From the Dean

February 2015


It is hard to believe this year is my 8th anniversary since I commenced at UWS as Head of the School of Law before the role morphed into Dean of Law. Thank you for your support during that time and I look forward to continuing to work with you to make UWS Law School the best we can.

As my ninth year commences it is great to have a number of new academic staff starting, including Associate Professor Alpana Roy, who will be based at Campbelltown campus and will take over the formal academic supervision of Campbelltown staff, as well as be the unit coordinator for Introduction to Law. At Parramatta, we have starting Dr Alice Orchiston, Lynda Holden, Dr Catherine Renshaw, as well as Dr Luke Beck (who officially started in early December 2014).

I would also like to welcome our newly appointed adjunct professor Justice Shane Marshall.

Prof Michael Adams, Dean of Law

Good News: Staff

Congratulations to the Honourable Brian Sully, Adjunct Professor of Law at UWS who has been appointed a Member of the Order of Australian (AM) in the 2015 Australia Day Honours List for ‘significant service to the judiciary, and the law, particularly through legal education in NSW.

Dr Elfriede Sangkuhl has been admitted as an academic member, invited, of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) in the law research cluster, joining 25 academics from Australian universities across various disciplines. ATINER was established in 1995 as an independent world association of Academics and Researchers. Its mission is to act as a forum where Academics and Researchers from all over the world can meet and exchange ideas on their research, and discuss the future developments in their disciplines. Athens was chosen as the meeting place because of its long history and culture.

The organizing and hosting of International Conferences and Symposia, as well as Research and Publications are the basic activities of ATINER. Since 1995, ATINER has organized more than 350 International Conferences and other events, and has published close to 150 books. In 2012, the Association launched a series of conference paper publications and in 2014 a series of e-journals.

Assoc Professor Michael Blissenden has been invited as a Panellist on Inter-transnational and Global legal education Association of Law teachers Conference, Cardiff 29-31 March 2015.

Dr Daud Hassan has been appointed as a Visiting Professor of Oceanography at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Finally, Professor Michael Adams was honoured with a life membership of the Governance Institute of Australia in December 2014.

Good News: Students
I am pleased to announce that one of our UWS Alumni, Veronica Slow, has recently been appointed to the Allens partnership.

Research

Professor Steven Freeland

Presentation (invited) 'The Regulatory Framework for Small Satellites: A Pathway to the Future?' University of Vienna, Vienna, 21 January 2014

Daud Hassan

Grant approval : 'The proposed research is directed towards the study of the problems, prospects and issues of Land Based Sources of Marine Pollution (LBSMP) control and its effects on the marine environment in the Japan Sea region. In order to grasp the problems and their proper perspective, this research intends to explore international, regional and national legal developments to prevent and control LBSMP in the region.

This grant will help Daud to visit Waseda University, Japan and establish some research collaboration with Japanese academics and researchers working in the area of sustainable ocean governance. Since this proposed research project is broadly based on the implementation of regional LBSMP control, by linking up with other regions of the world (such as South Asia and South Pacific) further research can be undertaken in the light of this research in the future.

Australian Tax Teachers' Conference

Some Law School staff attended the Australian Tax Teachers' Conference - hosted by the University of Adelaide from 19 January to 21 January 2015 and presented the following papers:

John Azzi: Practical injustice and the private tax rulings system.

Michael Blissenden: Is it really time for change? Have we really understood the present?

Elfriede Sangkuhl: The Tax Treatment of Charities: Allowing government to abrogate responsibility for provision of social goods.

Elen Seymour: what's in a Name? Social or Charitable Purposes?
Photo: Elen, Elfriede and Michael at the formal dinner held at the Adelaide Cricket Ground.

Publications

Dr Angus Young

Andy Cheng and Angus Young, 'Financial Advisory Services Regulation in Hong Kong: The Need for Greater Regulatory Intervention', Paper presented at the Corporate Law Teachers Association Annual Conference 2015, University of Melbourne, 1-3 February 2015 (presented by Dr. Andy Cheng)


Thilla Rajaretnam and Angus Young


Assoc Prof Michel Blissenden


"The Income and CGT consequences of property disposals" Taxation in Australia (2015) vol 49(7) 385-387

Dr Daud Hassan

Elen Seymour


Professor Michael Adams

Published 'The unavoidable norm: conflicts of Interest by officers' in (2015) 67(1) *Governance Directions* 30.

Community Engagement

Professor Steven Freeland


Interviewed for newspaper article in 'Information' (in Danish) 'Palestine's Way to the International Criminal Court is Paved with Obstacles' 3 January 2015 (article: http://www.information.dk/520311)

Appointed to the Advisory Board of The Australian Centre for Space Engineering Research from 1 January 2015.

Francine Feld

On 22 January, Francine Feld conducted workshops for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 9 and 10 at High Schools from Greater Western Sydney

PCJC Community Information Session

Having Problems with Housing? Want to know your rights as a tenant?
Date: Tuesday 10 February 2015
Time: 10.30am -12.30pm
Venue: Community Migrant Resource Centre, Conf Room, Level 4, 1 Horwood Place, Parramatta

Visit by Chinese Law Students and academics

On Monday 2nd February 2015, UWS signed a formal agreement with the Chinese University of Political Science and Law Beijing (CUPL)
A group of delegates including twenty-five students and six academics from the School of Law CUPL, lead by their Dean Prof Xue Ganglin, has attended the Summer Program at UWS Law School from 1st Feb to 7th Feb. Thanks to Dr June Wang, Director of International for organising the program.