

## ANU College of Law to send second trainee to the International Court of Justice

Congratulations to Robyn Briese on her selection to be the second person chosen directly from an Australian law school for a traineeship at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at the Hague in the Netherlands. The ANU College of Law is the only Australian law school invited to participate in the ICJ Student Traineeship Program, which is based at the principal United Nations court for resolving disputes between states.

More about Robyn...

Robyn undertook a combined science (environmental science) and law degree with 1st class honours in law (and University Medal and Tillyard Prize) at the ANU (including a one year exchange to the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada). The ANU has a world class international law program, and it caught her interest very early on. She focused very much on international law subjects during her degree, including for her honours thesis ('Precaution and Cooperation in the World Trade Organization: An Environmental Perspective'). Robyn graduated from the ANU College of Law in 2002.



Robyn now works in the Office of General Counsel, Australian Government Solicitor. In this work, she provides public law advice (including constitutional and international law) to a range of government Departments and Agencies. She is currently seconded in the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Water Resources helping to implement the National Plan for Water Security.

Robyn is very excited about the opportunity to work as an associate to a judge at the ICJ. It is an opportunity which will allow her to pursue her interest in international law at the highest level, and to further develop her knowledge and skills so as to continue to contribute to the development of an international rule of law in her future career. She is also very excited about the opportunity of using French in a professional context, as she haven't had the opportunity to do so since finishing College.