

LLB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the tenth edition of the Melbourne LLB Newsletter for 2008. The purpose of this publication is to inform you of key issues and events related to your studies. If you need any further clarification on anything, please contact the Melbourne Law School Student Centre on 8344 4475, or the contact listed.

meetings with the associate dean (undergraduate)

Every two weeks for the rest of the semester, the Associate Dean (Undergraduate), **Associate Professor Maureen Tehan**, will be available to answer questions and discuss any issues students may have in relation to any aspect of the LLB.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to obtain information on your course, discuss difficulties, make suggestions, and generally contribute to ensuring the LLB program works well and meets your needs.

The meetings will be very informal and you can come along at any time between 1:00 and 2:00pm.

The meetings will held on **Wednesdays** between **1:00 and 2:00pm** in **Room 109** on the following dates:

- **8 October 2008**
- **22 October 2008**

A report on the student information session of 30 July 2008 is available [here](#).

re-enrolment for 2009

Course Planning and Re-Enrolment Information for 2009

Timely re-enrolment and subject selection for 2009 (including Summer Semester, and Semesters 1 and 2) will be through the **Student Portal** for the period **Monday 20 October to Friday 21 November 2008**.

Late re-enrolment: Monday 24 November to Friday 5 December 2008

Students may still enrol for 2009 but **will incur a \$250 fine**.

Cancellation of enrolment: After 5 December 2008

Students who have not successfully re-enrolled will have their enrolment cancelled automatically. Students will need to apply to be re-admitted into their course. If successful, students will be bound by any new fee arrangements that have come into place.

Further details on choosing subjects for 2009 are available in the **Re-Enrolment for 2009** section of the LLB website.

In addition to the information in the Handbook about 2009 optional subject offerings, information about optional subject offerings in 2010 will be posted progressively on the **Subject Pages** section of the LLB website.

thinking about going on exchange?

Come along to the Law Information Session on:

Thursday 23 October 2008 at 1:00 to 2:00pm, GM16, Melbourne Law School

A Melbourne Global Mobility representative and the Law Exchange Contacts will be on hand to answer all of your questions about undertaking an exchange through the Law School. Come along to find out more!

To register, please visit the **Melbourne Global Mobility** website.

guest lecture series

The Role of Counsel Assisting an Inquiry: The Private Kovco Inquest

Speaker: **Mr John Agius SC, Barrister, NSW Bar**

When: **Tuesday 7 October 2008 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**

Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

Prosecuting Cartel Conduct under s45 of the TPA: A Brief Outline of the Visy Case and its Aftermath

Speaker: **Ms Susan Pryde, Senior Executive Lawyer, Australian Government Solicitor**

When: **Tuesday 14 October 2008 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**

Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

Health Law in Practice: Acting for Public and Private Hospitals and Healthcare Providers, Pharmaceutical, Medical Device and Biosciences Companies, Retirement and Aged Care Living Clients and Private Health Insurers

Speaker: **Ms Alison Choy-Flannigan, Partner, DLA Phillips Fox**

When: **Tuesday 21 October 2008 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**

Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

From Tax to Human Rights: The Role of Law at World Vision

Speaker: **Ms Fiona McLeay, General Counsel and Company Secretary, World Vision Australia**

When: **Tuesday 28 October 2008 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**

Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

The Guest Lecture Series is a series of weekly lectures in law and legal practice for Melbourne Law School students. All LLB students are invited and strongly encouraged to attend all lectures in the Melbourne Guest Lecture Series. Details of all forthcoming guest lectures for Semester 2, 2008, are available [here](#).

justice v peace: does international criminal law help post-conflict societies?

Inaugural MJIL Public Forum

Speakers: **Sir Ninian Stephen, Professor Tim McCormack, and Mr Alpha Lisimba**

What is the role of justice in war-torn societies? Is it a useless expenditure of limited resources, or a necessary part of rebuilding a strong country and healing the wounds of conflict? Will the execution of International Criminal Court arrest warrants help or hinder international and internal peace?

As the reach of international criminal law continues to expand, and the International Criminal Court and the Tribunals in Yugoslavia and Rwanda celebrate over a decade of international justice, there remain awkward silences of the international community in regard to East Timor and Sudan. Why is it that justice is deemed necessary in some instances and not others? And what do the people who have suffered conflict actually want?

The Inaugural MJIL Public Forum will confront these questions head on. The panel will be comprised of three eminent speakers, each intimately involved with these issues.

Speakers:

Sir Ninian Stephen, former Governor-General of Australia, High Court Judge and previously a Judge of the ICTY and ICTR, will be joined by Professor Tim McCormack, Australian Red Cross Chair of International Humanitarian Law, and Mr Alpha Lisimba, Vice-President of the Darfur Australia Network. The evening will provide an intimate opportunity to discuss the tensions international criminal law creates between justice and peace and the stabilization of post-conflict societies.

When: **Wednesday 8 October 2008 at 6:30 to 7:30pm (light refreshments will be served from 6:00pm)**

Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

Please RSVP to law-mjil@unimelb.edu.au as soon as possible.

international humanitarian law and the young lawyer

Australian Red Cross and Melbourne Law School

International humanitarian law (IHL) is the 'law of war' - it sets the limits on warfare and protects civilians in times of armed conflict. At this seminar, three young lawyers will speak of their experiences working with international criminal tribunals and courts, the forums before which breaches of IHL are prosecuted.

When: **Thursday 9 October 2008 at 6:30 to 8:00pm**
Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

RSVP: Free event but RSVPs are important. Please email Shabana Ahmed at ahmeds@unimelb.edu.au

inaugural reprieve lecture

Speaker: **The Honourable Justice Lasry of the Supreme Court of Victoria**

When: **Thursday 9 October 2008 at 6:15pm**
Where: **State Library of Victoria, Village Roadshow Theatre, Melbourne (enter via the main library entrance on Swanston Street)**

RSVP as soon as possible to contact@reprieve.org.au

Further details are available on the [Reprieve Australia](http://www.reprieve.org.au) website.

conversation with judge dennis davis

Join a discussion with a prominent Judge from the South African High Court.

Judge Dennis Davis is a Judge of the High Court of South Africa and Judge President of the Competition Appeal Court of South Africa. He has held professorial appointments at both the University of Cape Town and University of the Witwatersrand, and visiting appointments at Harvard and New York Law School.

Judge Davis has been involved in several key South African constitutional cases including, at first instance, the Grootboom decision, on the right to housing. Discuss with him the potential for social and economic rights protection, the state of jurisprudence under the South African Constitution and issues facing the South African judiciary. Be prepared to engage, question, discuss.

The Conversation will be lead by Laureate Professor Cheryl Saunders AO.

When: **Monday 20 October 2008 at 5:00pm**
Where: **JD Lounge, Level 6, Melbourne Law School**

Places are limited. If you wish to attend, please RSVP Helen Green at h.green@unimelb.edu.au

talking to ourselves: should international lawyers take a break from feminism?

Speaker: **Professor Hilary Charlesworth (Australian National University)**

The **Institute for International Law and the Humanities** (IILAH) is pleased to invite you to its next public seminar for 2008.

The paper begins with the observation that feminist scholarship in international law has mainly generated debate between feminists, and has attracted little engagement from the mainstream. It considers one strand of the internal debate, namely the arguments of Janet Halley's book, *Split Decisions: How and Why to Take a Break from Feminism* (2005), and their applicability to international law. Halley contends that feminist theory has obscured many realities through its focus on sex and gender. She also argues that feminists do not adequately acknowledge their own power in public realms such as governance. Professor Charlesworth will consider these questions in the context of modern international law.

When: **19 November 2008 at 6:00 to 7:30pm**

Where: **Melbourne Law School**

RSVP: **Click here** to register online or email law-iilah@unimelb.edu.au

federal court - melbourne law school liaison

The Melbourne Law School is excited to announce the establishment of a program with the Federal Court that will allow students to attend hearings of the Full Court which have particular relevance to their subjects.

The Full Court sits four times each year. Subject coordinators and lecturers will inform students about which cases are relevant and when the hearings will take place. If you require further information, please speak to your lecturer or contact the Careers Office on 03 8344 8094 or law-careers@unimelb.edu.au

purely dicta

We, the editors, hope you have all had a chance to check out Volume 1 of *Purely Dicta* (copies of which are available on Level 2 of the Law School).

As we are amidst preparation for the release of Volume 2, we would appreciate your feedback as readers. What did you think of the layout? How could we improve the overall 'look' of *Purely Dicta*? What would you like to see on the cover of Volume 2?

In particular, we'd love to hear specific feedback on the content of *Purely Dicta*. Was there a particular article you really enjoyed? Or alternatively, was there an opinion expressed you strongly disagreed with?

All comments would be appreciated, no matter how brief, for inclusion in Volume 2 of *Purely Dicta* (to be released at the end of this Semester) as Letters to the Editors.

If you would like to give your feedback on Volume 1 (or have any matter to do with life in the Law School you would like to raise in our pages), please send us an email at iss-purelydicta@unimelb.edu.au with the subject *Letter to the Editor*.

communications and media law association 2008 essay prize

Win \$2000 and CAMLA Membership!

The **Communications and Media Law Association** is holding an essay competition in 2008. CAMLA is one of the leading organizations in Australia bringing together people with an interest in media and telecommunications law. Our membership includes all major Australian media and telecommunications companies as well as relevant government bodies and leading law firms. For more information see the **CAMLA website**.

The purpose of this competition is:

- To reward original thought regarding the analysis of policy development in the areas of communications and media law
- To encourage high quality work in communications and media law courses
- To improve links between those studying and practising in the area.

The prize will be given for:

- A previously unpublished essay relating to communications or media law which is the original work of the author.
- An essay completed by a student enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate course, possibly as part of that course.
- An essay of 1,000-3,000 words. The 3,000 word limit (inclusive of all footnotes, annexures, attachments and bibliographies, etc) must not be exceeded.

A prize of \$2,000 and a one-year membership of CAMLA will be awarded to the winner. The winning essay, edited in consultation with the author, will be published in the Communications Law Bulletin.

The winning entry, to be selected by a panel of experienced communications and media law practitioners, must demonstrate original research, analysis or ideas. The panel will not necessarily be seeking detailed works of scholarship nor is it seeking a restatement of the law. The panel will regard highly original consideration of legal policy development and its broader implications. The award will be made at the annual CAMLA Christmas function where the winner can meet with CAMLA's members.

Only one essay per student may be submitted. Entries will be accepted by email or by post. Entries **will not** be accepted by fax. Entries submitted by post should include three (3) copies of the entry, typed well spaced on A4 paper. The name, address, email, telephone and fax contacts, and the tertiary institution and course in which the author is enrolled should be included on a separate, detachable sheet. Entries submitted by email should include the same details in the covering email and attach the essay in a Word document. The authors name should not appear on the pages of the essay.

Entries are to be submitted **by Wednesday 5 November 2008** to:

Ros Gonczi,
CAMLA Essay Competition
PO Box 545
GLEBE NSW 2037
Email: rgonczi@bigpond.net.au

victorian equal opportunity and human rights commission

Human Rights Conference

The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission encourages you to submit an abstract for presentation at its *Human Rights Conference - Everyday People, Everyday Rights* to be held on 16 and 17 March 2009.

Abstracts are encouraged in the following categories:

- The Achievement of Human Rights: A review of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities and what it has achieved considering Victoria's current state of affairs
- The Experience of Human Rights: Sharing the knowledge and insight of everyday people and their advocates. How do we progress a human rights culture?
- The Business of Human Rights: Moving towards the quadruple bottomline; corporations that are leading the way in corporate social responsibility relating to human rights principles.

For more information about submitting an abstract, please [click here](#).

Your Rights, Your Stories

We want to hear your stories about working and living with Victoria's Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities. Has the Charter changed the way you work? Have you used it to advocate on an issue or concern? Tell us your human rights story by [clicking here](#).

il-legal

The **International Law Students Society** is currently accepting articles for its *il-legal* publication. Articles can be on anything ranging from anecdotes to fashion/bar/club/restaurant reviews. Please email your articles to the Editor at ilss-editor@unimelb.edu.au

human rights mooting competition update

The team of Laura Bellamy, Chris Hibbard and Mick Power narrowly defeated the team of Dimitri Ternovski, Devon Whittle and Rebecca Hughes in the annual Castan Centre for Human Rights Mooting Competition which was held in the Court of Appeal on Friday 5 September 2008. The winning team will receive \$3000 and the runners up will receive \$1000.

The judges for the final - President Maxwell of the Court of Appeal, Judge Howard of the County Court and Dr Helen Szoke, the CEO of the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission - all commented on the extremely high standard achieved by both teams in the final. Indeed comments were made that the quality of the written and oral submissions were of such a high standard that they would not have been out of place in the daily list of the Court of Appeal.

Congratulations are due to both teams for their efforts and for their representation of the Melbourne Law School with such distinction.

feedback/comments

Please send any feedback/comments or suggestions you have about this newsletter to **Tom Hewitt-McManus**.

previous editions of LLB newsletter

Previous editions of the newsletter are available on the **Melbourne LLB website**.