



From the Dean

May 2015

Welcome to the third edition for 2015 of the Law School Newsletter. We hope you had a wonderful Easter and we enjoyed the mid-semester break and Law Graduations, including three doctorates.

Prof Michael Adams, Dean of Law

Good News: Staff

On a personal level congratulations to Dr Angus Young who is now a “Certified Risk Professional”, accredited by the GRC Institute.

Congratulations to Dr Alpana Roy who has been appointed as the Law representative on the newly established UWS India Reference Group for the purposes of assisting PVC International, Ass/Prof Linda Taylor, shape and implement the University's internationalisation strategy with respect to India.

Research

Professor Michael Adams

Conference paper by Prof Michael and Adams and Dr Marina Nehme (UNSW) entitled “**Does “green” really mean “green”?**” (2015) 11th May, *Intellectual Property and Climate Change Conference*, ANU College of Law, Canberra, ACT. The actual article had been published as: Nehme, M and Adams, M; “Section 18 of the Australian Consumer Law and Environmental Issues” (2012) volume 24(1) *Bond Law Review* pages 30- 59.

Professor Steven Freeland

Presentation (invited) 'NewSpace, Small Satellites and Law: Finding a Balance between Innovation a Changing Space Paradigm and Regulatory Control', 3rd Manfred Lachs International Conference on NewSpace Commercialization and the Law, sponsored by McGill University Faculty of Law, Montreal, Canada, 16-17 March 2015.

Presentation (invited) 'NewSpace and Commercialization: Where to From Here?' 3rd Manfred Lachs International Conference on NewSpace Commercialization and the Law, sponsored by McGill University Faculty of Law, Montreal, Canada, 16-17 March 2015

Presentation (invited) 'Fundamental Regulatory Principles relating to Emerging Space Activities: Relevance for (potential) Aerospace Activities', ICAO/UNOOSA Symposium 'Emerging Space Activities and Civil Aviation – Challenges and Opportunities', sponsored by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), Montreal, Canada, 18-20 March 2015

Lecture (invited) to Australian Defence Force personnel 'Enforcement of International Humanitarian Law through the Mechanisms of International Criminal Justice: The International Criminal Court', hosted by the Australian Red Cross, Sydney, 17 April 2015

Alice Orchiston

Presented paper at the *Troubling Prostitution Conference* in Vienna, Austria titled: 'Law and Labour Practices in the Australian Sex Industry' on 18 April 2015.

Invited guest lecture on 'Termination of Employment' as part of the Employment Relations and the Law seminar series at Sydney Law School, University of Sydney on 1 April 2015.

Luke Beck

Luke presented a paper titled " Excluding Dangerous Religions from the Protection of the Religious Tests Clause of the Australian Constitution" at the Law and Religion Scholars Network Annual Conference at Cardiff Law School on 11 May 2015

Media

Professor Steven Freeland

Interviewed on RTHK Radio 3 Hong Kong 'Money for Nothing' regarding the international legal framework regulating the global commercial space industry, 8 April 2015

Interviewed on ABC News Radio regarding conclusions of the International Whaling Commission expert panel report on Japan's proposed whaling program for the Southern Ocean, 14 April 2015

Interviewed in 'Space lawyers actually exist' *Lawyers Weekly* 21 April 2015

Professor Michael Adams

Professor Adams commented to Reuters on Financial Misconduct on 12 May 2015. see [article](#)

Dr Catherine Renshaw

Opinion piece with the ABC's The Drum on 4 May 2015 'Bali 9: the AFP got its priorities wrong. see [article](#)

Publications

Associate Professor Michael Blissenden

"Labor's multinational tax package misses the point" has been published on The Conversation. see [article](#)

Professor Steven Freeland

Publication of 'Space in a Changing World: The Future Regulation of Outer Space Technology, Warfare and International Law', in Cenani Al-Ekabi, Blandina Baranes, Peter Hulsroj and Arne Lahcen (eds), *Yearbook on Space Policy 2012/2013: Space in a Changing World* 199-208, 2015 Springer, Vienna (ISBN 978-3-7091-1826-9)

Publication of 'Judicial Decision-Making in International Criminal Courts: "Effective" Justice?' (2015) 3(1) Griffith Journal of Law & Human Dignity 59-85 (ISSN 2203-3114).

Publication in 'The Conversation' of 'Space treaties are a challenge to launching small satellites in orbit 17 April 2015. [see article](#)

Publication in 'The Conversation' on the International Space Station on 1 May. see [article](#)

Dr Angus Young

Alex Lau, Danny Ho, and Angus Young, 'An Exploratory Study on the Perception of Minority Shareholders' Legal Protection in China and Hong Kong', *The Company Lawyer*, 2015, Vol. 35, Issue 5, pp. 156-160.

Raymond Chan and Angus Young, 'Gaps in the Regulation of Traditional Chinese and Modern Business Trusts in Hong Kong: The Need for Legislative Reforms', *The Company Lawyer*, 2015, Vol. 35, Issue 5, pp. 151-155.

Professor Michael Adams and Grace Brosellino

Research article published: Michael Adams and Grace Borsellino, "The unspoken reality of diversity on boards" (2015) volume 67 (no 2 – March) *Governance Directions* pages 78 - 81.

Dr Alpana Roy

A new edition of *Intellectual Property: Text and Essential Cases* (Federation Press, 5th ed, 2015) by Rocque Reynolds, Natalie Stoianoff and Alpana Roy has been published. See link for further details: <https://www.federationpress.com.au/bookstore/book.asp?isbn=9781862879867>

Community Engagement

The Law School's First Public Seminar of 2015 - Law and the End of Life

About 85 people attended the first of the Law School's Public Seminar Series, 'Law and the End of Life', which took place on 23 April at Campbelltown. The event, which was co-hosted with the School of Medicine, was an inter-disciplinary conversation around the law, ethics, politics and morality of end of life decision-making.

The panel included Dr Kristen Turner, a palliative care physician, Professor Cameron Stewart, from Sydney University's Law School, Trevor Khan, MLC and UWS Law School's own Professor Steven Freeland.

The panel discussion was fascinating. The focus was the intersection of death, law and medicine. It is very clear that there is much work to be done in increasing public knowledge around end-of-life issues and developing an appropriate legal framework in NSW to reflect the complex reality of care and decision-making at the end of life.

The next of the Law School's Public Seminars will take place on 4 June at Riverside Theatre. The topic is: Liberty, Threats and Australia's New Security Legislation. I hope to see you there.

Dr Alpana Roy

Alpana presented a work-in-progress paper titled 'Australian Domain Name Law' for the April Campbelltown end of month informal 'lunchbag' seminar on Thursday 30 April. A reminder that all Law Staff are welcome to attend the monthly informal seminars, and /or the weekly lunches in the Campbelltown staff room every Thursday (in Autumn semester) from 12pm -2pm.

Professor Steven Freeland

Public lecture (invited) 'Do we really need the International Criminal Court', hosted by Kingsgrove North High School (and 4 other schools), Sydney, 23 April 2015.

Lecture (invited) 'Whose 'Right to Life' is it anyway?' A Human Rights Perspective', University of Western Sydney Public Seminar Series 'Law and the End of Life', hosted by UWS School of Law and UWS School of Medicine, Sydney 23 April 2015.

Associate Professor Susan Armstrong

On 30 April 2015 attended monthly Greater Sydney Family Law Pathways Newtwork committee meeting with other representatives of family law system

On 30 April 2015 Susan met with Institute of Specialist Dispute Resolution to discuss synergies with dispute resolution at UWS and possible development of articulation agreement with this organisation to facilitate UWS graduands to obtain accreditation in dispute resolution/mediation, and further discussion with Institute of Family Practice to refine existing articulation agreement we have with this organisation to facilitate graduand accreditation as Familiy Dispute Resolution

Practitioners.

On 13 May 2015 Marsdens are hosting a family law expo on property and financial matters in family law under the title 'The Crisis of Separation: the financial fallout facing families'. I will be a guest speaker at the event to provide a social science perspective to the impact that separation has on families and children.

Invited keynote speaker at **Central Coast Family Law Pathways Network on 28 May to present about children's right to enjoy their culture in family dispute resolution**

Susan Met with Kaushala Rajapakse (student) and Marija Yelavich Chief Editor [UWS Law Student] *Dare to Know Publications* and other interested members of the law school and university to discuss the possibility of student initiated seminar on gender and the legal profession, possibly to be held in August.

Dr Stephen Janes

On 4 May 2015 Dr Janes attended the College of Law Academic Awards Ceremony held at The Long Bar, Members Pavilion, Sydney Cricket Ground. The ceremony was for the conferral of awards in the Masters of Applied Law and Graduate Diploma of Applied Law programs. The formal address was given by Sophie Dawson Partner at Ashurst. Over 120 graduands received Masters or Graduate Diploma awards. I was pleased to meet with two former students I had taught at UWS; Alexander Djurdjevic, Masters of Applied Law (Commercial Litigation) and Rachel Saunders, Masters of Applied Law (In-house Practice). Also receiving an award was Hannah McLean, Graduate Diploma (Commercial, Litigation) from the UWS Office of Legal Counsel. I was a member of the external advisory committee that established the Masters of Applied Law (Wills and Estates), I wrote some of the materials for the course and sometimes act as an assessment moderator.



Grace Brosellino and Professor Adams gave a paper on 15 April on Board Diversity at the University of Victoria, Melbourne.

Dr Elfriede Sangkuhl

On Wednesday the 29th of April Elfriede Sangkuhl presented a webinar at the publisher LexisNexis, entitled *Engaging students in deep learning using an online*

approach. The webinar is now available online at <http://campus.lexisnexis.com.au/> to register and login.

The purpose of the webinar was to share experience of designing and delivering a law unit to law students as a fully online unit for the first time. The webinar was open to academics in Australia and had over 40 registrants from universities across the country.

Lynda Holden

Elevation Program

The program that brings the students to the university is called Elevation Program.

The Elevation Foundation was founded by Matt Sonter in 2009. Matt Played professional Rugby here in Australia for the QLD Reds and with the Australian 7s team and spend many years overseas playing professional rugby in Japan, New Zealand and South and North America. Matt founded the program with the aim of engaging athletes to get involved in the local community and to use the athletes' positive influence to engage children in a healthy lifestyle.

Jarred Hodges is a project officer with the Elevation program and came to the school of law with a number of students to learn about what it is that a lawyer does. We met with the students in building EB and gave them an overview of what it is that lawyers do and how they could become a lawyer and serve their communities.

I then had 3 students from the Indigenous Australians and the Law unit who volunteered to assist the students to practice as a lawyer in the Moot Court. The Dean, Michael Adams even came out of a meeting to meet the students briefly and they were really impressed to see the 'Head' come and have a photo with them.

We had a criminal trial with students in the role of prosecutor; defence lawyer, judge and the rest were jury members. One of the teachers had the role of the defendant. The 3 students had prepared a criminal trial which found the defendant 'guilty'.



On 1 April Dr Elfriede Sangkuhl and the Dean attended the opening of the UWS Library at Kingswood campus by the NSW Governor . The new library is named after the former Chancellor, John Phillips AO.