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Winter Break Edition 2009

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Editor's Note

Welcome to the very first Winter Break edition of *Innominate*! Whether you are admiring the beautiful snowy scenery, enjoying a summer vacation in the northern hemisphere, or even just lying on your back in your room doing practically nothing, *Innominate* gives you the latest news on what's happening in the Law Society! Summer clerkship applications are now open for penultimate year students seeking to enhance their practical experience in law firms. Come along to the public lecture delivered by His Excellency Dr Ramos-Horta, a Nobel Peace Laureate and President of the Republic of Timor-Leste. Also, remember to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of UNSW on Foundation Day with live DJs, food stalls and so much more! With one more week before semester two starts, start getting back on track with the law school with this winter break edition of *Innominate*!

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Career Opportunities

Release of the 2009 Summer Clerkship Guide

The UNSW LawSoc Careers Team would like to announce the release of the official 2009 Summer Clerkship Guide.

We encourage you to consult the Guide throughout the clerkship application process. It was compiled following extensive consultation with our Sponsor firms and addresses a broad range of issues, from interview tips through to cvMail. The Guide also contains profiles on all sponsor firms, details of important deadlines and a directory outlining contact details for the firms' human resources consultants.

Summer Clerkship Deadlines:

Wednesday 1 July:	applications open.
Friday 31 July:	applications close*.
Monday 31 August:	interviews commence.
Friday 9 October:	offers can be made.
Wednesday 14 October:	offers must be accepted/ declined.

*Please note that applications for the Herbert Geer Clerkship program close on the 13th July.

How to access the Guide:

You may download the Guide from the UNSW Law Society website: <http://www.unswlawsoc.org/>

If you have any questions about the contents of the Guide, please feel free to email us at: vpcareers@unswlawsoc.org. We wish you all the best for the application process.

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 flea-nevins@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

Speakers' Forums/ Special Presentations

“Making a difference”

Nobel Peace Laureate and President of the Republic of Timor-Leste, His Excellency Dr José Ramos-Horta Delivers Public Lecture

José Ramos-Horta was a leader in the Timorese movement for independence. At the age of 25, he was appointed Foreign Minister in the new independent government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor. On the eve of the Indonesian invasion in 1975 he was tasked with appealing to the international community through the UN to stop the illegal invasion. He was the youngest person to address the UN Security Council. Following the invasion Jose Ramos-Horta worked to ensure that the UN recognised East Timor's right to self-determination and to build international support for the East Timorese – and to protect and promote human rights. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1996 for his work towards a just and peaceful solution to the conflict in East Timor.

In 1989 Dr Ramos-Horta was welcomed as a Visiting Fellow by the Faculty of Law, where he established the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP). Building on Jose Ramos-Horta's experience the DTP aims to advance human rights and empower civil society in the Asia-Pacific region through quality education and training of human rights defenders and civil society advocates.

Dr Ramos-Horta will deliver a public lecture to mark the 20th Anniversary of his founding of the Diplomacy Training Program at the Faculty of Law.

Date: Monday 27 July 2009

Time: 1.00pm – 2.00pm

Venue: Law Theatre (GO4), Ground Floor, Law Building, UNSW Kensington Campus

Impunity and Immunity? Prosecuting Heads of State

On 4 August 2009, Australian Red Cross, with the support of Mallesons Stephen Jaques, is presenting the Humanitarian Law Perspectives seminar. This seminar will consider the unique challenges and opportunities presented when prosecuting and defending Heads of States for crimes under international humanitarian and international criminal law.

The issue will be debated by a panel of prominent speakers and will be moderated by Professor Gillian Triggs, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Sydney University.

- Graham Blewitt will discuss the challenges and opportunities from a prosecution perspective. Mr Blewitt has been the Deputy Chief Prosecutor at the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague, and was involved in the prosecution of Slobodan Milosevic.

- Mark Ierace SC will outline the key challenges and issues for the defence. Mr Ierace is the Senior Public Defender at the NSW Public Defender's Office. He was a Senior Trial Attorney at the ICTY, and is a visiting fellow in International Criminal Law at UNSW.

- Associate Prof Steven Freeland will consider the road ahead for the International Criminal Court. Mr Freeland is Associate Professor in International Law at the University of Western Sydney, and Visiting Professional at the International Criminal Court.

Closing comments, offering a humanitarian perspective, will be given by Jeremy England, Head of the International Committee of Red Cross Office in Australia.

Date: Tuesday 4 August 2009. 6pm for 6:15pm start

Venue: Assembly Hall, The Faculty of Law
University of Sydney
173 - 175 Phillip Street
Sydney

Bookings: The seminar is free, but bookings are essential.

Please RSVP to Branka Gajic at the Australian Red Cross: bgajic@redcross.org.au or (02) 9229 4294

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The 2009 Humanitarian Law Perspectives Seminar will consider the unique challenges and opportunities presented when prosecuting and defending Heads of State for crimes under international humanitarian law and international criminal law. In the week leading to the 60th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions 1949, the issue will be debated by a panel of prominent speakers, which will be moderated by Professor Gillian Triggs, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Sydney University. Closing comments, offering a humanitarian perspective, will be given by Jeremy England, Head of the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) Office in Australia.

The Prosecution

Graham Blewitt will discuss the unique opportunities to prosecute Heads of State for crimes under international humanitarian law and international criminal law in international tribunals. He will discuss the particular legal challenges faced by the prosecution, including practical limitations on enforcement, and the high burden of proof and onerous evidence standards for crimes under international criminal law.

Graham Blewitt was the Deputy Chief Prosecutor at the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague between 1994 and 2004, and was involved in the prosecution of Slobodan Milosevic. Prior to this, he was the Director of the Nazi War Crimes Unit in Australia.

The Road Ahead

Associate Professor Steven Freeland will consider the particular situation of the International Criminal Court, and the challenges and opportunities that the ICC will continue to face in prosecuting Heads of State. Associate Professor Freeland will discuss the investigation and selection of cases to prosecute, and the relationship between the international community and the ICC.

Associate Professor Steven Freeland is Associate Professor in International Law at the University of Western Sydney, and Visiting Professional at the International Criminal Court, The Hague.

The Defence

Mark Ierace SC will outline the key challenges and issues in defending a Head of State. This will include the scope of sovereign immunity as a defence and its exclusion from specific international courts and tribunals, the difficulties of ensuring a fair trial and the importance of representation, and the difficulties of proving individual responsibility.

Mark Ierace SC is the Senior Public Defender at the NSW Public Defender's Office, and an expert in International Criminal Law. He was a Senior Trial Attorney at the UN Criminal Tribunal in the ICTY, leading the prosecution in the trial of General Galic and is a Visiting Fellow in International Criminal Law at UNSW.

Venue

Assembly Hall, The Faculty of Law
University of Sydney
173 - 175 Phillip Street
Sydney

The views expressed in this lecture are those of the presenter and do not necessarily represent the views of Australian Red Cross or Mallesons Stephens Jaques

Refreshments

Refreshments will be provided upon arrival.

Booking and Enquiries

The seminar is free, but bookings are essential. Please RSVP to Branka Gajic at the Australian Red Cross: bgajic@redcross.org.au or (02) 9229 4294

Website:

The Humanitarian Law Perspectives research papers on current issues in International Humanitarian Law are available at http://www.redcross.org.au/ihl/resources_MSI-research-papers.htm

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WE WANT YOU!

Applications for **SPEAKERS' FORUM DIRECTOR** now open.

The Education portfolio is looking for a dedicated and focused individual to fill the prestigious position of Speakers' Forum Director, working alongside Calvin Shaw, an experienced Director.

There are great opportunities to develop specific skills and knowledge in law, as well as general skills such as teamwork, leadership, organisation, and professional communication, while still enjoying yourself and meeting students, academics, legal practitioners, and members of the judiciary.

There is no minimum age or experience required - ALL law students are encouraged to apply. It is a great opportunity to develop skills that are highly favoured amongst employers and is a good way to begin or increase your involvement in the UNSW Law Society. Simply fill in the application form found online at www.unswlawsoc.org and send it through to education@unswlawsoc.org and presidents@unswlawsoc.org by **Tuesday 28th July (Week 2) 2009**. Feel free to direct inquiries to education@unswlawsoc.org.

General Interest

Submissions for Court of Conscience Publication

The Court of Conscience is a premier UNSW Law Society publication that deals with contemporary human rights and social justice.

The acceptance of general submissions for Court of Conscience is now underway. The Court of Conscience team is looking for submissions on any area of social justice – be it a disability issue, a children's issue, LGBTQTI issue, or an Indigenous affairs issue – the list goes on. Articles last year included circle sentencing, poverty and human rights abuses behind the Chinese Olympics.

Please submit your applications to courttofconscience@unswlawsoc.org by Monday 27th July (week 2, semester 2). 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 courttofconscience@unswlawsoc.org. We look forward to receiving your submissions!

Word limit: 1750

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

Let's Party!

Foundation Day

Come and celebrate UNSW's 60th birthday in 60s style at Foundation Day.

Check out the Djs, live music, food stalls, clubs and societies, scavenger hunt, huge activities and crazy inflatable during the day, then unwind and let loose with Ajax and Van She plus a huge spit roast to get the party on!

Check it all out on the Foundation Day website.

Foundation Day

Thursday 30th July,

11am – 3pm @ the Quad

3pm – 2am @ the Roundhouse!

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