

# LLB NEWSLETTER

**Edition 8, 2009 (25 June 2009)**

Welcome to the eighth 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.

## LLB student survey

Thank you to all those students who completed the survey. The responses are being collated and analyzed and a report will be available to students in the first week of Semester 2.

## celebrating the twenty-year anniversary of the united nations convention on the rights of the child

**How are Young Children's Participatory Rights Enacted Through the Victorian Human Rights Charter?**

Facilitators: **John Tobin, Melbourne Law School, and Kylie Smith, Melbourne Graduate School of Education**

This seminar will create a forum for discussion and debate related to interdisciplinary theoretical and methodological understandings of how young children's participatory rights can be enacted through the Victorian Human Rights Charter. Questions to be considered:

- How can research support local government, the Police Department and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to engage with young children's rights through the Victorian Human Rights Charter?
- What are the roles of organizations and employees in supporting young children's participation when they are not directly working with children?
- Where are the gaps in research in this area?
- What diverse disciplines should/could be brought together to support young children's participatory rights through the Victorian Human Rights Charter?

When: **Wednesday 15 July 2009 at 1:00 to 2:00pm**  
Where: **Frank Tate Room, Alice Hoy Building, University of Melbourne**

RSVP: Anne Farrelly, CRPCI Project Officer, Email [annef@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:annef@unimelb.edu.au)  
RSVP: By Friday 10 July 2009

## **national human rights institutions workshop**

### **Creating Change? NHRIs' (In)Action in the Asia-Pacific Region**

The **Institute for International Law and the Humanities (IILAH)** and the **Postgraduate Law Students Association (PLSA)** invite you to attend the National Human Rights Institutions Workshop entitled *Creating Change? NHRIs' (In)Action in the Asia-Pacific Region*.

Confirmed speakers include practitioners and academics from across Australia, the region and beyond. Papers considering the achievements and challenges of NHRIs in Australia, East Timor, Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Mongolia, India, and China and other broad-based regional NHRI initiatives will be delivered.

When: **Wednesday 22 July 2009 at 9:00am to 4:45pm**  
Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

Full **program, speaker, and registration details** are available online.

Please contact Vesna Stefanovski, IILAH administrator on [vesnas@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:vesnas@unimelb.edu.au) or tel 03 8344 6589 if you have any questions regarding the workshop.

## **walk safe!**

The **SAFE program** aims to promote security awareness amongst students, staff, and visitors at the University of Melbourne by providing advice on issues related to personal and property safety. **Further details about security on campus** are available on the Security and Traffic website. Walk Safe comprises:

### **Security Escorts**

Providing 24/7 escorts to and from buildings, vehicles, and public transport. Call Security on 8344 4674 and book in advance. Use well-lit paths during the hours of darkness and walk with friends.

## Emergency Blue Phones

Emergency phones with built-in lights and cameras, linked directly to the security control room. These are situated around campus.

## practical speaking skills (get ready for work): new workshop

Practical Speaking Skills is a one day workshop for international or local ESL students in the final years of the LLB. The workshop focuses on two key sets of oral communication skills: job interview skills and presentation skills.

Instruction, resources, and exercises will help improve your job interview skills, skills for communicating with clients, and offer strategies for preparing and delivering a brief oral presentation on complex issues of law. Presentations will be videoed for your benefit, and personal feedback provided.

Students who successfully complete this workshop will be awarded a certificate of completion from the Melbourne Law School's Get Ready for Work program.

Class size: **15 (maximum)**

When: **Friday 17 July 2009 at 9:00am to 4:30pm**

Where: **Law Library (Small Lab, Room 320)**

[Register Online.](#)

**NB:** please remove your name as early as possible if not able to attend to allow others to register.

## 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](#)?

## human rights mooting competition

The annual *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act* Moot will be held again this year in late August and early September. Each law school in Victoria is entitled to submit two teams of 3 persons each playing the roles of senior counsel, junior counsel, and instructing solicitor.

Students in both the LLB and JD programs are encouraged to apply for selection and place themselves in the running to receive **\$3,000 for the winning team and \$1,000 for the runners-up**. Significantly last year both the teams from Melbourne Law School made it through to the grand final.

Application forms are available from John Tobin electronically at [j.tobin@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:j.tobin@unimelb.edu.au) and must be submitted in hard copy to John Tobin, Room 941, Melbourne Law School **by Tuesday 11 August 2009**. Some prior knowledge of the Victorian Charter is helpful but not essential and applications will be assessed on a range of criteria including prior mooting experience.

All general enquiries should be directed to John Tobin via [email](#) or tel 03 8344 7679. Students are also encouraged to visit the [moot website](#).

## 2010 general sir john monash foundation awards

The General Sir John Monash Awards are one of Australia's most prestigious postgraduate scholarships promoting excellence in learning.

Annually, up to eight awards will be awarded to outstanding Australians graduating from Australian universities to enable them to study abroad at the world's best universities, appropriate to their field of study.

Applications **close on 31 August 2009**.

[Further details](#) are available online.

## magistrates' court of victoria virtual court experience

The **Magistrates' Court** has launched a virtual court on its website. Users can view two mock court hearings - one a contested family violence intervention order application and the other a criminal case in which a defendant is self-represented. The films provide explanations about what occurs in the courtroom at various stages of the process. One of the aims of the virtual court is to demystify the court process for those who are going to court. The virtual court was produced by the Court with funding from the Victoria Law Foundation. For **further information** visit the Court's website.

## leo cussen institute: a short survey to help plan your PLT

The **Leo Cussen Institute** is keen to know what is important to you in your training for admission to the legal profession and wants to ensure that they offer their Practical Training Course in the way that best meets those needs.

Please take 5-10 minutes to answer a few questions. Some of these focus on cost. Just **click here**, complete the survey, enter your details, and click on 'DONE'.

Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 double movie passes.

## special consideration emails

Please use the following address when sending an email to the Law Student Centre regarding matters relating to Special Consideration:

**[law-llbspecialconsid@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:law-llbspecialconsid@unimelb.edu.au)**

Please note that actual applications for Special Consideration need to be made online via the **Student Information System**.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

## 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](#).