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## Editor's Note

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Welcome to the last edition of *Innominate* for the semester. As we write in this column one last time before the semester ends, we realise there is still much for us to say about life, the future, and law school. At the very heart of *Innominate*, these are the topics we attempt to explore so as to bring you closer to what you need, and what you have been looking for. We are very privileged to have had the opportunity to showcase the work of many dedicated and enthusiastic law students whose non-stop contributions to *Innominate* this semester have made the law society so lively and engaging. Of course we cannot forget you, the devoted readers, whose constant support to *Innominate* is always much appreciated. See you next semester!

-Angela Leung and Chris Ge

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## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

**Monday 1st June:** Speakers' Forum: Does Australia need a Human Rights Act? 6-8pm Law Building G04; Applications for Services Portfolio Secretary position close at 5 pm; Clerkship firm presentation: Deacons, 1pm, Law 203;  
**Tuesday 2nd June:** Clerkship firm presentation: Freehills, 1pm, Law Building Rm 101  
**Thursday 4th June:** end of session party @ the Roundhouse!

## Career Opportunities

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### POSITION VACANT: Secretary, Session 2, 2009

The Services Portfolio is looking for a keen and enthusiastic volunteer to fill the position of Secretary for Session 2 2009. The role of the Secretary primarily involves organising Lawsoc meetings, preparing agendas and taking minutes, in co-operation with a co-Secretary. As the Secretary must be present at Lawsoc Cabinet and General Meetings, this is a great opportunity to see how every part of the Law Society is run from the perspective of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

If you choose to apply for the position of Secretary, you should generally be available once a fortnight on Thursdays from 1-2pm. Previous Lawsoc experience is not required.

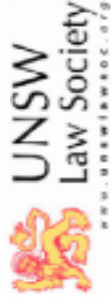
In your application of no more than one page, please fill in the following:

1. Name
2. Student ID Number
3. Mobile Number
4. Preferred Email
5. What are your reasons for applying for the position? What do you think you can bring to the role?
6. Detail any experiences you have had that may be relevant to this position
7. Why do you think you are the ideal candidate for this position?

Please forward your applications or any queries to [vp-services@unswlawsoc.org](mailto:vp-services@unswlawsoc.org) and CC [presidents@unswlawsoc.org](mailto:presidents@unswlawsoc.org).

Applications close **Monday 1st June 2009 at 5pm.**

# UNSW Law Society Careers Calendar 2009



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAY</b>				
<b>LUNCH 1-2 PM</b>	<p>18</p> <p>MALLESONS STEPHEN JAQUES</p> <p>Firm presentation Room 101</p>	<p>19</p> <p>MinterEllison</p> <p>Firm presentation Room 101</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Allens Arthur Robinson</p> <p>Firm presentation Law Theatre G23</p>	<p>22</p> <p>CLAYTON UTZ</p> <p>Firm presentation Room 163</p>
<b>LUNCH 1-2 PM</b>	<p>25</p> <p>CORRS CHAMBERS WESTGARTH Lawyers</p> <p>Firm presentation Room 301</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Blake Dawson</p> <p>Firm presentation Room 301</p>	<p>28</p> <p>BAKER &amp; MCKENZIE</p> <p>Firm presentation Law Theatre G23</p>	<p>29</p> <p>HENRY DAVIS YORK LAWYERS</p> <p>Firm presentation Room 163</p>
<b>JUNE</b>	<p>1</p> <p>Deacons</p> <p>Firm presentation Room 203</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Freehills</p> <p>Firm presentation Room 101</p>		
<b>LUNCH 1-2PM</b>				

## Later Lawyers Network

### IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN THE .. NSW LATER LAWYERS NETWORK

The challenge of starting a new career in the law is a daunting one, but even more so for those who come to the law as a subsequent career. Juggling the demands of work and study is difficult for most law students but when combined with the demands of family and feeling like the odd one out because you look more like the lecturers than the other students, the university experience can be even more difficult. Job prospects after graduation and the ability to secure traineeships are another concern for mature-aged law students (especially women) as employers fail to recognise the many benefits mature graduates bring to the profession and because others are simply intimidated by the idea of supervising someone older.

These challenges continue even after admission to practice as older 'new' lawyers can feel isolated and pressured to compete with younger counterparts in working around the clock for little pay and little recognition.

Whilst some universities in Australia support dedicated mature-aged law student societies and liaison officers, there are none in NSW despite growing numbers of mature students. NSW has also yet to see the establishment of an equivalent to the Later Lawyers Network that operates in Victoria.

In recognition of this gap in services, a NSW Later Lawyers Network is being established. Membership of the NSW Later Lawyers Network is open to any mature age law students and lawyers in NSW who have come to the law as a subsequent career.

It is hoped that the NSW Later Lawyers Network will provide mentoring, education and networking opportunities for members as well as informal and other social events .

If you'd like to know more about plans for the NSW Later Lawyers Network please email Felicia Nevins at [fleanevins@gmail.com](mailto:fleanevins@gmail.com) or follow the link to <http://groups.google.com/group/nsw-later-lawyers-network>

## Calling all penultimate and 3rd year law students!

Are you interested in gaining an insight into the legal profession beyond law school? Would you like guidance in the clerkship process?

The UNSW Headstart Mentoring program teams students with practicing solicitors from premium firms, so as to provide an opportunity to gain practical advice in subject selection, career paths and application techniques.

We are currently taking expressions of interest. Please email you name, student number, and practice areas of interest to [headstart@unswlawsoc.org](mailto:headstart@unswlawsoc.org)

Theonie Trianta  
Coordinator  
UNSW Headstart Program 2009

## External Competitions

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Every year, the Australian Law Students' Association organises the national tournaments at the July Conference to determine which university should take home the Champions' Cup. In many competitions, the winners go on to compete at the international finals. In 2008, UNSW won the ALSA Witness Examination competition, bringing home the silver Champions' Cup for the first time in ten years. This year, we want to send our finest to compete, and the Law Society is prepared to fund students at \$740 per person to go to the ALSA July Conference in Brisbane to return some more silver Cups to their rightful halls. See below for conditions.\*

Registration includes:

Gold Conference Pass

Competitors: \$740

ALSA Councillors & General Delegates: \$760

- 7 nights accommodation at either Oaks Festival Towers or Oaks Charlotte Towers; and
- Registration to all Conference events, including:
- Opening and Closing Gala Dinners;
- Cocktail Night;
- Theme Night;
- Australian Legal Education Forums; and
- Competitions and/or ALSA Council.

Read more at [www.alsaconference2009.com](http://www.alsaconference2009.com) and email [education@unswlawsoc.org](mailto:education@unswlawsoc.org) about attending as a General Delegate.

### **Administrative Appeals Tribunal National Mooting Competition 2009 - Application deadline extended to 12th June**

Are all these mooting competitions too daunting or difficult for someone like you? Not interested or able to fly interstate? That's OK! The best of us started out small in the AAT Mooting competition held right here in Sydney, including national and international mooters such as James King, Ben Mostafa, and Brent Michael. The AAT Moot is a great competition for those wishing to learn the exponentially growing business of tribunal advocacy. It focuses on merits review, which means arguments on the facts. Minimal knowledge of the law is required and a week of preparation is provided at each round. The competition is knockout-style, held at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Registry in Sydney, and judged by Members, Senior Members, Deputy-Presidents, and the President of the AAT. The preliminary state rounds are held on 11th, 12th, or 13th August.

The coach for the teams is to be confirmed, but could potentially be UNSW graduate and current associate to Federal Court Judge Nye Perram, James King, Semi-Finalist of the AAT National Moot 2005, Grand-Finalist in Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Moot 2005, Champion of UNSW Senior Mooting 2006, National Quarter-Finalist in the 2006-7 Phillip C Jessup Cup, and Champion of UNSW Trial Advocacy 2007. Can you afford to miss out on talent like that? Up to three teams of three competitors (two advocates and one researcher) will be selected. This means that anyone with any experience in mooting at all should apply. In order to be selected, competitors are expected to:

- Have read and understood the Competitions (External) Selection Policy, as published on the Law Society website,
- Have read the rules of the competition (see <http://www.aat.gov.au/AboutTheAAT/MootingCompetition.htm>)
- Apply by the deadline (Friday 12th June) with all relevant details
- Set aside time in the week before each round to train and prepare,
- Put in their best efforts to compete to their highest potential as representatives of UNSW, and
- Write up a written report after the conference, with all the details listed in clause 7.2 of the Selection Policy. Read the Selection Policy and download the Application Form here.

### **Selection Panels**

The Selection Panels for certain external competitions have been published on the UNSW Law Society website. Please check the website regularly for updates and for the results of selection.

### **Equity and Diversity**

The UNSW Law Society recognises that some students may suffer financial hardship in their personal circumstances (see clause 5.2 of the Selection Policy). In cases where an applicant is experiencing financial hardship in meeting the monetary requirements to compete in an external competition, that applicant will be eligible to receive financial assistance from the Education Portfolio of Lawsoc. All applications for financial assistance should be made to the Equity and Diversity division of Lawsoc for consideration. The application will be assessed on the basis of the applicant's documented financial status. Student confidentiality will be upheld at all times in relation to Lawsoc and the Selection Panel.



**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL UNSW &  
UNSW LAW SOCIETY SPEAKERS' FORUM**

# **DOES AUSTRALIA NEED A HUMAN RIGHTS ACT?**

**A moderated panel and open community forum.  
All Welcome.**

**Moderator**  
**Dr Andrew Lynch**  
Director of the Gilbert + Tobin Centre  
of Public Law

**Speakers**  
**The Rt Hon Malcolm Fraser AC CH**  
Former Prime Minister of Australia  
**The Hon Keith Mason AC QC**  
Former President of the NSW Court of Appeal  
**Stephen Kelm SC**  
Barrister for Dr Mohamed Haneef  
**Edward Santow**  
Director of the Charter of Human Rights  
Project, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law

**Date** 1 June 2009  
**Time** 6:00-8:00 pm  
**Venue** Law Theatre G04,  
Law Building, UNSW  
**Cost** Free. All welcome.  
**RSVP** [nswala@amnesty.org.au](mailto:nswala@amnesty.org.au)  
(places are limited)  
**Enquiries** [speakersforum@unswlawsoc.org](mailto:speakersforum@unswlawsoc.org)  
[amnesty@unsw.edu.au](mailto:amnesty@unsw.edu.au)



## UNSW LAW SOCIETY SPEAKERS' FORUM: SEMESTER ONE EVENTS

The UNSW Law Society Speakers' Forum is delighted to present the following speakers (below) this semester. The events are free and open to all students. We particularly encourage you to attend our two keynote events: David Bennett AC AO QC (the former Solicitor-General of Australia); and the Human Rights Forum, which features former Prime Minister the Rt Hon Malcolm Fraser AC CH amongst many other distinguished speakers. We hope to see you all there!

Michelle Wen and Calvin Shaw  
Co-Directors UNSW Lawsoc Speakers' Forum  
speakersforum@unswlawsoc.org

SPEAKER	TOPIC	DATE	VENUE
<b>Lisa Pryor</b> <i>Sydney Morning Herald journalist and author</i>	The Pinstriped Prison: How Overachievers Get Trapped into Corporate Jobs They Hate	<b>Week 8</b> Tues 5 May 1:00–2:00pm	G23
<b>David Bennett AC AO QC</b> <i>Former Solicitor-General of Australia and barrister</i>	Life at the Bar: Sex, Religion and Politics	<b>Week 9</b> Thur 14 May 5:00–7:00pm	G04
<b>David Gallop</b> <i>Chief Executive Officer of the National Rugby League</i>	An Intimate Q+A with David Gallop	<b>Week 10</b> Tues 19 May 1:00–2:00pm	G23
<b>Katrina Sharman</b> <i>Corporate Counsel for Voiceless, the fund for animals</i>	The Emergence of Animal Law in Australia	<b>Week 11</b> Tues 26 May 1:00–2:00pm	G23
<b>The Rt Hon Malcolm Fraser AC CH</b> <i>Former Prime Minister of Australia</i>	Does Australia need a Human Rights Act?	<b>Week 12</b> Mon 1 June 6:00–8:00pm	G04
<b>The Hon Keith Mason AC QC</b> <i>Former President of the NSW Court of Appeal</i>	A moderated panel reviewing the state of human rights in Australia. Held in conjunction with Amnesty International UNSW.		
<b>Stephen Keim SC</b> <i>Barrister for Dr Mohamed Haneef</i>			
<b>Dr Andrew Lynch</b> <i>Director of the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law</i>			
<b>Edward Santow</b> <i>Director of the Charter of Human Rights Project, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law</i>			

## Lawsoc Positions Available!

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### Position Vacant: Poetic Justice Executive Editor

The Law Society's flagship publication, Poetic Justice, is in search of a new Executive Editor for session 2. Poetic Justice is released twice each session (in weeks 6 and 12) and contains interviews, photos, editorials, political commentary, articles on the profession, reviews, and satirical works. Contributions come primarily from students, but may also come from our Sponsor firms. As Executive Editor you would be in charge of a small editorial team committed to producing a high quality publication.

Your duties would include; promoting the publication to potential contributors from the student body, helping edit those contributions so they are fit for publication, assisting in the design of PJ and liaising with the Publications directors to ensure PJ is printed on time and on budget. Clearly, it is a position of responsibility, but it's an awesome opportunity for those wanting to get more involved in the Law Society in Session 2.

Apply online at the Lawsoc website at <http://www.unsw-lawsoc.org/> before 5pm on Thursday 11th June.

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### Positions Vacant: 2 x Innominate Editors

Looking to get involved in the Law Society in Session 2? The Publications division of the Law Society is looking for two new editors of its newsletter, Innominate. As an editor of this publication, you will work with the different portfolios in Lawsoc and in the Law Faculty to produce a weekly bulletin detailing the goings on in the law school. This publication has the widest reach of any publication which Lawsoc provides and there is ample scope for you to place your mark on this invaluable resource for students.

As an editor of this publication, you will be required to receive and collate submissions from different sources in a pdf format using Indesign. No previous experience as an editor is required, as we will give you all the necessary tools and assistance to produce Innominate each week.

To apply, head to the Law Society website at <http://www.unswlawsoc.org/> and fill in the form on the main page (you must register to access it). If you have any questions about this position feel free to contact the Publications directors at [publications@unswlawsoc.org](mailto:publications@unswlawsoc.org).

## Lawsoc Volunteers needed!

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UNSW Lawsoc is inviting interested students to volunteer for the Human Rights Act Forum on June 1. This is the biggest event of the Speakers Forum programme for 2009 and features former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser. We need people to help out on the night from about 4.30pm until 9.00 (or any part of that time) - ushering, setting up, and speaking to guests. You will get a free 1 <3 human rights t-shirt for helping out!

Please contact [speakersforum@unswlawsoc.org](mailto:speakersforum@unswlawsoc.org) with "HRA Volunteer" in the subject line and let us know your name, mobile number, and when you can help out.

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### UNSW Law Hoodies For Sale!

Available to order from outside the law library 1-2pm every day except Wednesday for UNSW LAW grey zipped hoodies

Price: \$45

Sizes available:

Mens: Small, Medium, Large

Womens: 10, 12, 14

## GENERAL INTERESTS

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### AIAL National Essay Prize 2009

The Australian Institute of Administrative Law Inc is inviting entries for the 2009 AIAL Essay Prize in Administrative Law. The length of the essay is 5-8,000 words. The amount of the prize is \$A2,000. Entries must be submitted by 8 June 2009. The full rules are set out below.

Further details may be obtained by contacting:

Robert Orr, Deputy General Counsel, (02) 6253 7129, robert.orr@ags.gov.au

The 2007 AIAL Essay Prize was won by Rachel Harris with an essay 'Avoiding the Worst of All Worlds: Government Accountability for Outsourced Employment Services'. The essay is published in (2007) 54 AIAL Forum 3.

The closing date for entries is 8 June 2009. Late entries may be accepted. Please find the rules at <http://law.anu.edu.au/aial/ForthcomingEvents/FEEssayPrize.html>

Further inquiries relating to the competition, including whether an essay is eligible for submission for the prize, may be directed to Robert Orr, Deputy General Counsel, Australian Government Solicitor, 50 Blackall Street, Barton, ACT, 2600; (02) 6253 7129; robert.orr@ags.gov.au.

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### Opening of General Submissions for Court of Conscience Publication

Last year in 2008 the UNSW Law Society launched the 'Court of Conscience' - a publication dealing with social justice issues, and has emerged as a premier UNSW publication. Articles last year included circle sentencing, poverty and human rights abuses behind the Chinese Olympics.

The Court of Conscience is back, for the second year – and is looking for submissions on any area of social justice – be it a disability issue, a children's issue, LGBTQI issue, or an Indigenous affairs issue - the list goes on. Submit your applications now!

Submit your applications now!

All submissions are welcome, and all students are encouraged to apply.

If there are any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Court of Conscience Editor at [courtofconscience@unsw.lawsoc.au](mailto:courtofconscience@unsw.lawsoc.au).

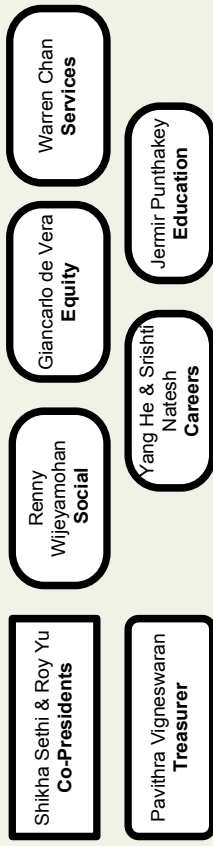
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**Due date: Monday 27th July (week 2, semester 2)**

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