

innominate

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Editor's Note

Welcome back to the new semester! All of us at Innominate welcome you to a brand new year!

For those of you who are starting university for the first time, hopefully the transition will be smooth. Innominate will help you adjust to law school life and connect you with meeting like-minded people or getting involved outside the classroom.

For those of you who are returning to university, we hope the break was re-energising and invigorating. Now let the bus lines and 9am starts begin!

- Eunice Park

What's coming up?

March 2: Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Applications Due

March 3: KPMG Mock Interview Applications Close

March 4: JD/Grad Law Welcome Drinks

March 5: Law Camp Leader Applications Close

March 5: UNIFEM Breakfast

March 11: Equity Portfolio Applications Close

March 12: Shack Tutoring Applications Due

March 12: Advanced Negotiations Registration Close

International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition 2010

UNSW is seeking interested applicants to participate in the 2010 International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition. This prestigious competition is organised by Murdoch University School of Law and hosted by the Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney, and is highly regarded by the judiciary and members of the legal, arbitration and maritime professions.

Mooters will compete in a team of 2 - 6 people. The moot problem typically involves a commercial shipping dispute, which is to be determined by an arbitral panel according to the LMAA terms, the MLAA terms or some other accepted set of arbitral rules. The competition is considered good preparation for other advanced international competitions, such as the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

Eligibility criteria: Undergraduate and postgraduate law students may apply. Applicants need not have received formal education in maritime law, though it is preferable to have completed courses in contract and international law.

Competition schedule: Oral rounds run from 2 - 6 July 2010.

Selection process: Written application only. Please complete the application form at http://www.unswlawsoc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=554&Itemid=95 and return to external@unswlawsoc.org.

Applications close: COB, 2 March 2010.

For further information: <http://www.law.murdoch.edu.au/maritimemoot/index.html>

UNSW LawSoc Beginners Mooting 2010

Registration is now open for UNSW Beginners Mooting 2010. Mooting is one of the most popular and engaging extra-curricular activities at UNSW.

What is mooting?

Mooting is a mock advocacy competition, where students form teams of two and argue fictional cases at an appellate level. Students are required to research and prepare arguments to present during their moot, and the problems are designed to complement the subjects undertaken in class.

Why participate?

Mooting is useful for developing skills suitable for any professional career. These include skills such as critical analysis of material, interpretation of statute and case law, oral and written advocacy, research and public speaking confidence. Further, it allows interested students to see how the law they learn in class may be applied in practice, gaining a more detailed understanding of these areas. It is also a fantastic opportunity to meet older students, legal practitioners and even Supreme Court justices should they reach the final round.

How to register?

The registration form will shortly be available on www.unswlawsoc.org. Fill out one form per team of two and email to b_mooting@unswlawsoc.org. Optionally, register on your own, and a partner will be allotted to you. Registrations close on **Thursday of Week 3 (18/03/2010)** at 4:00 PM.

JD / Grad Law Welcome Drinks

Are you newly embarking on a Juris Doctor? Or returning for another year of graduate law? The Law Society is organising a few drinks, with no undergraduates allowed. Come along to meet those you'll be spending the next three years in class with, along with students who have been here a little longer.

When: Thursday 4 March (Week 1) 6.30-9pm;

Where: Regent Hotel – 416-418 Anzac Pde Kingsford

JD and current Grad-entry Law students ONLY

Law Camp Leaders Applications Close Week 1

It's that time of year again! Applications for Law Camp leaders for the 2010 Camp are now open. The 2010 camp is being held between March 26-28th.

How to apply:

1. Visit www.unswlawsoc.org and download the application form
2. Read the information carefully, fill it in and send to eric.white@unswlawsoc.org before the end of Week 1.

Poetic Justice Contributions

Do you dream about seeing your name in print? Looking for something to do during the break and beyond? Well here's your chance: Poetic Justice wants YOU in 2010.

This year we'll be organising a PJ committee to assist us with the creation and promotion of the greatest student publication to roam the earth (or at least Kensington).

We are looking for people to become regular contributors. This would entail submitting two contributions that have a satirical bent per semester, in the form of articles, rants, creative pieces, interviews, jokes, reviews, cartoons or recipes – you name it!

Is writing not your style? PJ is also looking for people to help out with the design and layout of each issue, promoting the publication on-campus and documenting LawSoc social events. General support is also welcome. Expressions of interest to join the committee close on Friday, 12th March 2010.

Overworked? Just want to contribute for the first issue? Here's what you need to know: The theme is Beginnings and the deadline is Friday, 19th March 2010. If you want ideas about what to write, feel free send us an e-mail: poeticjustice@unswlawsoc.org

Success for UNSW Law students in the International Commercial Mediation Competition

A team of UNSW students has achieved Australia's best result to date at the 5th International Commercial Mediation Competition. The International Commercial Mediation Competition is organised by the International Chamber of Commerce and is the largest in the world of its kind, with 44 teams participating in the invitation-only competition.

The UNSW team was ranked 7th out of 44 teams in the preliminary rounds after competing against teams from Sao Paulo (Brazil), Saskatchewan (Canada), Washington (United States of America) and Houston (United States of America). It then went on to defeat UC Hastings (United States of America) in the Quarter-Finals and Osgoode Hall (Canada) in the Semi-Finals to progress to the Grand Final. A tie between the two judges in the Grand Final resulted in a narrow loss against Nottingham Trent (England) via a mediator's decisive tiebreak.

The UNSW International Commercial Mediation Competition team comprised **James Hu, Roy Yu, Joseph Nicholls and Mark Sheldon**. The team was coached by UNSW Professorial Visiting Fellow and former Secretary-General of the Law Council of Australia, **Dr Rosemary Howell**.

"It is a wonderful reward for our months of hard work and rewarding to see UNSW performing so strongly in front of some of the most experienced mediators in the world, in competition with universities who have led the field in ADR for a long time," Dr Howell said.

The competition's championship round was mediated by Birgit Sambeth Glasner, Vice-President for Geneva of the Swiss Chamber of Commercial Mediation and a certified commercial mediator at CEDR, CMAP, SCCM and FSA. The international commercial disputes mediated by the students covered a broad range of case studies and legal issues from property ownership and intellectual property, to studio contracts with actors, and charity concert organisation. There were 35 nationalities represented in the competition from 44 universities.

The UNSW team spent the past four months preparing for the competition and were greatly assisted by the students and practising lawyers who gave their time for practice sessions. The team also undertook a day of team building training with John O'Hare, Head of Acting at the Actors College of Theatre & Television.



(L-R: Roy Yu, Mark Sheldon, Dr Rosemary Howell, James Hu, Joseph Nicholls)

KPMG Graduate & Vacationer Fair

Want to find out more about your preferred business group? You are also invited to KPMG's Graduate & Vacation Fair on Friday 19th March, Level 15 2.30 – 4.30pm. Representatives from all our recruiting groups will be in attendance to answer your questions. Fun, food and prizes to be had. RSVP to NSWgradrecruit@kpmg.com.au

KPMG Mock Interviews

Do you need to practice your interview skills? KPMG is offering students the opportunity to participate in mock interviews, get in-depth feedback on answering behavioural questions, and hints and tips for how to become a successful interviewee.

Mock interviews will be held on the **11th & 12th of March at KPMG**. To apply, please email NSWgradrecruit@kpmg.com.au with your name, contact number, email, university, degree and year of degree and why you would like to participate (in 300 words or less). Positions are limited. Applications close March 3.

Want to improve your CV?

Want to volunteer with minimal commitment but lots of rewards? Want to meet new people and make a difference in someone's life?

Shack Tutoring is a unique volunteering opportunity for UNSW students interested in providing FREE one-on-one tutoring to local disadvantaged high school students. You will be matched to a student according to your subject preferences and time availabilities.

Commitment is low as you will only need to set aside 1 hour/week on any Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons between 3.30-6pm. No experience is needed. Training and tutoring materials will be provided, as well as snacks and some refreshments.

Additionally, your participation will be recognised officially in your supplementary transcript along with your academic transcript!

Join now! Places are limited and fill up quickly. Send a blank email to a.hioe@arc.unsw.edu.au with the subject line 'Application Form Request'. Otherwise, download it from <http://www.arc.unsw.edu.au/Shack-51.aspx>. Application forms close on the 12th March 2010.

SOCIAL PORTFOLIO: MUSICAL NEWS

LawSoc Choir

Been watching Glee? Know how to hold a tune? Good news! For the first time ever, LawSoc is starting a choir. The choir will rehearse every week on Thursdays from 1 to 2pm at uni and will be performing at future events. People of any singing ability are welcome. All you need is enthusiasm, a good ear and some cool ideas about what you'd like to see us sing! For more information and to sign up, email Seph (Music Director) at music@unswlawsoc.org.

LawSoc Band

If you play an instrument, any instrument, LawSoc Band needs you. Please contact Seph at music@unswlawsoc.org to apply.

International Women's Day UNIFEM Breakfast

Don't miss out one of the year's most thought-provoking and inspiring events on Friday 5th March 2010

The United Nations Development Fund for Women's (UNIFEM) works to promote women's human rights, economic security and political participation in over 100 countries. The breakfast brings together supporters from government, non-government, corporate and school groups to raise money for UNIFEM's vital programs.

Venue and time:

Bayside Grand Hall, Sydney Exhibition and Convention Centre at 7 AM concluding at 8:50 AM, March 5th 2010

Hosted By:

Geraldine Doogue

Guest Speaker:

Head of the Gender and Macroeconomic Model at the African Centre for Gender and Development (ACGD) located in Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia.
Dr Rose Evaster-Aderolili

Tickets:

Please email wcwg.hrc@younglawyers.com.au if you would like a seat on the The Human Rights Committee table. Tickets cost \$60.00 or \$45.00 if you're a full-time student and includes breakfast

For more information please visit the following link: <https://unifemprototype.worldsecuresystems.com/BookingRetrieve.aspx?ID=55864>

Look Who's Talking Series

The UNSW Law Alumni Chapter kicks off the 2010 series of talks for students and alumni in March, featuring 3 alumni: Nicola Yeomans, M&A Partner, Freehills; James Eysers, Media Editor at the Australian Financial Review; and Lachlan Harris, Media Adviser to the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

Wed 24 March 6.30pm at Freehills

Level 38, MLC Centre

19 Martin Place, Sydney

Register online: www.law.unsw.edu.au/alumni (places are limited)

UNSW Hong Kong Law Fair 2010 Volunteers needed

The annual UNSW Hong Kong Law Fair is back and seeking student helpers to assist with firms for this year's event on **22nd April 2010!** There will also be opportunities to help run firm presentations, interviews and lunch before and after the fair.

You will be assigned to one of our 18 exhibitors for the day and act as their personal assistant during the fair. It is a great chance to meet the HR staff, trainees and lawyers from the firms as well as education providers. You will have the opportunity to ask all the questions that you've wanted to ask about employment opportunities in Hong Kong!

If you are interested in a law career in Hong Kong, you are strongly encouraged to apply now by sending your details (name, degree, stage of completion, availability, contact email and telephone number) to Asia Careers Vice President, Jing Zhang, at jing.zhang@unswlawsoc.org. You may nominate any particular firms you would like to assist. Please note that the number of positions is limited and preference may be given to any final and penultimate year students applying for Hong Kong law firms in 2010.

NOTE: You must be available on the 22nd April 2010 to apply for the fair positions!

Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship

The Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship is a \$2000 scholarship, awarded on the basis of pro bono humanitarian services.

Any student who is currently studying at a Sydney university, who has good character, and who has undertaken and/or is planning to undertake humanitarian services is eligible to apply.

The closing date for applications is **31 March 2010.**

Please visit www.sydneychineselions.org.au for more information.

Linkz Odyssey

Linkz aims to build a widespread sense of pride in the strength, diversity and value of Australia's Indigenous culture. As a not-for-profit youth-led organisation, Linkz' focus is on engaging with children, young people and their communities across Australia.

The Linkz 'Odyssey program' is designed to increase the frequency and quality of positive interactions and learning's between indigenous and non-indigenous people in Australia. It is a unique opportunity to learn more about the culture and history of the first people of our nation, being able to observe and learn first-hand about the current state of affairs of indigenous youth in remote Australia.

For a period of six weeks beginning early December last year, Linkz Inc. paid for myself and three other volunteers to head out to the red centre of Australia. We spent six weeks in Laramba, a tiny remote community two hours North of Alice Springs. Most of our time was spent with kids between the ages of 6 and 16 playing footy and soccer on the hard dirt oval, basketball without rings (broken), riding BMX bikes around a purpose built BMX track, splashing about in Napperby Creek after the rains, running community discos in the dingy tin shed, organising movie nights at our house and running art and craft sessions through the day. Most of our spare time was spent simply hanging out with the kids.

This is an amazing, selfless and unforgettable opportunity open to all who dare give up some of their time and are willing to step outside their comfort zone. If you would like to know more, please visit our website, www.linkz.net.au and if this does not answer your questions then feel free to email me at blake@linkz.net.au. Successful applicants for the next winter 'Odyssey' program commencing June this year will be chosen soon, so don't miss out.

Blake Cansdale
Remote Community Program Coordinator
Linkz Incorporated
E-mail: blake@linkz.net.au

Australian Lawyers Alliance Legal Essay Competition 2010

Papers from all NSW undergraduate law students are sought for this competition run by the Australian Lawyers Alliance, with a focus on human rights and the rights of the individual.

There are 3 topics to choose from:

1. "In the United States, at present there is a debate concerning health care reform. President Obama has indicated that health care reform may include a consideration of tort reform. Do you consider that there is a link between health care reform and tort reform?" Discuss.
2. "The case of Dr Haneef confirms that it is important in a liberal democratic society to have a free press. Dr Haneef's case clearly demonstrates that a free press is of greater significance to the protection of the rights of individuals than a bill of rights. Do you agree?" Discuss.
3. "There has been considerable debate concerning mandatory sentencing and truth in sentencing. The benefit of mandatory sentencing is that the punishment of an offender is known and truth in sentencing creates reassurance in members of the public of criminal punishment. Do you agree?" Discuss.

The winner will receive:

- \$1000 cash prize kindly donated by Stacks/Goudkamp Lawyers
- Full year's membership of the Australian Lawyers Alliance
- A Certificate of Achievement;
- Publication of the winning essay in the industry journal, *Precedent*
- The opportunity to mingle with influential members of the legal profession who may be potential future employers.

10 runners up will receive a full year's student membership of the Australian Lawyers Alliance.

Entries are due Friday 28 May 2010. Please see http://www.lawyersalliance.com.au/documents/essay_comp_flyer.pdf for more information and an essay cover sheet.

Myer Scholarship at Christ Church, Oxford

For some years, Allan Myers has funded a Scholarship for Australian graduate students in Christ Church, with a preference for Law students. He has now very generously agreed to increase the funding for the Scholarship so as to attract the very best students.

It is a one-year award which will cover the student's university and college fees up to a total of £13,750, so it is ideally suited to funding a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) student for his or her one-year course. The details are available on the college web site at <http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduates/scholarships>. The deadline for applications is 1st May 2010.

International and Comparative Law Summer Program at University of Wollongong

From 28 June to 24 July 2010, the University of Wollongong, in co-operation with the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta, will be delivering the International and Comparative Law Program. The Program is a unique chance for law students in both Australia and Canada to enhance their legal education by stepping out of their provincial/state and national jurisdictions to address issues of contemporary importance in an international context and from a valuable Canada-Australia comparative perspective.

The Program will be delivered on the main University of Wollongong campus. Participants will be required to enrol in the two courses offered, namely International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law and International and Comparative Criminal Law.

How to apply: The application form is available at: www.uow.edu.au/law

For more details, visit www.uow.edu.au/law or contact Dr Thomas Musgrave, the Director of the 2010 International and Comparative Law Summer Program at thomasm@uow.edu.au



GET INVOLVED IN EQUITY 2010!

Equity Portfolio | vpequity@unswlawsoc.org

www.unswlawsoc.org

The Equity portfolio is looking for volunteers to lead its projects and initiatives for
2010 **right now!**

Due: 9pm, 10 March 2010	Due: 9pm 2 April 2010
Social Justice Officer (2x)	Social Justice Events Committee Member (4-6)
Women's Officer	Women's Events Committee Member (4-6)
Indigenous Officer (2x)	Indigenous Events Committee Member (4-6)
Queer Officer	Queer Events Committee Member (2-3)
Court of Conscience Editor	Court of Conscience Editorial Team Member (2-3)

Due: 9pm 17 March 2010
International Students Officer
Graduate Students Officer

These positions are a great way to get involved in the UNSW Law Society!

ALL law students are encouraged to apply!

No minimum age or experience required.

Develop specific skills and knowledge in law, as well as develop key interpersonal, management, leadership, events management, communication, negotiation and advocacy skills.

You will be supported by the Vice-President (Equity) throughout the academic year in all your endeavours, working with a fun, inclusive and positive team.

For more information, please visit www.unswlawsoc.org, where you can find job descriptions and download an application form.

For all other enquiries please email the Vice-President (Equity), Giancarlo de Vera, at vpequity@unswlawsoc.org.

Dear UNSW Law Student,

What does every lawyer need to get the success they all hunger for? What is the crucial edge that sets them heads and shoulders above the rest?

SKILLS.

Every lawyer needs skills. The UNSW Skills competitions exist to develop the practical and interpersonal skills used in future legal practice. Learn how to deal with people and their dilemmas from a legal perspective in teams and as individuals. On top of that, experienced members of the legal profession will be judging the skills competitions.

NEW Competition to look out for later in 2010:

- **PAPER PRESENTATION**



CLIENT INTERVIEWING

Registration is now open for all years!

- Want to improve your communication and teamwork skills whilst having fun at the same time?
- Want to participate in a competition, which requires very little preparation or extra work?

Client Interviewing simulates a solicitor and client meeting, with competitors working in pairs as lawyers to interview a client and ask questions to extract the relevant and necessary information in order to determine a possible course of action in response to the client's problem. Whether you have a partner or not - anyone can join! If you register yourself we can pair you up. A link to the registration forms will be posted on www.unswlawsoc.org

Registration closes on **Monday 22 March 2010 at 6pm.**

For further information, please do not hesitate to email – client@unswlawsoc.org

BEGINNERS NEGOTIATION

All 1st-3rd year law students are eligible to enter the Beginners Negotiations Competition if they have not competed in any Negotiations Competitions previously. If you are a 4th-5th year law student and have not participated in a Negotiations Competition before, then you will have to compete in the Advanced Negotiations Competition.

Register Now – link will be posted on www.unswlawsoc.org

Registration closes on **Monday 19 July 2010 at 6pm.**

Contact: b_negotiation@unswlawsoc.org

ADVANCED NEGOTIATION

Have you got what it takes to seal the best deal? If the answer is yes, then do not hesitate to enter the prestigious annual advanced negotiation Competition. Even if the answer is No, the advanced negotiation Competition is a great way to practice your dispute resolution skills and enhance your abilities as a lawyer.

The Advanced Negotiation Competition is open to:

- fourth and fifth year undergraduate students; or
- final year graduate students; or
- students who are taking the elective Dispute Resolution [LAWS2314]; or
- students who have competed in Negotiation competitions in previous years.

If you can find a partner, register online NOW! If you can't find a partner, register anyway and we'll match you up! Round 1 starts in week 4-5 and Round 2 starts in week 6-7.

Register Now at <https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFdBem94cnBvdI91aVZEd3BvS1JjY1E6MA>

Registration closes on **Friday 12 March 2010 at 6pm**

Contact: a_negotiation@unswlawsoc.org

TRIAL ADVOCACY

Let *Boston Legal* and *Law & Order* be a springboard to exploring what it involves to be an advocate in this mock-trial competition. Develop and refine skills used in effective questioning in the examination and cross-examination of witnesses and let the truth be told! Or at least your version of it.

All students are welcome to register. No partners required but once competition commences, grab a friend to be your witness.

Register Now at <http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dGhpeFBtYXhfRWdPd2NQcFV5d00xeIE6MA> >

Registration closes on **Mon 26 April 2010 at midnight**.

Contact: trial@unswlawsoc.org

DEMONSTRATIONS

Demonstrations for each of the skills competitions and mooting will be held in Week 2 TBA. See Innominate next week!

Han Yong and Mary Jang

Competitions (Skills) Directors 2009

Education Portfolio

UNSW Law Society

**UNSW Hong Kong
Law Careers Fair
Thursday 22 April 2010
12:30 — 2:30 PM
Leighton Hall, Scientia Building**

**Students from all years welcome!!
Free refreshments!!**

**8 WEEKS
TO GO!!**

**For a quick entry on the day, send your name to
hklawfair2010@unswlawsoc.org**



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