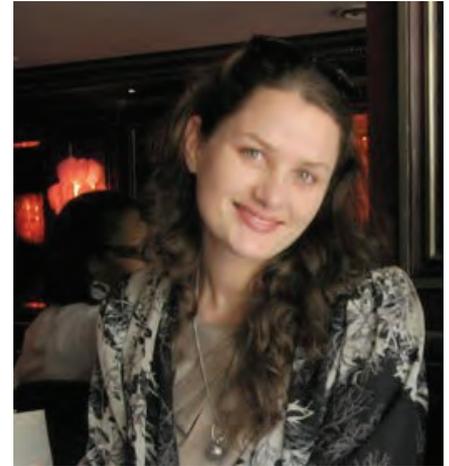
Not distinguishing collusion from cheating earlier.

What got me through Law School was:

The SMH crossword and target, Jon's observations on life, Google's search string predictions and unexpected acerbic witticisms.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

That laughing uproariously at your own jokes does not make them funny. Here's looking at you, Emma Meng Zhang.



The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

An obsessive tendency for formatting with sub-headings, numbering and multi-level lists (1, 1.1, 1.1.2...).

My favourite quote from Law School is:

Everything Dr Rita Shackel says.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Law Revue and three First Year camps!

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The friendship and camaraderie.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Been a superstar actress.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

No talking in the library.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Dr Ben Saul; Dr Peter Gerangelos.

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:

My life/soul.

The best class to sleep in has been:

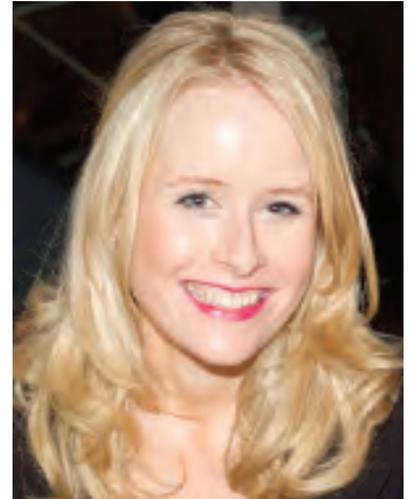
Foundations of Law.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

The moon!

What got me through Law School was:

I literally don't know.



Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Overusing the word 'reasonable' in everyday language.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Law Ball at Doltone House in 2010.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The Campos cafe, especially the raspberry and dark chocolate muffins.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Become an Italian teacher.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

Compulsory class participation.

I will probably be remembered for:

That girl who got engaged in the final year of law school.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Friends who have been through it all before.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

That work and marks are not the most important thing in life.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Socialising in stuvac.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Theories of Legal Reasoning.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Working at Allens Arthur Robinson.

My biggest regret is:

Not going on exchange to Italy.

What got me through Law School was:

Azzuri coffee.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

The more concise, the better.



Quirkiest Habit:

Caffeine addiction and caffeine overdose. I wouldn't call it a quirky habit, more like an inevitable health hazard associated with studying law.

Favourite quote:

Lecturer: "Don't go working for big nasty law firms!"
Fellow student in Foundations of Law: "who is this Regina person? Why is she always getting sued?"

Favourite Experience:

Too many to recall. First year Law Camp comes to mind, where many lasting friendships and memories were made.



I'm going to anticipate that my exchange will also be one of my favourite experiences!

Favourite thing about Law School:

The amazing intelligent and friendly people that I've met during my five years of studying law I won't miss Law School because of the study, but I'll miss it for the people. That and the new building.

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

Become a socialite.

If I could change something about Law school:

A law library for law students. Too much to ask?

No bell curve marks. I think we all deserve distinctions and High Distinction grades, based on our effort (regardless of how last minute the effort may be).

I will be remembered for:

Hopefully my happy and friendly nature.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Textbooks and study guides! Study sessions don't work well with me in it. We end up in a riveting conversation about something completely unrelated to law.

The most important thing from Law school:

The life experiences, which I will always cherish. Looking back, starting law when you're 18 is pretty young.

During my time at Law school I have sacrificed:

Sleep, sleep and more sleep! Studying law destroys your sleeping pattern, especially the period before the imminent assessment and assignment deadlines.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Why would you sleep in class? Free wireless internet and coffee (or a cheeky early drink) with friends are the solutions to boring classes.

Next step is:

The old law school Sydney Law step-commercial law firm (not being adventurous I know).

Biggest regret:

Spending too much time thinking about answers to this questionnaire! I have an assignment due tomorrow arrghhh!

What got me through law school was:

My wonderful friends. We've shared so many wonderful experiences!. Also the shopping splurges after an has been completed.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

Be yourself! Also, start your assignments early, which I've failed to do so consistently.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“They took our jobs!” (Professor Joellen Riley imitating rednecks from ‘South Park’ during Labour Law)

If I hadn’t studied law, I would have:

Studied the next thing on my preference list which would have been Optometry. Wow, imagine that.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

Having classes underground. The lack of sunlight, freezing air-conditioning and strange ventilation makes it feel a bit like a dungeon. Though it is probably appropriate given torture is a word many have used to describe studying law...

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

All my lecturers were amazing.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Sleep, eyesight, the opportunity cost of two years in the workforce, my self esteem and sense of humour. But hey, look on the bright side, I’ll have a law degree.

What got me through Law School was:

Wanting to finish what I had started. Despite the challenges, I do feel more confident in my reasoning skills as result of my time here.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

IRAC.



Undergraduate

Quirkiest Habit:

Swearing randomly when I'm in deep thought and drinking to study – I can no longer burn through a late night study session without a beer to ease the nerves.

Favourite quote:

“Are we happy with that?” (Ross Anderson)

Favourite Experience:

Going for a swim at Victoria Park on a sunny afternoon

Favourite thing about law school:

The opportunity to wear the exclusive Law Hoodie. Without the Law Hoodie nobody would be aware that I was a LAW student. Wearing it gains me the respect of others

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

Become a vet and travelled the world to help improve the lives of animals everywhere. I blame my father and my unexpectedly high UAI for leading me down the depressing path towards the pinstriped prison of Sydney Law.

If I could change something about Law school:

The seats in the new Law School. You can't shuffle your bum in those red rubber/leather seats without sounding like you're cracking a fart. But then again, you'd only shuffle about to stop a fart from leaking out. Eeewwww DISGUSTING!

I will be remembered for:

My distinguished eyebrows

However, to my closest friends, I will probably be remembered for my great interest in finding secret toilets around campus.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

The physically contrasting figures of Associate Professors Ross Anderson and Peter Gerangelos. They taught me how to be kind, interesting and passionate. They are admired by all who were lucky enough to have the Pair as their lecturers. Peter was a student of Ross.

The most important thing from Law school:

Life is more important than performing well in exams and assignments. That's what I tell myself every time I screw up a subject. It works.

During my time at Law school I have sacrificed:

My hairline. The stress of law school has accelerated the retreat. You also lose a lot of confidence going through law school as you struggle to meet the unrealistic standards set by out-of-touch academics. I am not the same guy I used to be.

The best class to sleep in has been:

International Comparative Jurisprudence. Klaus Zeigert depressingly averages only 8 students per class out of an enrolment of 104. I feel sorry for old Klaus, but not enough to stay in his classes. However, the good thing about Klaus is that he doesn't get too upset about this.

Next step is:

To fill in the vacant auditor position awaiting me at KPMG. I am not a lawyer. I'm not one for intricate detail, boring research or standing up for the vulnerable. Accountants are much 'hipper' than lawyers.

Biggest regret:

Not telling annoying ignorant fools to shut up whilst in the Lawbry. Seriously, why don't we have librarians patrolling the study areas and kicking those idiots out?

What got me through law school was:

Knowing it was too late to change course =(

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

Type as much as you can during class because your lecturer only knows as much as they are giving you in class. Therefore, there is no point in doing the required readings, unless it is relevant to a research assignment. Having a study group to do the readings for you also helps.

Undergraduate

My favourite quote from Law School is:

People gets progressively uglier as the semester goes on.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

A very nice learning environment especially the new lecture theatres. Being able to study on campus after third year. Going to some very stimulating lectures given by lecturers who are interested in their field. And of course stressing over assignments and exams with peers.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

Spending a lot of time alone, meeting some very smart people in first year that Ive stayed with until fifth year. Chatting to like-minded people about issues. The general learning environment is very conducive to focussed studying.

If I hadn't studied law:

I would've studied psychology, history, education or social work.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

Going on exchange would be a compulsory part of the law school curriculum.

I will probably be remembered for:

Nothing in particular

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

The lecturers and the people around me.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Always have to study hard and put in effort into whatever you're doing. There is really no shortcut to anything. Always read the cases and not just the headnote.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Maybe studying another area which would be more interesting than the law. But I think coming to Sydney Law School has been a worthwhile experience.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Admin law



After graduating, the next step for me is:

To start working

My biggest regret is:

Nothing in particular but maybe not participating 'fully' in more clubs and societies, especially not attending CLSS events from third year onwards.

What got me through Law School was:

Doing the readings and the thought that studying intensively for five years was much better than doing anything else at the moment.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

To study hard and stay positive.

Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Trying to teach Virgil (my dog) the law. He particularly enjoys it when I read him a selection of Chief Justice Dixon's judgments.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Procrastinating with my disciples (i.e. friends) in the Lawbry and generally saying inappropriate things in public.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The convivial (read: quietly desperate and surreptitiously snobby), competitive atmosphere that permeates the very pores of all who grace its hallowed halls.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The fashion sense of our learned colleagues.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

The librarians and Carter, Peden and Tolhurst (5th ed).

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Level 8 Fisher Library IS NOT a good make-out spot.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Pop stardom.

My biggest regret is:

Not going to Medical School. That building across the Avenue is beautiful.

What got me through Law School was:

Red Bull, Double Espressos, witty companions and cute nerds.

Favourite quote:

“In the context of the reality of the context in the context of reality.” (Certain law lecturer)

Favourite Experience:

Shanghai Winter School!!! Best experience ever

The most important thing from Law school:

The ability to type at the speed people talk.

Biggest regret:

Missing out on law camp...



Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Time management.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

First year camp, Revue, corridor chat.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Been jealous.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The Lawbry: in my construction plans I was able to fit five levels of desks, with sockets, in the Turnbull Reading Room.

I will probably be remembered for:

Being nice and having plans.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Twomey: how to slap sense into people more powerful than you.

McCracken: how to command finance law better than people more Muggle than you.

Glister: how to be just and equitably... lovely.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Justifiably high expectations.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

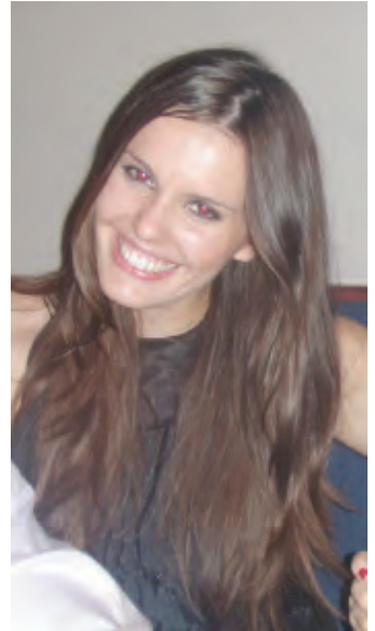
Sleep and shelf space.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Lawyering up.

What got me through Law School was:

The people.



The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Using at least two different colours to highlight a case/article.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Federal Constitutional Law with Peter Gerangelos, and hearing Justice Kirby speak in first year.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Never learned how to use pin point citation.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

My eyesight, a small fortune on coffee and countless hours of sleep.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Legal Profession.

Morgan Jones

Undergraduate

My favourite experience from Law School was:

\$3 beers at happy hour.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

Peter Gerangelos, Constitutional Law lectures.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Been a dole bludger.

What got me through Law School was:

Excellent mid-class banter from mates.



My favourite experience from Law School was:

Learning from amazing lecturers, and meeting some great people along the way!

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Definitely missed out on an extremely enriching and enjoyable experience.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The length of the Campos queue.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

An extreme amount of paper on notes, readings and assignments – all recycled though!

What got me through Law School was:

Caffeine.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Not just understanding legal principles in themselves, but appreciating the fundamental importance of law in both shaping and reflecting society through its role as a dynamic institution, which underpins just about all our activities.

Undergraduate

Quirkiest Habit:

Quoting Latin in assignments solely to save on word count.

Favourite quote:

“He may protest to the machine, even swear at it, but it will remain unmoved.”
Lord Denning in *Thorton v Show Lane Parking Ltd* [1971] 1 All ER 686 (per Lord Denning MR)

Favourite Experience:

Themed dinner parties.

Favourite thing about Law School:

All the lame law jokes.

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

Turned into an Arts academic.

If I could change something about Law School:

The freaking layout of the New Law Building – why cant you go from o24 to Barff Road without going up and down stairs?

I will be remembered for:

Hiding whenever lecturers asked if anyone had studied Latin.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Google.

The most important thing from Law school:

As great as lame law jokes are, they alienate non-law peeps.

During my time at Law school I have sacrificed:

Many chickens.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Torts portion of Torts and Contracts 2.

Next step is:

Go travelling.

Biggest regret:

All the lame law jokes.

What got me through law school was:

Coffee. Lots of it. And Twitter.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

Something will happen eventually.



The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Learning that the best time to grab computers at Lawbry is before 11:00am.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“There’s nothing better than sitting out on the veranda on a Sunday afternoon, sipping a glass of wine, and reading a great High Court judgment.” (Prof Peter Gerangelos)

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Peter Gerangelos, Ross Anderson, and Todd.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

5-and-a-half years!

What got me through Law School was:

Dicta-phone-style typing in lectures, notes-sharing on mass chain emails, Newtown Thai, my friends aka the Asian cohort, cramming with Todd, Boston Legal (& Denny Crane), post-exam celebrations at Kuletos, and litres and litres of hot black coffee.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Learning the art of procrastination and that there is a 10 minute lee-way for due date for assignments (generally all things revolving around the topic of how NOT to manage time...).

Undergraduate

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“Legislation is putty in the hands of judges.” (Ron McCallum)

My favourite experience from Law School was:

All the Law Balls that I attended, especially Law Ball 2007 held in the Town Hall: everyone was dancing on the stage by the end of the night and my shirt was ruined with red wine stains.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The queue for coffee at the cafe in the New Law School building.

I will probably be remembered for:

My propensity for wearing sporting clothes to class.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Mark Leeming. He was an inspiring lecturer and role-model.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

New friends who are far more intelligent and capable than I am. And time for reflection: at no other stage in one's life do you have so much of that most valuable of commodities.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

My hairline.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

To RYBQ (Read Your Bloody Question!).

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The fabulous people and friends I have made. Thanks and much love must go to Emily Anvia, Alicia Gray, Alexandra Stead, Bibhu Aggarwal, Ruchi Bhatt, Heather Huddleston, Emma Zhang, Vaishali Dave and Jon Hon for being there for me every step of the way.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Some of the incredible lecturers I had along the way.

1. David Kinley for Foundations of Law, who reminded me why I chose to do law in the first place.
2. Ross Anderson, who still remains my favourite lecturer in the law school.
3. Micah Burch, who made Taxation Law the best elective I took.
4. Joellen Riley, who was an absolute delight and understood that law students like to do things apart from study.



The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

An understanding that I can achieve anything. Law school was the hardest thing I ever did and even though it was very difficult along the way - through hard work and perseverance, I made it.

I will probably be remembered for:

A big smile, always being at class 10 minutes early, polka dots, stripes and my love of the Parramatta Eels.

Undergraduate

Favourite quote:

Law Revue 2010

Girl: Mmm this pizza is great. Hitler how is yours?

Hitler: Mine..is..SUPREME!!!!

Favourite thing about Law School:

People watching around law school.

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

Changed my surname.

No really - I would have studied Commerce Liberal studies and gone into marketing or media communications.

If I could change something about Law school:

Only allow law students in the law school. Free tea and coffee for law students especially in 4th year with our 9-hour days.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Anne Twomey - about Fed Con, working in law, her family of tall poppies, how to teach/brainwash your son, and not to take yourself too seriously.

The most important thing form Law school:

A feeling that if I can survive 5 years of law school, I can do anything. Probably untrue.

Next step is:

Take time off and then prepare myself for full-time work.

What got me through law school was:

Family and friends to keep me sane, not taking myself too seriously, and knowing that there is more to life than law school and uni.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

Question everything.



The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

A mild penchant for reading and, remarkably, being capable of reading terribly obscure cases written in 18th Century English interspersed with the occasional Latin.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Had hopes and dreams; become a Nobel Prize-winning scientist, astronaut or President of the United States. Nor would I have known that Presidents be natural-born US citizen isn't just a technicality.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

Less. Readings.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

A passion for public policy, politics and a firm understanding of the importance of individual rights.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Legal Profession. No, wait! Evidence. Or maybe Processes of Justice? This question was definitely the hardest.

What got me through Law School was:

The ability to cram a 5000 word essay into 1000 words.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Learning the importance of perseverance, knowledge and having brilliant equals who can drive you to greater heights.

Undergraduate

Favourite quote:

Anything from the mouth of Peter Gerangelos.

Favourite Experience:

First year law camp and first year formal at Town Hall.

Favourite thing about Law School:

The people.

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

20/20 vision.

If I could change something about Law School:

Avoid placing students in underground rooms.

I will be remembered for:

Doing too many internships.

The most important thing from Law school:

A close set of friends and learning how to think and argue in a particular way.

During my time at Law school I have sacrificed:

Normal sleeping patterns in assignment and exam periods.

Next step is:

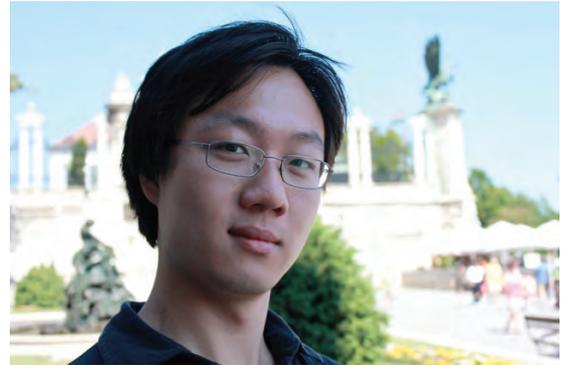
Being a corporate sellout.

What got me through law school was:

We were all fighting the same battle.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

You can never stop learning.



The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Wearing t-shirts to Uni during winter and jumpers to class during summer (to combat extreme air-conditioning)!

My favourite thing about Law School is:

How it has been so personally empowering and inspiring. Learning the law has enriched my understanding of local, international, political, commercial, and personal issues and has genuinely changed the way I think! I have also loved being in the company of such bright and talented people who inspire me to try my best every day.



At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Our lecturers and their infectious enthusiasm- I will never forget 'Torts' with Ross Anderson and his lively re-enactments of different case facts and torts during class.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

My love of sleeping in. But I have found a new love of drinking coffee.

What got me through Law School was:

My friends :) Thank you for five fun years spent lunching at Wentworth, sharing thoughts and doodles in class, car pools and train rides, motivational study groups, supportive/panicked text messaging during exam weeks, joyous post-exam celebrations, and for all the fun we're about to have after graduation. Love you all!!

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The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

The tendency to type down what lecturers are saying without having an idea of what they're on about.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

All the celebrations after handing in assignments and finishing exams. The most carefree and ridiculous times, especially with the help of some ever so reliable alcohol.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The comfort of knowing that doesn't really matter what time of the day you walk into the lawbry, there's always someone there that you know!

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Gerangelos. The man is a bona fide (thank you, law school) legend.

The best class to sleep in has been:

4-6pm classes, especially if it's something like Administrative Law.

What got me through Law School was:

Lunch times with lovely and hilarious people. Only to be bettered by spontaneous and lengthy breaks with more lovely and hilarious people.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Just how much we are capable of. Everyone has been such an inspiration!

Humyara Mahbub

Undergraduate

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“Do you mean morally, or legally?”

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The cafe/bar.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Gone to art school and cut off an ear and become a posthumous success.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The toilets. Why are there 8 sinks but 2 soap dispensers?

I will probably be remembered for:

Walking into the wrong class, then walking out, then walking in again, sitting down, having Mary Crock tell me I'd already done this class, and then walking out again.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Anique Mawa's impeccable style.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Friends!

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

My dignity and self-esteem.

The best class to sleep in has been:

International Law

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Not sure yet, hopefully I'll be secret agent with ASIO, or working on a glamorous prime time lawyer show; The Good Wife, here I come!

My biggest regret is:

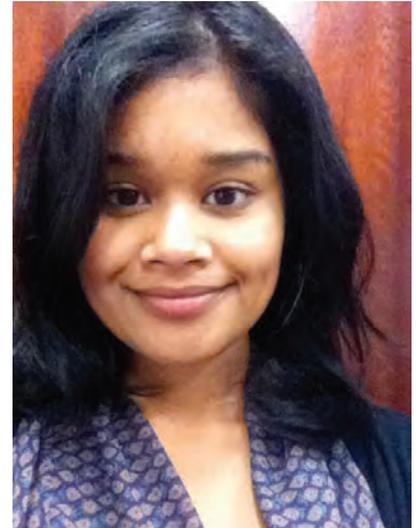
Not going on first year law camp!

What got me through Law School was:

Too much food.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

I really can make a difference.



The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Being contrarian just for the sake of it.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“You know what I mean Sheelagh!”

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Law Revue.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Finished uni two years earlier but probably not found employment.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

My peers.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

TBA.

My biggest regret is:

Not going on first year law camp.

What got me through Law School was:

The 5 minute break between 2 hour lectures and group complaint sessions.

Harry Marples

Undergraduate

Favourite quote:

An unnamed Equity lecturer teaching fiduciary obligations: “Doctors accepting financial benefits from pharmaceutical companies for prescribing their drugs, you can’t #@*%ing do that!”

Favourite Experience:

Watching the court marshal scene from ‘Blackadder’ to highlight rules of procedural fairness in Administrative Law.

Favourite thing about law school:

The opportunity to learn under some truly gifted academics.

If I hadn’t studied law I would have:

Studied further, either doing a Masters or an Honours year.

If I could change something about Law school:

To have all lectures and seminars recorded so that difficult topics can be revisited and missed classes be caught up.

The most important thing form Law school:

Great friendships with fellow classmates that I hope will continue into practice and long into the future.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Jurisprudence.

Next step is:

Travelling for a year through North America and Europe and enjoying some time off before starting a graduate job in 2013.

Biggest regret:

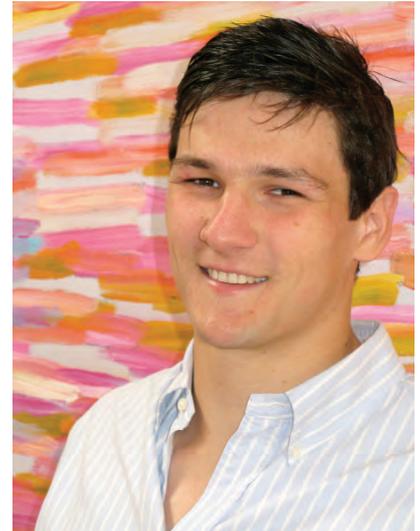
Not participating in the Law Revue when I was in first year.

What got me through law school was:

My friends who were doing it with me.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

Time management.



My favourite experience from Law School was:

Meeting a whole bunch of great people, including, but not limited to:

Simon 'Simey B' Baume, Mikey 'Ryan Atwood' Shiraev, Tom 'freestyle rap' Kaldor, Antony 'russian bass' Faisandier, Ben 'The 7th' Buckingham, Anique 'Beyonce' Mawa, Edwina 'stop it' Tidmarsh, Dan 'this is a ballad' Lim, Thalia 'Dolce + Gabbana' Prassas, Dana 'Beiklari' Beiglari, Kate Lindeman (you are a perfect human, any nickname would only foresake this), Samit 'DJ Ding Dong' Kalra, Alex 'shred-lord' Marechal-Ross, Rob 'Knight-Rider' Knight, David 'soy' Mierendorff, Ash 'pants' Radich, Liz 'weasel appreciation society' Boden, Sarah 'saustin' Austin and Jane 'stay classy' Favretto.



If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Continued my burgeoning yet inherently unstable career as a heavy-metal/jazz guitarist.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

The Hon Peter Gerangelos AM SC KC QC (PHD). I think only one of those titles is factual - but all of them are worthy. An insightful man, and the only lecturer to really explain the law with its full social force.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Getting involved with the Law Revue - do it.

Also, forming the band 'Wolves are Howling' aka 'Milk Pillow' with Tom Kaldor, Jacob Charles-Stretton, Jeremy Nash and Alex Marechal-Ross. We are willing to play a selection of ditties for a hot meal... scrap that... any meal.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Finally ordering one of those giant Subway sandwiches from the movies. Does anyone know if they still do them?

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Corporations Law 2014 - Class 4, Part B2 - s 1322 of the Corporations Act: The Court's jurisdiction to cure irregularities during general company meetings.

This had to be an absolute standout. I just hope the faculty keeps focusing on the big issues like this one in the future.

David Mierendorff

Undergraduate

Favourite quote:

“Watch me for the changes.” No wait, that was Back to the Future.

Favourite thing about Law School:

The people. The building staff are very nice.

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

A smaller HECS bill.

I will be remembered for:

Tallness

During my time at Law school I have sacrificed:

Many a dollar to the coffee gods.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

The tremendous importance of country road bags, macbook pros and of being a law student.



The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Using the 43 folders system of filing after reading a book called "Getting Things Done".

My favourite quote from Law School is:

Anything that emanated from Prof Gerangelos' mouth. His entire lectures are quotable.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Having the opportunity to work with crazy German lawyers in Frankfurt closely followed by any given class run by Irene Baghoomians.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The incredible people you're always meeting. Entrepreneurs, Artists, Sportspeople... each with a very different yet very Sydney view on the world.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Been a Wallabies front-rower. Clearly.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The pyramid, they stuffed up the angles a bit. That's my biggest gripe really.

I will probably be remembered for:

Being a guy when after seeing my name they expected a girl.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

The times I wasn't studying law.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Great friends.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

A lot of sleep.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Administrative Law. Tutor will remain nameless.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Taking a big holiday.

My biggest regret is:

Nothing that big.

What got me through Law School was:

Prayers.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

It's not about the marks.

Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

I now laugh at law jokes.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“You’re a lawyer right? A person I was with glassed another guy on the weekend, and my mate has been subpoenaed to give evidence. Does he have to go?” Walking from Law School to Engo was always fun.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Nepal field school. Definitely. Nothing quite says “study experience” like knocking back a couple of home-distilled spirits by candlelight having spent 6 hours driving on an unsealed road in a bus with no suspension, and then stumbling to an open-air evening debrief about the field interviews you did with villagers up the river.

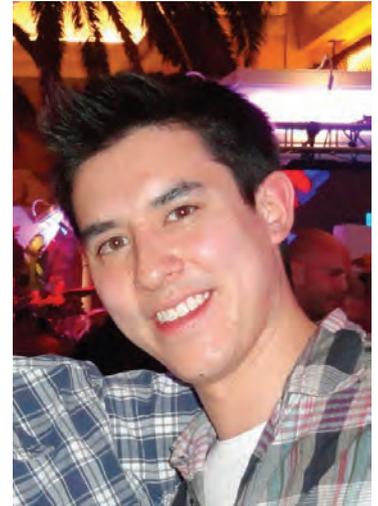
Special commendation goes to Town Hall Law Ball 07 and the infamous people-caught-on-fire/broken-bones/Julian-Hui-jumping-off-the-side-of-the-ferry (for a bet that was never honoured) Law Camp 06.

I will probably be remembered for:

Being one of those rare, mythical Engo-Law beasts. Here’s a hint: if you ever want to catch one, we are in the computer labs.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Legal profession. It kinda helps when the lecturer turns the lights out by mistake and continues to lecture in the dark.



The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Religiously carrying a canister of green tea with me, a habit picked up from the Shanghai Winter School.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The name of the Turnbull Foundation Reading Room, which leaves me racked by political guilt every time I enjoy its coned silence.



I will probably be remembered for:

Being part of the furniture in the law library, and papering the law school purple during the 2010 SALS election.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Those pioneering students whose notes have been passed down from year to year.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

The great friendships.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

My time, my health and my sanity.

What got me through Law School was:

Four coffees a day.

Graduate

My favourite experience from Law School was:

The SALS informal in 2010.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Been a musician, probably living in Europe.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

More quiet study spaces only for law students; free tea, coffee and red bull; and more practical opportunities for students.

I will probably be remembered for:

The guy that always seemed to be away travelling.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Ross Anderson.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

A good work ethic... I hope.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

My social life... but probably not as much as I should have.

The best class to sleep in has been:

The Legal Profession.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Taking some time off to travel, away from any text books, before settling back into a grad job.

What got me through Law School was:

An awesome group of friends.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Work consistently and don't leave anything to the last minute!



Edward Pham

Undergraduate



Connie Picos

Graduate

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

Free parking!

Undergraduate

Quirkiest Habit:

The need to carry a pad and pen at all times and take notes on anything I hear.

Favourite thing about law school:

The law school is generally pretty awesome. I spent most of my time in class, the coffee line and library.

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

I would have pursued electrical engineering, which I probably would have regretted.

During my time at Law school I have sacrificed:

Lots of sleep.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Legal profession.

Next step is:

I haven't decided, hopefully somewhere I will enjoy.

Biggest regret:

Leaving all of my deadlines to the last minute.

What got me through law school was:

Laptop, coffee, flats, group notes and cramming.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

Not to take things at face value. To really understand myself: what I am good at; what I like; to have a dream; and go for it.

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Worshipping lecturers like they're celebrities (ahem: Anne Twomey and Ross Anderson).

My favourite quote from Law School is:

Um... every single lecture note i've ever written since I got a laptop circa 2009 is a direct quote. Therefore I'd have to say there are just too many to mention.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Guzzling coffee.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

Despite the drama, it's exactly where I've always wanted to be. The huge readers accumulating dust on my bedroom floor are oddly comforting in the depths of sleepless nights, and I'm forever entertained by the little quips that judges make. Ah Lord Denning, so cute!

**If I hadn't studied law, I would have:**

Done a course that doesn't, at certain 'high' points, make me feel like an absolute bumbling imbecile. Something like art history or media and communications: simple, nurturing, warm, rainbows, bunnies and lollypops.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

Kick the science kids out of the law library.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

The random bums and unsuspecting innocent people who asked me for "legal advice" due to my apparent superhuman status as law student. My attempts to actually apply what I'd learnt to their variously mundane and straightforward problems led me to the realization that the grand sum of my knowledge was absolutely NOTHING. Great motivation to study.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

You CAN live the dream - have an active social life, join 10 or 15 clubs and societies and take up various intellectually stimulating hobbies AND do law school. But just in a really crappy, substandard, unemployable kind of way.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Too much study time!!!

The best class to sleep in has been:

Theories of Law - the confusion numbs your brain to such an extent that you pass out.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Taking over the world. Sorry wait after graduation I still have about 10 000 pages of reading to catch up on before I actually know any law...

What got me through Law School was:

Guzzling coffee

Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

The need to study with an inordinate amount of light.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The teaching staff and their anecdotes, peers, and the opportunity to be the International Students' Officer for SULLS.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Studied primary education.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

Additional power points and natural light in lecture theatres and mandatory muzzles in the law library.

I will probably be remembered for:

Being the girl the "unique accent" (7 countries = 1 unique accent).

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

My professors and peers... (and let's not forget the copious amounts of legal dramas)

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

An appreciation for the fact that no fine detail should go unchallenged.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

My cuticles

After graduating, the next step for me is:

The bar (this may or may not have a double meaning).

My biggest regret is:

Not going on first year law camp (twice).

What got me through Law School was:

Four cups of coffee a day, long chats to Emily on the phone, frantic late night Skype calls to my parents, and AI.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Human nature is cooperative not competitive.



The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

A pathological desire to footnote everything.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

The Constitution: "A mundane document which harbours great principles".

My favourite thing about Law School is:

Undercover motorcycle parking. No more wet gear!

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Studied more history.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

Force students to study ethics in their first and second years. By the time they get to fourth year it's too late for some.

I will probably be remembered for:

Taking notes in The Legal Profession.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Peter Gerangelos.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

The knowledge that 99.9 doesn't make people smarter than you. They just have less of a life.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

To spend less time volunteering for things that are interesting, and more time being paid for things that are less interesting.

What got me through Law School was:

My partner (now fiancé!) and my parents.



Jemimah Roberts

Undergraduate

Quirkiest Habit:

Carry around the Constitution in my handbag. You never know when you might need it!

Favourite quote:

Lord Denning in *Thorton v Show Lane Parking Ltd* [1971] 1 All ER 686: “None of those cases has any application to a ticket which is issued by an automatic machine. The customer pays his money 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.”

A second favourite is Lord Denning (yet again) in *Hinz v Berry* (1970) 2 QB 40: “It happened on April 19, 1964. It was bluebell time in Kent.”



Favourite Experience:

Discovering that Facebook has a ‘Peter Gerangelos Appreciation Society’. Having cake in our Constitution and the Crown class to celebrate the ‘anniversary’ of the Australia Acts was a close second. Working out how to amend the Constitution without a referendum also led to a disturbing amount of not very well concealed excitement.

If I hadn’t studied law I would have:

Become a history teacher (and may still do so someday!)

If I could change something about Law school:

Short queues for Campos coffee (although we soon learnt to strategically time our coffee breaks for half past the hour to avoid the mayhem at the end of class).

I will be remembered for:

Being ‘that girl’ who (allegedly) stalks High Court Justices.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Peter Gereanglos.

During my time at Law school I have sacrificed:

Many hours of valuable sleep due to 7am ‘study parties’ at Azzuri.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Admin Law.

Next step is:

Working out what to do with my life.

Biggest regret:

Not appreciating that legal research can extend beyond Austlii and Google until my 5th year of law.

What got me through law school was:

Campos Coffee.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

The various pearls of wisdom from Peter Gerangelos' Fed Con class.

Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

An obsession with making all my citations as perfect as possible.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

A quote by Chief Justice Barwick in a case from 1974 concerning a licence fee on tobacco retailers:

“It could scarcely be conceived that the elderly gentleman, resting after a life-time of labour, eking out his days in the sunshine on park bench or wall, quietly cutting a pipeful from a block of tobacco provided by friend or charity, and after rubbing it to a suitable tilth, smoking it in contentment, was intended to be required to notify his self-indulgence and pay within seven days, if he could but remember the occasion, a tax of seven and a half per cent of the value of the pipeful or perhaps of only so much of the pipeful as he smoked before dropping off to sleep in the sun.”



My favourite experience from Law School was:

The lecturer for Constitution and the Crown bringing a cake with little Australian and British flags to class to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Australia Acts.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The friends I've made.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Not had as much fun and met as many interesting people as I did.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

Having more field trips so students can see how law is actually practiced instead of only learning it from books and academics.

I will probably be remembered for:

Saving goals and saving lives.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Lecturers who were engaging and had a sense of humour.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

An awareness of the importance of law in our society. It can be used for tremendous good as well as evil.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Nothing.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Processes of Justice.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Moving out of home!

My biggest regret is:

Not getting involved in as much extra-curricular activity as I could have.

What got me through Law School was:

A desire to do the best that I can.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Just have a go. There are so many opportunities everywhere and it's up to ourselves to make the most of it.

Undergraduate

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

Become a pastry chef.

If I could change something about Law School:

The odd stuffy smell of the new law building.

I will be remembered for:

Spending more time in 4th year thinking up law jokes to put on Facebook than actually studying.



What got me through law school was:

Copious amounts of coffee (unsurprisingly) and the friendships of others also trying to get through law school. And lots of highlighters.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

“Always be the first person to put the piece of paper on the table” (Anne Twomey) - more useful than it first appears.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“The parties are advised to chill.”

My favourite thing about Law School is:

I’m continually surprised by the number of interesting, smart, articulate people who keep popping up around this place. Not sure where they hide – I suspect they’re the quiet ones who sit unobtrusively up the back of lectures.

I will probably be remembered for:

“Happy Monday!”

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Mooting. I only ended up doing one competition (criminal law) after which the prospect of sleep was just too good to turn down, but the moot really helped to bring law into perspective, and forced me to actually learn some legal research skills.

Oh, and Sheelagh McCracken.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Patience.

The best class to sleep in has been:

I’ve never really mastered the art of sleeping in lectures or aeroplanes. Any suggestions?

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Consistently under-achieve for six months.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

The deadline is your friend.



Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Talking about everything in terms of the 'form' and 'substance' dichotomy.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

SULS!

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The facade of the New Law Building, although being stuck in the underground dungeons for classes is not all that pleasant.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Gone frolicking.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

Shorter lines at Taste Baguette.

I will probably be remembered for:

Disappearing.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

My peers.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

An education in law.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Many a pretty penny on coffees.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Those sitting next to me (and probably lecturers) could attest that I slept quite well in any class.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

An associateship at the Supreme Court.

My biggest regret is:

Not getting more involved in everything going on around me! e.g. First year law camp, more law balls &c.

What got me through Law School was:

Lunches with many wonderful people.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

How to address my learned brothers and sisters in court.



Bio by Warren Oakes:

“If I were to describe my first impression of Chelsea, it would be an enigma. You immediately think she is too cool to talk to, what with her chilled music taste, classy shoes and vintage dresses (with just the right amount of ‘oh I threw this stuff together when I was running out the door late’). The give away, of course, is that this chick would never be late to class,* and is actually an uber-genious; the kind of friend who you’ll go commiserate with over a jug of beer because she only got a distinction (in such situations, I find it best to treat it as a celebratory beer so as not to get depressed). This also puts away any preconceived stereotypes of people north of the border (yes, she is a Queenslander transfer). But how did I find all this out in such a short time? As anyone who has made eye contact with Chelsea knows, she has one of the warmest smiles and most welcoming personalities you will ever meet. Within 30 seconds the confusion clears and you realise that what you have is a friend for life.”

* Chelsea’s note: That suggestion stretches the bounds of truth.

Graduate

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“A man dressed in a gorilla suit ran around and did silly things – including getting the men to pretend to shave his bottom and to do foolish things with bananas.” – 2010 Equity Mid-Semester Assignment problem question scenario. It was the funniest, most outrageous problem question scenario I have read, and made the laborious task of completing an assignment infinitely entertaining.



My favourite experience from Law School was:

Shanghai Law School.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

Having classes for only two days a week.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Worked in the Foreign Ministry... or maybe struggled to make a living out of baking and selling brownies.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The state of the female restrooms.

I will probably be remembered for:

Wearing shorts in the dead of winter during Shanghai Law School.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Professor Sheelagh McCracken. I probably learnt the most from her because she is the only lecturer whom I can pay full attention to for two whole hours, and walk out of the room with a good understanding of everything she said about commercial law.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Probably... meeting someone awesome, i.e. Mr E.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

So much of my moolah to the law school Campos coffee cart, which later morphed into a law school cafe.

The best class to sleep in has been:

The Legal Profession.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Getting a visa and trying not to be deported from Australia.

My biggest regret is:

Not experiencing the Ross Anderson-effect until my last semester in law school.

What got me through Law School was:

The friends and wonderful people I met along the way, which made going to law school a more enjoyable experience.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Always be prepared and good time-management skills are of the utmost importance.

Undergraduate

Quirkiest Habit:

The daily 9am chocolate brownie from Taste Baguette. Completely legitimate!

Favourite Experience:

Law Revue was a definite highlight. Another fond memory is team Waratah's efforts at First Year Trivia - full credit to Chong Shao's Haiku!

Favourite thing about Law School:

Its encouragement of the Plain English Movement...no more thesauruses!

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

Opened a Taste Baguette franchise (!)

The most important thing from Law School:

Some fabulous friendships (and refined coffee tastes).

Next step is:

After completing my final semester this year in Lyon, hopefully some travel.

Biggest regret:

The cumulative 2kg of delicious macarons consumed.

What got me through law school was:

See above.

The most valuable lesson learnt at law school:

Realising Dennis Denuto's quote from the Castle - 'its the vibe' - is actually not a valid legal argument.



Quirkiest Habit:

Walking extra flights of stairs to level 0 because the level 1 toilet was always a mess. Walking was the easy part. Trying to explain it to your friends in public is another challenge in itself.

Favourite quote:

“Why is Regina always getting sued?” (said by an anonymous person after s/he saw the daily Supreme Court schedule during the first Foundation of Law court observation assignment)

**Favourite Experience:**

Taking part in the ‘Bridges Across Borders South east Asia’ program in Thailand and Laos. It was a real eye opener and made me appreciate how lucky we are as law students to learn to question the law.

If I hadn’t studied law I would have:

Had a decent social life.

If I could change something about Law school:

Renaming the Turnbull Foundation Reading Room into the Thunder Dome.

I will be remembered for:

Being the smiley guy.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Peter Gerangelos- that dude is god amongst men.

The best class to sleep in has been:

Who needs sleep when you can stalk people on Facebook.

Biggest regret:

Leaving every assignment to the last minute (as I’m filling out this questionnaire, I’m trying to finish my admin essay due very soon!)

What got me through law school was:

Coffee and booze - the former should be used for studying while the other for not studying (rule not strictly enforced will lead to interesting results).

Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Being paranoid about whether every crazy little thing I have done in my life will have to be divulged in my admittance application.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“The final examination will be closed book.”

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Playing pool, air hockey and darts at the Old Law School.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The awesome, competitive pressure that forces everyone to work hard to be better than everyone else, yet consistently deny that they have done the readings every week.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Had a social life and would not have had to ever endure the short period of awkward silence that ensues when people ask me what I studied at uni.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

To add turnstiles to the library entrance to prevent those commerce students from having picnics in there.

I will probably be remembered for:

Blanking people because I could not remember their names.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Not participating in class.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

To not ask stupid questions and wait for someone else to do it, or ask your friends in the hope that they will ask.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

My soul.

My biggest regret is:

Not working even harder to get that first in every subject.

What got me through Law School was:

The abundant supply of filtered oxygen in the dungeons of both the old and new law schools.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Legal rules are completely arbitrary and inadequate to achieve just results.

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Eating fifty or so packets of chips during Stuvac.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

The Shanghai Winter School. Hang Zhou was awesome!

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Had a life.

I will probably be remembered for:

The youngest, and probably the shortest in my year.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

The time to pursue my other passions in life.

The best class to sleep in has been:

The Legal Profession... that is, if you want to risk being yelled at.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

Work, and having a life.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Law can be tough, but we will rise above and beyond our greatest expectations and come out stronger than the person we once were five years ago.



Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Finding ever more elaborate ways of limiting my time on campus, and still managing to graduate. I've also developed an uncanny ability to avoid all forms of student politics, university publications and moot-ing.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

Welcome to law school... and coincidentally the world's second oldest profession'.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

...there have been a few, and ironically none of them took place on campus. Living in Mongolia, working at the UN, and completing two university exchanges in Vienna and Helsinki were by far the highlights of my time at law school.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

The people you meet. 98% of Sydney Uni law students need to get a life, get laid, or both. The other 2% make it worthwhile.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Probably studied a BA (Languages).

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

...each year the most brilliant students from all across NSW arrive on a virtual conveyor belt at the sandstone gates of Sydney University. And with their preppy cardigans and astronomical UAs these students dutifully make their way to law school, where for the next five years they're slowly squeezed through a bottleneck. Like a warped Darwinian experiment, only the fittest find themselves sporting pinstripes and graduating with plum jobs at top tier sweatshops.

Indeed the conveyor belt provides a sense of comfort and familiarity for the sheep who follow it. The once creative and enthusiastic minds blindly follow the path of least resistance; burying themselves ever deeper in volumes of irrelevance. And then, when the conveyor belt ends, and the sheep emerge from the dungeon like depths of the law library, they find themselves almost totally devoid of imagination and dangerously risk averse.

Baaaa!!!!

I will probably be remembered for:

Having been everywhere except law school.



At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Getting out of the classroom and travelling abroad.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

Those 3 magical letters...LLB.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Far too much time studying in the library!

The best class to sleep in has been:

Personal Taxation...at times it felt like a live burial.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

...I plan to start as a grad lawyer next year, however I'll admit to flirting with the idea of doing masters. Alternatively I might hatch an evil plan and retire early... sipping Mojitos on a yacht somewhere off the Dalmatian coast.

My biggest regret is:

Not going to Mongolia earlier - it was an amazing experience which totally changed my perspective on things.

What got me through Law School was:

Savage cocktails of Red Bull and Columbian marching powder!

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

We're all looking at the wrong channels.

Undergraduate

The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Always picking out one word in every sentence and wandering what meaning it gives to the sentence and whether it could possibly mean anything else.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“I didn’t think that Australia had a class system, until I came to Sydney Law school.”

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Practically taking up residence in the library every stuvac.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

Open book exams.

If I hadn’t studied law, I would have:

Been a Vet.

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

George Gerrangelous - best lecturer EVER.

The most important thing I have got out of my time at Law School is:

The realisation that it is often the smallest detail that matters.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Nothing and everything.

My biggest regret is:

Not taking up enough opportunities to really experience everything that Law at Sydney offers.

What got me through Law School was:

CAFFEINE, lots and lots of caffeine....

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

If anything can go wrong, it probably will, so be prepared.



The quirkiest habit I have developed from Law School is:

Law puns especially those involving lecturers or fellow classmates and or legislations.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“Thinner not Fetta” and Thairrible Thai jokes.

My favourite experience from Law School was:

Anne Twomey and Ross Anderson.

My favourite thing about Law School is:

Table service cafe and a swish new building. Also the shopping at the old law school isn't bad either.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have:

Become the Asian Anna Wintour.

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

The un-ergonomic seating in the Lawbry.

I will probably be remembered for:

Claudia Kishi style and funny (hotly contested) jokes.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

My looks – from the stress & constant studying.

After graduating, the next step for me is:

To begin Life.

My biggest regret is:

Not turning the boys I have kissed into princes.

What got me through Law School was:

My friends (GNAWWWW) but seriously? Newtown Thai.

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Grammar and punctuation is important.

Undergraduate

Favourite Experience:

Hanging out on a beach in the middle of nowhere under the cover of darkness drinking cups of Breezers during First Year Law Camp.

Favourite thing about law school:

The social dinners and drinks after every end-of-semester exam.

If I hadn't studied law I would have:

Studied engineering or science and continued the family tradition.

If I could change something about Law school:

Amend the law faculty constitution, imposing a strict obligation for "law faculty staffs" to perform at the annual law revue.

I will be remembered for:

Attempting to camp like Bear Grylls....with a 'few' additional accessories

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

The shared notes from my ever-reliable law buddies. It is the 2nd best thing to having someone else learning it for you;)

The most important thing from Law school:

How to perfect the art of turning a page of gibberish into a sentence and do that repeatedly until I hit 2500 words.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

A VERY long list of things.... But I would like to think what I have forgone I have gained elsewhere.

The best class to sleep in has been:

LEGAL PROFESSION! (Sorry, it is too tempting not to answer this question)

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Next step is:

Start saving up for an around the world trip and then cross off a few more things on my bucket list.

What got me through law school was:

My Dell Mini and 10mbs of free uni internet usage per day.

My favourite quote from Law School is:

“I used to think I was smart, till I came to law school. I used to sleep at night, till I came to law school. I used to have a life, till I came to law school. I thought I was the sh*t...now I know I’m not sh*t, thanks to law school.” (Law School Musical, Youtube)

If I could change something about Law School, it would be:

Less exclusive. Have a law school musical that involves the entire faculty and students, with compulsory attendance (e.g. lipdubs).

At Law School, I learnt the most from:

Overhearing strangers’ conversations in the law library.

During my time at Law School I have sacrificed:

Friends, who moved into Science-Engineering backgrounds, who stopped understanding my quirky sense of humour.

The best class to sleep in has been:

What, I never sleep in class!

What got me through Law School was:

The random all-night binge parties that happen right after assignments and exams

The most valuable lesson I learnt at Law School was:

Be yourself. Take risks. Law school is so much more than just learning, it is an enlightenment, an experience, to discover the world, to discover yourself.

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