

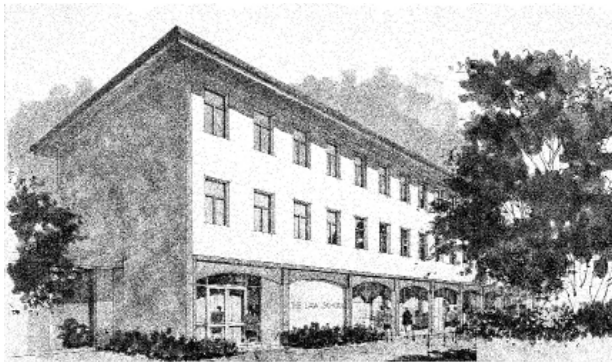
# Alumni Newsletter

*Autumn 2010*

## ANU COLLEGE OF LAW celebrates 50th anniversary

This year, 2010, marks the 50th anniversary of what is now the ANU College of Law. The Australian National University was established in 1946 as a research institution, but the Faculties, as they then were—including the Faculty of Law—were added in 1960.

We will be celebrating our 50th anniversary in a variety of ways, including an Alumni Dinner on Thursday 30 September 2010 at the Boathouse and a pictorial history of the law school from 1960 to 2010.



Perhaps the single most important aspect of that rich 50 year history is the contribution that you, our distinguished alumni, have made, both during your time as our students, when you supplied our very raison d'être, and subsequently throughout your careers. We hope you can join us to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Information about upcoming events will be sent to you soon. Please register or [update your contact details](#) if you have not been in touch with us before.

ANU COLLEGE OF LAW  
**50** years  
 1960–2010

## BREAKING NEWS

### ANU Law students win world final of Jessup International Law Moot

ANU College of Law students, Sneha Rangnath, Sam Thorpe, Ellen Chapple, Sarah Lynch and Rohan Kapur have won the world's largest moot court competition, the 2010 Jessup International Law Moot Competition.

After progressing through the Australian rounds of the competition earlier this year, the team, coached by Senior Lecturer, Wayne Morgan and Faculty Adviser, Jon Lovell, qualified for the international rounds that were held from 21–27 March in Washington.

For full details, please see:

- [ANU Media Release](#)
- [2010 Australian Jessup Moot Competition](#)
- [Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition](#)



*From left to right: Sneha, Sam, Ellen, Sarah and Rohan*

## Professor Mick Dodson appointed to Harvard Chair

The ANU College of Law congratulates Professor Mick Dodson for his appointment as the next Chair of Australian Studies at Harvard University.

Professor Dodson is the Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at ANU and Professor of Law in the ANU College of Law, and was the Australian of the Year in 2009.

Please follow the links below for information on the:

- [ANU Media Release: Dodson appointment to Harvard chair](#)
- [National Centre for Indigenous Studies](#)
- [2009 Australian of the Year](#)
- [Biography: Professor Mick Dodson AM](#)

## Professor John McMillan appointed Information Commissioner Designate



*Professor John McMillan*

Professor John McMillan was appointed as the Commonwealth's first Information Commissioner Designate by the Rudd Government on 26 February 2010.

Professor McMillan, who is the Commonwealth Ombudsman, was the guest of honour at a morning tea on 3 March at the ANU College of Law held in recognition of his new appointment.

Professor Michael Coper congratulated Professor McMillan saying that 'this is an important new position bringing together oversight of, and striking the balance between, freedom of information and privacy'.

Professor McMillan has been a member of the Law Faculty staff since 1983 and is currently on leave.

For more details please read:

- [Media release](#)
- [Biographical details](#)



*Professor Mick Dodson*

## Professor Margaret Thornton receives honour



*Professor Margaret Thornton*

Congratulations to Professor Margaret Thornton, who was honoured as an Outstanding Woman in ANU at an International Women's Day Event held on 10 March 2010.

The citation on Margaret's award recognises 'her long and distinguished career providing expert analyses of sex discrimination in Australia'.

For more details, please see the [Equity, Diversity & Inclusion](#) website.

[Biographical details](#)

## Excellence in Education Awards 2009

The ANU College of Law is pleased to announce the winners of the 2009 ANU College of Law Excellence in Education Awards.

The awards were initiated to help recognise excellence in education in the College and to contribute to the ongoing development of our education programs.

There were over 120 nominations and 15 applications for the awards, covering all education programs within the College, and reflecting a rich diversity of approaches to education. The very high quality of the applications resulted in more than one award winner in some categories and a number of highly commended applicants.

Congratulations to:

**Leighton McDonald**

– Award for Teaching Excellence

**Juliet Behrens, Molly O'Brien & Tony Connolly**

– Citations for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning

**Matthew Zagor, Wayne Morgan, Miriam Gani & Michael Rawling**

– Highly Commended

The College would also like to congratulate all those nominated for the awards and in particular those who participated in the application process. Thank you for your contribution to the continued excellence of the education offered in all programs at the ANU College of Law.

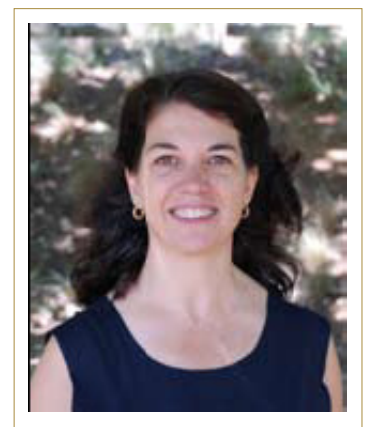
For more information: [Excellence in Education Awards](#)



*Leighton McDonald*



*Juliet Behrens*



*Molly O'Brien*



*Tony Connolly*

### Posthumous ANU LLB awarded to Odette Upstill

Odette Upstill was awarded posthumously a combined Arts/Law degree at an ANU graduation ceremony on 10 December 2009.

Odette died suddenly at a hospital in Lyon in March 2009 soon after commencing a university exchange program.

Dean of the ANU College of Law, Professor Michael Coper, awarded the degree which was collected by Odette's friend and fellow graduate, Lauren Hodes.

For more details please see: [The Canberra Times article](#).

## Congratulations to 2010 Phillipa Weeks Scholarship recipient



*Julien with young Nepalese monks, 2009*

The recipient of the 2010 Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law is Julien Tempone from Launceston, Tasmania.

After attending Scotch Oakburn College in Launceston, Julien took the opportunity to learn more about politics and legislation by working for six months as an electorate officer for Jodie Campbell, Federal MP for Bass, and Helen Polley, Senator for Tasmania. He spent the remainder of his gap year as a volunteer working on projects in Nepal and South America.

The ANU was a natural choice for Julien to study law because of its strong emphasis on international law. He plans to undertake an Arts/Law degree with majors in international law and development studies with the belief that the combined degree will allow him 'to work to improve representation for those who are disadvantaged'. In particular, he wants to explore issues such as human rights and crimes against humanity.

One of Julien's long term goals is to work with or within an international organisation such as the United Nations. He is particularly motivated by the human rights work of lawyers such as Mary Robinson, the former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Julian Burnside, QC.

Julien has already started working towards fulfilling his ambitions through his volunteer work in South America and Nepal. He worked for three months with Volunteer Initiative Nepal (VIN), an organisation whose mission is to empower marginalized communities to improve economic productivity and social justice. Among other projects, he prepared VIN's Annual Report and taught English to young monks, who were children left by poor Nepali families. After leaving Nepal, Julien spent two months in La Asunta, Bolivia participating in an education project to improve student motivation, student retention rates and human rights education.

According to Julien, winning the Phillipa Weeks Scholarship is 'an honour reinforcing my commitment to bringing about change in society'. On a practical note, it means, 'I can dedicate a greater portion of my time to volunteering and gaining work experience in both social justice groups and non-governmental organisations'.

The Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law was created in memory of Phillipa Christine Weeks who was a member of the academic staff of the ANU College of Law (1979-2006).

The Scholarship Fund was established from money donated by the University, the College, staff of the College, alumni, family and friends. If you would like to donate to the Fund please see: [Phillipa Weeks Fund](#).

For further information: [Phillipa Weeks Scholarship](#)

## Successful Public Law Weekend held by CIPL

The Centre for International & Public Law (CIPL), ANU College of Law presented the fourteenth annual Public Law Weekend on 12 & 13 November 2009 at the Finkel Theatre, ANU.

The program, which was opened by the Director of CIPL, Professor Kim Rubenstein, was based on the theme, *Change in Public and Administrative Law*. As a departure from the traditional format, sessions were staged on Thursday afternoon and Friday.

One of the highlights of the proceedings was the University of Cape Town's Professor Hugh Corder's delivery of the twelfth Annual Geoffrey Sawer Lecture, *On Stormy Waters: South Africa's Judges (& Politicians) Test the Limits of their Constitutional Authority*.

For audio, papers, biographies and the participant list, please see the [Annual Public Law Weekend program](#).



(L to R) Professor Hugh Corder, Professor Kim Rubenstein and Professor Michael Coper

## Legal Workshop lawyers named Best Lawyers

Congratulations to seven Legal Workshop immigration law teachers named best immigration lawyers of the year by *Best Lawyers*, as published in the *Australian Financial Review*, 12 March 2010:

- David John Prince
- Joanne Kinslor
- Kerry Murphy
- John Gibson
- Michael Jones
- Nigel Dobbie and
- Rania Skaros

## Nicholas Tebbey awarded ACT Law Society's Young Lawyer Award



Nicholas Tebbey

ANU College of Law lecturer, Nicholas Tebbey, was presented with the 2009 ACT Law Society's Young Lawyer Award by Justice Richard Refshauge on 3 December.

According to a media release by the ACT Law Society, Nicholas was recognised for his 'contributions to the legal profession and to the Canberra Community' and was also recognised for his 'professional achievement'.

Nicholas completed his Bachelor of Laws with honours and Bachelor of Asian Studies at The Australian National University in 2005. He has worked with Snedden Hall & Gallop since July 2002, where as a Senior Associate he practises commercial & business law and migration law.

When Nicholas was admitted as a Migration Agent he achieved first place in the MAPKE exam which was the previous way to gain admission before the Graduate Certificate in Migration Law & Practice was introduced.

Nicholas has taught in the Migration Law and Practice Program at the ANU College of Law since its inception and has taught every course.

For information about the [Graduate Certificate in Migration Law & Practice](#) please see the website.

<http://law.anu.edu.au>

## 2010 Sentencing Conference



*Conference participants, National Convention Centre, Canberra*

The 2010 Sentencing Conference was hosted jointly by the National Judicial College of Australia and the ANU College of Law on 6 & 7 February 2010.

Nearly 200 attendees, including 50 members of the judiciary from Australia, New Zealand and Singapore, gathered at the National Convention Centre to hear the welcome address by Professor Michael Coper, Dean, ANU College of Law and Chief Justice Wayne Martin, Chair, Council of the National Judicial College of Australia.

Guest speakers were drawn from various institutions and organisations such as Australian and New Zealand universities, the Victorian Sentencing Advisory Council, the Department of Justice (NT), the Supreme Court of NSW, the Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (QLD & VIC), the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault (VIC) and the Commissioner for Victims' Rights (SA).

Formal sessions held over the weekend included the following themes:

- Informing the public about sentencing
- Sentencing indigenous offenders
- The 'warrior gene': genetic factors in sentencing
- Sentencing of corporate offenders
- Sentencing by video link
- Sentencing for Commonwealth offences
- Sentencing in Arson (Bushfire) cases
- Sentencing and Children
- Sentencing for offences motivated by hatred or prejudice
- Sentencing in so called "technical rape" cases

A session on sentencing by video link highlighted advantages (e.g. avoiding travel for long distances in difficult circumstances for a short sentencing proceeding) and pitfalls (cases of mistaken identity and loss of subtle communications by some offenders).

In another session on sentencing remarks in so-called 'technical rape' cases, there was lively debate on the difficulty judicial officers may face in preparing and delivering remarks in proceedings in which there is a dispute about whether the alleged victim consented but then fell asleep before an alleged act of rape occurred.

Wendy Kukulies-Smith (ANU College of Law) presented a paper discussing how the Commonwealth Sentencing Database has been developed to assist judicial officers sentencing federal offenders. Judge Deborah Richards (District Court QLD) spoke of differences in approach by State courts to the sentencing of federal offenders. Mr David Adsett (Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions) reviewed the relationship between the non-parole periods and head sentences imposed on federal offenders.

Another session looked at whether recent scientific studies of a defect in a gene that results in impulsive aggressive conduct (the 'criminal gene' or the 'warrior gene') should be taken into account by courts in criminal cases, in particular for sentencing purposes.

On the 12 month anniversary of the 'Black Saturday' bushfires in Victoria, a session at the conference reviewed the available research on what motivates bushfire arsonists and the sentencing of convicted offenders.

Professor Michael Coper hosted the Conference dinner and as a departure from the sentencing theme, participants were entertained by the speaker, Dr Antonio Passini, President of the Wine Society of Italy.

For details of the program, biographies and topic notes please see: [Sentencing 2010 Conference](http://www.njca.gov.au) on the NJCA website.

## Sentencing remarks in sexual assault cases



Speakers in the session on preparation and delivery of sentencing remarks in sexual assault cases: (L to R) Judge John Nicholson (District Court NSW), Mr Michael O'Connell (Commissioner for Victims' Rights SA) and Justice Chris Maxwell (Court of Appeal Victoria) (session chair)

## Sentencing by videolink



Speakers in the session on sentencing by video link: (L to R) Chief Justice Wayne Martin (Supreme Court WA), Ms Emma Rowden (University of Melbourne), Prof Jane Goodman-Delahunty (Charles Sturt University NSW), Ms Anne Wallace, (University of Canberra), Justice Richard Refshauge (Supreme Court ACT) and Prof David Tait (University of Western Sydney)

## Sentencing in bushfire arson cases



## Genetic factors in sentencing



Speakers in the session on genetic factors in sentencing: Prof Simon Easteal (top) (School of Medical Research, Australian National University), Dr Debra Wilson (University of Canterbury NZ) and Mr Allan McCay (University of Sydney)

## Sentencing for Commonwealth offences



Speakers in the session on sentencing for Commonwealth offences: (L to R) Judge Deborah Richards (District Court QLD), Mr David Adsett (Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions) and Ms Miriam Gani (ANU College of Law - session chair)

## ANU College of Law staff articles and interviews in the media

### March 2010

**Thomas Faunce** and Ruth Townsend  
[Big pitfalls and fewer freedoms in new trade agreement with US.](#)  
Opinion piece in *Canberra Times*  
5 March

**Matthew Rimmer**  
[DNA - battle lines drawn](#)  
Nyssa Skilton, *Canberra Times*  
8 March

**Matthew Rimmer**  
[Competitors may fight Facebook feed patent](#)  
*ABC News Online*  
5 March

**Don Rothwell**  
[Japanese Whaling: When Diplomacy Fails, Call the ICJ](#)  
*Jurist, Legal News & Research*  
3 March

### February 2010

**Moeen Cheema**  
[Pakistan: New 'Judges' Case' in the Making?](#)  
*Jurist, Legal News & Research*  
14 February

**Mick Dodson**  
[Many gaps remain in indigenous policy](#)  
*The Age*  
13 February

**Miriam Gani**  
[Five men jailed under Australia's widely-criticised terrorism laws](#)  
Linda Mottram, *ABC Radio National*  
17 February

**Miriam Gani**  
[Question over Australian legal process](#)  
Linda Mottram, *ABC Radio National Breakfast*  
16 February

**Don Rothwell**  
[Whaling in the Southern Ocean](#)  
*ABC 2 Breakfast*  
23 February

**Matthew Rimmer**  
[Film Industry Loses Piracy Battle Against iiNet](#)  
Fran Kelly, *ABC Radio National Breakfast*  
5 February

**Matthew Rimmer**  
[Studios set to sue over illegal movie downloads](#)  
Jennifer Dudley-Nicholson, *The Courier Mail*  
5 February

**Matthew Rimmer**  
[Men at Work Ripped Off Children's Song](#)  
Liv Casben, *Evening News Bulletin, ABC TV*  
4 February

### January 2010

**Moeen Cheema**  
[Back to the Future: The Pakistan Supreme Court's NRO Judgment](#)  
*Jurist, Legal News & Research*  
14 January

**Moeen Cheema**  
['Liberal' Fundamentalism in Pakistan: Objecting to Islamic Arguments in NRO](#)  
*Jurist, Legal News & Research*  
20 January

**Matthew Rimmer**  
[quoted in Tobacco label fight heats up](#)  
Geoff Winestock, *The Australian Financial Review*  
21 January

**Matthew Rimmer**  
[The Copenhagen Accord and Climate Innovation Centres](#)  
Griffith Hack, *Clean and Sustainable Technologies Group*  
20 January

**Don Rothwell**  
[PM can stop whalers:experts](#)  
*The Canberra Times*  
8 January

## Upcoming events 2010

**15 April**

### **CIPL Conference: Pirates of the Southern Ocean?**

A conference to review the events of the 2009/10 Southern Ocean whaling season, the legal and policy implications and the future of Australia/Japan relations

APCD Lecture Theatre, Hedley Bull Centre, ANU

More details: <http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/PiratesConf/PiratesConf.htm>

**16 April**

### **CIPL Lunchtime Seminar Series**

Ms Katherine Young, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

1.00-2.00pm - Phillipa Weeks Staff Library

More information to follow

**21 April**

### **Law and Social Justice Seminar**

Professor David Weisbrot

Gene Patenting and Protection of Human Genetic Information

3.00-4.00pm

Phillipa Weeks Staff Library

**4 May**

### **ANU Graduate Information Evening**

Meet ANU College of Law staff for more information about study options in law

4.00-7.00pm - University House, Balmain Crescent, ANU

More details: [http://billboard.anu.edu.au/event\\_view.asp?id=13586](http://billboard.anu.edu.au/event_view.asp?id=13586)

**6 May**

### **Public Seminar and Discussion Forum**

*Ethics, Psychology and Lawyer Behavior in Large Law Firms*

With Professor Milton Regan, ANU College of Law Distinguished Visiting Mentor and

Co-Director for the Center for the Study of the Legal Profession at Georgetown University

9.30 - 12.30 (to be followed by lunch) - Moot Court, ANU College of Law, Fellows Road, ANU

**6-7 May**

### **Responding to Family Violence Conference**

9.00am-5.00pm - National Convention Centre, Canberra

More details: <http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/fvc.htm>

**7 May**

### **CIPL Lunchtime Seminar Series**

Geoff Skillen, Office of International Law, Attorney General's Department, Canberra

Title: *Prosecution under Australian Law of International Crimes committed outside Australia*

1.00-2.00pm - Phillipa Weeks Staff Library,

More information to follow

**18 May**

### **CIPL 20th Anniversary Event**

Each of CIPL's past Directors and Acting Directors and current Director, reflect on their time as Director of the Centre and on how things have changed in their disciplines over the past 20 years to celebrate CIPL's 20th Birthday.

4.30-7.00pm - ANU College of Law Theatre

Refreshments in foyer from 4.30pm and Seminar from 5.00pm-7.00pm

**18 May**

**Law Reform and Social Justice Program**

"In Conversation with Julian Burnside"

5.00-6.00pm - Sparke Helmore Theatre 1

ANU College of Law

**21 May**

**CIPL Lunchtime Seminar Series**

Associate Professor James Stellios

1.00-2.00pm - Phillipa Weeks Staff Library, ANU College of Law

Title: Section 75(v) of the Constitution: A Complex Mechanism of Federal Government

More details: <http://law.anu.edu.au/CIPL/Lectures&Seminars/2010/Stellios.pdf>

**22 May**

**ANU Advisory Day - Sydney**

Meet ANU College of Law staff for more information about study options in law

10.00am-3.00pm - Rydges World Square, 389 Pitt St, Ballrooms 2 & 3

**4 June**

**CIPL Lunchtime Seminar Series**

Julie Atwell, Office of International Law, Attorney General's Department, Canberra

Title: *Montreal Protocol*

1.00-2.00pm - Phillipa Weeks Staff Library,

More information to follow

**19 June**

**ANU Advisory Day - Melbourne**

Meet ANU College of Law staff for more information about study options in law

10.00am-3.00pm - Hilton on the Park, 192 Wellington Parade, Stradbroke Room

**21-22 June**

**Copyright Symposium**

9.00am-5.00pm - Sparke Helmore Theatre, ANU College of Law

**24-26 June**

**ANZIL 2010 Conference**

*International Law in the Second Decade of the 21st Century: Back to the Future or Business as Usual?*

9.00am-5.00pm - University House, ANU

**24 June**

**Annual Kirby Lecture - Mr Gareth Evans**

6.00pm

Title: *International Law at the Coalface: Three Decades of Learning by Doing*

Presented by Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AO QC

Finkel Theatre, Garran Road, John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU

**To attend any of the College events, please contact [RSVP@law.anu.edu.au](mailto:RSVP@law.anu.edu.au)**

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