



LAW INTERNSHIP (LAWS 2230)
Research War Crimes
The Military Law Centre, Australian Defence Force
in conjunction with
The Centre for Military Justice, Australian National University

What is the Military Law Centre?

The Military Law Centre (MLC) was established in January 2000 primarily to co-ordinate, formulate and deliver further legal training for the professional development of legal officers in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Additionally, the MLC develops and coordinates the delivery of pre-command legal training to Commanding Officers in all three services of the ADF; provides assistance in the development and delivery of Military Law training across the ADF; organises "Lessons Learned" conferences; provides research and workshops on current legal issues; assists in the formulation and development of legal policy and doctrine; and, develops and maintains the MLC research library. The MLC is primarily located at Randwick Barracks in Sydney and also has a Canberra office at Campbell Park.

The Director of the MLC is Captain Dale Stephens RAN. The Centre is also staffed by four full-time service legal officers, civilian administrative and paralegal support staff and reserve legal officers.

What does the internship involve?

The MLC is seeking a law student to prepare research that will be presented at the MLC's *Rome Statute and Commonwealth Criminal Code Symposium* in May 08. The two-day symposium will comprise a working group of ADF legal officers in concert with legal academics. The symposium is the primary vehicle for knowledge sharing and collective research in support of the MLC's *Rome Statute and Commonwealth Criminal Code Research Project* (RS/CCC Project) which aims to examine practical effect of the translation of the Statute of the International Criminal Court into Australian domestic criminal law.

The successful intern would work with the RS/CCC Project manager Flight Lieutenant Nerida Lister and would be supervised from an academic perspective by Professor Simon Bronitt of the Centre for Military Justice, ANU.

The scope of the internship project is flexible, though appropriate topics may include: a comparative analysis of *mens rea* in the Rome Statute and Commonwealth Criminal Code fault elements and their operation; a comparative analysis of defences under the Rome Statute and the Commonwealth Criminal Code; or a comparative analysis of the legal mechanisms that prescribe 'command responsibility.' Additionally, the internship may involve providing assistance to the project manager in shaping the structure and content of the symposium.

A successful applicant for this internship must have completed basic public international law and criminal law. International criminal law, international humanitarian law, or further electives in domestic criminal law would be useful, but are not essential. The research will provide an opportunity to use both black letter domestic law and international law skills, as well as conceptualise the application of the law in the modern war-fighting environment. There will be opportunities to work with ADF legal officers and leading criminal law academics. Students would be expected to work at the Centre for Military Justice at the ANU during the internship. Both remote and in person supervision by academic and placement supervisors would be available. There may be opportunities for the student to attend the MLC Randwick office; however this would be subject to negotiation during the course of the internship.

When does the internship commence and how do I apply?

Students may enrol for this internship for first semester 2008. Expressions of interest with brief (one page) CV should be provided to the convenor of the internship program, (peter.ford@anu.edu.au) with a completed application form (accessible on the website). Applicants are welcome to contact Simon Bronitt or FLTLT Lister for further information about the project.

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Further information about the Internship Program can be obtained from:

<http://law.anu.edu.au/Undergraduate/Internship.asp>

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