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International Court of Justice Traineeship Scheme Congratulations to the 2008 nominees

In an impressive first for an Australian law school, and reflecting its high international reputation, the ANU College of Law was invited in 2006 by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to join its Student Traineeship Program, which has previously been open only to the top North American and European law schools. The ICJ is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations and is located at The Hague in the Netherlands. Under this program, a current ANU law student or recent ANU law graduate spends a year at the ICJ working as an Associate to one or more of the ICJ judges, assisting the judges with research relating to cases before the Court, preparing case files, and drafting documents.

Invited institutions are asked to nominate up to three candidates, from whom the ICJ selects one. The selected candidate is sponsored and funded by the home institution. The ANU College of Law provides a scholarship of \$25,000 to support the successful intern. The main criterion for selection is an excellent academic record in public international law, with proven research and writing skills. It is also necessary to have at least a working knowledge of French (English and French being the Court's official languages). (For details, see http://law.anu.edu.au/Undergraduate/ICJ_Scholarship.asp.)

An ANU Selection Committee comprising Dean Michael Coper and Professors Hilary Charlesworth and Don Rothwell has chosen a short-list of three outstanding candidates to go forward to the ICJ for selection in 2008: **Patrick Delaney**, **Nicholas Kelly**, and **Matthew Moorhead**. Only one will be selected by the ICJ, but the ANU College of Law congratulates all three nominees on their success in the local selection process.

The chosen candidate will be the third ANU College of Law ICJ intern, following Rebecca Jenkin in 2006 (see <http://law.anu.edu.au/news/webdocuments/ICJ.pdf>) and Robyn Briese in 2007 (see http://law.anu.edu.au/news/Robyn_Briese.pdf).

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