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Our alumni come from many diverse and challenging backgrounds, and are contributing in valuable ways across the globe. We are proud to share their stories with you.

Welcome to our new-look *JuristDiction*, Sydney Law School's annual alumni magazine, providing an overview of activities at the law school over the past 12 months. You can access an online copy and read all the content on our website at sydney.edu.au/law/juristdiction. We welcome your feedback, so please do not hesitate to let us know what you think.

This edition celebrates Sydney Law School's fourth win in the prestigious Philip C Jessup International Law Moot — setting a record only equalled by the National University of Singapore. Our stellar team, its coach, Rob Pietriche and its advisor, Professor Tim Stephens

(himself a member of the very first Sydney Law School World Champion Jessup Team from 1996), deserve the highest praise.

We also include a tribute to Katrina Dawson by her close friend, Cate Stewart, who manages our Publishing Unit, news of our initiatives in encouraging Indigenous scholarship, some profiles of our first students to enjoy the Oxford and Cambridge 'pathways' schemes, and honour one of our most inspiring students, Andrew Thomas. Andrew is a recent recipient of the Menzies Harvard Scholarship and co-founder of the Manjeri School Project in Uganda.

JuristDiction is a great opportunity to share news of our alumni and their achievements. In this issue, read about Cat Thao Nguyen, who has written her memoirs, *We Are Here*, about her experience as a refugee. We also hear about the inspirational work of Annabelle Chauncy, who is co-founder of the School for Life Foundation and gave an address at our recent graduation ceremony.

I hope you enjoy our new-look *JuristDiction*.

Professor Joellen Riley
Dean, Sydney Law School

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World beaters: our students win fourth Jessup moot title

Sydney Law School students win the world's most prestigious student legal advocacy competition.

A team of five University of Sydney law students has won the 2015 Jessup International Law Moot Court competition, following up on their recent success in winning the Australian national rounds of the competition in the High Court in February.

The team defeated Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in the Grand Final moot held in Washington DC. Two judges of the International Court of Justice were on the bench: His Excellency Sir Kenneth Keith (presiding) and Her Excellency Joan Donoghue along with distinguished international law academic and former State Department advisor Professor Harold Koh.

The team comprised Sarah Bradbury, Nathan Hauser, Sam Murray, Angus Nicholas and Alice Zhou.

Sydney Law School is now the world's equal best performing law school in the Jessup, having won the Jessup Cup on four occasions since the competition was opened to international teams in 1968. Sydney previously won in 1996, 2007 and 2011.

Widely recognised as the world's most prestigious student legal advocacy competition, the Jessup Moot gives competitors the opportunity to argue a case before the International Court of Justice. Working as a team, they represent fictional states in a hypothetical but topical case of international law. In 2015 there were more than 550 law schools participating in the Jessup from more than 80 countries.

“This is a tremendous result for our talented students, and is testament to the strength of our team of international lawyers at the Sydney Law School, who have supported the Jessup since the 1990s.”
Professor Joellen Riley,
Dean, Sydney Law School.

As well as the group taking out the Grand Final moot, team member Alice Zhou was named best advocate in the final, and Sarah Bradbury was named best advocate in the overall competition in Washington. Angus Nicholas was named as seventh best oralist in the overall competition.

Alumnus Rob Pietriche (BEC 2012 LLB 2014) coached the team and Professor

Tim Stephens, the team's Faculty Advisor, offered his congratulations.

“This is an exceptional performance by our students, who've shown enormous dedication since November 2014 when they began work on the moot problem,” Professor Stephens says.

“The Sydney Law School extends our sincere thanks to all those who supported the team, especially the practice moot judges from the faculty and from the judiciary and wider legal profession in Sydney. We extend very special thanks and acknowledgement for the financial support provided to the students from the NSW Bar Association, Gilbert + Tobin, and the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law.”

The Sydney Law School held a celebratory function at the school for the team and its sponsors on 18 May 2015.



From left to right:
 Alice Zhou, Rob Pietriche (Coach), Sarah Bradbury, Nathan Hauser, Angus Nicholas, Sam Murray and Professor Tim Stephens (Advisor)

Katrina Watson Dawson (1976–2014)

BA LLB (Hons I) (Syd) LLM (MHRLP) (UNSW)

Written by Cate Stewart

KATRINA DAWSON’S LIFE WAS INEXPLICABLY AND TRAGICALLY CUT SHORT IN DECEMBER 2014 IN THE WAKE OF A MUCH-LOVED RITUAL OF HOT CHOCOLATE AND TOAST AT THE START OF HER WORKING DAY AS A BARRISTER.

Among the countless people mourning her absence from our lives are those who studied with, lived with, and taught her at the University of Sydney. Beyond the University, many more feel her loss daily from their personal and professional lives, including colleagues and friends from Mallesons and the New South Wales Bar.

‘Treen’ or ‘Tree’, as many of her close friends know her, was the best of friends

and, so I am told by many members of the legal profession, the best of colleagues. She was unfailingly generous with her affection, time and expertise – not only in law, but in matters including shoe and bag shopping, renovation, baking and parenting. In all that she did, there was humour and laughter.

Katrina was born in 1976 in Perth to parents Jane and Sandy Dawson – the adored younger sister of Sandy and Angus. She completed her Higher School Certificate (HSC) at Ascham School, Edgecliff in 1994 and equalled first in the state, with a Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) of 100.

At the University of Sydney, she studied a combined Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (1995–99), achieving first-class

honours in Law and winning the Michael Harmer and Associates Award for Anti-Discrimination Law (1999). A fluent speaker of French (her Arts major), she spent a semester in 1999 studying law in French at the Sorbonne (the University of Paris) – at a time when most of us found law difficult enough to understand in our native English (with all due respect to my law school lecturers and tutors!).

Katrina lived on campus at the Women’s College from 1995 to 1998. She was elected Senior Student in 1998 by fellow student residents at the college; an indication of the affection and esteem with which she was held. At the Women’s College she won the Grace Frazer Prize (1995), the Leonie Star Prize (1995) and the Ellen Bundock Prizes (1996–98), as well as a Women’s College Scholarship (1996).

At the same time as achieving impressive results in her studies, she held a variety of paid and unpaid jobs. She also participated in sporting and social events with equal enthusiasm. She represented the Women’s College in the inter-college Rosebowl competition (rowing, tennis and basketball). She attended the Australian University Games, trying her hand for the first time at the heptathlon and the hammer throw, finishing just outside a placing in the latter, after only receiving a quick rundown on technique just before the event!

One of her greatest joys at college was fancy dress, for which she was, both then and after, renowned. It was no doubt with great effort that she stifled the urge to add some dazzle to her wig and gown for appearances in court, but by then she had found other outlets for her creativity, such as children’s birthday parties.

After completing a summer clerkship at Mallesons from 1998 to 1999, Katrina returned there to work as a graduate in the dispute litigation group. She started tackling some of the big questions – such as whether suffering from handbag envy justified an afternoon of sick leave. But, beneath the fun, Katrina was an extraordinarily hard worker. She became a Senior Associate, and in 2004, completed a Master of Human Rights Law and Policy at the University of New South Wales. In 2005, she was called to the NSW Bar after winning the Blashki & Sons Award for topping the Bar exams.

Katrina proved a talented barrister – on which I can do no greater justice than refer with thanks to the obituary of her Eight Selborne Chambers colleague Jason Potts in the 2015 (Autumn) *Bar News*.

But the happiest outcome of Katrina’s pursuit of the law was meeting Paul – a

fellow summer clerk at Mallesons. They married in 2001 and went on to have three wonderful children: Chloe, Ollie and Sasha. Together they created a joyous family and home, full of love and laughter.



Above all, our thoughts are with Paul, the children and the rest of the Dawson family for their immeasurable loss.

Katrina was simply overflowing with a passion for living life to its fullest and was determined to do her best in all that she did. She was constantly caring for, and encouraging of, others and she was the best person I know at keeping in touch. Friends received thoughtful and hilarious correspondence of all kinds: a favourite among many being the singing birthday call. Visitors to the family home were spoilt with delicious homemade food, while she played with kids, cooked, chatted, danced and sang.

Katrina’s kindness extended well beyond friends and colleagues. She was acutely aware of the advantages she had had in life and had a strong social conscience. During her time at university, she did pro bono work for Redfern Legal Centre and the Tenants Union, as well as volunteer work for Médecins Sans Frontières. Later,

at Mallesons, she coordinated its pro bono Downing Centre Duty Solicitor’s Scheme, volunteered for Make a Wish at the Starlight Children’s Foundation and was instrumental in establishing the Ted Noffs Foundation’s ASK! free legal service for youth.

As her Ascham School friends – the friends who knew her longest – said in a recent obituary: she was the best of us.

Whatever she did, she did wholeheartedly and it is wholeheartedly that we love her, miss her and remember her always.

The Katrina Dawson Foundation

The Katrina Dawson Foundation is inspired by who Katrina was. The foundation will go beyond simply providing financial support. Through the funding of scholarships to Women’s College and fellowships for a senior or postgraduate student, the foundation aims to find, fund and mentor inspiring young women. It will build a network of Katrina Dawson scholars, fellows and mentors, who all know and support each other.

To support the foundation or find out more, visit www.thekatrinadawsonfoundation.org



Honouring our outstanding students

On 23 April 2015, Sydney Law School held its annual Prize Giving Ceremony to celebrate the achievements of its winning students.

More than 200 attendees, including prize winners and their families, as well as faculty staff, gathered in the Law School Auditorium for the annual event held to celebrate and recognise our talented students.

Professor Joellen Riley, Dean, Sydney Law School, acknowledged the efforts of our students and expressed the Law School's gratitude for the invaluable support of the community and the profession. She warmly thanked all prize and scholarship donors for their continuing support.

Professor Greg Tolhurst announced the recipients and Robert Pietriche gave the student address at the ceremony. Prize winners then joined their families for a celebratory cocktail function.



Our 2015 prize winners

The Sydney Law School would like to warmly congratulate all prize winners:

Catherine Baekgaard

- The Marjorie O'Brien Prize

Matthew Barry

- Academic Merit Prize
- John George Dalley Prize No.1A

Sarah Therese Bradbury

- The CA Hardwick Prize in Constitutional Law
- Pitt Cobbett Prize for Constitutional Law
- Andrew M Clayton Memorial Prize – Clayton Utz

Lucinda Bradshaw

- Julius and Reka Stone Award in International Law and Jurisprudence

Michael Anthony Butler

- Victoria Gollan Memorial Fund Scholarship

Jeffrey Robert Cabarrus

- Law Society of New South Wales Prize for Law, Lawyers and Justice
- Margaret Dalrymple Hay Prize for Law, Lawyers and Justice

Benjamin Carl Carrozzi

- The Christopher C Hodgekiss Prize in Competition Law
- Allens Linklaters Prize in Competition Law

Gabrielle Chaikin

- Law Press Asia Prize for Chinese Legal Studies No. 1

Philip Andris Charteris

- Australian Taxation Office Prize in Taxation Law

Melissa Ann Chen

- Academic Merit Prize

Terry Cheng

- University of Sydney Foundation Prize for Australian International Taxation

Mitchell James Cleaver

- Academic Merit Prize

Xavier Collins

- John Warwick McCluskey Memorial Prize
- Mr Justice Stanley Vere Toose Memorial Prize for Family Law

Nicholas Condylis

- Academic Merit Prize

Natalie Czapski

- Tuh Fuh and Ruby Lee Memorial Prize in Criminology
- JH McClemens Memorial Prize No.1 in Criminology

Elvis Dangol

- Herbert Smith Freehills Prize in Contracts

Annabel Jane Deans

- ED Roper Memorial Prize No.2 for Equity and Corporations Law

Lovelle Dominica D’Souza

- Academic Merit Prize

Daniel Farinha

- Minter Ellison Prize

Daniel Fletcher

- Justice Peter Hely Scholarship

Adam Bruce Fovent

- Sir John Peden Memorial Prize for Proficiency in Foundations of Law, Federal Constitutional Law, International Law and Real Property
- LexisNexis Book Prize No.6 for Most Proficient in Juris Doctor Year II
- George and Matilda Harris Scholarship No. IIA for Second Year of Juris Doctor

Sanae Furuhashi

- GW Hyman Memorial Prize in Labour Law
- The Judge Perdiau Prize No.2

Stephanie Michelle Glass

- Thomas P Flattery Prize for Roman Law

Hayley Gordon

- Margaret Ethel Peden Prize in Real Property

Allen Antoun Habib

- University of Sydney Foundation Prize for Australian International Taxation

Alison Margaret Hammond

- Nancy Gordon Smith Prize for Honours at Graduation
- Sir Dudley Williams Prize
- Rose Scott Prize for Proficiency at Graduation by a Woman Candidate

David Hertzberg

- Sir Dudley Williams Prize
- Nancy Gordon Smith Prize for Honours at Graduation

Ebony Hill

- Victoria Gollan Memorial Fund Scholarship

Joshua Himbury

- ANJeL Akira Kawamura Prize in Japanese Law

Heather Huddleston

- Peter Cameron Sydney–Oxford Scholarship

Spencer Hulme

- Law Press Asia Prize for Chinese Legal Studies No.2

Phillip Joson

- Sybil Morrison Prize for Jurisprudence Part 2

Amelia Catherine Joyner

- The Marjorie O’Brien Prize

Crista Jing Li Khong

- Nancy Gordon Smith Prize for Honours at Graduation
- Rose Scott Prize for Proficiency at Graduation by a Woman Candidate

Jacqueline Krynda

- Aaron Levine Prize for Criminal Law
- LexisNexis Book Prize No.2 for Most Proficient in Combined Law II

Arunima Lal

- Keith Steele Memorial Prize

Bronte Lambourne

- Margaret Ethel Peden Prize in Real Property
- ED Roper Memorial Prize No. 1 for Equity and Corporations Law
- Edward John Culey Prize for Proficiency in Real Property and Equity

Talara Lee

- The Marjorie O’Brien Prize

Winnie Liu

- LexisNexis Book Prize No.5 for Most Proficient in Juris Doctor in Year I
- EM Mitchell Prize for Contracts

Manh Cuong Luong

- The Tomonari Akaha Memorial Prize

Kerrie Yan Ma

- Law Press Asia Prize for Chinese Legal Studies No. 2

James Joseph Mackay

- King & Wood Mallesons Prize in Banking and Financial Instruments

Marc Marinozzi

- LexisNexis Book Prize No. 4 for Most Proficient in Combined Law IV
- George and Matilda Harris Scholarship No. 1 for Second Year
- Academic Merit Prize

William Alexander Mason

- Margaret Ethel Peden Prize in Real Property

Brendan Joseph May

- Gustav and Emma Bondy Postgraduate Prize

Kathryn McCullum

- Academic Merit Prize

Graeme Michael McIntyre

- Academic Merit Prize
- Nancy Gordon Smith Prize for Honours at Graduation

Obelia Jane Modjeska

- JH McClemens Memorial Prize No. 3 in Diploma in Criminology

Luca Moretti

- George and Matilda Harris Scholarship No. IIB for Third Year of Combined Law
- LexisNexis Book Prize No. 3 for Most Proficient in Combined Law III

Alan Kai Yeung Ngo

- Margaret Ethel Peden Prize in Real Property

Eva O’Dea

- Law Press Asia Prize for Chinese Legal Studies No. 2

Michael Oliver

- The Alan Ayling Prize in Environmental Law

Jin Ooi

- Judge Samuel Redshaw Prize for Administrative Law

Naomi Biying Pan

- Ashurst Prize in Australian Income Tax

Gabriel Perrottet

- Julius Stone Prize in Sociological Jurisprudence
- Ashurst Prize in Environmental Law

Joel David Phillips

- Caroline Munro Gibbs Prize for Torts

Robert James Pietriche

- Nancy Gordon Smith Prize for Honours at Graduation
- Ian Joye Prize in Law
- Playfair Prize in Migration Law

Sarah Nadine Pitney

- Academic Merit Prize

Ekaterina Podzorova

- Academic Merit Prize

Dr Philip Andrew Quadrio

- JH McClemens Memorial Prize No. 2 in Criminology

James Rallings

- Academic Merit Prize

Fabian Patrick Römer

- AMPLA Prize in Energy and Climate Law

Harry Rogers

- Caroline Munro Gibbs Prize for Torts
- LexisNexis Book Prize No. 1 for Most Proficient in Combined Law I

Jonathon Savery

- Sir Peter Heydon Prize for Best Undergraduate Contribution in Constitutional, Administrative or International Law

Zoe Scanlon

- Nancy Gordon Smith Postgraduate Prize for LLM by Coursework

Sarah Schwartz

- John Geddes Prize for Equity

Cui Shi

- Wigram Allen Scholarship – International

Prajesh Shrestha

- Peter Paterson Prize

Freya Smith

- The Judge Perdiau Prize No. 1

Jonathon Spencer

- Jeff Sharp Prize in Tax Research

Michael James Starkey

- Harmers Workplace Lawyers Prize for Labour Law
- Harmers Workplace Lawyers Prize for Anti-Discrimination Law
- Sir Alexander Beattie Prize in Industrial Law

Lucian Tan

- Mr Justice Stanley Vere Toose Memorial Prize for Family Law

Isobel Taylor

- Academic Merit Prize

Elizabeth Toriola

- Wigram Allen Scholarship – Merit

Kim Minh Tu Tran

- The Christopher C Hodgekiss Prize in Competition Law
- Allens Linklaters Prize in Competition Law

Trevor Ka Chew Tsui

- Pitt Cobbett Prize for Administrative Law
- New South Wales Justices’ Association Prize in Administrative Law

Eric Lim Vuu

- Monahan Prize for Evidence

Zhongyi Wang

- Edward and Emily McWhinney Prize in International Law
- Pitt Cobbett Prize for International Law

Jackson Wright Smith

- Ashurst Prize in Advanced Taxation Law

David Wong

- Roy Frederick Turner AM Scholarship

Connie Yan

- Walter Ernest Savage Prize for Foundations of Law
- LexisNexis Book Prize No. 1 for Most Proficient in Combined Law I

Alice Ye

- King & Wood Mallesons Prize in Banking and Financial Instruments

Shaping the future of Indigenous law

Earlier this year Sydney Law School held the inaugural Indigenous Legal Research Workshop, designed to foster young Indigenous researchers and scholarship in the field of Indigenous people and the law.

Written by Tanya Mitchell



Associate Professor Arlie Loughnan addresses the workshop



Generously sponsored by Gilbert + Tobin, the idea for the workshop grew out of an unusual set of circumstances.

Gilbert + Tobin previously made a donation to Sydney Law School in order to employ a Chair in Indigenous Law. Unfortunately, due to the small number of candidates in law who meet the criteria of being both Indigenous and at chair level, the Law School was unable to recruit anyone to the position.

Law School Dean Professor Joellen Riley reflected upon the role of the University of Sydney as a Group of Eight institution, in contributing to the development of Indigenous researchers and scholarship on issues relating to Indigenous people. It was this inquiry that led to the establishment of a workshop to help foster aspiring academics and the development of a community of scholars in this diverse field.

Nineteen PhD candidates and early career researchers from places as far afield as Kalgoorlie, the Torres Strait and New Zealand travelled to Sydney, with the assistance of the Gilbert + Tobin funding, to participate in two days of mentoring workshops, relationship-building and sharing of work, ideas and experience.

Six highly regarded academics – Professors Chris Cunneen, Kathleen Daly, Heather Douglas, Elena Marchetti and Senior Lecturers Dr Asmi Wood and Dr Thalia Anthony – donated their time to be academic mentors.

As the participants presented their work, it became clear that there is an exciting diversity and strength in the projects being undertaken, which heralds a bright future for scholarship relating to Indigenous people and the law.

In addition to the presentation and feedback sessions, there were two mentoring sessions. The first was conducted by Lynette Riley of the Wiradjuri/Gamilaroi nations, a Senior Lecturer and the Academic Leader (curriculum) from the National Centre for Cultural Competence, Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) at the University of Sydney. Lynette ran a session on the sensitive ethical and political issues surrounding research with Indigenous people.

The second mentoring session was on a topic of great concern to all aspiring academics: how to write articles that are attractive to the most prestigious

and/or most appropriate journals. Dr Arlie Loughnan, Associate Professor and ARC Postdoctoral Fellow at Sydney Law School facilitated this session, sharing her experience as an accomplished scholar and editor of the *Sydney Law Review* and tapping into the wealth of experience of the academic mentors.

Without exception the participants and academic mentors expressed their delight at being provided the opportunity to meet and appreciated the supportive atmosphere and ethos of the workshop. This was the first forum of its kind in this field and everyone was keen to stay connected.

With this in mind, Professor Riley is working with her Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu and IT teams at Sydney Law School to set up a website where the participants and future emerging scholars can be in contact, share their work and post materials of interest. We will also be investigating ways to continue the mentoring process.

Sydney Law School would like to thank Danny Gilbert of Gilbert + Tobin for his inspiration, ongoing generosity in relation to Indigenous issues and for making this exciting event possible.

Demystifying university life

The Wingara Mura – Bunga Barrabugu Summer Program gives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students first-hand insights into the university experience.

Written by Louisa Di Bartolomeo

IN JANUARY 2015, SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL COLLABORATED WITH THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES TO CREATE AND FACILITATE A FIVE-DAY INTENSIVE ON-CAMPUS PROGRAM FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS IN YEARS 11 AND 12 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN STUDYING ARTS AND LAW.

The principal focus of the Bunga Barrabugu program is building motivation and confidence for participation in higher education, in conjunction with making links between professional careers and higher education. It also builds knowledge and awareness of access and pathways, and introduces students to the University community and experience.

Our law program sessions included information on degrees and studying at university, an academic panel presentation, tutorial sessions, skills-based workshops and site visits.

Workshops included a research session in the library and an interactive mock trial facilitated by current law students. Students visited the Downing Centre Local Court, where they met with Deputy Chief Magistrates Chris O’Brien and Jane Mottley, and with Joanne Selfe, Project Officer of the Judicial Commission of New South Wales’ Ngara Yura Program.

We also ran a short program for students in years 9 and 10 in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

The Wingara Mura program focuses on promoting social inclusion and tertiary study and demystifying universities. Students nominated three faculty-based ‘streams of enquiry’ that are designed to be practical, informative and incorporate both university pathway and careers components.

Our sessions included information on studying and degree structures, an observation hunt around the University, museum visit and hands-on activity, and a mock trial facilitated by our law students.

It was a privilege to share these experiences with the students, who provided excellent feedback on both programs. We acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of staff members Louise Boon-Kuo and Garner Clancey, law librarian Patrick O’Mara, and students Carolyn McKay, Oscar Monaghan, James

Higgins, Melissa Chen, Kate Bombell, Lucy Zhang, Michael Peng, Mark Smith and Patrick Hall.

We also acknowledge the support of the Chief Magistrate and Deputy Chief Magistrates of the NSW Local Court, and Joanne Selfe of the Judicial Commission. Additionally, we thank Irene Baghoomians, who provided valuable information from her experience in coordinating the 2014 Summer Program; and the Compass team for their hard work regarding central content and program administration.

Our faculty’s contribution continued with the Bunga Barrabugu Winter Program in July. This was an invitation-only, week-long academic intensive workshop to prepare Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 12 students for their end-of-school exams. It provided the opportunity to experience university life and understand enrolment opportunities.

If you are interested in being involved in future programs please contact me at louisa.dibartolomeo@sydney.edu.au



Louisa Di Bartolomeo (fourth from right) leads the learning session

Alumni inspire at graduation ceremonies



This year’s Law School graduation ceremony took place on Thursday 30 April and featured three notable alumni who gave the occasional address at each of the three respective ceremonies; Annabelle Chauncy OAM, the Hon. Justice Ruth McColl AO and Bill Koeck.

**Annabelle Chauncy OAM
(BA 2007, LLB 2010)**

A country girl who grew up on a sheep and cattle farm in Canyonleigh in the Southern Highlands of NSW, Annabelle Chauncy, with friend David Everett, made the decision to invest her legal knowledge in the non-profit sector and, specifically, the School for Life Foundation.

The foundation’s mission is to provide quality education in emerging countries to create sustainable, productive and profitable communities. Established in Katuuso, Uganda, the foundation focuses on children and adults who have been denied an education. Annabelle has raised more than \$3 million in the last five years and oversees the strategy and management of the company. She has been a finalist in the NSW Telstra Business Women’s Awards – in the Young Leader and Business Innovation categories – and was recognised by her Rotary club as a Paul Harris Fellow. This year, aged 28, she received a Medal of the Order of Australia and was awarded the NSW Young Woman of the Year.



From left to right: Kevin McCann, AM, Bill Koeck and the Dean, Professor Joellen Riley

**The Hon. Justice Ruth McColl AO
(BA 1972, LLB 1975)**

After a stint in the NSW Crown Solicitors Office, Her Honour Justice Ruth McColl gained admission to the Bar and later acquired the appointment of Senior Counsel (SC). The first female President of the New South Wales Bar Association, Justice McColl also served as the President of the Australian Bar Association, NSW Women Lawyers and Vice-President of Australian Women Lawyers.

Appointed as a Judge of Appeal in the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 2003, Justice McColl is the current President of the Judicial Conference of Australia.

**Bill Koeck
(LLB 1975, LLM 1979)**

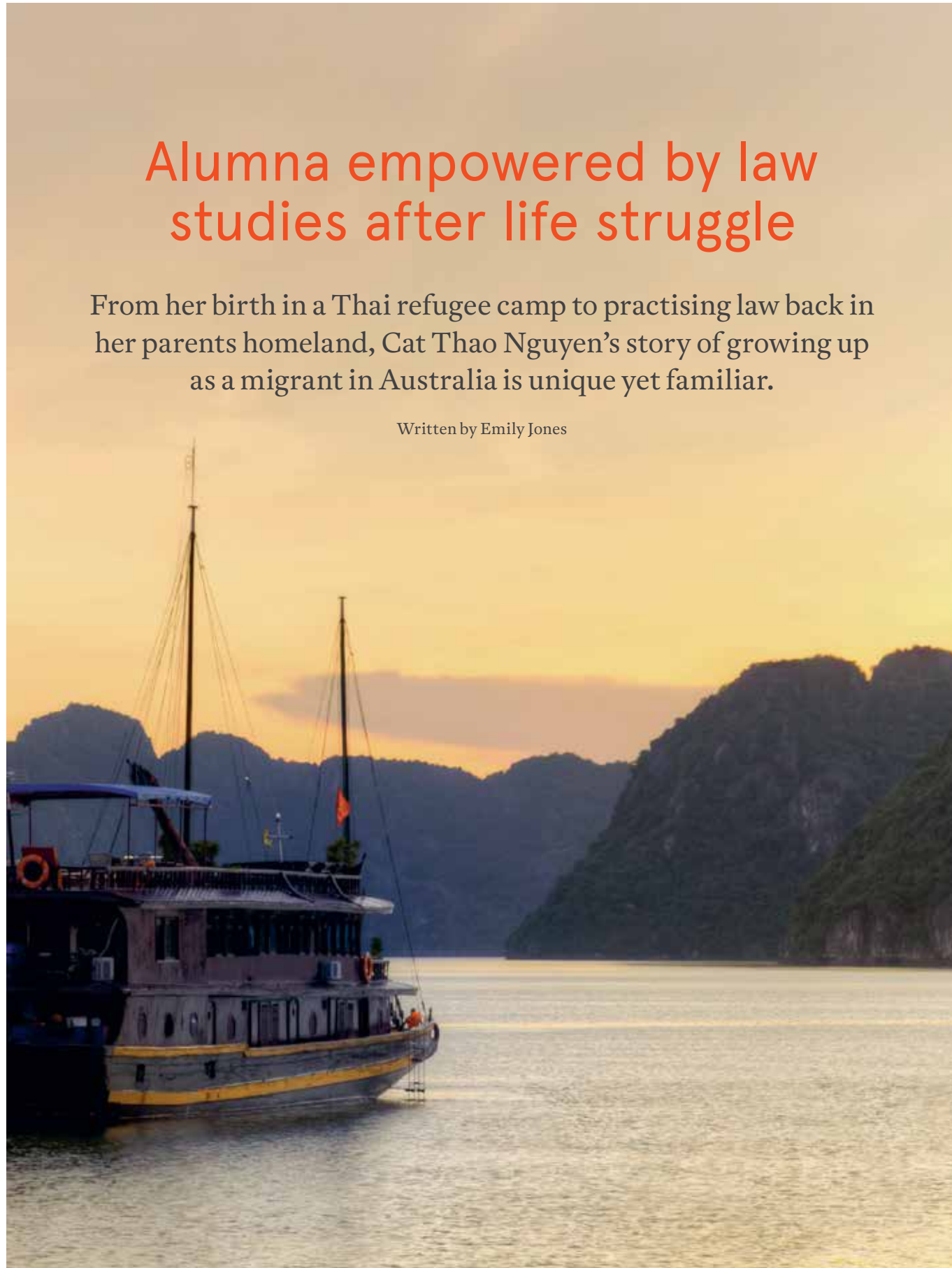
Bill is a Partner in the corporate group of international law firm, Ashurst, based in Sydney. He is a leading practitioner in corporate and fund mergers and acquisitions, equity capital markets, private equity, restructuring and workouts, company and securities law, and corporate governance across all industries including mining, energy and resources.

Bill is consistently acknowledged as a leading lawyer for Corporate/M&A and Capital Markets in Chambers Global, Asia Pacific Legal 500, PLC Cross-border, Euromoney’s *Guide to the World’s Leading Capital Markets Lawyers*, and Euromoney’s *Guide to the World’s Leading M&A Lawyers*. He has taught in Sydney Law School’s postgraduate program for the past 20 years and is part of its Law and Business Adjunct Faculty.

Alumna empowered by law studies after life struggle

From her birth in a Thai refugee camp to practising law back in her parents homeland, Cat Thao Nguyen’s story of growing up as a migrant in Australia is unique yet familiar.

Written by Emily Jones



Cat Thao Nguyen

Before Cat Thao Nguyen was born, her father and pregnant mother dodged bullets and Khmer Rouge soldiers as they fled post-war Vietnam in search of a better life for their young family.

Nearly 30 years later, the combined law alumna has given voice to her parents’ brave plight in her first book, *We Are Here* (Allen and Unwin), published last month.

Cat Thao’s memoir charts her family’s harrowing settlement story, escaping Vietnam in 1979 through the killing fields of Cambodia, into the notoriously brutal Thai refugee camp where she was born, and finally into the relative safety of western Sydney’s migrant community.

Touching on themes such as the generational trauma of the Vietnam War, the book also chronicles Cat Thao’s coming of age in a migrant household, where she faced challenges including translating for her parents from a young age.

Though afforded safety and opportunities beyond her parents’ dreams, Cat Thao said she found her childhood difficult to navigate. Her migrant background presented a sense of displacement that she found hard to shake.

“Growing up as a refugee child, I felt that there wasn’t a place for me in Australia,” says Cat Thao. “There was a lot of struggle growing up being validated because I never saw [people like] myself on TV, people represented in a decision-making capacity.”

Yet the determined alumna excelled during her studies in Commerce/Law. She was selected to represent the nation as the Australian youth representative to the United Nations General Assembly in New York and was the first student from the University of Sydney to do so.

After completing her law studies and being admitted in 2007, Cat Thao worked on several boards, including on the national advisory board to the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS), the Ethnic Communities’ Council of New South Wales, the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam and the Loreto Vietnam Australia Program.

But Cat Thao’s career journey was ultimately cyclical, returning her to the family’s ancestral home in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam for a role with Ernst & Young.

“It was a new beginning but something that was also strangely familiar,” says Cat Thao of her return to Vietnam in 2007. “My parents were very worried about me. They never said ‘don’t go’, even though I think my father wanted to say that. They were worried because the Vietnam they knew was the Vietnam of war; it was the Vietnam of persecution.”

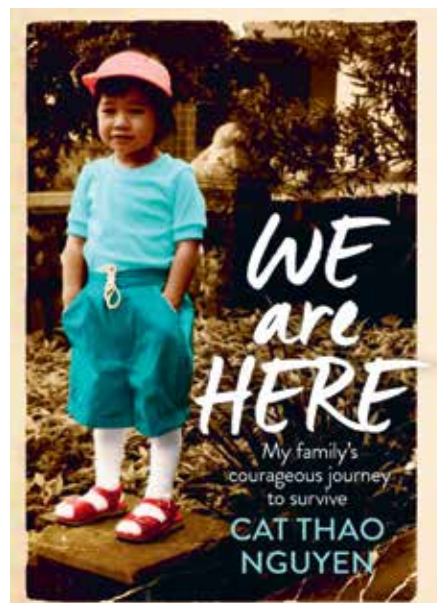
Despite the challenges of her upbringing, Cat Thao says she drew strength throughout her law degree from academics such as Professor Mary Crock and her fellow students, who shared their support as she completed her studies.

“Those people actually really inspired me and they consistently told me that yes I did belong here, and to keep going, keep pulling through. They really helped me to finish,” she says.

Cat Thao says studying law has provided an important lens through which to see the world, and the necessary tools to help fight future injustices, such as those faced by her family.

“Studying law has given me a sense that I have the capacity to make decisions and I am empowered, not just for myself but also for other people around me.”

“My father and my mother were muted migrants in this country. They didn’t know their rights, they didn’t know the law, and everything was a source of fear. My father was persistently afraid of the uniform, because of his re-education experience.”



Cat Thao Nguyen with Professor Mary Crock

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Creating new insights into health and human rights

Written by Professor Roger Magnusson



Dr Belinda Reeve (Sydney Law School), The Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG, Professor Lawrence Gostin (Linda and Timothy O'Neill Professor of Global Health Law, Georgetown University, Washington DC), Ms Alexandra Phelan (SJD candidate, Georgetown University Law School), Professor Glenn Cohen (Harvard Law School and Faculty Director, Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics).

THE HON. MICHAEL KIRBY AC CMG, FORMER JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA, WAS JOINED BY VISITING PROFESSOR GLENN COHEN FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL AND PROFESSOR LAWRENCE GOSTIN FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY TO SPEAK AT A PUBLIC FORUM HOSTED BY THE LAW SCHOOL ENTITLED 'MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE: HEALTH, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GLOBAL JUSTICE'.

Reflecting on several decades of experience as a global health advocate, Michael Kirby reviewed the contribution of the late Dr Jonathan Mann and the response of the World Health Organisation and other UN organisations to the HIV epidemic of the 1980s and 1990s.

Contrasting this with responses to the 2014-2015 Ebola epidemic in West Africa, Mr Kirby discussed the need for both personal and institutional leadership at the highest levels, and the challenge of achieving a voice for affected communities.

Mr Kirby also highlighted the importance of Jonathan Mann's central insight: that in circumstances where medicine has little to offer and where health systems are weak, effective prevention relies heavily on a collaborative approach, based on respect for the human rights of those most at risk of infection, and those most likely to transmit it.

Mr Kirby emphasised the need for a realignment of health rights and intellectual property rights – a central issue in the report of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law, of which he was a member.



Prompted by questions from the audience, the panel discussed a range of issues, including the relative importance of a human rights approach to disease prevention, the opportunities for civil society and the critical importance of institutions.

Professor Gostin called for an integrated approach to addressing the Ebola epidemic, drawing upon national healthcare systems, regional action, and global institutions and frameworks. Professor Cohen pointed to the lack of alignment between global health needs and the incentives for pharmaceutical manufacturers to invest in 'face creams and Viagra'.

Although Ebola virus created dread in many communities, in Professor Cohen's view, this will not provide sufficient impetus to reconstruct broken health

systems in the poorest countries of the world. Globalisation remains a potent economic force, and progress is likely to be incremental.

Nevertheless, the panel ended with optimism, with Mr Kirby suggesting that love is the shared value that underpins all human rights, and calling for an inclusive, collective response to infectious disease control that recognises our shared humanity and mutual responsibility to promote health for all.



Giving you a pathway to Cambridge or Oxford

Sydney Law School is making it possible for students to receive dual degrees from the United Kingdom's most prestigious law schools.

Sydney Law School offers a unique collaboration with the Faculties of Law at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge. The Pathway Program enables high-achieving students to receive a University of Sydney Bachelor of Law (LLB) or a Juris Doctor (JD) as well as an Oxford Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) or Master of Law and Finance (MLF), or a Cambridge Master of Laws (LLM) or Masters in Corporate Law (MCL).

Open to final-year students, admission to the program is competitive and is assessed by the law school where students choose to apply. Instead of completing the final semester of their degree in Sydney, students commence their studies in the UK in late September, after successful completion of their second-last semester in Sydney.

At the completion of their UK studies, students receive both a University of

Sydney LLB or JD and a master's degree from either Oxford or Cambridge. Under these agreements, the time taken to complete both awards is reduced by one semester. On the pages following we share the experiences of a Juris Doctor student, Ray Aye, currently undertaking study in Oxford and combined law student, Mitchell Cleaver, who will embark on study at Cambridge in the latter half of 2015.



Ray Aye
Juris Doctor

An international student from Singapore, Ray completed a Bachelor of Arts at the University of California and aspires to be a lawyer in the field of energy, resources and infrastructure in the emerging markets of Asia.

“My JD study has already taken me to a career in corporate law, having interned with an international law firm, both locally and overseas. Now I have a further opportunity at the University of Oxford, studying the Master of Law and Finance, which is jointly offered by its law faculty and the University of Sydney Business School.

“I hope to positively impact developing countries through my involvement in project finance work in energy, resources, transportation and infrastructure projects.”

Ray also travelled to Yangon, Myanmar, undertaking an internship with a local law firm.

“This was really important to me personally as I wanted to gain exposure to the legal landscape of an emerging country.



Mitchell Cleaver
Combined Law

Upon finishing high school, Mitchell Cleaver had difficulty choosing his next step at a tertiary level.

Drawn towards a double-degree program, he considered combined law a “smart choice” as “it provides direction and focus, while equipping you with skills which are transferable to any career.

“Studying combined law at Sydney has been a life changing experience, both academically and personally.

“Sydney Law School has world-class research centres, a strong international reputation and attracts a diverse range of students. The faculty attracts professionals who are leaders in their fields and who are dedicated to teaching the next generation.”

Now in his final year, Mitchell gained admission to the Cambridge pathway program, where he will pursue a Master of Laws (LLM).

He says he was drawn to Cambridge by the breadth of subjects available, its international reputation, and

the opportunity to study alongside students from around the world under the supervision of some of the world’s finest academics.

“The Cambridge LLM provides a solid foundation for a future career in the law, whether in practice or academia. I am particularly looking forward to studying Commercial Equity and Law of Restitution,” says Mitchell.

“Outside of class, I would love to get involved in some of the dramatic societies at Cambridge. I have been accepted into Jesus College, so I also hope to get involved in intercollegiate sport.”

Mitchell says he often considered the possibility of postgraduate study overseas, but never thought he would have the opportunity – particularly at Cambridge.

“It was only after encouragement from two members of the law faculty that I began to look into the Pathways Program. The Cambridge LLM will enable me to explore some of the areas which have most engaged me throughout my undergraduate course. Courses like History of English Civil and Criminal Law will also provide an appreciation

of history that is crucial to a proper understanding of the law.”

Mitchell says his study at Sydney Law School gave him the opportunity to examine complex legal materials, draw fine conceptual distinctions and debate ambiguities in the law.

“The skills you acquire here are invaluable, irrespective of where your career will take you.

“A beautiful campus, an engaged student body, a distinguished history, and knowledgeable and approachable staff make studying at Sydney one of the best decisions I have ever made.”

Following his Cambridge LLM, Mitchell will take up a position as a tipstaff in the NSW Court of Appeal before joining the graduate program at Allens Linklaters.



Old friends come back again

Some familiar faces have returned to the Law School recently in the shape of the Four Just Men, stone sculptures whose new home is now the Level 1 foyer of the New Law Building.



Adjunct Professor Nicholas Cowdery, AM QC, at the new location for the Four Just Men

The sculptures date back to the former Wigram Chambers site in Phillip Street, which the Law School once occupied. As the late Judy Mackinolty recounted in *A Century Downtown: Sydney University Law School's First Hundred Years*, the sculptures were discovered after the renovation and cleaning of University Chambers, which contained the Phillip Street half of one of the Law School's former sites.

"The cleaning revealed a row of four learned gentlemen's heads in stone set in the façade, hitherto obscured by dirt," she wrote.

"Amid speculation, no-one has yet discovered the identity of the Four Just Men so dramatically revealed.

"The theory that these are the fossilised heads of the first four law students to fail (back in the pre-pedenian pittcobbetoic era) has been definitely discarded."

The Four Just Men returned to grace the Phillip Street entrance to the Law School St James Campus when it opened in 1969. Following the site's recent sale and closure, they continue their journey as part of Sydney Law School's history.

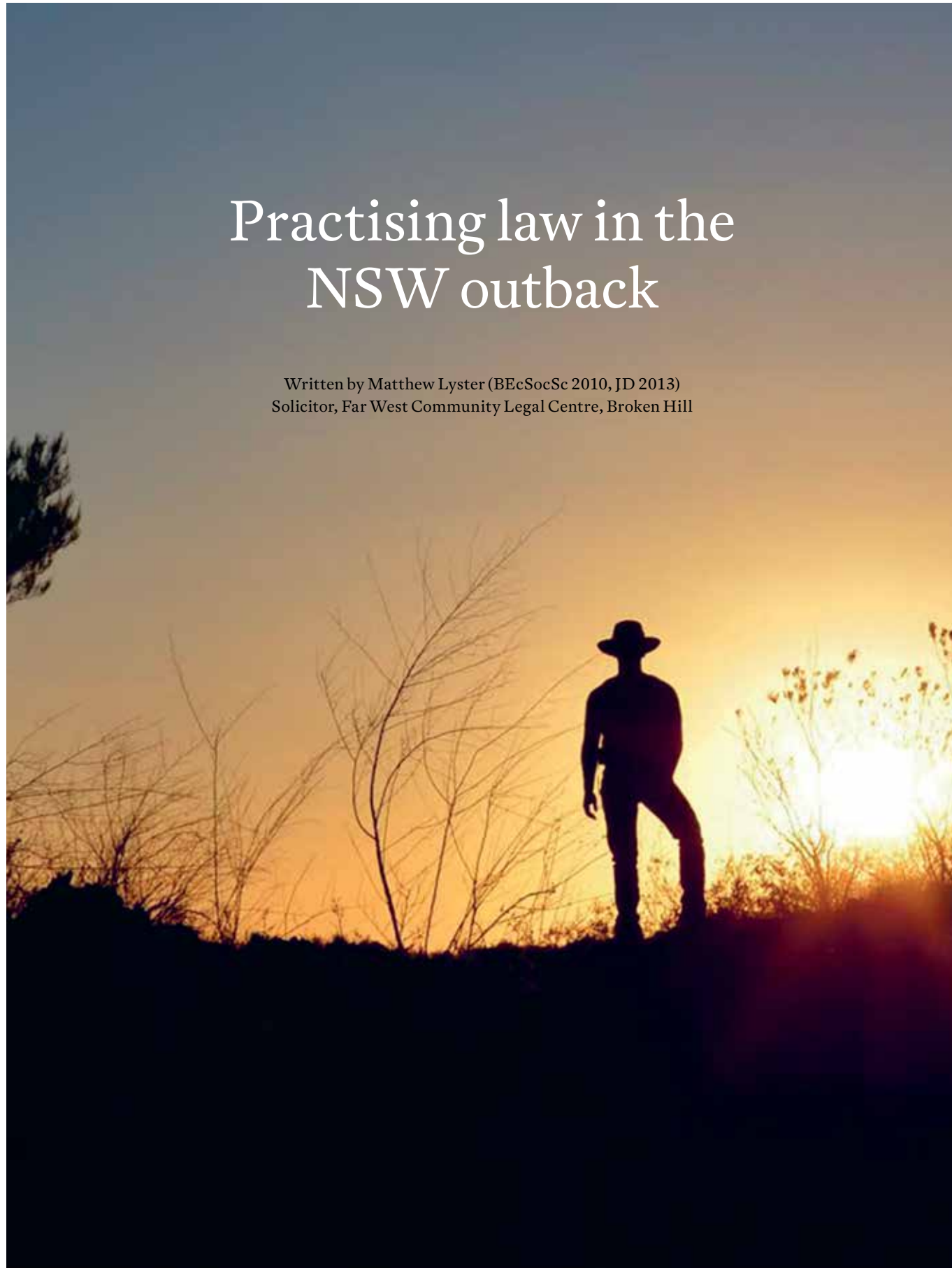
Former NSW Director of Public Prosecutions and alumnus, Adjunct Professor Nicholas Cowdery, AM QC (BA 1968 LLB 1971) remarked, upon viewing the sculptures recently, that he had the rare experience of studying at a number of separate downtown locations while a law student at the University in the 1960s.

"This included the current site of the Bank of New South Wales, which at the time on the Phillip Street side was the site of the Macquarie Broadcasting Service auditorium, used while the St James Campus underwent construction," he said.

"During the day we would attend lectures and in the evening the site would broadcast Macquarie's scheduled radio programs live before an audience."

Practising law in the NSW outback

Written by Matthew Lyster (BEcSocSc 2010, JD 2013)
Solicitor, Far West Community Legal Centre, Broken Hill



FOR MATTHEW LYSTER, WORKING AS A COMMUNITY LAWYER IN THE NSW OUTBACK HAS BEEN HIS GREATEST CHALLENGE. BUT THE EDUCATION HE RECEIVED FROM THE JURIS DOCTOR AT SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL HAS GIVEN HIM THE RESILIENCE HE NEEDS.

The opportunity to study law was a lifelong ambition for me. Growing up in post-apartheid South Africa, as a young child I was acutely aware of social justice issues and the double-edged sword of the law – used as both a great tool to liberate, but also to oppress.

It was this early exposure to the power of the law which ignited my passion. My decision to undertake a Juris Doctor was guided by my interest in human rights and social justice.

Many of the career paths in this field (especially internationally) required a postgraduate qualification to be eligible for employment. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to complete my Juris Doctor at the University of Sydney.

The prestige of Sydney Law School is well established and for good reason. The facilities, courses, support and, most importantly, the lecturing staff are in my opinion unrivalled by any other domestic faculty.

Being taught by experts has undoubtedly enhanced my learning experience. As a postgraduate student, I found it easy to engage with course materials in the structure of open lectures and discussion groups, where learning was very much a two-way conversation between students and lecturers.

The diversity of subject material, the high quality of work that is expected and the excellent foundational legal skills I gained from my Juris Doctor have equipped me to pursue a career in social justice.

Working as a community lawyer in the NSW outback is a challenging undertaking. From work in the local court, the Federal Court or dealing with vulnerable clients hundreds of kilometres from legal support, I have had to learn on my feet, be adaptive and resilient.



Matthew Lyster

“My ability to practise in the extremes of the outback comes directly from the quality legal education I received through my Juris Doctor.”

Constitutions and gender

“My interest in constitution-making has focused on gender – specifically, on how the conceptualisation, design and operation of constitutions affect women’s chances of achieving equality and agency.”



Professor Helen Irving

Professor Helen Irving has long been interested in how constitutions are made – in the ideas that inspire their design and in their framers’ expectations about how they will work in practice.

She has written extensively on the making of the Australian Constitution and has a long-standing primary research interest in the use of history in constitutional interpretation.

“Most recently, I have been looking at the ways in which women are included, or excluded, from constitutional citizenship,” says Professor Irving.

“This has involved multi-country research on past laws that stripped citizenship from married women.”

This focus illustrates itself in her books, *Gender and the Constitution* and the forthcoming *Citizenship, Alienage and the Modern Constitutional State: A Gendered History* (both Cambridge University Press).

“I am also in the process of editing a research handbook for the publisher Edward Elgar, on constitutions and gender and I recently took part in a UN Women Expert Group in New York, advising on the content of their new online database on gender and constitutional design.

“These women became aliens in their own country. When it is claimed, today, that citizenship-stripping was rare in the past, it is obvious that people do not know that millions of women around the world, including in Australia, lost their citizenship for something as inoffensive as marriage.”

Professor Irving will attend the European University Institute in Florence, through a visiting Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship, to work on a project on theories of constitutional citizenship.

She believes that the current debate about whether citizenship should be stripped from individuals on the grounds of ‘public good’ or character (specifically regarding terrorist proclivities or acts) has been particularly concerning.

“While it challenges our thinking about citizenship, and about the legitimate bounds of governmental power and the law, it also reveals widespread ignorance about the history of citizenship stripping – about the fact that women, until relatively recently, were stripped of their citizenship for no other reason than marrying a foreign man.

“However poorly informed the debate happens to be, and whatever the motivation of governments, current citizenship-stripping proposals offer an opportunity for a very valuable examination of the nature of citizenship as a legal status and for an understanding of the consequences of citizenship loss.”

Professor Irving says that while Sydney Law School must lay the foundations for its students’ entry into the legal profession, it should also see its primary research role as deepening and expanding intellectual and scholarly knowledge and inquiry.

“Sydney Law School, as Australia’s oldest law school, in one of Australia’s most esteemed universities, must have the development and expansion of deep-seated legal research as its core purpose,” she says.

“Internationally, we should be engaging with law schools in other countries as well as with international agencies; sharing knowledge, bringing our particular cosmopolitan perspective and helping find original answers to common problems.”

The laws of armed conflict

DR EMILY CRAWFORD'S RESEARCH ON THE LAWS OF ARMED CONFLICT IS UNCOVERING ISSUES GENERATED BY ITS APPLICATION TO WARFARE IN A 21ST CENTURY CONTEXT.

Dr Crawford's primary area of research interest is in international humanitarian law, also known as the laws of armed conflict.

"In my area, as with law generally, one of the major concerns is how law can keep up with rapid advances and changes in technology," she says.

"For example, in the law of armed conflict, the codified law goes back nearly 150 years. The last major treaty on participants in armed conflicts was adopted in the 1970s.

"Decades-old laws must contend with technological developments like cyber warfare and autonomous weapons systems. It can create enormous problems if the law isn't adaptive enough to meet these new challenges."

Dr Crawford recently completed a University-funded postdoctoral research project, looking at how civilian participation in armed conflicts in the 21st century is creating considerable problems for the traditional conceptualisation of participants and non-participants in armed conflicts.

The three-year long project is due to be published as a book with Oxford University Press.

"For the law of armed conflict, my major concern is how governments have been stretching the boundaries of the law to cover situations that it was never intended to cover, encroaching on areas better regulated by domestic criminal law and international human rights law."

"This is most obviously seen in the context of international governmental responses to terrorism in the last 15 years, which seem to be asserting the right to wage war against individuals, anywhere they happen to be located, and often on spurious or unsubstantiated grounds.

"The practice of targeted killings through unmanned aerial vehicles is particularly worrisome in this regard."

According to Dr Crawford, Sydney Law School has an immensely important role to play in shaping legal research and discourse, both domestically and internationally.

"Through our research, we engage with the pressing issues that confront our society, and disseminate that research to those who deal with these issues on a daily basis – such as governments, non-government organisations, and international organisations like the UN.

"We also disseminate that research to those people who will be industry leaders in the future – our students. Our domestic and international research networks also allow us to engage in developing and expanding our research to reach a broad audience.

"The research focus of the Sydney Law School, and the outstanding research-supportive community we have here, allows us to make a real difference to society by way of our students, our community engagement, and our impact on the world at large."



Dr Emily Crawford

School initiative breaks new ground in Uganda

The Manjeri School Project creates lasting change in a small community.



“We believe that education is one of the critical enablers to breaking the poverty cycle. Many of our students, all between the age of five and 15, would not otherwise have access to formal schooling.”

A community-based organisation is creating real change in a small Ugandan town, while breaking the cycle of donor dependency.

The small, bustling town of Lugazi, Uganda is far from the classrooms of the University of Sydney. Yet it is here that several young graduates have planted the seeds of social enterprise. Located a few minutes from Lugazi is the home of a youth-led development organisation called the Manjeri School Project. The organisation has built and manages a primary school for 300 students, as well as having established multiple social enterprises to generate sustainable sources of revenue for the community.

The project was founded in 2011 by alumnus Andrew Thomas (BEc 2011, LLB 2013) and long-time friend Nick Harrington. During their early days at university, they travelled to the school to complete various projects. Andrew built a new classroom and office block with classmate Jesse Buckingham (BEc 2010, LLB 2013), and Nick constructed a 2500-bird chicken farm.

“We believe that education is one of the critical enablers to breaking the poverty cycle. Many of our students, all between the age of five and 15, would not otherwise have access to formal schooling,” says Andrew.

It did not take the team long to realise there was an opportunity to do something much bigger than individual projects. When they first arrived, the school was bankrupt and lacked a steady source of income; classes were taught under the shade of trees. Yet the community’s desire and resolve to give their children the best education possible was infectious. They simply required capital and help to develop a roadmap for sustainability. That’s exactly what the Manjeri School Project set out to achieve.

The first phase of development focused on basic infrastructure. The organisation funded and oversaw the construction of classrooms, toilet blocks, water tanks and fencing. Qualified teachers were hired and meals were provided to every child.

With these foundations in place, the organisation began to rapidly expand and turn its eye to social enterprise. A honeybee collective and ‘mutatu’ taxi business were founded.



Andrew in Uganda

In 2015, after nearly a year of planning, the organisation launched its largest social enterprise yet – the Manjeri Mixed Farm. The 15-acre farm will contain maize, cassava, vegetables and goats, and is on track to become the primary source of revenue for the school.

The journey has not been without its setbacks. The Ugandan bureaucracy frequently changes regulations, and a general lack of government funding has restricted the type of projects that can be undertaken. The harsh climate and widespread presence of diseases such as malaria also creates constant challenges to growth.

Since 2008, the organisation has raised more than \$450,000 for the development of the school and social enterprises. It now employs 15 full-time teachers and administrators on the ground, all from the local community. In Australia, the organisation has grown to a core team of young professionals, all of whom dedicate countless hours to the organisation voluntarily.

“We have our eyes fixed upon 2018 as the year the school becomes completely self-sustainable,” says Andrew.

“We still have a long way to go, but we are absolutely committed to achieving this goal. We realised early on that real change could only be achieved by breaking the culture of donor dependency. We wanted to help develop solutions that could be owned entirely by the community.”

Unlike many charities, the Manjeri School Project has a very clear exit strategy. The organisation aims to ensure the school is completely financially self-sustainable by 2018. The long-term vision is to take the model and replicate it in other schools in nearby communities. With half the school’s current budget generated through existing enterprises, there is a long way to go, and the clock is ticking.

To find out more about the organisation, or to get involved, contact Andrew Thomas at Andrew.Thomas@manjeriproject.org

Class of '75 reunites 40 years on

THE 1975 BACHELOR OF LAWS GRADUATING CLASS HELD ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION ON FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2015. THE REUNION WAS HELD AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE ACTUAL DATE OF GRADUATION ON 22 MARCH 1975.

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This was the third reunion of the class of 1975, having first reunited on our 20th anniversary in 1995 and again on our 30th anniversary in 2005. This year a dinner was held at the Union, University and Schools Club, a splendid venue allowing for informality, but also providing a gracious and elegant environment in which to gather and table-hop throughout the night.

Our 1975 graduating class was fortunate to have then Prime Minister, the Honourable Gough Whitlam QC, BA, LLB, as a speaker at its graduation ceremony. The reunion organising committee procured a copy of the Prime Minister's graduation address from the archives of the Whitlam Institute. The Prime Minister had launched us on our new professional lives by outlining the legislation his government had passed, which he was confident would give us the "chance to participate in a great process of social change and reform". We all mused as to how that prediction had come to bear in our career paths.

As part of the preparation for the reunion, graduates were asked to provide an outline of what they had done over

the years since graduation; their life highlights, their interests, their current circumstances and their plans for the future. They were also asked to provide 'then' and 'now' photographs. These were compiled into a PowerPoint presentation and played throughout the night.

With the emphasis on informality, a jukebox was organised, programmed only to play hits from the graduating year. This was cause for nostalgia and gathered many people around the jukebox.

While no formal speeches were planned, that did not stop this legal crowd. Towards the end of the evening, one graduate seized the microphone and kicked off a series of reminiscences to the delight of all attendees, creating a great atmosphere of communality. With so much goodwill and enjoyment generated

by the evening, it was agreed that the next reunion would be held on the 45th anniversary instead of waiting until the 50th. Indeed, there was enthusiastic support for a reunion every five years.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was circulated not only to those who had attended, but to all graduates for whom the alumni office had contact details. Everyone was encouraged to 'save the date' in 2020 and keep the alumni office advised of their contact details.

The reunion committee consisted of David Fairlie, Annabella Fletcher, Justice Ian Harrison, Bill Koeck, and Justice Ruth McColl AO. The committee is indebted to Jessica Sullivan for her enormous assistance in organising the reunion.



From left to right: Jill Matthews, Ruth McColl, Terry Salmon, Anne Quirk and Tim Stack

The 2016 Dennis Leslie Mahoney Prize in Legal Theory

Throughout his life and especially in his seminal work of 1946, *The Province and Function of Law*, the late Julius Stone, rather than taking a purely historical or conceptual approach to law, sought to understand it according to the operation, and moreover, the needs of particular societies.

A prize of \$50,000 will be awarded to the author or authors of the entry that, since 30 June 2011, has best advanced the sociological and justice-oriented

approach to jurisprudence pioneered by Julius Stone. The winner of the prize may also be invited to participate in the activities of the Julius Stone Institute for up to one semester and to deliver the prestigious Julius Stone Address.

The prize is funded by a generous gift from the Hon. Dennis Mahoney QC AO, former president of the New South Wales Court of Appeal. Entries close on 30 June 2016. The winner will be announced in December 2016.

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Celebrating our alumni achievements

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Australia Day and Queen’s Birthday Honours 2015

Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)

The Hon. Andrew John Rogers (LLB 1956) for distinguished service to the judiciary and to the law, particularly reforms to commercial dispute resolution and case management, through contributions to international commercial arbitration, and to the community.

Member of the Order of Australia (AM)

Professor Roy Gary Beran (MHL 2001) for significant service to medicine, particularly neurology, as a clinician, author and administrator, and to professional medical legal organisations.

Mr Bohdan Bilinsky (LLB 1963 BA 1966 LLM 1969 MTH 1969 MA 1972 Hon Fellow 2009) for significant service to medicine, particularly neurology, as a clinician, author and administrator, and to professional medical legal organisations.

Professor Rosalind Frances Croucher (BA 1977 LLB 1980) for significant service to the law as an academic, to legal reform and education, to professional development, and to the arts.

The Hon Brian Thomas Sully (LLB 1959) for significant service to the law as an academic, to legal reform and education, to professional development, and to the arts.

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Order of Australia



Bohdan Bilinsky



The winning portrait of Charles Waterstreet

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)

Miss Annabelle Katharine Chauncy (BA 2007, LLB 2010) for service to the international community through the School for Life Foundation, Uganda.

Mr Richard John Niven (LLB 1961) for service to local government, and to the community of Orange.

Australian Police Medal (APM)

Detective Superintendent Greig Newbery (GradDipCrim1997) Queen’s Birthday Honours

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)

Mrs Marina Ritossa, OAM (LLB 1990 LLM 1994) for service to the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia through fundraising endeavours, and to the international community.

His Honour Judge Stephen Scarlett, OAM (BA 1967 LLB 1971) for service to youth through the scouting movement in Victoria.

Member of the Order of Australia (AM)

Mr John Cauchi, AM (MCrim 1995) for significant service to the law, and to international relations, through leading public administration and legal roles in the South Pacific.

Alumnus subject of 2015 Archibald Prize Winner

A portrait of alumnus Charles Waterstreet (BA 1971, LLB 1974) has won the 2015 Archibald Prize. Artist Nigel Milsom described his subject as a great man, but otherworldly.

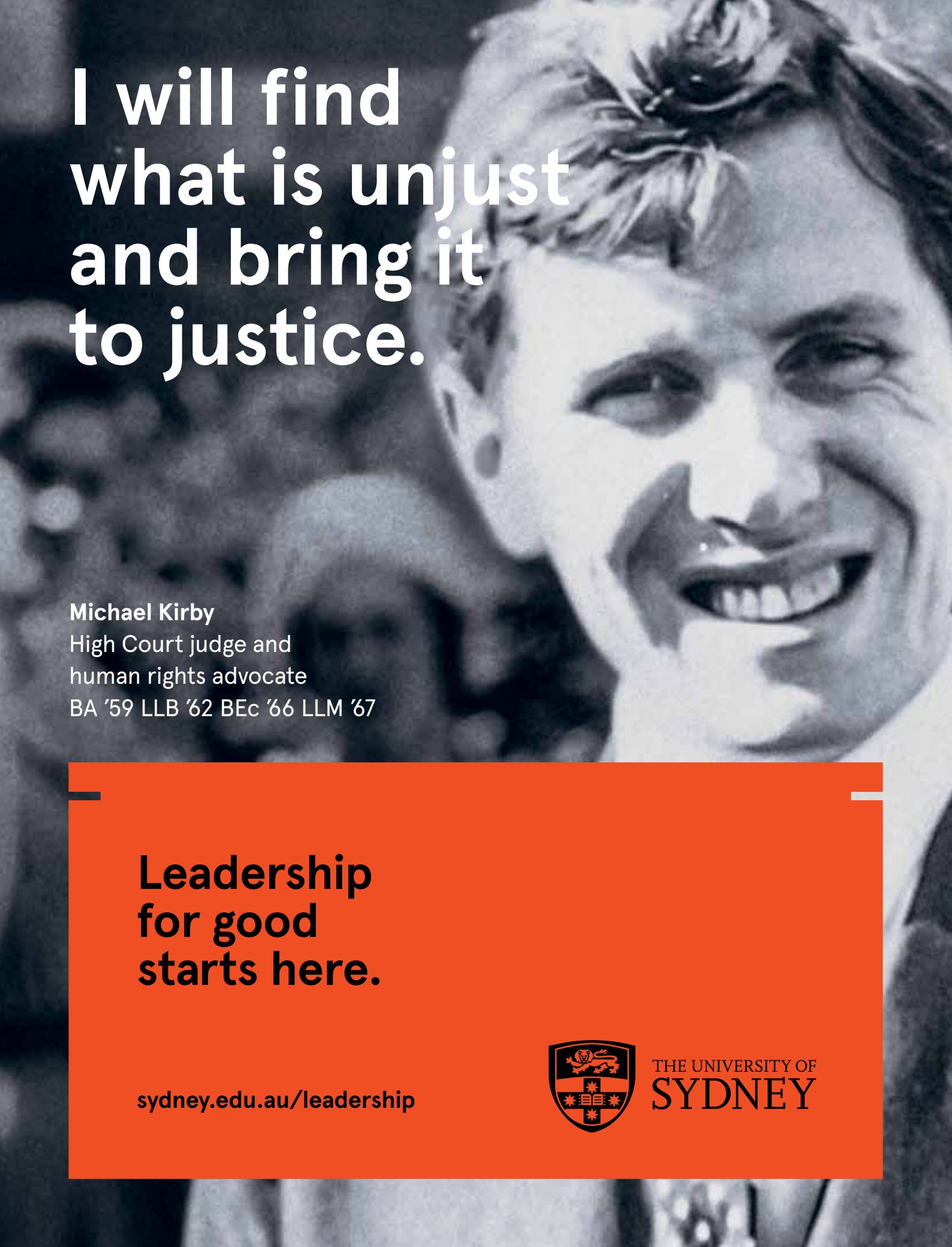
Waterstreet, said to be the inspiration for the ABC TV show *Rake*, previously represented Milsom after the artist received a conviction for armed robbery.

“I think as a maturing artist it will be the world to him because it’s recognition by peers and by the public that his gift is remarkable and that’s what he should be doing in life, nothing else,” Waterstreet said.

Milsom said he wanted to draw attention to the subject’s hands as it was symbolic of his past assistance to him.

“He’s a complex person so I’ve had to try and exaggerate a lot of his physical features to capture his largeness,” Milsom said.

Judges described the painting as a clear stand-out and according to reports it took three years to complete.



I will find what is unjust and bring it to justice.

Michael Kirby

High Court judge and
human rights advocate

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