

LLB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the twelfth edition of the Melbourne LLB Newsletter for 2009. 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.

guest lecture series

The Guest Lecture Series is a series of weekly lectures in law and legal practice for Melbourne Law School students. Details of forthcoming sessions in the Guest Lecture Series are available below. LLB students are warmly invited to attend.

The Coroner: An Ancient Role in a Modern World

Speaker: **Judge Jennifer Coate, Victorian State Coroner**

When: **Tuesday 8 September 2009 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**

Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

Current Developments in South African Constitutional Law

Speaker: **Professor Hugh Corder, Professor of Public Law UTC, University of Cape Town, South Africa**

When: **Tuesday 15 September 2009 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**

Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

Is Justice Possible for First Nation's Peoples?

Speaker: **Ms Patricia Turner AM, Chief Executive Officer, National Indigenous Television**

When: **Tuesday 6 October 2009 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**

Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

Details of all forthcoming **Guest Lectures for Semester 2, 2009**, are available online.

the enforcement of intellectual property rights in china: institutional challenges - public seminar

Speaker: Professor Nie Jianqiang, Wuhan University, China

The **Asian Law Centre** and the **Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia**, will host an ALC Occasional Seminar.

When: **Monday 7 September 2009 at 5:00pm (refreshments), 5:30pm (seminar)**

Where: **Room 920, Level 9, Melbourne Law School**

RSVP: Please **register online** by 4 September for catering purposes. There is no charge for the seminar and it will be presented in English.

Further details are available in the flyer.

the human rights forum activate series

How can you get involved?

Human rights beyond university in 2009!

The activate series is designed to provide students with an opportunity to engage with practitioners and advocates in human rights and related fields.

Wednesday 9 September 2009 at 5:30pm, Room G08, Melbourne Law School

Getting Development Right: Current Campaigns for a Just World

Further details are available in the flyer.

key thinkers seminars 2009

Key Thinkers is a series of public lectures held every Thursday evening during the teaching semester. Academics from the University of Melbourne, with occasional guests, will give an hour-long talk on internationally well-known thinkers whose works have inspired their own. This will be followed by thirty minutes of questions and discussion. This is a cross-faculty initiative and the thinkers are chosen from very diverse fields and disciplines. The lecturers are all highly experienced presenters and the content of the lectures will be aimed at a lay audience but with enough complexity to also appeal to more specialized listeners.

Further details and a schedule are available in the flyer.

internship opportunity for melbourne law school students - voiceless

Melbourne Law School and Voiceless

The Melbourne Law School Careers Office has established an exciting agreement with **Voiceless** (Sydney). This is a wonderful opportunity to gain valuable work experience in what is becoming a strongly emerging field of law.

Voiceless is an independent non-profit think tank dedicated to alleviating the suffering of animals in Australia. Established by father and daughter team, Brian Sherman AM and Ondine Sherman, Voiceless:

- Creates and fosters networks of leading lawyers, politicians and academics to influence law and public policy;
- Conducts high quality research and analysis of animal industries, exposing legalized cruelty and promoting informed debate;
- Creates a groundswell for social change by building and fortifying the Australian animal protection movement with select Grants and Prizes; and
- Aims to inform consumers and empower them to make animal-friendly choices.

Voiceless is currently seeking applications from law students for an unpaid internship position at its office in Sydney. Interns will work closely with Voiceless's Corporate Counsel and will be involved in:

- Analyzing and preparing submissions on bills, legislation, and policies affecting animals;
- Drafting reports, articles, and information on general animal law matters;
- Providing general administrative support for Voiceless' legislative work; and
- Performing other duties to support the work of Voiceless's legal arm.

Interns must have excellent communication, legal writing, and research skills and must be able to perform work in an efficient and timely manner. Although experience in an animal protection organization is preferred, Voiceless would welcome applications from law students who are conscientious, innovative, and productive, and who have a strong interest in animal protection. Applicants scheduled to complete their law studies in 2010 will be preferred candidates.

Interns will be required to work full-time for 3-6 weeks as negotiated with Melbourne Law School and Voiceless and may be able to obtain credit towards the JD or LLB Legal Internship subjects. Students wishing to obtain subject credit must consult with the Melbourne Law School Internship Coordinator. Successful applicants will be required to make their own accommodation and travel arrangements; however limited financial assistance from Melbourne Law School may be available for students taking the internship as subject credit. Students will need to obtain an application form from the Law Student Centre.

If you are interested in applying for an internship position, please send your cover letter, CV (including all academic transcripts) to Katrina Sharman, Corporate Counsel (Voiceless). Your application should include your preferred dates. If you are interested in taking the internship over the January/February period, please submit

your application to Voiceless **by Friday 25 September 2009**. The start date will be negotiated with the successful applicant; however it will likely commence mid-January.

Applicants must also register their interest with **Shabana Ahmed** at the Melbourne Law School Careers Office.

For further information about the position, please contact **Katrina Sharman** at Voiceless or visit the **Voiceless** website. All other enquiries should be directed to **Helen Green** in the first instance.

internship opportunity for melbourne law school students - australian conservation foundation

Melbourne Law School and the Australian Conservation Foundation Vacation Internship (Melbourne)

The **Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF)** is committed to inspiring people to achieve a healthy environment for all Australians. For over 40 years ACF has been a strong voice for the environment, promoting solutions through research, consultation, education, and partnerships. ACF works with the community, business and government to protect, restore, and sustain our environment.

ACF is currently seeking applications from penultimate or final year LLB or JD students for an unpaid Internship position at its national headquarters in Carlton, Melbourne. The successful candidate will work closely with ACF's General Counsel and other staff on a range of legal issues relating to ACF's operations and environmental campaigns.

Depending upon particular organizational needs at the time and the Intern's background, projects with which the Intern may be involved include:

- Analysis of current and proposed laws and regulations that impact on the aims, objectives, and activities of ACF
- Research on specific legal issues arising in connection with ACF's environmental advocacy work
- Research and analysis of laws and regulations impacting upon ACF's organizational structure, eg, general and taxation laws regulating the not-for-profit sector in Australia
- Assisting with external commercial transactions and/or relationships; and
- Assisting with a range of legal compliance and risk management issues.

The Intern must have strong analytical, communication, and research skills and an ability to work independently and efficiently. Given the breadth of legal issues raised by ACF's operational and campaign needs, a background in environmental law is not essential. The intern may be able to obtain credit towards the LLB/JD Legal Internship subjects, if certain criteria are met. Students should consult with the Internship subject Coordinator, Mr Kevin Heller.

The Intern will be required to work full-time on a voluntary basis for 3-6 weeks over the Summer vacation break as negotiated with Melbourne Law School and ACF and will be required to make her/his own travel and accommodation arrangements.

If you are passionate about gaining experience with an inspiring and influential leading environmental advocacy organization please send your application (covering letter, CV, and academic transcripts) to **Julian Chenoweth**,

General Counsel, ACF. Please also indicate your preferred dates during the Summer semester break. Applications must be received **by Monday 28 September 2009**.

Applicants must also register their interest with **Shabana Ahmed** at the Melbourne Law School Careers Office.

Further information about the **ACF** is available online.

graduate research scholarships

Apply for 2010 Graduate Research Scholarships now through **SCHOLS** online.

Who can apply using SCHOLS?

- Australian and New Zealand Citizens
- Australian Permanent Residents
- Holders of Permanent Humanitarian Visas
- International Students who are currently enrolled in the degree for which they seek a scholarship. International Students who are not currently enrolled in the degree for which they seek a scholarship must apply for admission through International Admissions and will automatically be considered upon receipt of an Unconditional Offer.

The closing date for applications is **31 October 2009**.

Further information is available online.

law library computer labs availability

PC Labs 317 and 319 will be unavailable for use between 8:00am and 6:00pm on Friday 11 September 2009.

Alternative computer facilities are available in:

- Law Lab 320

Further facilities within the University:

- The Percy Baxter Collaborative Learning Centre, First Floor, Baillieu Library
- Student IT, Ground Floor, Building 161, CSHE, Monash Road, Parkville Campus

2010 WTO moot court team

The Melbourne Law School is delighted to announce the 2010 WTO Moot Court Melbourne team. Congratulations to Dean Merriman (Second Year JD), Kathryn Tomasic (Third Year LLB), Brendan Fitzgerald (Third Year LLB), and Timothy Lau (Third Year LLB) on their selection. The team is coached by Rudi Kruse with Associate Professor Andrew Mitchell as an academic supervisor.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) provides one of the most active systems in the world for resolving international disputes, with fast and effective appellate review, a strong enforcement mechanism, and jurisdiction over some of the largest and most significant matters arising today.

The Melbourne WTO team will be competing in the **European Law Students Association Moot Court Competition** on WTO law. Competing teams represent both the complainant and the respondent in a simulated case by preparing written submissions and presenting oral arguments before a mock WTO Panel. The regional round is typically held in Adelaide and there are rumours that the final oral round for 2010 will be held in the Dominican Republic.

Melbourne Law School has a proud history of success in this competition. Previous Melbourne Law School teams have won the world competition twice in the previous four years. Following the release of this year's problem on 2 September 2009, Melbourne Law School wishes the 2010 team all the very best for the written submissions and regional oral round.

melbourne graduate school of humanities and social sciences information session

Information Session for Final Year LLB Students

Combine your LLB with a masters program from the new Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences in the Faculty of Arts and maximize your career potential.

When: **Monday 7 September 2009 at 12:30 to 1:30pm**

Where: **GM16, Melbourne Law School**

To register, email ceblake@unimelb.edu.au

Programs include:

- Executive Master of Arts
- Master of International Relations
- Master of Public Policy and Management
- Master of Development Studies
- Master of Criminology
- Master of Social Policy

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**.