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NEW LINK BETWEEN ANU LAW SCHOOL AND BARRISTERS TO ASSIST LAW STUDENTS

A new link between The Australian National University's College of Law and barristers' chambers in Canberra would help keep law students in touch with the practical side of the Law, barrister Richard Thomas said today.

Richard Thomas is the principal barrister in Silk Chambers in Canberra. Chambers is the name given to a law office where barristers work.

The link was developed between Silk Chambers and the ANU Law Internship Program, run by ANU Visiting Fellow Peter Ford, himself a lawyer.

"The Law Internship Program is designed to give ANU law students the opportunity to put their academic studies in a practical context, by being supervised not only by law school academics but also by experienced practising barristers," Peter Ford said.

"The internship program has been operating for many years now, but this is the first time it has been formalised with barristers' chambers in Civic," he said.

The first student to be allocated under the new link is Jessica Brent, a fourth year law student.

"I am really looking forward to working closely with barristers in writing my thesis," Jessica said.

"The law school is located very close to Silk Chambers and the Courts, and this will enable me to get the experience I need to make sure my ideas are workable in practice."

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