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Welcome to *Nota Bene*

On behalf of the UQLA, we are pleased to welcome you to the first edition of *Nota Bene* – the magazine of the University of Queensland Law Alumni Association. The aim of *Nota Bene* (or “NB”) is to showcase the activities and achievements of the students, staff and alumni of the TC Beirne School of Law at the University of Queensland, while also communicating some of the work being done by the UQLA to assist with the Law School’s programmes.

The feature articles in this first issue of NB focus upon the UQLA’s Scholarship Programme – which has been a significant area of the UQLA’s work over the past two years. Since 2020, the generous contributions of UQ alumni have enabled 11 new scholarships for UQ law students to be established, named after a number of distinguished UQ law alumni. In this issue, we have profiled these alumni, highlighting the paths their careers and lives have taken and reflecting upon their continuing contributions to the Law School. We also interview two of the students who have had the benefit of a UQLA Scholarship over the past year. There is still a great need for financial support amongst members of the Law School community, and we would encourage any other alumni interested in contributing to the UQLA Scholarship Programme to visit <https://www.uq.edu.au/giving/donations/fund/UQLA> or contact the UQLA.

The remainder of this edition of NB focuses on a wide-range of topics – from introducing the new Dean of Law, Professor Rick Bigwood, and his colleague Dr Kate Falconer; sharing the achievements of the group of UQ law alumni undertaking studies abroad in 2020-21; reporting on UQ’s new approach to its Master of Laws program and the UQLA’s involvement in new practitioner-focused courses; and, profiling some of our impressive UQ law alumni – including through an interview with Sarah Fulton of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Members of the UQLA have been working on *Nota Bene* since late 2020. We owe significant thanks to the UQLA’s President, John McKenna QC, for proposing NB’s creation and for his vision for the magazine. We are also grateful to John, and another UQLA Director, Ms Georgina Morgan, for their indefatigable efforts in conducting interviews and preparing content for this first issue. We also thank Ms Kristen Willis of Tondo Creative for designing the template for NB, Ms Renee Berry for her assistance with editing, together with Mr Dony Rodriguez of the Law School for his assistance above and beyond the call of duty since we first proposed the UQLA’s project to him. Thank you also to Professor Bigwood, Professor Peter Billings and members of the Law School and BEL Faculty staff for their assistance and support. Finally, Sam would like to introduce and thank his Co-Editor, Ms Laura Nicholls, a soon-to-be graduate of UQ in both Journalism and Laws and without whose publishing skills *Nota Bene* would not have been possible.

The next issue of NB will be published in late 2022 – if you have a suggestion for a story or news that we should include, please do not hesitate to email notabene@uqla.com.au

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About the UQLA

The UQLA is a registered charity, which is operated by the alumni of UQ’s TC Beirne School of Law. The UQLA seeks to support the highest standards of legal education at UQ through a series of programmes in which all alumni can participate. These programmes have been developed, in close consultation with the Law School, to seek to provide students with the best possible preparation for legal practice and to build closer links between the academic staff of the Law School, the judiciary and the legal profession.

To find out more about the UQLA, visit our website, <http://www.uqla.org.au>

FEATURE

New UQLA Scholarship Programme

Over the past two years, the UQLA has worked with alumni and the Law School to establish a scholarship programme for law students in financial need. Thanks to those efforts we now have 11 UQLA scholarships in place.

In modern Australia, most law students have no reason to be anxious about their financial survival. They are able to live at home, or in college, with a supportive family able to help them through their years of study.

But many are not so fortunate. Their families may be based in regional Queensland, or in financial or personal disarray. For these students, their primary focus is on financial survival, week by week, where any problem with their laptop, or loss of a job, could be disastrous.

By reason of their fortitude, or perhaps embarrassment, many students in this position don't seek assistance. They just seek more hours of paid work, cut back on their study hours and try to survive below the poverty line.

Because of their dignified silence, it is difficult to know what proportion of our student community is in this position. Our best estimate, however, is that about 5-10% of undergraduate students face financial hardship. In a Law School of over 1000 students, this suggests that at least 50-100 have a real need for financial support to allow them a fair opportunity to benefit from their university education.

The financial support these students require is usually quite modest. Depending upon individual circumstances, it is often only about \$3000-5000 pa.

Until recently, the Law School was only able to offer this level of support to about 30 students. This support comes from the funds donated by previous generations of alumni and friends of the Law School for scholarship purposes.

In 2020, thanks to the generosity of alumni and their families, a further 11 scholarships were able to be established. These scholarships are provided through three new endowment funds.

The **Shiren Scholarship** was established by Nick Shiren, a partner of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP in London.

The **Muir Scholarship** was established by the family of Justice John Muir, one of the Supreme Court's most respected commercial Judges.

Inspired by this generosity, the other nine scholarships were established by donations from many members of the UQLA. All UQLA scholarships are named after notable alumni or staff members who have made a significant contribution to the Law School:

- The **Derrington Scholarship** – named in honour of Justice Des Derrington, Justice Roger Derrington and Justice Sarah Derrington.
- The **Gibbs Scholarship** – named in honour of the Law School's first Justice of the High Court of Australia and Chief Justice, the Right Honourable Sir Harry Talbot Gibbs
- The **McMurdo Scholarship** – named in honour of the first female President of the Queensland Court of Appeal, Justice Margaret McMurdo AC.
- The **Prentice Scholarship** – named in honour of the Law School's first graduate, Una Prentice.
- The **Story Scholarship** – named in honour of a leading corporate lawyer and former Chancellor of the University, John Story AO.
- The **White Scholarship** – named in honour of two influential supporters of the Law School, Justice Margaret White AO and Dr Michael White OAM QC.
- The **Williams Scholarship** – named in honour of a Judge of the Queensland Court of Appeal who served as the first President of the UQ Law Graduates Association, Justice Glen Williams AO.

John McKenna QC

President | University of Queensland Alumni Association



In this edition of Nota Bene, the focus will be upon the contributions and achievements of these notable alumni – and the relief which scholarships are bringing to the students of our Law School.

It is a key aim of the UQLA to continue to add scholarships to this list, until we are confident that the acute needs of the Law School's students are appropriately met.

Donations to support these scholarships can be made to the University of Queensland link below.

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The Muir Scholarship

Justice John Daniel Murray Muir (1968)

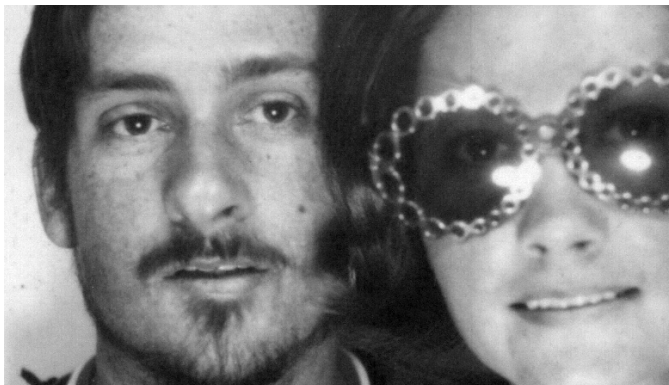
Justice John Muir was a leading barrister (1976-97), Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland (1997-2007), and Judge of Appeal (2007-14). He made a significant contribution to the education of the Queensland Bar through the work of the Bar Practice Centre. He was known for his wit, warmth, and decency.

John Daniel Murray Muir was born on 27 December 1944, in Innisfail, in North Queensland. His father was a State school teacher who taught in one teacher schools in country towns across the State. As a result, John boarded during his secondary education at St Joseph's College, Nudgee (1959-62). He then studied Arts and Law at the University of Queensland, majoring in English Literature. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (1965) and Bachelor of Laws (1968).

John completed the final years of his law degree while working as an articled clerk with the Brisbane firm of Feez Ruthning (now Allens). Throughout his time at university, he supported himself by working at the XXXX brewery in Milton, and with his earnings as a member of the Queensland University Regiment.

He was admitted as a solicitor on 18 February 1969. He married Sandra Rose Beck on 23 May 1970, with the couple living and working in London for about three years, before returning to Brisbane. They had two daughters, Jane and Emma. Jane is a graduate of the Law School. Emma is also a graduate of UQ.

On 3 February 1976, John Muir was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland. He took silk on 13 November 1986. He became of Queensland's leading commercial counsel, known for his industry and acumen. He was in constant demand for the most challenging cases.



Head Image: John Muir in London appearing before the Privy Council.

Left: John and Sandra Muir while travelling in Europe.

Right: John Muir in Judges' chambers.



On 3 April 1997, John Muir QC was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland. In 2002, when the commercial list of the Court was established, Justice Muir joined Justice Richard Chesterman as one of its inaugural judges. In Justice Patrick Keane's assessment, "As a judge, and as the commercial list judge, in particular, [John] was a model of efficiency, fairness, forensic skill and clarity of judgment. The fame of his court spread beyond Queensland and Australia to jurisdictions overseas. And rightly so."

While on the Court, John also served as the Chairman of the Queensland Law Reform Commission (1998-2001); as a member of the Bar Practice Committee (1995-2014, serving as Chair 2006-14); and as a member of the Rules Committee of the Supreme Court (1998-2014, serving as Chair 2008-14). In 2001, he was a recipient of a Commonwealth Centenary Medal. On 13 July 2007, he was appointed a Judge of Appeal. He retired from the Court at the statutory retirement age in 2014.

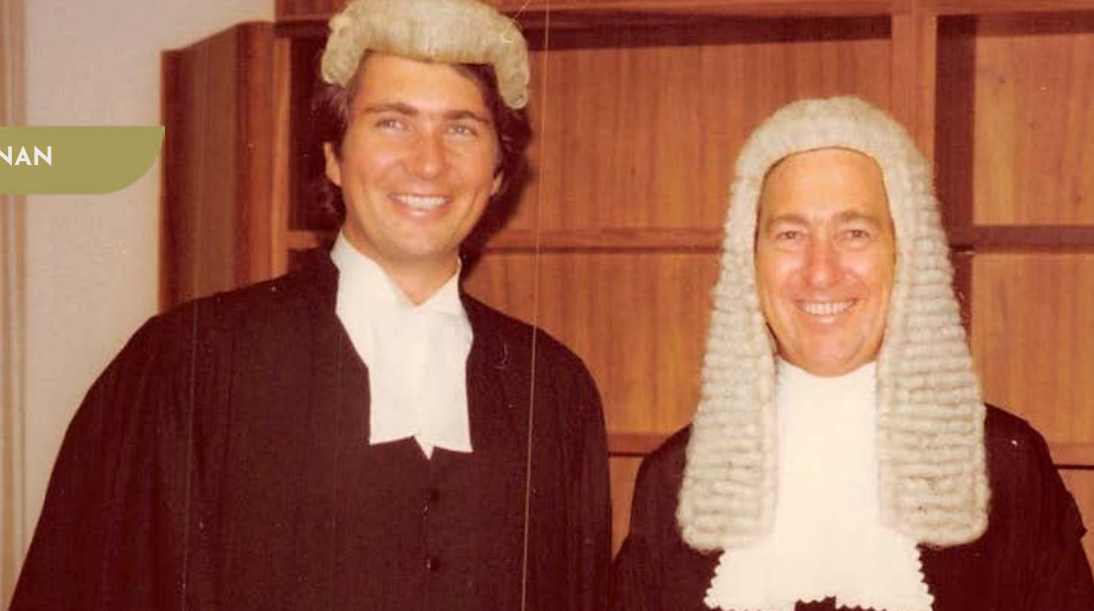
After John's death in 2018, his family endowed a scholarship fund in his memory, to assist law students in financial need, and in particular, those who come to the University from regional Queensland. This generosity of the Muir family prompted the establishment of the wider UQLA Scholarship Fund.

At his funeral, eulogies were delivered by his [daughters Jane and Emma](#), friends and former judicial colleagues [Justice Patrick Keane AC](#) and the [Hon Geoff Davies AO QC](#) and by one of his oldest friends, [Peter Burton](#). The eulogies can be read by clicking the links above.

Muir Scholarship Recipients

2020 James Aldrige

2021 Gabriel Brown



The Brennan Scholarship

Sir Francis Gerard Brennan AC KBE QC (1951)

Sir Gerard Brennan was the second graduate of the Law School to be appointed a Justice of the High Court of Australia (1981-95) and then as Chief Justice of the High Court (1995-98). He was awarded a Doctorate of Laws *honoris causa* by the University in 2006.

Francis Gerard Brennan was born in Rockhampton in 1928. His father, Mr Justice Frank Tennison Brennan, was a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland who was serving as the Central Judge based in Rockhampton. FG Brennan attended the Range Convent School and the Christian Brothers College in Rockhampton, then completed his secondary education at Downlands College in Toowoomba. He undertook his tertiary studies at the University of Queensland, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (1949) and Bachelor of Laws (1951). In 1949, he served as the President of the National Union of Students. For some of his time at University, Brennan worked as a Judge's Associate. He first served as his father's Associate, after Brennan J was relocated to Brisbane (1947-48). In 1950-51, he served as Townley J's Associate, initially at the War Crimes Tribunal sitting on Manus Island (1950) and then in the Supreme Court (1951).

In December 1951, Brennan was admitted to the Bar by the Supreme Court of Queensland: *re Brennan* [1952] QWN 6. In 1953, he married Dr Patricia O'Hara. At the Bar, his talent soon gained him respect and he was regularly briefed in a wide range of matters, both at trial and on appeal in the Full Court and the High Court of Australia. In 1965, he was appointed to the rank of Queen's Counsel. Then, over the next 11 years, Brennan QC developed an extensive appellate practice and a national reputation. He served as President of the Queensland Bar Association (1974-76), President of the Australian Bar Association (1975-76) and a member of the Australian Law Reform Commission (1975-77).

Head Image: Sir Gerard Brennan with his son, Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO

Top: Catharina Hampson and Sir Gerard Brennan.

Above: Sir Gerard Brennan.



BRENNAN

In 1976, Brennan QC moved to Canberra to take up an appointment as the inaugural President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, together with appointments as a Judge of the Australian Industrial Court and a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory. In 1977, he became one of the inaugural Judges of the Federal Court of Australia. Then, in 1981, he was appointed a Justice of the High Court of Australia – initially serving on the court with Gibbs CJ. In 1992, he delivered one of his most significant judgments, in the seminal native title case of *Mabo v State of Queensland (No 2)* (1992) 175 CLR 1. In 1995, Brennan J was appointed Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. He retired from the Court, at the age of 70, in 1998. He was appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (1981) and a Companion of the Order of Australia (1988).



Above: Gerard and Patricia Brennan.



Above: Gerard Brennan in his years as a barrister.

After retirement from the High Court, Sir Gerard was appointed Chancellor of the University of Technology Sydney (1999-2005). He also served as a non-permanent Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal (2000-12), for which he was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star (2013).

The Brennan family has continuing links to the Law School and the legal profession. One of Sir Gerard's children (Father Frank Brennan SJ AO) and two of his grandchildren (Kateena O'Gorman and Peter Winkle) are graduates of the Law School. Two other children, Madeline Brennan QC and Tom Brennan SC, are in practice at the Bar.

In 1999, the University, with the support of alumni, established the Sir Gerard Brennan Chair in Law.

Brennan Scholarship Recipients
2021 Claire Dover



The Bryce Scholarship

Dame Quentin Alice Louise Bryce AD CVO (1965)

Dame Quentin Bryce (née Strachan) is a graduate and former member of the academic staff of the Law School, who served as Governor of Queensland (2003-08) and Governor-General of Australia (2008-14).

Quentin Strachan was born in Brisbane in 1942. She spent her early childhood in the family home at Ilfracombe – a small town near Longreach in western Queensland. She received her secondary education as a boarder at Moreton Bay College in Brisbane, then commenced tertiary studies at the University of Queensland on a Commonwealth Scholarship. She graduated with Bachelor of Arts (1962) and Bachelor of Laws (1965) degrees. In 1965, she was admitted to the Queensland Bar.

In 1964, she married Michael Bryce, a recent graduate in architecture from the University. They have five children and 12 grandchildren. Sadly, Michael died in January 2021.

In 1968, she became the first woman to be appointed to the academic staff of the Law School (1968-83). During this period, she was joined on the staff of the Law School by Margaret White (later Justice White AO) and Patsy Wolfe (later Chief Judge Wolfe AO of the District Court).

In 1984, Dame Quentin left the University to take up an appointment as Director of the Women's Information Service, Office for the Status of Women, Federal Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. In 1987, she became the Queensland Director of the Commonwealth Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission, then commenced a five-year term as the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Commissioner (1988-93). After her term as the founding Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the National Childcare Accreditation Council (1993-96), she served for six years as Principal of The Women's College, University of Sydney (1997-2003).

In 2003, she returned to Queensland to be sworn in as Governor – becoming the second woman to serve in this role. In 2008, she was appointed Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia – becoming the first woman to serve in this role.



Head Image: Quentin Bryce AM and Michael Bryce OAM in 2018.
Above: Quentin Bryce AO as Principal of The Sydney Women's College.

Her service to the Australian community has been honoured on many occasions, including by appointment as a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (2011) and as a Dame of the Order of Australia (2014). She was awarded a Doctorate of Laws *honoris causa* by the University in 2006 and has received similar honours from many other universities.

Bryce Scholarship Recipients
2021 Consolatta Uwimana



The Derrington Scholarship

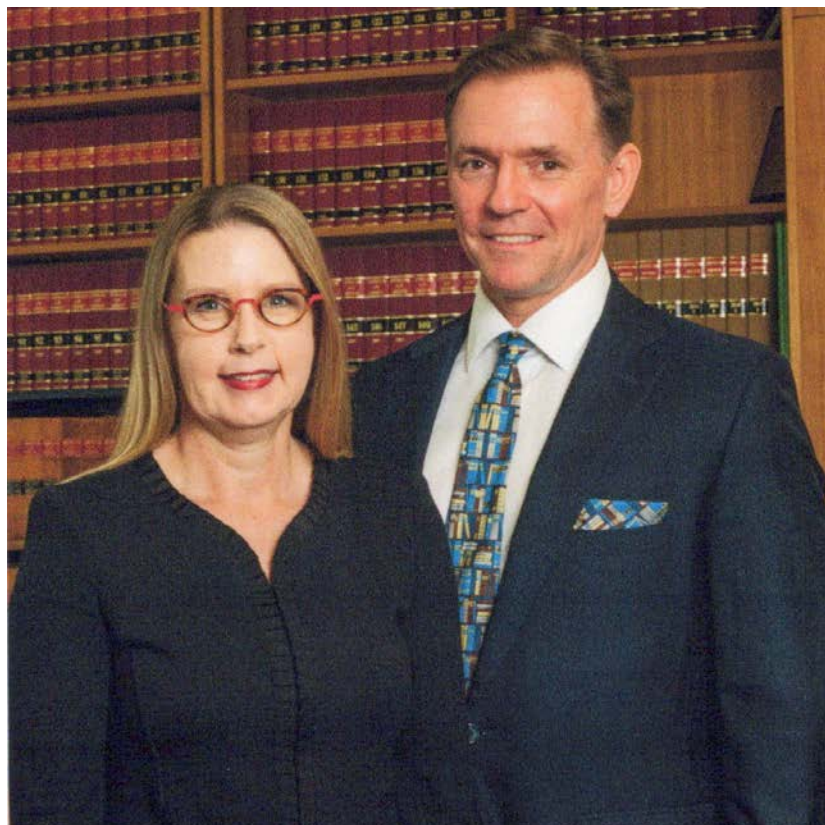
Justice Desmond Keith Derrington (1954)

Justice Roger Marc Derrington (1986)

Justice Sarah Catherine Derrington (1990)

The Derrington family have had a central role in the recent history of the Law School. The family's involvement with the Law School commenced in the 1940s, when Des Derrington, as a young man in Rockhampton, undertook his university studies as an external student whilst working full time in the office of the Public Curator. After a remarkable career at the Bar and as a Judge of the Supreme Court, Justice Derrington was honoured with a Doctorate of Laws *honoris causa* in 2000. The family's connection to the Law School continued to a second generation, when two of Justice Derrington's children (Roger and Margot Derrington) became graduates of the Law School – and married fellow graduates (Sarah Johnstone and Christopher Blue). Roger Derrington QC was a leading member of the commercial Bar in Queensland, before his appointment as a Judge of the Federal Court. Professor Sarah Derrington was the Dean of the Law School during a transformational period in its history (2013-18), before her appointment as President of the Australian Law Reform Commission and a Judge of the Federal Court. The family's connection to the Law School continues through a further generation of graduates of the Law School.

Desmond Keith Derrington was born in 1930 in Rockhampton. He was educated at St Joseph's College, Rockhampton (1936-44). For financial reasons, Des was obliged to leave school at the age of 14. He commenced work as a clerk in the Queensland Public Curator's Office in Rockhampton and then commenced a ten year period of part-time study to complete his secondary education and then undertake his university education as an external student. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (1950) and a Bachelor of Laws (1954).



Above: Justices Sarah and Roger Derrington in 2017.

Head Image: Sarah and Roger Derrington in Oxford in the 1990s.

DERRINGTON

On 16 December 1954, Des was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court. He then commenced a period of practice at the Bar in Rockhampton (1954-66). In 1966, the Derrington family moved to Brisbane, with Des Derrington being appointed Queen's Counsel in 1974.

On 3 December 1982, Derrington QC was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland. He served in this role for 17 years until his statutory retirement in 2000. During this period, he wrote the first two editions of one of Australia's leading insurance texts – *The Law of Liability Insurance* (1st Ed, 1990; 2nd Ed, 2005; 3rd Ed, 2013). For his work on insurance law, he was awarded the Medal of Honour by the Association Internationale de Droit des Assurances (1994). He also served as Chairman of the Supreme Court Library Committee (1994-97) and as a member of the board of the Law Faculty (1990-92). In 2000, he was appointed an Adjunct Professor of Law.

Roger Marc Derrington was born in 1962 in Rockhampton. Having moved to Brisbane with his family in 1966, he was educated at Ironside State School and Brisbane Grammar School. He graduated from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Arts (1984) and a Bachelor of Laws with first class honours (1986). He was awarded a Menzies Scholarship and read for a Bachelor of Civil Laws degree at Worcester College, Oxford. In 1990, he married a fellow law graduate, Sarah Johnstone, and moved to Canberra to serve as Associate to Sir Gerard Brennan in the High Court of Australia. In 1991, Roger Derrington commenced practice at the commercial Bar in Brisbane, taking silk in 2004. Since 2005, he has been an Adjunct Professor at the Law School, lecturing in a wide range of subjects. From 2009 to 2017, he was the Editor of the Queensland Reports. In 2017, he was appointed a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia.



Above: Sarah Derrington as a young Barrister.

Sarah Catherine Derrington (née Johnstone) was born in 1968 in Townsville, the daughter of the Rev David Johnstone. Rev Johnstone was, for many years, the chaplain of the Anglican Church Grammar School in Brisbane. Sarah Johnstone was educated at St Anne's School, Townsville, Mentone Girls Grammar School, Melbourne, St Hilda's School, Southport, and St Margaret's School, Brisbane. She then graduated from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Arts in French and German (1988) and a Bachelor of Laws with honours (1990). In 1990, she was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland. After a period in practice, she returned to the Law School as a member of the academic staff, where she completed both a Master of Laws (1996) and a doctorate (1999). Her doctoral thesis concerned the law relating to non-disclosure, misrepresentation and breach of warranty in contracts of marine insurance. In 2008, Dr Derrington was appointed Professor of Admiralty Law at the Law School – and in 2013 was appointed the Dean of the Law School. During her tenure as Dean, Professor Derrington was instrumental in facilitating the physical and academic rejuvenation of the Law School. In 2018, Professor Derrington was appointed a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia and President of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Justices Roger and Sarah Derrington have three children, two of whom have been students at the Law School (Nicholas and Stephanie Derrington).

Derrington Scholarship Recipients

2020 Alice Tanzer-Wilde

2021 Bridie Shooter



Above: Nicholas Derrington, Desmond Derrington and Roger Derrington.



The Gibbs Scholarship

The Right Honourable Sir Harry Talbot Gibbs PC GCMG AC KBE (1939)

Sir Harry Gibbs is one of the Law School's most notable graduates. He was the first graduate to serve as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland (1961-67), as a Justice of the High Court of Australia (1970-87), and as the Chief Justice of the High Court (1981-87). He was awarded a Doctorate of Laws *honoris causa* by the University in 1980.

Harry Talbot (Bill) Gibbs was born in Sydney in 1917. His family lived in Ipswich, where his father, Harry Victor Foote Gibbs, was a partner of a local law firm (Walker & Walker). Shortly after his son's birth, HVF Gibbs left for military service in the First World War - returning to Ipswich, and legal practice, in 1919. HT Gibbs received his schooling at Ipswich, at the Boys' Central State School and Ipswich Grammar School. In 1934, he went into residence at Emmanuel College, then located on Wickham Terrace, to commence his tertiary studies at the University of Queensland. In 1937, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, with first class honours in English literature. He then completed his legal studies in the newly established Law School, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws, with first class honours, in 1939. Gibbs was an active and influential member of the student community, being elected the inaugural President of the Law Students Society, President of the University of Queensland Students' Union, and editor of the student magazine *Galmahra*. During his student years, Gibbs was introduced to the Dunn family - including fellow law students, Lex Dunn (LLB, 1938) and his cousin Muriel Dunn (LLB, 1942). Bill Gibbs and Muriel Dunn were married in 1944. They had four children.

On 30 May 1939, Gibbs was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland: *re Matthews and Gibbs* [1939] QWN 32. After only a brief period in practice, he enlisted for war service in December 1939. During the Second World War, he served in a number of staff positions, in Australia and New Guinea, rising to the rank of Major. Towards the end of the war, he served with a group responsible for planning the future government of a unified Papua New Guinea. This work provided the inspiration for a thesis concerning the legal system of New Guinea, for which he was awarded the University's fifth Master of Laws degree (1946).



Above: Sir Harry Gibbs at his graduation in 1939.

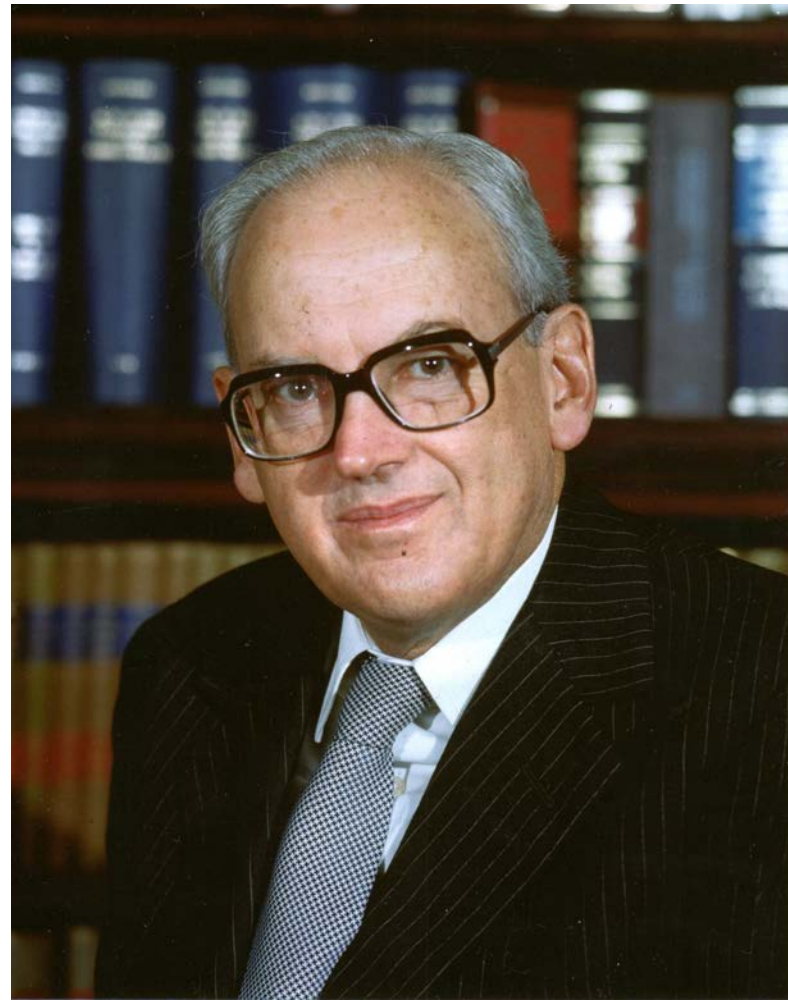
After his war service, Gibbs returned to practice at the Queensland Bar. His chambers were located on the second floor of the original Inns of Court in Adelaide Street. He quickly demonstrated his remarkable abilities, developing a busy practice with numerous appearances in the High Court in the 1950s. During this period, Gibbs maintained his connection with the Law School. He was the inaugural editor of the University of Queensland Law Journal (1948).

GIBBS

He also served as a part-time lecturer in a range of subjects (1948-59), with his students including a future colleague on the High Court, Sir Gerard Brennan. On 7 February 1957, Gibbs was appointed to the rank of Queen's Counsel. He practised as a silk for only four years, before accepting judicial office.

On 8 June 1961, at the age of 44, Gibbs QC was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland. During this period of his career, Gibbs J delivered a series of notable judgments, which continue to be influential. He also chaired the Rules Revision Committee, which undertook the first major review of the Rules of the Supreme Court since 1900. Apart from his judicial duties, he undertook two major inquiries – the Commission of Inquiry into the Expansion of the Australian Sugar Industry (1963) and the National Hotel Inquiry (1964). In 1967, Gibbs J resigned from the Supreme Court and moved to Sydney, to take up an appointment as a Judge of the Federal Court of Bankruptcy and of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory.

On 4 August 1970, Gibbs J was appointed a Justice of the High Court of Australia. He was also appointed a Knight of the British Empire (1970) and a Privy Councillor (1972), with Gibbs J serving three short terms on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London. On 12 February 1981, Gibbs J was appointed Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. He was subsequently appointed a Knight Grand Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (1983) and a Companion of the Order of Australia (1987). His long service to the University was also recognised with a Doctorate of Laws *honoris causa* (1980) – with Griffith University also awarding the degree of Doctor of the University (1987). It has been observed that Gibbs “brought to the High Court great strength of intellect, wide knowledge and experience, a swift grasp of complex issues, a strong underlying sense of fairness and justice, and outstanding clarity of expression”.



Above: Sir Harry Gibbs as Chief Justice of Australia.

He retired from the High Court, at the age of 70, in 1987. Sir Harry Gibbs' service to the community continued after retirement from the High Court, serving in a number of official roles, including as Chairman of a committee reviewing the Commonwealth's criminal laws (1987-91). His interest in the Asia-Pacific region also continued, serving as President of the Kiribati Court of Appeal (1988-99).

Sir Harry Gibbs died in Sydney in 2005. His service to the law and the University has been honoured in many ways, including by the naming of the Harry Gibbs Commonwealth Law Courts Building in Brisbane, the Sir Harry Gibbs Legal Heritage Centre in the Supreme and District Courts Building in Brisbane, and the Sir Harry Gibbs Law Scholarship at Emmanuel College.

Gibbs Scholarship Recipients

2021 Tian Behenna



Above: Sir Harry and Lady Gibbs during Sir Harry's time on the High Court of Australia.



The McMurdo Scholarship

Justice Margaret Anne McMurdo AC (1975)

Justice Margaret McMurdo served as the President of the Queensland Court of Appeal for over 18 years (1998-2017), becoming the first woman appointed to lead an appellate court in Australia. Her contribution to the law was recognised by the award of a Doctorate of Law *honoris causa* by the University in 2012.

Margaret Anne McMurdo (née Hoare) was born in Brisbane in 1954. Her father was a solicitor who, at age 34, volunteered for service as a private in the Australian Military Services in the Second World War (1940-45). He attained the rank of Major and, after returning to civilian life, went on to become senior partner of the Brisbane firm of Thynne & Macartney. Margaret was educated at New Farm State School and Brisbane Girls Grammar School (1967-71), before studying law at the University of Queensland. In 1975, she graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree. Her brothers, David Hoare (1964) and John Hoare (1974), were also graduates of the law school. She married a fellow law student, Philip McMurdo, in 1976. They have four children.

After working as Associate to Judge Demack in both the District Court (1975) and then in the Family Court (1976), she was admitted to the Bar (1976) and commenced work in the Public Defender's Office. She served as Assistant Public Defender for many years (1977-89), before commencing practice at the private Bar (1989-91). During this period, she was a founding committee member (1978-82) and then President (1980-81) of the Women Lawyers Association of Queensland.



Above: Justice McMurdo AC.

Head Image: Margaret McMurdo as a young barrister.

McMURDO

Above: Margaret McMurdo at her matriculation in 1972.

In 1991, at the age of 36, Margaret McMurdo was appointed a Judge of the District Court of Queensland – becoming the first woman to be appointed to the Court. Then, in 1998, she was appointed to the Supreme Court of Queensland, to become the second President of the Court of Appeal. She was the third woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court, after Justices Margaret White and Susan Kiefel, and became a founding Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and an elected member of the American Law Institute. She was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (2007) and her achievements were recognised by honorary doctorates from a number of Queensland universities. Philip McMurdo QC joined her as a Judge of the Supreme Court in 2003.

Since her retirement from the Court, she has served as Chair of the Board of Legal Aid Queensland, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Queensland Community Foundation and as the Commissioner appointed by the government of Victoria to conduct a Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants (2018-20). In 2021, she was appointed Chair of the Queensland Taskforce on Coercive Control and Women's Experience in the Criminal Justice System.

Margaret and Philip McMurdo are known to many Law School students and recent alumni, through their continued involvement in Law School, UQLS and JATL seminars and events. In 2008, their son, James McMurdo, graduated from the Law School with a Bachelor of Laws with first class honours.



Above: Margaret and Philip McMurdo at a Law Ball in 1975.

McMurdo Scholarship Recipients
2021 Aleisha Lanthois



The Prentice Scholarship

Una Gailey Prentice (née Bick) (1938)

Una Prentice was the first Bachelor of Laws graduate of the University of Queensland.

Una Gailey Bick was born in 1913, the daughter of Ernest and Jean Bick. Her father was the curator of the Botanic Gardens in Alice Street, Brisbane, with the family living in the Curator's Cottage in the gardens. Ernest Bick was also responsible for the grounds of the adjacent University of Queensland, which was then based at Garden's Point.

With her parents' encouragement – and through their financial sacrifice – Una Bick was educated at St Margaret's School in Brisbane and then at the University of Queensland. She first graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree (1935). Then in 1936, she became one of the initial cohort of four students of the Law School at the University. Harry Talbot Gibbs joined them the following year. She graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) in 1938. On 27 September 1938, she became the fourth woman to be admitted to the Queensland Bar.



Head image: Professor Priestly discusses a painting by Vida Lahey with Dr Joan Allsop and Mrs Una Prentice .

left: Mrs Una Prentice Receiving her LL.D.

Right: On the day of her admission to the Bar.



As one of the first women to seek to practise law in Queensland, she faced significant obstacles. However, as labour shortages grew during the Second World War, she was able to secure a temporary position in the Commonwealth Crown Solicitor's Office (1942-46). With the benefit of that experience, she then took up a position with the Brisbane law firm of Stephens & Tozer (1946-52). In 1946, she married a fellow graduate of the Law School, Tony Prentice (LLB, 1940). She left legal practice after the birth of their son (Roger Prentice) in 1952. In the following years, she served in voluntary roles in numerous community and professional associations, including the Women Lawyers Association of Queensland and the University of Queensland Alumni Association.

In 1985, the University awarded Una Prentice the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*, in recognition of her distinguished contribution to the State.

Una Prentice died in 1986. Through a bequest in her will, the Women Lawyers Association of Queensland provides an award in her honour to the highest achieving female law graduate in Queensland. In 1988, the University's Alumni Association funded the establishment of the Una Prentice Memorial Garden on the St Lucia campus.

Prentice Scholarship Recipients

2020 Kimberly Thompson

2021 Minh Tran

The Story Scholarship

John Douglas Story AO (1969)

John Story is a graduate of the Law School who became one of Australia's leading corporate lawyers and company directors, before serving as Chancellor of the University of Queensland (2009-16). He was a key figure in supporting the physical and academic redevelopment of the Law School, which culminated in the reopening of the west wing of the Forgan Smith building in 2017. Story's service to the University was recognised by the award of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* and being named UQ Alumnus of the Year (2017).

John Douglas Story was born in Brisbane in 1945. His father, John Dunmore Campbell Story (1910-85), was senior partner of the Brisbane law firm of Chambers McNab & Co. His grandfather, John Douglas Story (1869-1966), was a senior public servant who had been instrumental in the establishment of the University of Queensland. He then served for many years as Vice-Chancellor of the University (1938-59). The JD Story Building at the University of Queensland and the Story Bridge in Brisbane are both named in his honour.

John Story was educated at Brisbane Grammar School, then graduated with Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degrees from the University of Queensland (1969). After his admission as a solicitor, he became a partner of the Brisbane firm of Chambers McNab & Co, and then a partner in the merged Brisbane firm of Chambers McNab Tully & Wilson (from 1981). He was instrumental in the merger of this local practice into the new national firm of Corrs Chambers Westgarth (1991), and was appointed as head of the national corporate advisory group and subsequently national chairman of partners. He retired from legal practice in 2006.

John Story served on a large number of public company boards, including Tabcorp (2004-11, Chairman 2007-11), Suncorp (1995-2011, Chairman 2003-11) and CSR (2003-12). He also served as Chairman of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (2007-09). He has been aptly described as "one of the premier company directors of Australia for the last generation".

In 2006, John Story was appointed to the Senate of the University. In 2009, he was appointed Chancellor of the University (2009-16). During this period, he was instrumental in supporting the decision to undertake a major renovation of the Law School in the Forgan Smith Building of the University and in the efforts to raise funds for the project.



Above: John and Georgina Story.

Head image: John Story as Chancellor of UQ.

In 2015, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia. In 2017, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* and named Alumnus of the Year. He remains an Adjunct Professor at the Law School.

John and Georgina Story have three sons, all of whom are graduates of the Law School – John Story (1997), Thomas Story (1999) and William Story (2001).

Story Scholarship Recipients
2021 Samara Welbourne

The White Scholarship

Justice Margaret Jean White AO (2005)
Dr Michael William Duckett White OAM QC (1974)

Justice Margaret White and Dr Michael White have been influential figures in the work of the Law School for over fifty years.

Margaret Jean White (née Broderick) was born in 1943 in Hamilton, Victoria. She was educated at the Cabra Dominican Convent, Adelaide (1949-60) and graduated with a Bachelor of Laws at the University of Adelaide (1966). In the years immediately after graduation, she undertook a number of research and consulting projects in international law. In 1970, she married Michael White and moved to Brisbane. She then commenced a period of about 12 years as a member of the academic staff of the Law School (1970-82), where her colleagues included Quentin Bryce and Patsy Wolfe. During this period, Margaret White won the respect and admiration of a generation of Queensland lawyers. In 1983, she left the Law School to commence full time practice at the Bar. Amongst other notable cases, she appeared for the State of Queensland in *Mabo v State of Queensland* [1992] 1 Qd R 78.

On 5 March 1990, Margaret White was appointed a Master of the Supreme Court of Queensland. On 2 April 1992, she became the first woman to be appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland. After 18 years' experience as a Judge of the trial division, Justice White was appointed a Judge of Appeal on 15 April 2010. She retired from judicial office in 2013. In 2013, she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia. In 2016, she was appointed joint Commissioner with Mick Gooda for the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory.

During her judicial career, Justice White served as a member of the University Senate (1993-2003) and as Deputy Chancellor of the University (2006-09). She was awarded a Doctorate of Laws *honoris causa* in 2005 by UQ and also a Doctorate *honoris causa* by the University of Adelaide. After her retirement, Justice White was appointed an Adjunct Professor at the Law School.



Above: Justice Margaret White AO and Dr Michael White OAM QC in the Judges' Chambers at the Supreme Court of Queensland.

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Above: Justice Margaret White AO and Dr Michael White OAM QC wearing LLD robes.

Right: A photograph of the last sitting held at the old Cairns Courthouse in 1992, donated by the Honourable Justice Margaret White AO to the Supreme Court Library.

Michael William Duckett White was born in 1939 in Brisbane. He joined the Royal Australian Navy at a young age, rising to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander and serving in various ships and submarines in various parts of the world. Upon resigning from naval service in 1969, he commenced study at the University of Queensland, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (1974). After graduating, Michael White commenced practice at the Queensland Bar, being appointed Queen's Counsel in 1988. In 1994, he was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy in law from Bond University for his thesis on the international conventions and laws relating to marine pollution from ships.

In 1999, Dr White QC left legal practice to join the academic staff of the Law School as a Reader in Law (Associate Professor), and as the Executive Director of the Centre for Maritime Law along with Dr Sarah Derrington. He has written extensively in the fields of maritime law and legal history – including a history of the Law School. His published legal works include *Australian Maritime Law* (4th Ed, 2020, with Justice Sarah Derrington), *Australian Offshore Laws* (2009), *Australian Marine Pollution Laws* (2007), and *TC Beirne School of Law: A History* (2nd Ed, 2016). During his years with the Law School he was an influential mentor for both students and staff. From 2005, he has been an Adjunct Professor in the Law School and in 2016 he was awarded a Doctorate of Laws by UQ and a Medal in the Australian Honours list for his scholarly works in law and history.

White Scholarship Recipients

2020 Yan Xi Lai

2021 Yuvini Perera





The Williams Scholarship

Justice Glen Norman Williams AO (1962)

Justice Glen Williams is a graduate of the Law School who had a remarkable career as a leading Queensland barrister, judge and law reformer, whilst also contributing to the life and work of the Law School for over sixty years. His important contribution to the University was recognised by the award of a Doctorate of Law *honoris causa* in 2003.

Glen Norman Williams was born in Brisbane in 1938. He was educated at St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace (1952-55), winning a Commonwealth Scholarship to the University of Queensland. In 1959, he graduated from the University with a Bachelor of Arts, with First Class Honours in political science. His thesis was on special tribunals. Then, in 1962, he graduated with a Bachelor of Laws, with first class honours, winning the Henderson Prize in Law. In 1962, he served as the Associate to Mr Justice Gibbs in the Supreme Court of Queensland. On 8 April 1962, Glen Williams was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court and, after completing his Associateship, commenced practice at the Queensland Bar. He also commenced a long period of service as a part-time lecturer at the Law School in Family Law (1964-67) and Civil Procedure (1971-78). Whilst at the Bar, he was a committee member of the Bar Association of Queensland (1964-66) and commenced a long period of service as a member of the Queensland Law Reform Commission (1976-89). He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1978.

On 7 April 1982, Glen Williams QC was appointed an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland. A permanent appointment followed on 3 December 1982. After 18 years' experience as a Judge of the Trial Division, he was appointed a Judge of Appeal on 14 December 2000. During his time on the Court, he served as Chairman of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (1988-90), Chairman of the Queensland Law Reform Commission (1993-96), Chairman of the Rules Revision Committee (1982-91) and the Supreme Court Rules Committee (1999-2007), director of the Expert Witness Institute of Australia (2000-07), President of the Industrial Court (1998-99), and a Judge of the Court of Appeal of the Solomon Islands (1993-2014). Justice Williams also served as the inaugural President of the University of Queensland Law Graduates Association (1999-2014). He retired from the court, at the statutory retirement age, in 2008.

In 2001, Justice Williams was awarded a Commonwealth Centenary Medal. In 2003, he was awarded a Doctorate of Laws *honoris causa* by the University of Queensland. In 2006, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia. Since 2008, he has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Queensland and has lectured in Civil Procedure both at undergraduate and at masters level.

Apart from his legal interests, Justice Williams has served in a number of voluntary roles in the Scout Association, Queensland Cricket and the Eastern Districts Rugby Union Club. In 1966, he married Roberta Gainer. They have two sons (Brendan and Gerard) and a daughter (Frances). Frances Williams is also a distinguished graduate of the Law School. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (1990) and a Bachelor of Laws (1994), with First Class Honours and a University Medal. She was then awarded a Menzies Scholarship, graduating with a Master of Laws (Hons) from the University of Cambridge. After over 25 years in practice as a solicitor, Frances Williams was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland on 17 February 2020.

Williams Scholarship Recipients

2020 Sylvia Stuen-Parker
2021 Raul Iute



Above: Glen Williams AO, Chief Justice Holmes AC, Justice Frances Williams, Roberta Williams

Head Image: Glen Williams AO, Justice Frances Williams, Roberta Williams

Introducing some of our UQLA Scholarship Recipients



JAMES ALDRIDGE

Final Year BCom/LLB(Hons) student and recipient of a UQLA Endowment Fund Scholarship

Tell us about yourself and your studies so far?

I am currently in my sixth and final year of a Bachelors of Commerce/Laws (Honours) at UQ. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to pursue my interest in these areas, which was sparked by involvement in business and mooted competitions during high school. Studying at UQ has provided me with valuable knowledge and skills that I am excited to put into practice after graduation. Outside of the classroom, my favourite memories at UQ are highlighted by time spent on the social sporting fields and forming lifelong friendships with inspiring people.

What led you to apply to UQ?

I have always felt a close connection to UQ, with a family member working at the University and having enjoyed the

St Lucia campus' sporting facilities prior to beginning my time as a student. After learning about the world-class learning experience UQ's Bachelors of Laws (Honours) program offers when considering where to pursue my tertiary education, I knew this was the place I wanted to study.

What led you to apply for the UQLA Endowment Fund Scholarship?

The pandemic has had a detrimental impact on everyone around the world. I am grateful for the support the Law School and UQ more broadly has offered to students, myself included, to ease the pressures this has caused. For me, COVID-19 forced a reduction in my hours at work, which added to the financial demands of a full-time study schedule. I applied for the UQLA Endowment Fund Scholarship in the hope of alleviating some of this stress.

When nearing final exams towards the end of 2020, I remember being notified that I had received the award and immediately felt an enormous weight was lifted off my shoulders. The scholarship has allowed me to progress a few steps closer to reaching my educational and career goals. I am sincerely thankful for the generosity of the UQ Law Alumni donors and UQ staff that made this possible. I hope to one day give back to the UQ community in a way that helps future students achieve their goals, just as this scholarship and my journey on campus has helped me.



YUVINI PERERA

First Year BEcon/LLB (Hons) student and recipient of a UQLA Endowment Fund Scholarship

Tell us about yourself and your studies so far?

I moved from Tasmania to Brisbane at the start of this year and am currently halfway through my first year at UQ. I have decided to study a double degree of a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Economics as English and Economics were two of my favourite subjects last year. Outside of academics, I really enjoy playing the piano and reading.

What led you to apply to UQ?

I reached out to some friends of mine who were already studying at UQ midway through last year and they all seemed to really enjoy it here! I also really liked the campus and idea of living in Brisbane if I was going to move away. The weather is much warmer over here and, whilst much bigger than Tasmania, Brisbane is much easier to get my head around than some of Australia's other major cities.

What led you to apply for a UQLA Scholarship?

As I was considering the possibility of moving away from home, I thought that the UQLA Scholarship would help ease some of the stress and expenses that comes with moving.

Whilst I was hesitant to apply because I did not think my chances were very high, my Dad made some convincing arguments that ultimately persuaded me to. Overall, I am glad I did!

How has the UQLA Scholarship impacted your life and your studies?

The UQLA Scholarship has significantly reduced some of the stress of moving away from home. This is due to the fact that the scholarship has lessened the monetary burden that comes with living on my own. Ultimately, I have more time to study, relax and maintain a healthy work/life balance.

What are your plans for the future?

As I am only six months into my degree, I am excited to learn about the varied and many pathways that are available to me. I do think I would enjoy working in either contract or human rights law but that may change in the next few years as I learn more about my courses and what interests me. Regardless, I hope that I continue to enjoy both my studies and life here in Brisbane.

What is your favourite part about studying at UQ?

My favourite part about studying here is the campus itself. I did get lost very often during the first few weeks of semester, but I really enjoy the relaxed environment on campus. There is plenty of space and the weather is usually nice which helps balance out the more stressful weeks during the semester. I also enjoy the many events and activities that UQ offers and hope to take part in more as I continue my studies here.

Law School News

Headline News

Recent graduate Isabelle Peart won an international essay competition run by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Geneva Academy, with her essay 'Digital safe havens: sheltering civilians from military cyber operations'.

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Bringing home the win for UQ for the 2nd time, law students – Jackie Sung, Thomas Moore and Nick Wray-Jones were the Grand Final Champions in the 2020 Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot Competition.

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Congratulations to Marcus Traucnieks, Ruby Traucnieks, and Juliet Biemann who won the grand final of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Moot competition.

The team was coached by alumni and 2018 Grand Champion Martin Doyle and mentored by Professor Brad Sherman in their preparation for this year's competition.



Law students James Pisko, Sam Yazdani, Ben Schenk, Jenny Wang and coach Liam Inglis were runners up in the 2021 UNSW Private Law Moot grand final. An excellent achievement, and a solid first impression given it was UQ's first year entering the competition.

Law School News

Of Note

- Professor Tamara Walsh and Mandy Shircore were named in the 2021 WLAQ Inspo List. The list also included Emeritus Professor Justice Sarah Derrington and UQLS President, Mia Campbell.
- Dr Maria Itati Dolhare recently became a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.
- Our 2021 Jessup Moot team successfully made it to the round of 32 in this year's competition. The UQ Law School's Jessup team consisted of Paivi Adeniyi, Liam Inglis, Emily Rainbird, Austen Whitewood, and Wei Jin (Sam) Wong, coached by Isabelle Peart and Professor Anthony Cassimatis.
- Dr Samara McPhedran joined the School as an Adjunct Associate Professor. Dr McPhedran has qualifications in both law and psychology and has an extensive publishing and grant record. Her areas of interest include mental health, gender-based violence, homicide, suicide and gun control.
- Associate Professor Paul Harpur received his 2019 Citation for outstanding contributions to student learning as part of the Australian Awards for University Teaching. His citation is for "For outstanding leadership in translation of disability strategy into a vision of ability equality and core university business". Paul was also part of the Workforce Diversity and Inclusion team from UQ, and was acknowledged as a 2021 HR Excellence Awardee.

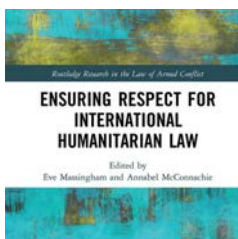
Publications and Research

Rain Liivoja and Ann Väljataga edited book on autonomous cyber capabilities - reviewed from the perspective of international law.

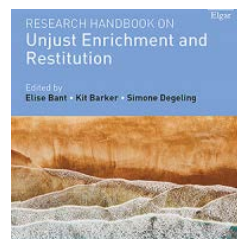
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Paul Harpur received a Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Just Tech Covid-19 Rapid-Response Grant for the project entitled "The Unsettling of Old Norms by a NewWorld of COVID-19 Public Health Surveillance." The Just Tech Covid-19 Rapid-Response Grants are supported with funds from the Ford Foundation and the MacArthur Foundation.

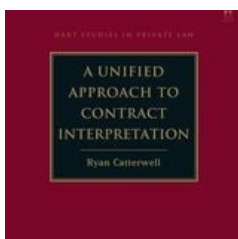
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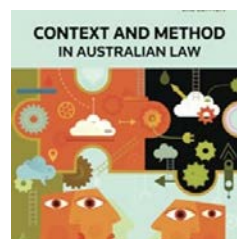
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Staff Profiles



**Professor
Rick
Bigwood**

Professor Rick Bigwood was appointed as the new Dean of Law and Head of School in 2021.

Rick has worked as a Professor in the Law School for five years. During his time at UQ, Professor Bigwood has been the Director of Professional Engagement, the editor of The University of Queensland Law Journal and recipient of a Teaching Excellence in an Undergraduate Compulsory Course award. Most recently, he served as the Acting Dean of Law.

His teaching and research areas primarily focus on issues within contract law (and within areas that touch and concern contract law, such as property, equity and restitution). He is one of the co-authors (with Nick Seddon) of the Australian edition of *Cheshire & Fifoot's Law of Contract*. In Semester 2 this year, Rick taught (with Justice David Jackson) one of the new practitioner-focused courses in UQ's LLM, *Advanced Studies in Contract*.

During his time as Head of School, Rick hopes to re-establish the School's overall sense of community, which was impacted by the restrictions around COVID-19.

"This is a law school that truly cares about quality in everything it does", Rick said. "Most people here take what they do very seriously, without taking themselves too seriously. This is something about the School staff, students and community that I love."

Prior to joining the Law School, Rick taught property law and contract law at Bond University from 2011-2015, where he was also the Associate Dean of Research. Prior to entering academia, he was a Senior Solicitor and Acting Principal Solicitor with the Federal Attorney-General's Department in Canberra (Office of Commercial Law).

Throughout his career, he has published widely in leading international journals on subjects within contract, equity and property law, Rick was formerly the General Editor of the *New Zealand Universities Law Review* (1998-1999), and was Editor of the *New Zealand Law Review* (2002-2008) and *The University of Queensland Law Journal* (2019-2021).

Rick started his career in New Zealand, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from the University of Auckland in 1988. He then went on to complete his PhD in contract law and equity at the Australian National University in 1994 and was awarded an LLD from the University of Auckland in 2015. He has been admitted to the Bar of the High Court of New Zealand, the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and is enrolled as a Barrister of the High Court of Australia.



**Dr Kate
Falconer**

Kate Falconer is a lecturer at the Law School, where she teaches Equity and Trusts and supervises final year students in their semester-long research projects

Kate completed her undergraduate studies (BA LLB(Hons)) at UQ in 2016. After finishing up at UQ, she travelled to the United States to complete an LLM in US Law at Washington University in St Louis. Kate then came back to Australia and started her PhD at the ANU in Canberra in 2017. "I really enjoyed the PhD process—it's such a unique and privileged position to have the time and funding to focus solely on your own ideas and research for 3 (or more!) years", Kate said. In February 2020, Kate started as a full-time academic at UQ. This was a busy period, as she tried to finish her PhD whilst transitioning quickly and unexpectedly to online teaching due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, Kate submitted her thesis last July and had her PhD conferred in December last year.

While Kate says that "broadly" she researches in the private law, with a particular focus on the law of property and the law of trusts, the "more precise answer", according to Kate, "is that I research in the private law of death. I am very interested in the placement of the dead – both as dead person and dead body – in the private law. Questions of the body as property and the deceased as an almost legal person have driven my research for the past few years, and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future!"

Kate's interest in this area stems from her background in archaeology, having completed an extended major in the discipline during her BA at UQ. During those studies, Kate was particularly interested in bioarchaeology – the study of human skeletal material. As Kate explains, "I carried this interest over into my law degree, where I wrote a research paper on the trafficking of human remains in the private international law context supervised by my now-colleague Professor Craig Forrest".

"Undertaking this research project at law school ignited my love of research, and my interest in this area led me to write my PhD on the right to possession of the body of the deceased person for the purposes of burial, and the question of whether this established common law right is proprietary in nature." Her studies in the US have also proved useful with her current research, particularly with the "dedicated focus given to American Indian Law at Wash U".

Kate would be eager to speak with any UQ alumni who may have an interest in her work, saying "I am always interested in talking with anyone who has a fascination with, or a professional interest in, death, dead bodies, and the law. I am also the current Secretary of the Australian Death Studies Society, which holds regular seminars with speakers from various disciplines and backgrounds, and always welcomes new members!"

Law School News

Headline News

Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh has been leading a project on law reform on press freedom

[Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh](#) has been leading a project on law reform on press freedom. National security laws help protect Australians but hinder press freedom. How do we get the balance right? University of Queensland academics, led by TC Beirne School of Law's Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh, are calling for reform to protect journalists from prosecution and are working on a series of Press Freedom Policy Papers.

The papers make evidence-based recommendations for wide spread reform in Australian law in areas such as espionage, whistleblowing, shield laws and free speech as they affect the media. Dr Ananian-Welsh has been working closely with UQ journalism academic and former correspondent [Professor Peter Greste](#).

[Find out more about their work here.](#)

More News

Making a mark in Australian mooting-UQ Law takes out top prize

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UQ Pro Bono students contribute to the debate on coercive control

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Dr Mark Deng- From tree leaves to UQ Law

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Marty Doyle leads the way for Indigenous Lawyers

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Youth injustice: Does our justice system cause young people to offend?

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UQ Law Journal

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The current issue can be viewed here:

[UQ LAW JOURNAL](#)

Some Articles from the most recent UQLJ issue

Stephen Speirs, "Examining the Criminal Regime in Chapter 7 of the Corporations Act 2001"

Nicholas Tiverios, "A Uniform Hermeneutic Thesis: Objectivity and the High Court of Australia's Approach to Interpretation Across Private Law"

Vicki Waye and Michael Duffy, "The Fate of Class Action Common Fund Orders: The Policy, Procedural and Constitutional Issues of a Legislative Revival"

Postgraduate Study

New Practitioner-Focused Courses in the UQ LLM

NEW LLM COURSES



In 2021, the Law School has taken steps to enhance its Master of Laws (LLM) program to ensure that it meets the needs of the practising profession, through the development of new practitioner-focussed courses which:

- cover key areas of difficulty and importance in practice;
- are devised and taught by leading judges, practitioners and legal academics;
- are delivered using a seminar-style approach to maximise the interaction with teaching staff; and
- are structured with flexible delivery options (on campus and online) and convenient assessment schedules.

A key consideration in the formulation of these courses has been the need to offer practitioners an LLM experience that can be managed alongside the demands of legal practice. To this end, it is anticipated that these courses will form part of a suite of practitioner-focused offerings which, when combined with one of the many dissertation options available, would enable completion within two to three years part-time depending upon students' preference. There is also scope for practitioners to undertake UQ's LLM courses on a CPD basis, without the need to undertake formal assessment.

Applications for the UQ LLM Semester 1, 2022 intake close 31 January 2022.

[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE LLM](#)

Interpretation of Statutes and Written Instruments

Interpretation of Statutes and Written Instruments, which is convened by John McKenna QC and David O'Brien, was offered for the first time in Semester 1, 2021. It is taught in a series of seminars, led by a distinguished group of UQ alumni comprised of both judges and practitioners, including Justice Patrick Keane AC. This course reflects on how judges and others interpret statutes, and addresses key questions concerning the nature of sound statutory interpretation. The related principles for the interpretation of contracts or other legal instruments are also considered.

[VIEW COURSE PROFILE](#)

Commercial Equity Litigation

In Semester 2, *Commercial Equity Litigation* was offered for the second time (following a pilot offering in 2020). It explores a range of equitable doctrines and remedies that commonly arise in commercial litigation, including fiduciary obligations, equitable property, trading trusts, equitable relief against forfeiture, tracing and remedies for misappropriated property. The course is convened by Samuel Walpole, with seminars also led by Professor Patrick Parkinson AM and Dr Andrew Fell. This year's program also included a guest presentation this year by UQ alumni, Mohammud Jaamae-Hafeez Baig and Jordan English, authors of the newly-released Federation Press monograph, *The Law of Tracing*. Further guest presenters will participate in 2022.

[VIEW COURSE PROFILE](#)

Advanced Contract Law

The Law School offered *Advanced Studies in Contract* for the first time in Semester 2. Seminars for this course were led by the Dean of Law, Professor Rick Bigwood, and Justice David Jackson. The course examines select topics in the formation, modification, vitiation and termination of commercial contracts, including remedies for breach of contract.

[VIEW COURSE PROFILE](#)

UQ Law Alumni Studying Overseas

Despite the continued uncertainty posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, a significant number of talented young alumni were able to take up places reading for postgraduate degrees at universities abroad in 2020-21



Camille Boileau

(2016)

Read for the LLM at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge with the support of the WM Tapp Studentship in Law. Based on her results on the LLM, Camille was recently awarded the prestigious Whewell Scholarship in International Law by the University of Cambridge. The Whewell Scholarship is awarded to the top student in international law at Cambridge. Camille was also awarded the Clive Parry International Law Prize.



Hugo Clark-Ryan

(2017)

Read for the MCL at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge with the support of his employer, King & Wood Mallesons.



Emily Chalk

(2014)

Read for the LLM at the London School of Economics.



Catherine Drummond

(2012)

Is completing her PhD on "The Concept of a Breach of International Law" at Trinity College, Cambridge with the support of the Hollond-Whittaker Studentship in International Law.



Jordan English

(2016)

Is completing his DPhil on "Termination for Breach of Contract" at Magdalen College, Oxford with the support of a Rhodes Scholarship. In September 2021, Jordan commenced a 5-year term as a Supernumerary Fellow of St John's College, Oxford.



Sophie Ryan

(2019)

Read for the BCL at Magdalen College, Oxford with the support of a Rhodes Scholarship. Sophie commenced a DPhil at Oxford in September 2021.

UQ Law Alumni Studying Overseas



Sophie Philip

(2018)

Undertook the MPhil in Criminological Research at Trinity College, Cambridge with the support of the Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship and Rotary Global Grant Scholarship. She was also awarded an Honorary Wakefield Scholarship



Daniel Thambar

(2015)

Read for the LLM at St Edmund's College, Cambridge with the support of the inaugural Cambridge Australian Scholarship for Queensland. This scholarship has been established the Hon Anthe Philippides SC (1982), formerly of the Queensland Court Appeal, an alumnus of both UQ and Gonville and Caius.

A further group of UQ Law Alumni have recently travelled overseas to commence postgraduate study. They are:

- Jack Baldwin (2017) (MSc in Law and Finance at Oxford)
- Penelope Bristow (2019) (BCL at Oxford)
- Sarah Clouston (2017) (LLM at Columbia)
- Zack George (2017) (MSc in Law and Finance at Oxford)
- Tristan Lockwood (2015) (LLM at Columbia)
- Leo Rees-Murphy (2017) (MSc in Law and Finance at Oxford)
- James Rigby (2017) (BCL at Oxford)
- Benjamin Teng (2018) (LLM at Cambridge)
- Tom Whip (2017) (LLM at Columbia)
- Hannah Williams (2018) (LLM at Cambridge)



Georgia Williams

(2015)

Read for the BCL at Wadham College, Oxford with the support of the Oxford-Hackney BCL Scholarship and the Wadham College Senior Scholarship.

This continues a long tradition of University of Queensland Law School Alumni travelling overseas for further study.



Pictured right:

John McKenna QC and Shane Doyle QC

Pictured Left:

Justice Peter Applegarth AM and John McKenna QC with other BCL students.





The UQLS President for 2021

Mia Campbell

The President of the University of Queensland Law Society for 2021 is Mia Campbell.

Tell us a bit about yourself:

I'm a Law/Commerce student in my 5th year of uni. I first got involved in the UQLS in my 3rd year as a Socials Officer and then moved to Vice-President Socials in 2020. I loved attending UQLS events as a 1st and 2nd year student, and really enjoyed the work the UQLS was doing and wanted to get involved and do my part to help out. I really enjoy organising events and putting programs together – it's a pretty fun way to procrastinate from study!

Tell us about some of the exciting events the UQLS runs, or hopes to run in the future:

Our classic, hallmark events are the Law Ball, Law Dinner, Annual Professional Drinks, the Suri Ratnapala Cup, the Haxton Lecture, Pub Crawl, Peer Assisted Learning Sessions (PALS), the Women in Law Breakfast, Queer Beers, the Clerkship Information Evening, 1st Year Retreat, Beginning and End of Semester Drinks, and Law Revue.

We also host a range of external and internal competitions for students, like mooting, witness examination, negotiation and client interviewing. We also work with other universities to run the Queensland Intersarsity Law Competitions, which is now in its 3rd year. 2021 has brought some new events for the UQLS. We ran a joint event with the UQ Business Association (UQBA) and the UQ Women's Network, the Management Consulting Panel, which was a great success. Our plans for joint events in 2021 continue and we are presently organising Battle of the Bands, UQLS versus the Med Society, for Semester 2 as well as an external negotiation competition with the UQBA.

We are also organising a Diversity in Law event, which is going to serve as a celebration of all students– ATSIL students, International Students, Female students, Queer students and Mature-Aged students. We are also hoping to organise a dinner to celebrate our UQLS Competitions competitors for Semester 2. Sports and social events are a great space for us to engage more with alumni, and we are currently working with the UQLA to run an Alumni v Student lawn bowls event. We are very interested in finding new, more casual opportunities for networking with alumni – something less formal than a networking evening, but an opportunity for students to meet and chat with alumni.

How did the UQLS adapt to COVID in 2020?

Primarily in two ways: first, going online for all our events. Our clerkship evening was run online last year, as was PALS, and the Sports Portfolio ran fitness sessions via Zoom. We will be running our clerkship evening online again this year.

The second way was really just adapting our events as the restrictions change. We were lucky in that we could still host Law Dinner in 2020, but we obviously had to reduce the capacity and at the time, no one could dance. We still ran our competitions, but had to adjust the schedule a bit from past years because everything had to move to Semester 2. For example, we couldn't run Junior Client Interviewing, but those students could still participate in the Senior Client Interviewing competition. We also moved our classic Law Revue to December, rather than the usual August. It was business as usual, but adapting to the new usual.

What were your goals for the UQLS in 2021?

My personal goal for the UQLS was for it to be a place that members can go to get away from uni and work, have fun and to feel like they are part of something – part of a community; and get help with whatever they need. Health, wellbeing, support – something separate from Law School. A bit of a getaway. We are hoping 2021 will be comeback year after COVID! We would also like to have a broader involvement with other societies at UQ.

Are students interested in hearing from alumni?

Yes! Law is such a long degree, and everyone goes through that phase of thinking "What do I actually want to do with my career". It is great to hear from people who've done the degree, and what they are doing now. We want to hear about what people have done after law school; particularly, from people who didn't get straight 7s! We want to hear about people who didn't do perfectly all the time – we want to know there's a light at the end of the tunnel for those of us who aren't necessarily First Class Honours students! Students would love to hear from people who had different careers, who've had diversity of experience – students want to see what the UQ degree can take them. This is why we are interested in expanding our connections with alumni in more casual events as well, because it opens those conversations.

What events/programs can alumni assist the UQLS with?

We would be grateful for any assistance alumni wish to provide, but particularly, we love to see alumni attend events where students get to meet and engage with you. Alumni are also welcome to join us at our valedictory dinner at the end of each year. We are also extremely grateful for any assistance alumni can provide with judging our internal and external competitions, and hosting events such as our Women in Law events. Alumni are encouraged to join us for our diversity-focused events such as Queer Beers.

If alumni wish to offer their services, who should they contact?

Please contact Mia at president@uqls.com or our Vice-President of Careers at VPcareers@uqls.com and we will put you in touch with the key persons at the UQLS who run our specific events.



The JATL President for 2021

Melanie Karibasic

The President of the Justice and the Law Society (JATL) in 2021 is Melanie Karibasic, who is in her sixth and final year of studying for the dual degrees of Arts (German and International Relations) and Laws.

How did you get your start in JATL?

In 2019, my friend who was the Treasurer of JATL at the time, knew I was interested in joining the Executive. I had attended many of JATL's events and had really enjoyed them. There was a position open for Pandora's Blog Editor (JATL's online blog) which my friend informed me of. I applied and got the position!

What made you want to join JATL?

I really like the society's strong social justice focus, and that it caters for law students who are interested in pursuing careers beyond the corporate career pathway. I also noticed that the student Executive of JATL are a very tight knit group of people, almost like a massive friendship group. Joining JATL thus seemed like a great way to meet new people and make friends in all year levels of the Law School.

Tell us about some of the events that JATL runs?

- Our flagship events are the Annual Fundraising Gala, Beyond Eagle Street Drinks and Wigs at the Bar.
- The biggest event without question is the Annual Fundraising Gala. The Gala aims to raise funds for a select community legal centre each year. This year we will be fundraising for Prisoners' Legal Service Qld.
- Beyond Eagle Street Drinks aims to expose students to the various career opportunities a law degree can offer, including work within community legal centres, regional areas, mid-tier and boutique firms, academia, and government agencies. Students are invited to network and mingle with legal professionals from these backgrounds/organisations.
- Wigs at the Bar is our premier cocktail event, held in the Banco Court, where law students have the opportunity to converse with eminent barristers, judges and judge's associates. This is usually held in September.
- We have also run Judge's Associate Seminars, and social justice forums in the past.

How did JATL and the student body adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020?

It was a challenge for JATL because we weren't able to run our flagship careers events, Beyond Eagle Street Drinks and Wigs at the Bar, due to venue restrictions. At the end of the year, when restrictions eased up, we were able to hold the Annual Fundraising Gala. We managed to raise over \$5000 for the Environmental Defenders Office which was an excellent effort considering COVID-19 and all the other organisational challenges we faced.

To accommodate for the fact that we weren't able to run our usual Careers events, we hosted a Judge's Associate Seminar, with both in person attendance and online attendance over Zoom. It was thus run in a 'blended' format. We organised for a panel of four judge's associates from the District Court, Supreme Court and Federal Court to speak to students about judge's associateships. This was a highly popular event with over 130 registrants. The success of this event is probably the best example of how JATL was able to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic!

What have your goals for JATL been in 2021?

In 2021, we wanted to return to the normal schedule in terms of getting our flagship Careers events back up and running. However, more broadly, we want to expand our connections and partnerships with the wider legal profession. We would like more legal professionals from various backgrounds attending our events, as well as more opportunities to partner with sponsors. We particularly would like to expand our partnerships with the Bar Association of Queensland and the Asian Australian Lawyers Association.

Are students interested in hearing from alumni, and what events and programs can JATL assist alumni with?

Students are definitely interested in hearing from alumni. We value the advice and guidance that alumni can provide to us, especially as we are about to enter the legal profession ourselves.

We always welcome the opportunity to have more professionals at our events. As a smaller student society, we also welcome any opportunity to partner with another organisation for an event is welcome.

I can be contacted directly at president@jatl.org if any alumni would like to discuss further.

As for yourself, what would you like to do after you graduate?

In 2022 I will be commencing a graduate role in insurance law. I find this practice area interesting due to the variety of work that comes with different subcategories of insurance. I also look forward to joining professional legal associations such as the Women Lawyers Association of Queensland.

PhD Candidate Profile

Laurel Fox



What is your PhD research about?

Very broadly, I am looking at Australia's system of representative democracy, but within that I am really looking at the concept of having a national Indigenous representative body.

In 2017, the Uluru Statement from the Heart was issued to the people of Australia. In that Statement is a call for a Constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice to the Commonwealth Parliament. Public and Constitutional lawyers advocate for the reform, and former High Court Justices have spoken out in support of it. But after the Uluru Statement's issuing, politics and rhetoric about the Voice proposal's appropriateness and legality has been incessant – the proposal's future is uncertain and advocates are concerned that should any kind of Voice actually be created, it won't live up to the aspirations contained in the Uluru Statement.

This piece of Australia's legal and political history is so important and interesting in and of itself, but the meat of my thesis, really, is looking at this debate and different or similar iterations of it post-federation. I am not advocating anything in this thesis *per se* – other academics and prominent activists are doing wonderful work in that area. I want to understand the debate, fully and in the context of its legal, political and institutional history.

What did you do before embarking upon a PhD?

I studied both law and journalism. During my degrees I worked as a research assistant at my university's law library - and in fact, today I do some work for the Queensland Supreme Court Library. My first real law job though was with Maurice Blackburn Lawyers. I worked there for a few years, and predominantly on the Volkswagen Class Action. Unsurprisingly – given my penchant for history and novel research, I ended up being the team-member embarking on tasks like digging up original emissions legislation across the globe from the 1970s onwards, or calling a department at UNECE in Switzerland their time to ask for original copies of a document I had a hunch existed. Turns out it was in an old cabinet, stored out the back of their offices. The department happily scanned me copies before the morning. Because I studied journalism I was also tasked with reporting to the team about all the international developments, from the United States to South Korea. That was an exciting time.

But anyway, it was great to see how large-scale litigation runs. After this I did a year as a Judges' associate for Judge Nicole Kefford. I had such a fantastic year. To this day, lessons I learned from that year still help me through a multitude of tasks, even though I don't practice. I got to see nearly all aspects of the District Court and I was mentored closely and thoughtfully throughout. That was invaluable.

What brought you to UQ?

First of all, my principal PhD advisor. When thinking about doing a PhD it is really important to think about who you would like to work with and who would be good for your intended project. I was very lucky with the knowledge my advisor is able to bring to mine.

The second consideration, of course, is whether the university has the required resources and research expertise, and, if you are interested, a really great reputation. UQ of course has all three in spades. It is a tremendous law school with a great history of achievements. I feel extremely privileged to be benefitting from what it offers me.

What are your favourite aspects of the Law School?

Definitely my peers and the academic staff. Hands down. The amount of knowledge contained in the academic wings of the UQ Law School is incredibly inspiring.

I also am extremely impressed by the amount of pro bono work the law school engages in alongside its teaching and research excellence. I am a firm believer that law graduates should engage in some volunteer work during their career, and the dedication to pro bono work that the Law School has is just great – I think it is excellent for students to be exposed to this.

In addition, I love the teaching aspect of the PhD journal and academia in general - particularly being able to teach Constitutional Law, Statutory Interpretation and Dispute Resolution has been excellent, all of which are married nicely to my career objectives.

What are your aspirations after finishing your thesis?

I know that I want to pursue a career in academia. The legal academy is such a special institution to be a part of and the area of law that I am finding myself in – most broadly representative democracy and more specifically the representation of Indigenous peoples is such a dynamic and important area. Outside of this, I will forever be interested in the workings of government and other political and legal institutions in respect of democracy and decision-making. What are our perceptions of those things "at law" as well as I practice? How is democracy understood in Australia, and how has Australia's system of democracy evolved off-of the pages of Australia's relatively short Constitution? So, consulting for government or the broader political and legal community in some way about this is certainly something I will consider throughout my career. It has such big implications for society that can be studied in respect of various interest areas – from minority group representation to evolving dynamics in democracy as we deal with ongoing social change - take COVID-19 for example, and the different ways democracy and Australia's system of federalism has responded, for example, and continuing debates around climate change that will only increase our collective appetite to understand government obligations in this area as time passes. Actually, before being offered my PhD scholarship I nearly took a job in the Department of the Senate for the Australian Parliament, for the Committees Office. It would have been interesting, but I am so glad I was accepted into UQ to do this PhD.

If you would like to engage with Laurel about her research she has informed the newsletter that she would be extremely receptive. Her email address is laurel.fox@uqconnect.edu.au.

Alumni News

Rowena Orr QC

Rowena Orr QC was appointed as Solicitor-General for the State of Victoria. Ms Orr was called to the Bar in 2002, and appointed Queen's Counsel in 2015. Ms Orr graduated from UQ with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) in 1997.

Premiers Palaszczuk and McGowan

Two UQ graduates have both been re-elected as premiers in recent state elections: Annastacia Palaszczuk and Mark McGowan. Premier Palaszczuk graduated from UQ with a Bachelor of Laws in 1998, and Premier McGowan graduated from UQ with a Bachelor of Laws in 1990.

The Hon Justice Peter Applegarth AM

The Hon Justice Peter Applegarth AM (1980) was awarded an honorary doctorate by Griffith University. Justice Applegarth was also recently named one of Brisbane State High's 2021 Legends.

The Hon Justice Martin Daubney AM

The Hon Justice Martin Daubney AM (1986) has been appointed as Chancellor of the Australian Catholic University. Justice Daubney will take up this new role on 1 January 2022, stepping down from the Supreme Court of Queensland after 14 years.



Above right: Justice Applegarth and Griffith Law School Dean Professor Pene Mathew.

Above Left: Greg Rowell (Queensland Cricket Media).



Greg Rowell

Greg Rowell has been appointed to the Board of Cricket Australia. Greg is also a director, and founder, of commercial law firm, Rowel Legal Pty Ltd and graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from UQ.

Mohammad Jaamae Hafeez-Baig and Jordan English

Mohammad Jaamae Hafeez-Baig and Jordan English (2016) have recently published their monograph on *The Law of Tracing* (Federation Press), which has been described as "engaging, thorough, scholarly and extremely well written" by the Hon Justice Andrew Bell, President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal.

William Isdale

William Isdale (2016) has been awarded the 2021 Holt Prize by The Federation Press for his work, *Compensation for Native Title*. The work is based on a PhD thesis that Will is completing at UQ. The Holt Prize is a biennial publishing award which recognises excellence in unpublished legal works of an academic or practical nature. The winner of the Holt Prize is awarded a cash prize and a publishing contract with The Federation Press. The distinguished judging panel for 2021 comprised the Hon Susan Crennan AC QC, Emeritus Professor Mark Aronson and Perry Herzfeld SC. *Compensation for Native Title* will be published in 2022.

The Hon Anthe Philippides

The Hon Anthe Philippides (1982) was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Queensland University of Technology.

Alumni Profile



Sarah Fulton

Bachelor of Laws (Hons I)/Bachelor of Arts
(International Relations) – UQ 2005

Principal Legal Officer, Australian Law Reform Commission

Where has your law degree taken you?

After starting out as one of those law students who never wanted to be a lawyer, I've been incredibly lucky with the diverse and satisfying career that it's led me to and the amazing people I've been able to learn from and work with. I've worked as an associate to judges in Australia and the UK, as a trainee solicitor and international arbitration lawyer in London and Paris, and as a lawyer working for an NGO with clients and organisations from all over the world trying to seek redress – in whatever way possible – for victims/survivors of torture and other international crimes. I'm lucky enough now to bring different aspects of those experiences to a role with the Australian Law Reform Commission, where I'm currently leading a review of the laws on impartiality and bias as they relate to the federal judiciary.

What have been some of your career highlights?

Probably most satisfying has been playing a small part in cases that have led to some form of recognition or justice for individuals, and resulted in wider changes to procedures or structures that should mean what happened to them isn't repeated. These changes aren't always the most obvious. For one client, who had been tortured by a soldier, most immediately important was that her own country improved its procedures for responding to its nationals when they sought consular assistance after crimes by state officials.

A career lowlight has been seeing first-hand how the law and legal structures can be used to give a veneer of legality to what is in fact entrenching a denial of rights and the rule of law. An extreme example was the Kafkaesque situation we found ourselves in trying to represent a client held in Guantánamo Bay in proceedings in several European countries and before the European Court of Human Rights for illegal detention and torture. His military lawyers were legally prevented from giving us any instructions directly or indirectly, or providing any information – including things on the public record. We were denied access to the client directly, and were even denied permission by the military court at Guantánamo to get a signed authorisation in very general terms to file proceedings on his behalf. Nearly 20 years after being forcibly disappeared, and nearly 10 years since he was arraigned on capital charges, the military trial is ongoing with no end in sight. And lawyers are still trying to piece together how European countries were complicit in his secret detention, illegal rendition, and torture. But there are lots of other contexts in which this happens.

What have you most enjoyed about working in the law?

How much of it is about learning about things outside the law – whether that's as an international arbitration lawyer who has to get a basic understanding about how oil rigs are built, or IT systems work for a bank, or as a lawyer who works with grassroots community organisations, doctors, and mental health professionals working with people who have been subjected to trauma. I've also enjoyed working in legal environments such as international arbitration and international litigation where there is more than one 'right' way to do things and see things. I've definitely learnt a lot from other disciplines, other legal systems and ways of thinking about the world.

What do you like about your current role?

I love that you very quickly have to get to grips with new areas of law that have a real impact on people's lives. You're supported by a great team at the organisation as well as incredibly generous experts and practitioners working in the area who engage in our inquiries. It's a great job to combine both very detailed technical legal analysis with a critical view about how the law works for people in real life. And it's one of those jobs in the law where you get to hear everyone's point of view and don't have one particular viewpoint to advance.

Judicial Announcements

Appointments



The Honourable Justice John Bond

Justice John Bond (1984) was appointed to the Queensland Court of Appeal on 23 April 2021

After graduating from UQ with degrees in Commerce (1981) and Laws (1984), Justice Bond practiced as a solicitor at Morris Fletcher & Cross. In 1985, he served as associate to the Hon Justice Sir Gerard Brennan of the High Court of Australia, before being admitted to the Bar in 1987. His Honour practised at the Bar until his appointment, taking silk in 1999. At the Bar, Justice Bond's practice was devoted entirely to commercial litigation and advice at both trial and appellate level. Areas in which his Honour practised included: administrative law, arbitration, banking and finance, building and construction adjudication, building and construction contracts, constitutional law, contract law, corporations law, insurance, leases, mining, native title, professional liability, trade practices and trusts and equity.

During his Honour's time at the Bar, Justice Bond served as the inaugural chair of the Bar Association's South Pacific Region Education Committee. In that role his Honour led the Bar Association team in the conduct of Commercial Law Litigation and Advocacy Workshops for the PNG Legal Training Institute in Port Moresby in 2013 and 2014. Justice Bond also served as a part-time member of the Queensland Law Reform Commission for 9 years, working on reports relating to the Trusts Act 1973 (Qld), Jury Selection, Jury Directions, Guardianship Laws and Uniform Succession Laws, to name but a few.

Justice Bond was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2015. During his time as a judge of the Trial Division, Justice Bond served as a Commercial List judge and as chair of the Rules Committee.

The UQLA has also been grateful for Justice Bond's involvement as a guest lecturer in the UQ LLM courses on Advanced Civil Litigation and Interpretation of Statutes and Instruments which are co-ordinated by UQLA members.



The Honourable Justice Paul Freeburn

Justice Paul Freeburn (1982) was sworn in as a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland on 20 May 2021.

Justice Freeburn graduated from UQ with a degree in Law in 1982. After practising as a solicitor for seven years following his admission in 1983, his Honour was called to the Bar in 1990. Whilst at the Bar, Justice Freeburn had a diverse practice, including in commercial litigation and arbitration, professional and medical negligence, proceeds of crime litigation, fraud, building and construction and civil penalty proceedings. His Honour also served as Senior Counsel assisting the Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry in 2015 and 2016. His Honour took silk in 2003.

In addition to his practice, Justice Freeburn has been active in the work of the Bar Association of Queensland, including through serving as a member of the New Bar Committee that works to support newly-admitted barristers. His Honour also served as a board member of Basic Rights Queensland, a community legal service. Justice Freeburn also has a passion for football (soccer), and has been involved as a coach of junior teams for many years.

Judicial Announcements



The Honourable Justice Declan Kelly

Justice Declan Kelly (1990) was sworn in as a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland on 6 September 2021.

Justice Kelly graduated from UQ with degrees in Arts and Laws in 1990 and was awarded the University Medal in Law. In 1994, his Honour was awarded a Bachelor of Civil Law (First Class Honours) from the University of Oxford, having studied at Merton College, Oxford as the recipient of a Chevening British Foreign Office Scholarship. Justice Kelly commenced practice at the Bar in 1994, and was appointed silk in 2007.

Justice Kelly practised primarily in commercial litigation at the Bar, including in the areas of general commercial, equity, trade practices and competition, commercial arbitration, building and construction, banking and finance, contract and property law. His Honour also practised in administrative law, industrial law and appeared in commissions of inquiry and tribunals, including the Paradise Dam Inquiry and Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry. In addition to his practice in Brisbane, Justice Kelly was also a member of Maxwell 42 International Arbitration Chambers in Singapore.

In addition to his practice, Justice Kelly served as a Councillor of the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for Queensland, and as a member of a number of Bar Association of Queensland Committees.

The UQLA has also been grateful for Justice Kelly's involvement as a guest lecturer in the UQ LLM courses on Interpretation of Statutes and Instruments which is co-ordinated by UQLA members.

Retirements



The Honourable Justice Anthe Philippides

Justice Anthe Philippides (1982) retired from the Queensland Court of Appeal on 23 April 2021.

Justice Philippides graduated from UQ with degrees in Arts (1980) and Laws (1982) and was awarded the University Medal in Law. Her Honour subsequently obtained a Master of Law degree from Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge as a recipient of a Commonwealth Scholarship. Prior to appointment, Justice Philippides practised at the Bar in Brisbane in commercial law, with a specialization in Admiralty and maritime law. Her Honour served on many State and Federal maritime bodies, and was the first woman to be elected President of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand. Justice Philippides took silk in 1999.

Justice Philippides was appointed to the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2001 and to the Court of Appeal in 2015. Those appointments marked the first appointments in Australia to a superior court and an appellate court respectively of a woman lawyer of immigrant parents (her Honour's parents having emigrated from Cyprus). Whilst at the Bar, her Honour had served as the Honorary Vice Counsel for Cyprus. During her time in the Trial Division, Justice Philippides

served as President of the Mental Health Court and Land Appeal Court, and chaired the Supreme and District Courts Criminal Benchbook Committee for over a decade.

Her Honour has been, and continues to be, actively involved in a number of community organisations, including through serving as Queensland Patron of the Hellenic Australian Lawyers Association, as patron of the The Legal Forecast – Creative and Law Orchestra Queensland, as a director of Musica Viva Australia, and as a mentor to Indigenous students and lawyers. Justice Philippides also recently established the Queensland Cambridge Australia Scholarship for postgraduate legal study at Cambridge. In 2021, her Honour was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Queensland University of Technology.

Judicial Announcements



The Honourable Justice Ann Lyons

Justice Ann Lyons retired as a judge and Senior Judge Administrator of the Supreme Court of Queensland on 23 August 2021.

Justice Lyons graduated from UQ with a Bachelor of Laws in 1977 and was admitted as a solicitor that same year. Her Honour also holds a Master of Laws from QUT. As a solicitor, Justice Lyons practised principally in criminal and civil litigation. Justice Lyons also worked as a tutor and lecturer at QUT, as a lawyer for Queensland Law Society and as an anti-discrimination lawyer with Queensland Rail. Prior to her appointment, Justice Lyons served as a member of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal and as the inaugural President of the Guardianship and Administration Tribunal. Justice Lyons was named as the Women Lawyers Association of Queensland's Woman Lawyer of the Year in 2004 in acknowledgment of her Honour's contributions to the Queensland legal profession.

Justice Lyons was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2006. Her Honour held a number of additional positions while a judge of the Trial Division, including as Criminal Listings Judge and President of the Mental Health Court. In 2017, Justice Lyons was appointed as Senior Judge Administrator.

Justice Lyons has held a number of positions in various professional and charitable organisations including as a canon lawyer and assistant judge for the Brisbane Catholic Archdiocesan Matrimonial Tribunal; member and later Chair of the Brisbane Archdiocesan Communications Commission; member of the Mater Private Hospital Research Ethics Committee; member and later Chair of the Loreto College School Council; member of the Churchill Fellowship Queensland Selection Committee and member of the Advisory Committee of the QUT Law School.



The Honourable Justice Martin Daubney AM

Justice Martin Daubney AM (1986) will retire as a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland and President of QCAT later in 2021, before becoming the Chancellor of the Australian Catholic University in 2022.

Justice Daubney graduated from UQ with Arts and Laws degrees in 1986. After 18 months practising as a solicitor, his Honour came to the Bar in 1988. His Honour was appointed Senior Council in 2000. From 1994 his Honour was also admitted to practise in Fiji. In 2005 his Honour chaired the Queensland Thoroughbred Racing Inquiry.

Prior to his appointment, Justice Daubney served on the council of the Bar Association of Queensland for more than 10 years, including as Treasurer, Vice president and then President, until his Honour's appointment as a judge. His Honour also served as a Director of the Law Council of Australia and a member of the Council of the Australian Bar Association.

Justice Daubney was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2007 and in 2017 his Honour was appointed President of QCAT.

Throughout his career as a barrister and judge, Justice Daubney has also held numerous other appointments in professional and charitable organisations. These include serving as Chair of the Judges' Forum of the International Bar Association, as a Member of the Senate of the University of Queensland, as President of the Council of King's College of the University of Queensland, as a member of the Archdiocesan Property Committee and chair of the Archdiocesan Finance Council of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane, as Chair of the Lev Vlassenko Piano Competition and Festival, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Queensland Art Gallery, and as a Director of the Stuartholme School Foundation.

The Witness Box

During the COVID lockdowns of 2020, to give students inspiration and connection, the Law School launched “The Witness Box”, a series of interviews with alumni across all stages of careers in - and sometimes outside - the profession. The interviews are conducted by later year students and recorded over an online platform, for publication throughout semester.

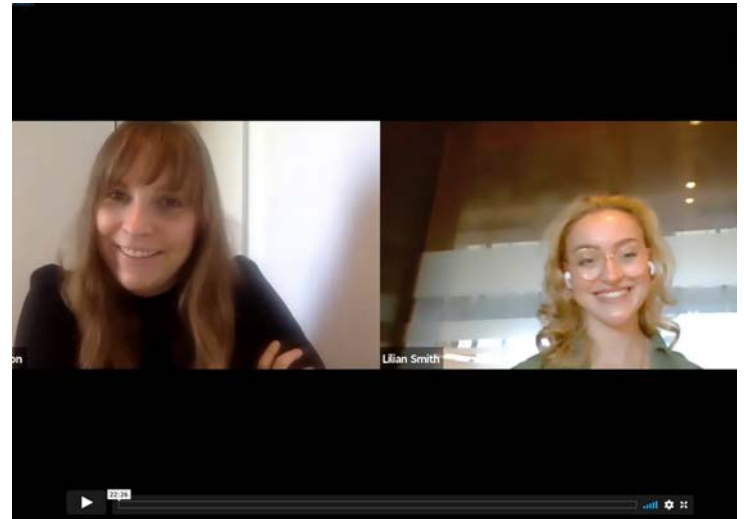
Although meetings can now occur in person, the Law School has turned the challenge of the online format into an opportunity to speak to alumni across the nation and the world.



Above: Student Lauren Ward interviews Arthur Abal



Above: Student Thomas Bizzell interviews Jordan English



Above: Student Lilly Smith interviews Keilin Anderson

In 2021, interviews have so far been conducted with:

Finian Cullity (2015), a Senior Lawyer with the Australian Government Solicitor, on private practice and working for the Commonwealth in competition and regulatory law;

Jordan English (2016), Supernumerary Fellow at St John's College, Oxford, on success in scholarship and the Academy abroad;

Keilin Anderson (2018), Lawyer at the Office of International Law within the Attorney-General's Department, on a career in public international law; and

Arthur (Artie) Abal (2012), Manager of Impact Sourcing at tech firm Appen, on the fascinating places you can go after UQ Law.

The interviews are available online at <https://law.uq.edu.au/event/13842/witness-box>.

The UQ Law Alumni Association has assisted the Law School in securing interviews across the profession, and is very grateful to the participants for their time and insights.

Nota Bene

This edition of *Nota Bene* was published by The University of Queensland Law Alumni Association in 2021.

To find out more about the UQLA or the new scholarship programme, visit our website, <http://www.uqla.org.au>

