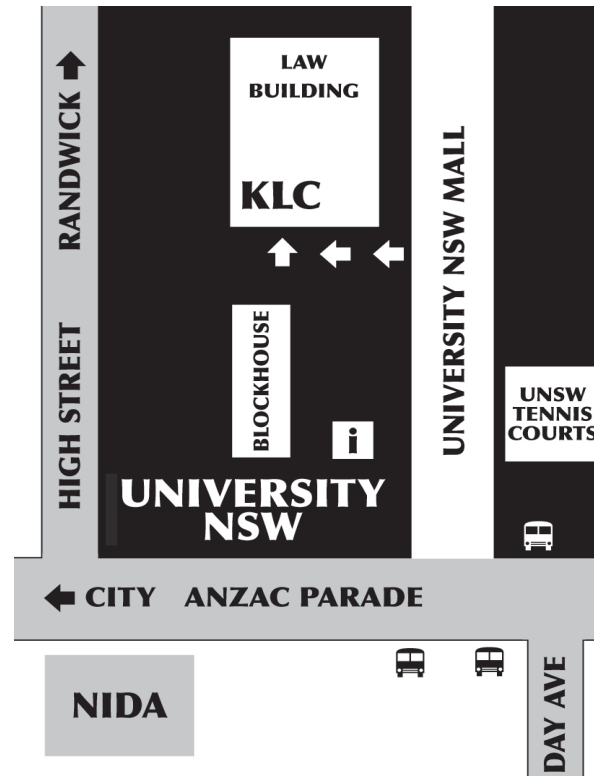


KLC aims to provide quality legal services to the community & to promote excellence in clinical legal education, whilst fostering a critical analysis of the legal system.

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LOCATION

Kingsford Legal Centre is located on the ground floor of the Law Building, University of New South Wales, Anzac Parade, Kensington.

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WHAT IS CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION?

Clinical Legal Education in Australia is a method of teaching law in which students undertake legal work for real clients.

Traditionally students work for disadvantaged clients who have no other access to legal services. Students undertaking a clinical legal education course gain first hand knowledge of the law and legal procedures in a carefully supervised teaching environment that enables them to critically analyse how the legal system operates and examine issues of access to justice for disadvantaged clients.

In 1981 the University of New South Wales recognised that the traditional model of legal education was not sufficient to serve the needs of students, the profession or society at large.

The Law School set up Kingsford Legal Centre to provide students with the opportunity to undertake clinical studies which also benefit the community in which the University is placed.

In this new century, lawyers need a broad range of knowledge and skills and clinical legal education provides students with the opportunity to develop these.

WHAT DO STUDENTS DO AT THE CENTRE?

Kingsford Legal Centre runs a varied and exciting legal practice. Students from UNSW Law School can undertake a number of courses at the Centre.

While at the Centre students attend weekly lectures and attend daily tutorials to discuss legal, procedural and ethical issues and have daily individual discussions with staff who have extensive experience in both teaching and in legal practice.

In the subject Clinical Legal Experience students attend the centre either one or two days a week. They are given responsibility for a number of client files which they will work on during their time at the Centre. Under supervision from one of the experienced staff solicitors, students do all the necessary work on the file including interviewing clients, developing legal strategies for conduct of the case, undertaking legal research, writing letters, briefs to Counsel, submissions and instructing barristers in court.

In both the CLE course and in the compulsory subject Law, Lawyers and Society students work with over forty volunteer solicitors and barristers in the Centre's public advice sessions, by interviewing clients and assisting the lawyers to provide advice to members of the public.

In 1999 the Commonwealth Government paid tribute to the quality of the Centre's work and reputation by making funding available to commence a new clinical course at the Centre. This specialist employment law course allows students to gain experience in advocacy on behalf of clients by appearing in courts and tribunals in New South Wales under the supervision of staff lawyers. The Centre also runs an additional employment law advice session each week with the assistance of a panel of private law firms.

SOME COMMENTS FROM STUDENTS

- "Enjoyable and invigorating"
- "Made me look at my law course through different eyes"
- "A fantastic experience"
- "The best course I did at uni, definitely a must do subject"

WHAT DOES KLC DO?

The Centre assists over three thousand people every year by providing legal advice and assistance, running litigation, providing community legal education and is very active in law and policy reform on issues such as housing, legal aid, domestic violence and discrimination. The Centre assists people who do not have the money to get legal help elsewhere.

As well as being an internationally recognised teaching Centre for law students, the Centre was awarded the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence in 2000. The award highlighted the staff's commitment to innovative and practical teaching, which provides students with an exceptional opportunity in legal education.