

# LLB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the seventh 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.

## **melbourne law school response to swine flu (email from Dean Hathaway)**

Dear Student,

Thank you for taking the time to read through this important information regarding Melbourne Law School's response to the H1N1 (Human-Swine) Influenza virus.

As you already know, the University of Melbourne has been monitoring the H1N1 situation carefully and, is adopting a careful approach to managing the Human-Swine Influenza.

In addition to these precautions, MLS has its own set of plans designed to safeguard the health and well-being of staff and students and minimise disruption to our normal work and study activities throughout the flu season.

We would appreciate your co-operation in adopting the following measures:

- If you exhibit flu symptoms, please stay at home until you recover and seek medical advice. Symptoms of Human-Swine Influenza include high temperature, cough, sore throat, body aches, running nose, headache, chills, fatigue, and sometimes diarrhoea and vomiting. As with any illness, you should follow the guidelines for the submission of an application for Special Consideration.
- Students who feel unwell on returning from travel in countries of concern (currently USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama) are required to remain at home and not return to the University until recovered.
- If you are diagnosed with Human-Swine Influenza you should follow medical advice and advise the university by email [swineflu-student@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:swineflu-student@unimelb.edu.au)

**For all the latest information go to the [University's Human Swine Influenza Response website](#).**

**If there are *any* changes to teaching or assessment, Melbourne Law School will contact you by SMS or your student email. So, at this stage we ask that you:**

- Check your email each day
- Check your mobile number is accurate in the **Student Information System**
- Visit the **University's Human Swine Influenza Response website** if you require detailed information or contact details

Thank you for your patience and co-operation at this time. I am particularly appreciative of your attention, given the advanced stage of semester.

Yours sincerely,  
Professor James C Hathaway  
Dean

## update contact details

Students are asked to ensure that their contact details are kept up-to-date on the Student Information System (SIS). It is also helpful for students to provide a mobile number if possible. Please **update your details here**.

It is important that you use your University email address when corresponding with the University at all times.

## new internship opportunity for melbourne law school students - 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. It was established by father and daughter team, Brian Sherman AM and Ondine Sherman.

Voiceless is currently seeking applications from Melbourne Law School 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:

- Analysing 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.

Applications for this position are welcome from penultimate and final year law students.

Students may be able to obtain subject credit. You would need to consult with the Melbourne Law School Internship Coordinator, **Mr Kevin Heller**.

Details of this and forthcoming internship opportunities will be available on the **Careers Office** website (*Current Students* section).

Applicants seeking an internship for the upcoming June/July vacation break should submit their application **by Monday 15 June 2009**.

**Further details** are available in the position description.

Applications should be addressed to;  
Katrina Sharman  
Corporate Counsel  
Voiceless  
2 Paddington Street  
PADDINGTON NSW 2021

## LLB student survey

An enormous thank you is extended to all of those students who took the time to complete the LLB Student Survey. The feedback that was provided is both valued and appreciated. We are in the process of collating the Survey responses and analysing the information provided. In a short while we will be able to provide you with an overview of the Survey's results. In time we will provide additional information on how the Law School plans to respond to the ideas generated by the Survey.

On Monday 25 May 2009 the names of seven students who entered into the draw for one of seven Readings gift certificates were randomly selected by a computer program. These students have been contacted by email and have been advised that they can collect their prizes from the Law Student Centre.

## justice for munir (public lecture)

**Speaker: Mr Usman Hamid**

There is no case more central to the security of human rights defenders in Indonesia than the 2004 murder of the prominent human rights lawyer Munir. This case is now at risk of collapse.

When: **Wednesday 10 June 2009 at 1:00 to 2:15pm**  
Where: **Room 920, Level 9, Melbourne Law School**

Enquiries: Kelly McDermott, tel 03 8344 6847, email [law-alc@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:law-alc@unimelb.edu.au)

**Further details** are available online.

RSVP: [law-alc@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:law-alc@unimelb.edu.au)

## festival of ideas

Nobel Laureate Professor Peter Doherty's keynote lecture ***Climate Change/Cultural Change*** on Monday 15 June 2009 at 7:00pm is the first event in the University of Melbourne's inaugural Festival of Ideas.

Throughout the Festival week, **15 to 20 June 2009**, more than 50 outstanding thinkers will lead a program comprising keynote lectures and panels and supporting cultural activities- all on the University's Parkville campus.

The Festival will look at the science of climate change, but will also consider the impact of climate change on the community – societal, political, economical, medical, geographic and creative.

All Festival events are free however **attendance must be registered and tickets downloaded** from the Festival of Ideas website.

## ask counselling

*Ask Counselling* is for University of Melbourne students with personal questions about psychological and emotional issues. *Ask Counselling* provides an initial opportunity to gain help and information, as it can sometimes be a difficult step seeing a counsellor face-to-face. The **Counselling Service** website provides you with an opportunity to learn about other students' concerns and possibly share your own.

Many questions have already been answered and posted on our website. We invite you to have a look at ***Ask Counselling***.

If your issue has not been addressed, why not **submit your own question**?

## new faculty adviser, international careers

The Dean has recently announced that **Associate Professor Cally Jordan** has agreed to take up the newly created post of **Faculty Adviser, International Careers**. In this capacity, Cally will work with the **Careers Office** to conduct information sessions on international career options, as well as to provide small group and one-on-one mentoring to any of our students interested in seeking a career outside of Australia.

Cally has taught at law schools in Canada, the United States and Europe. She has also practised commercial and international financial law in Canada, New York and Hong Kong. A member of the European Corporate Governance Institute (ECGI), the American Law Institute and the Law Council of Australia, she participates in activities of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Brookings Institution and the Asia Society. She has advised the ADB, the World Bank, and governments in Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East on corporate and financial sector law and regulation.

Cally joins Jenny Morgan (Faculty Adviser, Academic Careers) and Adrienne Stone (Faculty Adviser, Judicial Associateships) to complement the outstanding resources of the professional members of our recently expanded Careers Office.

## police laptop and bike register

You can use this service to register the serial numbers for your bike or laptop computer with a Victoria Police Database. This can help your chances of getting these items returned if they are stolen. **Further details and an online registration form** are available on the Melbourne University Student Union website.

## melbourne wins world championship!

Melbourne Law School has won the 2008-2009 European Law Students' Association WTO Moot Court Competition in Taipei!

The Melbourne team, comprising **Laura Bellamy** (LLB), **Rudi Kruse** (JD), **Erica Leaney** (LLB) and **Christopher Tran** (LLB) and coached by **Associate Professors Andrew Mitchell and Tania Voon**, prevailed over the University of Barcelona (Spain) and the Universidad Javeriana (Colombia) in the Preliminary Rounds and the University of Maastricht (the Netherlands) in the Semi-Final. It then defeated Duke University (USA) in a closely fought Grand Final before an expert bench of nine panellists, chaired by Professor Mitsuo Matsushita, a former WTO Appellate Body Member.

In addition to winning the competition, the team received awards for **Best Overall Written Submissions**, **Best Oralist in the Semi-Finals** (Christopher Tran), and **Fifth Best Oralist in the Preliminary Rounds** (Rudi Kruse). The team's prizes include scholarships to complete the five-week Summer Academy of the World Trade Institute in Berne as well as specialised courses in conjunction with the University of Barcelona's new Master of Laws in International Economic Law and Policy.

Melbourne Law School is now the only institution to have won this global competition more than once. Melbourne first entered the competition in 2006-2007 and won the Final Oral Round in Geneva that year.

The team could not have attained these extraordinary successes without the assistance of a great many individuals, from both within and outside the Law School, who judged practice moots, participated in discussions, and provided administrative and logistical support. The team and its coaches are extremely grateful to all of these people, as well as to Professor James Hathaway for enabling the team to travel to Taipei to compete in the Final Oral Round. Melbourne Law School also thanks Telstra for its continued support of our students in this competition.

## how to be a thinker not just a finder - evaluating resources for legal research

This two hour workshop run by **Natalie Wieland**, Legal Research Skills Adviser, Melbourne Law School, focuses on understanding the different tools and resources available to you. Its objective is to assist students in evaluating what resources to use, and why, when conducting legal research.

It covers the following:

- When is Google appropriate
- What is the difference between Google and Google Scholar
- Is Wikipedia reliable
- How to find scholarly articles
- What are the key resources available to you at Melbourne University and when to choose them and why
- How to evaluate search results from different resources.

When: **Friday 31 July 2009 at 11:00am to 1:00pm**

Where: **Large Computer Lab, Level 3, Law Library**

You should **book into this workshop** online.

## building operations for queen's birthday holiday

The Law Building and the Law Library will be open between 11:00am and 5:00pm on the Queen's Birthday Holiday (Monday 8 June 2009). All other internal security doors have been programmed to remain closed all day and access to these areas will be via proximity card only. **The Law Student Centre will be closed and will re-open on Tuesday 9 June 2009.**

## current student card

Have you got a current student card? You will need one when you sit your exams. If necessary, you can obtain a replacement card at the **Law Student Centre**.

## 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**.