The Law School was founded in 1928 and has a long-standing reputation for academic excellence.
In 2013 The University of Western Australia celebrated its centenary. The Faculty of Law, and the UWA Law School, is committed to the University’s mission to ‘advance, transmit and sustain knowledge and understanding through teaching, research and scholarship at the highest standards for the benefit of the Western Australian, Australian and international communities’.

The UWA Law School is the oldest in Western Australia and the fifth oldest in the country. Over the course of our history we have built a strong reputation for academic excellence through innovative programs and pioneering research. The UWA Law School has continuously provided courses that meet the needs of our students whether they wish to qualify for legal practice or utilise their legal studies in other fields.

The UWA Law School has consistently monitored trends in legal education and responded with improved and innovative programs. The recent introduction of our Juris Doctor ensures we remain at the forefront of legal education and maintain our record of excellence in the sector. We have also considerably expanded the programs we teach, as well as our research agenda and external engagement activities. All of these advances ensure that our students have the benefit of a superior learning environment, both within the classroom and beyond.

We include amongst our Alumni national and international leaders including a Prime Minister of Australia, the current Chief Justice of the High Court and Governor of Western Australia, as well as partners and legal practitioners in firms around the world and legal counsel, company secretaries and directors of globally significant corporations. We continue this legacy with over six thousand successful graduates working across all levels of government, the legal profession and judiciary, business and the not for profit sector – each making a tangible difference to society.

It is because of our long-standing reputation for academic excellence and our commitment to legal education that we continually attract bright minds from a range of backgrounds. This includes both an active student cohort aspiring to make a difference, complemented by a diverse faculty composed of world-class academics drawn from a range of backgrounds.

Students at UWA benefit from the wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise of these Alumni through their involvement in our formal educational programs, as well as seminars and workshops, mooting and other competitions that enrich the student experience. Our students have the opportunity to explore areas of interest by attending guest lectures and roundtable discussions by our illustrious Alumni, leading legal practitioners and industry experts, as well as scholars from some of the world’s best universities.

The pages that follow outline our activities and achievements in 2013 including our teaching, research and engagement with the local, legal and academic community, as well as student and staff successes.

Dr Erika Techera
Professor and Dean of Law
The University of Western Australia
Highlights of 2013

One of the key highlights of 2013 was the launch of the Juris Doctor (JD) program which represents a shift to teaching our qualifying law degree at the postgraduate level. This model allows students to enter the program with more maturity, and a genuine commitment to studying law. They will already have built a range of generic and academic skills at the undergraduate level; and by undertaking law as a single degree, JD students work alongside the same classmates throughout their studies, allowing them to build strong relationships that will serve them well at Law School and beyond. A major reason for the UWA Law School moving to the JD was the noticeable global shift towards postgraduate legal education which has proven to result in well-rounded professionals who bring broader life experience to their studies and later careers. This is important as the market for our law graduates is now global, both within the legal profession and beyond, and we as legal educators must keep pace with these changes.

The introduction of the JD follows on from the University-wide introduction of New Courses 2012 in which all professional degrees across the University moved to the postgraduate level. This facilitated the Law School expanding its undergraduate offerings to include a Business Law major in the Bachelor of Commerce, and a Law and Society major in the Bachelor of Arts. These two Majors entered their second, highly successful, year in 2013.

Amongst the Law School’s research highlights are a number of research grants. Professor Erika Techera was awarded an ARC Discovery grant relating to the global governance of sharks. Winthrop Professor Mark Israel and Dr Natalie Skead were awarded funding for their project – Smart casual: towards excellence in sessional teaching in Law by the Office of Learning & Teaching. Professor Eileen Webb and Associate Professor Aviva Freilich were awarded grants by Lotteries WA and National Seniors Australia for their work on seniors and housing. Associate Professor Catherine Kelly was awarded a National Library of Australia Harold White Fellowship which will be taken up in 2014. These follow from the successes of 2012 which included the ARC Future Fellowship held by Dr Hilde Tubex relating to research on penology. In addition, a number of new research clusters were formed in 2013. These new research groups include the scholarship of learning and teaching, intellectual property, law & society and health law. Details of all research clusters, networks and hubs are set out later in this report.

2013 also saw the commencement of two new commercial law staff members: Professor Camilla Andersen and Dr Gill North. During the course of the year we had several staff departures and retirements as well as a major recruitment initiative resulting in the appointment of nine new academics and two new professional staff members to commence in 2014.

In terms of student success, one of the highlights of the year was that Akram Azimi was made Young Australian of the Year and Michael Sheldrick Western Australian of the Year (Youth).

Finally, the Faculty reviewed, renewed and implemented a new internal governance structure, creating new officeholder positions to decentralise leadership and management to meet current and future needs. The following pages outline and celebrate the successes of 2013 as we look forward to further initiatives, activities and achievements in 2014.
Governance

The Faculty comprises an outstanding team of academic and professional staff within an organised leadership and management structure.
Governance structure

The Faculty of Law is a single school faculty, incorporating the Law School and the Crime Research Centre. It is one of eight faculties at The University of Western Australia.

In 2013 the Faculty of Law reviewed and revamped its internal structure to better respond to current and future needs. Of note, a number of new officeholder positions were created and these are outlined on the pages that follow.

The diagram below explains our new structure which includes four internal committees, supported by an external Advisory Board. In 2013 the Faculty comprised 51 academic staff, 12 professional staff as well as Emeritus, Adjunct and Honorary Faculty members.
Professor Erika Techera is Dean of the Faculty of Law and Head of the Law School. The Dean provides leadership of the Faculty and supports the attainment of strategic objectives and overall goals of both it and the University. She represents the Faculty on University committees. The Dean has delegated authority from the Vice-Chancellor to manage University resources and to implement Faculty plans, University policies and priorities. The Dean Chairs the Faculty Board, Board of Examiners and Law School meetings as well as the Planning & Budget Committee.

Associate Professor Brenda McGivern is Deputy Dean of the Faculty. She assists the Dean in the execution of her duties including performing the duties of the Dean in her absence and providing advice on, and assisting with the development of, Faculty policy on staff matters. The Deputy Dean has delegated responsibilities including overseeing and managing academic staff workloads and identifying the need for casual teaching staff; and managing all matters relating to accreditation of the School and/or its courses. In addition the Deputy Dean deals with matters related to academic conduct.

Winthrop Professor Robert Burrell is Associate Dean (Research & Research Training). He is responsible for providing advice on, and assisting with the development of, Faculty policy on research and research training matters. He has delegated responsibility to act on the Dean’s behalf in relation to faculty-wide and university-wide matters relating to research and research training; for administration of Faculty research policy and research training; and for providing advice to the Faculty Manager and Faculty Administrative Officer on research and research training. The Associate Dean (Research & Research Training) is Chair of the Research Committee.

Associate Professor Natalie Skead is Associate Dean (Students). She provides advice on, develops and administers Faculty policy in relation to student matters. The Associate Dean (Students) has delegated responsibility to make decisions on undergraduate and Juris Doctor student matters, administration of student appeals and grievances; for administration of Faculty policy relating to the application and admission procedures for entry into undergraduate and Juris Doctor programs; and for providing advice to the Faculty Manager and Faculty Administrative Officer on decisions in relation to undergraduate and Juris Doctor results and prizes for the Board of Examiners.

Associate Professor Meredith Blake is Associate Dean (Learning & Teaching). She provides advice on, and assists with the development of, Faculty policy on learning and teaching matters. The Associate Dean (Learning & Teaching) has delegated responsibility to act on the Dean’s behalf in relation to faculty-wide and university-wide matters relating to learning and teaching; for administration of Faculty learning and teaching policy; and for providing advice to the Faculty Manager and Faculty Administrative Officer. The Associate Dean (Learning & Teaching) is also Chair of the Learning & Teaching Committee.
Winthrop Professor Holly Cullen is Director of Higher Degrees (Research). She administers postgraduate student matters; supervisory arrangements for research candidates and implementing University policies concerning higher degrees by research. She chairs the Governing Board of the Doctor of Juridical Science and acts as Graduate Research Coordinator for the Faculty. The Director of Higher Degrees (Research) has delegated responsibilities for making recommendations concerning the admission of candidates to higher degrees and preliminary courses; the supervisors of postgraduate research students; and the award of graduate scholarships and fellowships.

Professor Camilla Andersen is Director of Higher Degrees (Coursework). Her role is to administer postgraduate coursework programs. The Director of Higher Degrees (Coursework) has delegated responsibilities to make decisions on matters affecting students in higher degrees by coursework including administration of student appeals and grievances; administration of Faculty policy relating to the application and admission procedures; and providing advice to the Faculty Manager and Faculty Administrative Officer on decisions in relation to results and prizes for the Board of Examiners.

Assistant Professor Penny Carruthers is the Juris Doctor Coordinator. She works with the Associate Dean (Students) on administering Faculty policies and regulations for the JD program. The Juris Doctor Coordinator Chairs the ad hoc Juris Doctor Working Group. She has responsibility for the direction of the Juris Doctor and makes recommendations to Faculty on proposals for new units. The Juris Doctor Coordinator plays a significant part in the JD Selection Committee for applicants seeking admission to the Juris Doctor.

Professor Nyuk Nahan is the Honours Coordinator. The Honours Coordinator Chairs the Honours Committee which supervises the honours program; makes recommendations to the Faculty on students invited to undertake honours; determines the suitability of proposed dissertation topics; appoints supervisors and examiners; and completes calculations for Honours and Bachelor of Laws with Distinction results; and generally administer Faculty policies and regulations for the honours program.

Associate Professor Catherine Kelly is Director of the Law & Society program. She has responsibility for the direction of the Law & Society Major within the Bachelor of Arts, coordinates and makes recommendations to the Faculty on proposals for new Units within the Major; and provides advice on the Rules, Faculty policies and regulations relating to the Major.

Associate Professor Peter Sinden is Director of the Business Law program. He has responsibility for the direction of the Business Law Major within the Bachelor of Commerce; coordinates and makes recommendations to the Faculty on proposals for new Units within the Major; and provides advice on the Rules, Faculty policies and regulations relating to the Major.
Faculty of Law staff 2013

Professors provide academic leadership to the University, primarily through demonstrating and fostering excellence in research, teaching, professional activities and policy development at a variety of levels – within the academic discipline, within the academic unit, within the institution and within the wider community.

Winthrop Professors

Richard is Co-Director of the Centre for Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Law and teaches Mining and Energy Law. Richard has taught and practised in the area of native title, mining, oil and gas and natural resources law in Canada and Australia for over 35 years. Richard’s research interests include native title, water law and mining law, with particular reference to resource development and native title, and the law in relation to water resources of Western Australia.

Michael Blakeney BA LLB LLM Syd., MA NSW
Michael Blakeney is Professor of Law and Visiting Professor of Intellectual Property and Agriculture at Queen Mary, University of London. He has held academic positions at a number of Universities worldwide and formerly worked in the Asia Pacific Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organisation. He is an arbitrator with the International Court of Arbitration. Michael’s research interests include international intellectual property law and enforcement and biotechnological patenting. He is a member of the Faculty’s Applied Intellectual Property Research Network (AIPRN).

Robert Burrell LLB Kings LLM Univ of London Grad Dip TM Prac UTS PhD Griffith
Robert joined the Faculty in 2012 and has previously held a number of academic positions as well as working as a registered trademark attorney. He teaches and researches in intellectual property (IP) law. His recent research involves an exploration of the evolution of the registered trade mark system and a historical analysis of Parliamentary Rewards for inventors. He teaches IP law in the LLB program. He is a member of the Faculty Applied Intellectual Property Research Network (AIPRN).

Holly Cullen DipSocSc Marian. Coll., BCL LLB McG., LLM Essex
Holly has been a Winthrop Professor in the Faculty of Law since June 2010. She teaches Public International Law, Selected Topics in Public International Law and Legal Theory and Ethics. Holly’s research interests include: international human rights law, particularly economic and social rights and rights of the child; non-state actors in international law, with particular reference to corporate social responsibility; regulation of conflict minerals.

Michael Gillooly BA LLB Syd LLM PhD UWA
Michaeal commenced at UWA in 1990. He left the University in 2005 but returned as a Professional Fellow in 2009. He has taught core subjects including Legal Process and Remedies. Michaeal’s research and publications span a 25 year period and explore a range of legal areas including defamation and civil liabilities, as well as the scholarship of teaching. Michael retired at the end of 2013 and was appointed as an Emeritus Professor.

Peter Handford LLB Birm., LLM PhD Cantab.
Peter has taught at the Law School since 1977 and was appointed a Professor in 2004. Peter was the Law School’s Deputy Dean until September 2012. Between 2009 and 2012 he was responsible for curriculum reform and planning the transition from the LLB to the JD. Peter’s major research interests lie in the field of torts, in particular liability for psychiatric injury, limitation of actions, and law reform. He also has a special interest in comparative law, both generally and in relation to torts in particular.

Mark Israel GradCertTertEd MEdStud Flin., MPhil MA Cantab., DPhil Oxon.
Mark Winthrop Professor of Law and Criminology in the Faculty of Law at the University of Western Australia in 2010 and has previously held the position of Associate Dean (Teaching & Learning). Mark’s undergraduate teaching has been in criminology and socio-legal studies and he teaches in the first year of the Law and Society Major. Mark’s research interests include: research ethics in criminology, socio-legal studies and more generally in social science; and learning and teaching in criminology and law.
Professors

Camilla Andersen PhD Copen.
Camilla teaches dispute resolution and maintains a strong teaching and research interest in commercial arbitration, international sales, comparative law and unification of private law, as well as the Scandinavian Pro-Active Law movement. Camilla’s research interests include international sales (CISG) and comparative commercial law, and international commercial arbitration.

Robyn Carroll LLB BJuris W.Aust., BCL Oxon.
Since joining the Law Faculty in 1991 Robyn has published on a broad range of topics within corporate, commercial and civil law. Over the past fifteen years Robyn’s research has focussed on civil remedies and mediation. She has numerous publications on law and mediation and the role of apologies in the resolution of legal disputes and she has supervised doctoral studies in alternative dispute resolution. Robyn teaches and researches contract law, civil remedies, mediation and family law.

John Chandler LLB S’ton
John is Co-Director of the Faculty of Law’s Centre for Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Law and teaches units in mining and oil and gas at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. John has been a practising lawyer for over 30 years specialising in mining and petroleum development and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his teaching and research interests which include oil and gas law, corporate governance and resource investment.

Alex Gardner BA LLB ANU, LLM Br.Col.
Since 1988, Alex has taught undergraduate and postgraduate students in public law, natural resources and environmental law. Alex’s research interests are in natural resources and environmental law, with a special interest in water resources law. A principal avenue for pursuing these research interests is through the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training through which he holds a current grant.

Nyuk Nahan (nee Chin) LLB Malaya, PhD(Law) ANU
Nyuk Nahan joined UWA in the late 1990s and was the first female professor in the Law School as well as the first Associate Dean. She teaches Contract Law II, Principles of Equity - fiduciary law and breach of confidence and Remedies. Her research interests include unfair contract terms and unconscionable conduct in the context of consumer law.

John Tarrant SJD (UWA) LLM ANU MDefStud UNSW LLM(CrimPros) Woll BCom Melb LLB BscBA UNE GradDipEd Murdoch DipFinMangt UNE GradDipTax UCQ GradDiplL Syd GradDipMiliLaw ANU GradCertLawTchg Monash GCJ UQ GCertOnline Learning (HEd) Adel
Prior to joining UWA, John worked in the mining and petroleum industries as a company director with an emphasis on developing junior mining companies. John is a member of the UWA Law research committee and higher degrees committee. John’s research interests include contract, equity, trusts, personal property and military law.

Erika Techera (Dean of Law) LLB Grad Dip Leg Pract UTS., PG Cert in Higher Ed., MEnvLaw LLM PhD Macq.
Erika has broad experience having worked as a company director, barrister and academic. She joined UWA in 2012 as Professor of Law and member of the UWA Oceans Institute. researches and teaches international and comparative environmental law. Her particular research interests include marine environmental governance; cultural heritage law; and environmental management in small island states. Erika has taught across a wide range of environmental law subjects and including, at UWA, Environmental Law and International Environmental Law.

Eileen Webb BA Griff., LLB LLM Qld UT, DipEd Qld, PhD W.Aust.
Eileen is Co-Director of the Consumer Research Unit and a former Associate Dean of the Faculty. She teaches Property Law, Consumer Law and Current Issues in Consumer Law and Policy. Eileen’s research interests include Australian and international consumer law; real property law; and how law affects Senior Australians in relation to accommodation and financial transactions.
Greg Carne BA LLB Monash, Dip Ed Melbourne, PhD Australian National University

John Fiocco LLB W.Aust., LLM Virginia
John teaches in the undergraduate unit in Procedure and is one of the authors of the WA Civil Procedure Manual. John was elected a life member of the Law Society of Western Australia for his dedicated service to the Society, the administration of Justice, the legal profession and the Western Australian community in 2010. His research interests include civil procedure, torts and industrial law.

Aviva Freilich BA LLB LLM Syd.
Aviva teaches in undergraduate units of Contract I and II and Consumer Law. She also teaches in the undergraduate and postgraduate elective intensive Current Issues in Consumer Law and Policy. Her research interests include: commercial law, contract, consumer law and forensic psychiatry.

David Hodgkinson BA, LLB, MPhil
David's main research interests are climate change mitigation and adaptation, with a focus on climate change displacement – specifically legal and policy mechanisms such as guiding principles to address the displacement problem.

Jill Howieson LLB Murd., BA(Psych) GradDipBus E.Cowan, BA Curtin, PhD W.Aust.
Jill is the unit co-ordinator of the Negotiation and Mediation, and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Jill has practised as a solicitor in the area of dispute resolution in private law firms and is a nationally accredited mediator who currently mediates at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Perth. Her research interests include: family law and family dispute resolution; negotiation and mediation; conflict and conflict resolution; alternative dispute resolution; procedural justice and legal education.
David Indermaur BSc, MPsych, PhD W.Aust.
David is a criminologist and research Associate Professor in the Crime Research Centre. His research focuses on fear of crime, public perceptions of punishment and the development of sentencing policy. He teaches Criminology in the LLB program.

Catherine Kelly BA LLB ANU, MSc DPhil Oxon.
Catherine joined the Law School in 2012 having worked at Freehills and the Australian Medical Association before undertaking an MSc and DPhil in the History of Medicine at the University of Oxford. Her interests are primarily in the interaction of legal systems and medicine and science throughout history. Her particular research focus relates to the construction of argument and authority within the medical profession, and in the involvement of legislators in that process.

Jani McCutcheon BA LLB Monash, LLM W.Aust.
Jani has worked as a solicitor for Freehill, Hollingdale and Page and a Legal Research Officer for a Member of the WA Legislative Assembly. Her research interests include: intellectual property law, copyright, moral rights trade marks, literature and the law, art and the law and Internet Law. She is a member of the Faculty Applied Intellectual Property Research Network [AIPRN].

Brenda McGivern BCom LLB Murd., PhD Tas.
Brenda joined UWA in 2006, having previously been in full time practice in the area of professional indemnity insurance, specialising in health law. Brenda teaches and researches in torts law, insurance law, and medicine and the law. Brenda continues to consult to private practice and currently serves on the Clinical Ethics Service for Princess Margaret Hospital and King Edward Memorial Hospital, and on the WA Reproductive Technology Council.

Frank Morgan BSc, MSc, Dip Ed, PhD
Frank is the Director of the Crime Research Centre. His research interests include: repeat burglary and its potential for burglary prevention; offence-specific victimisation patterns and prevention; mental illness, crime and victimisation; and offender recidivism and risk assessment.

Sarah Murray BA LLB W.Aust., PhD Monash
Sarah researches in the areas of public law, institutional change and less-adversarial justice and has a particular interest in the intersection of Chapter III of the Commonwealth Constitution and less-adversarial curial processes, and teaches Constitutional Law. She is the Western Australian Convenor and a co-opted Council Member of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law.

Gillian North BCom Cantab., LLB NE, PhD NSW, SIE(Dip), ACA (NZ), ASIA exams (UK)
Gillian has published extensively on matters relating to corporate disclosure, market efficiency, and finance law reform. Her research interests include: efficiency in financial markets; corporate governance; listed company communications; capital market structures; banking and financial reform; financial services models; and interdisciplinary empirical work within legal domains. Her teaching areas include corporations law, insolvency law, banking and finance law, and financial market regulation.

Peter Sinden BA LLB Qld, LLM Lond.
Peter is Director of the Business Law Major and member of the Faculty Applied Intellectual Property Research Network [AIPRN]. His research interests are in competition law and intellectual property. He teaches units in the undergraduate Business Law Major, and units in the Master of Laws degree and LLB/JD courses in Intellectual Property and Company Law. He is a part-time consultant to several Perth law firms and authored two reports by a Committee of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of WA.
Natalie Skead LLB BCom Witw., SJD W.Aust.
Natalie teaches and researches in equity and property law. Natalie’s research interests include property, equity, remedies and legal education. Natalie teaches Property Law and Equity. She has previously taught Remedies and Employment Law.

Daniel Stepniak BA LLB ANU, DipEd CCAE, LLM NSW, PhD Melb.
Daniel’s research interests encompass constitutional law, comparative law, cultural and religious diversity, jurisprudence, legal ethics, mental health law, and legal education, electronic media coverage of courts. Daniel teaches Information Management Law; Law and Cultural Diversity; Environmental Law; Torts Law; Legal Process; Property Law; Constitutional Law; Legal Theory; Law and Contemporary Social Problems, and Law and Religion.

George Syrota
George joined the Law School in 1988. He is a criminal lawyer having previously published in this area as well as in the area of counter terrorism. He teaches Australian Legal Principles and Institutions. George retired from the Law School in 2013.

Stella Tarrant BJuris LLB W.Aust., LLM Yale
Stella teaches criminal law and evidence and has taught feminist jurisprudence. Her research interests include criminal law and gender and the law. She has explored the impact of law on women’s lives and the part law plays in maintaining gender relations in society, in the areas of criminal law, constitutional law and reproductive technology law.

Assistant Professors

Judy’s research interests include: health law, privacy and confidentiality, research ethics, legal education, and torts. She is the chair of the Department of Health WA Human Research Ethics Committee and of the UWA Law School Regional Research Review Committee. She is a member of the WA Genetics Council Ethics Committee and the Law School Equity and Diversity Committee.

Tracey Atkins LLB Victoria UT, BA La Trobe
Tracey teaches in the areas of Trusts, Equity and Trusts, and Commercial Practice. Her research interests include consumer law, alternative dispute resolution, access to justice as well as the social and economic policy context of the law including the regulation of retail trading.

Theodore Bennett BA LLB PhD W.Aust.
Theodore joined the Faculty of Law in 2013. Theodore’s primary areas of research interest include law and society, legal discourse and the regulation of bodies. Theodore is the unit coordinator for Law in Action and Law and Contemporary Social Issues. He has previously taught in Law, Conflict and Change, Legal Systems, Introduction to Laws, Contract Law and Evidence Law.

Penny Carruthers BA LLB BJuris LLM W.Aust.
Penny’s research interests lie in the areas of Property Law, Equity, Trusts and Insolvency Law. She teaches Property Law 1 & 2, Equity Property Law 2 and Trusts. She is also a member of the the Law School’s Teaching and Learning Committee and Equity Committee.
Robert Cunningham BBus LLB LLM GradCertLP Technol.Syd., PhD ANU
Robert has engaged with the law as both legal practitioner and academic. In academia his pursuits have primarily focused on the manner in which the law interfaces with international trade, sustainability, corporate accountability, and intellectual property rights. He teaches Intellectual Property, Corporations Law, International Trade Law and Corporate Finance & Securities Regulation. He is a member of the Faculty Applied Intellectual Property Research Network [AIPRN].

Jacinta Dharmananda LLB BJuris W.Aust.
Jacinta worked as a lawyer in private practice in the areas of oil and gas, finance and corporate/commercial for more than 12 years both locally and overseas and joined UWA Law School in 2008. She teaches Legislation in Practice, Legal Theory and Ethics and Legal Process.

Rebecca Faugno BA LLB Monash, GradDipEd W.Aust.
Rebecca teaches Corporations Law and Trusts. Prior to joining the University of Western Australia Rebecca worked in commercial practice as a lawyer at Allens Arthur Robinson and Blake Dawson Waldron. Her research interest areas: corporate governance, corporate human rights and environmental liability, corporate social responsibility, remedies (particularly in the human rights sphere).

Barbara Gordon LLB BJuris LLM W.Aust.
Her research interests include: Company Law; Corporate Insolvency and Secured Lending and the regulation of those in positions of trust in relation to other people's money, particularly in the area of collective investments.

Ian Murray BSc LLB W.Aust., LLM(Taxation) NSW
Ian teaches in Taxation and Commercial Law and researches in the areas of corporate taxation and not-for-profit Law. He has a number of year’s experience as a practitioner in relation to corporate tax matters across resource taxes, income tax and stamp duty. He has advised on energy and resource industry tax issues, regulated and unregulated mergers and acquisitions, fundraising and inbound investment. Ian has been involved in the taxation issues arising under native title agreements. Ian's key current research project concerns restraints on accumulation of income by not-for-profits.

Kate Offer BA LLB LLM W.Aust.
Kate's research interests include Education Law and Legal Education. She Lecturers in Torts, Evidence and Australian Legal Principles and Institutions. She is also a member of the Faculty of Law Learning and Teaching Committee.

Sam Raj LLB NU Singapore, LLM Lond. & W.Aust.
Sam primarily teaches into the Business Law program, his primary areas of interest being company law and law of business finance.
Lecturers

Lauren Butterly LLB BA UWA
Lauren left UWA at the end of 2013 but remains as a Honorary Fellow. Her research interests include: water law, environmental law and Indigenous Peoples and the law with a particular focus on Indigenous marine governance.

ARC Future Fellow

Hilde Tubex BA MA (Crim), PhD Brussels
Hilde has been researching in comparative criminology at the Crime Research Centre, UWA, for the last two years. Before migrating to Australia, she was teaching and researching at the Free University of Brussels. She currently holds a Future Fellowship studying the difference in imprisonment rates within Australia.

Emeritus Professors

Bill Ford BA LLB DipEd W.Aust., DipLib N.S.W.
Bill’s research interests include the interrelationship of Federal and State systems of labour regulation, public sector employment, compensation and prevention aspects of work injuries and mass torts. Professor Bill Ford teaches undergraduate units in Employment Law, Labour Law Industrial Relations Law and postgraduate seminars in Tort Liability Law.

Richard Harding LLB London LLM Columbia
Richard was the foundation Inspector of Custodial Services from 2000-2008. He has written on the regulation of prison standards both within Australia and globally. His longstanding concern for human rights is reflected in his ongoing study of the impact of OPCAT. Richard has been Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology, a member of the Australian Law Reform Commission, a Director of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, and a consultant to numerous governments and corporations both within Australia and overseas.
The Faculty of Law had 1293 students in 2013 and 51 academic staff which required a significant amount of professional support to maintain excellence across teaching and learning, research and engagement activities.

In 2013 there were 12 professional staff led by the Faculty Manager (as set out on page 5). This team supported an extensive network of academic staff and student activity. Broadly, areas of support included:

- **Staff support** for example research development, facilities management and accounts;
- **Student support** for example student enquiries and course related administration;
- **Promotions and marketing** for example alumni engagement, events and communications;
- **Faculty administration** for example policy compliance and advice.

Services from the professional support services team include:

- Accounts
- Casual staff contracts
- Communications
- Event management
- Executive support
- Facilities management
- Governance
- Grant submission support
- Marketing and promotion
- Procurement
- Publication support
- Record keeping and maintenance
- Research development
- Student advising

2013 staff in the professional support services included:

- Gina Appasamy (Administrative Assistant)
- Sajit Bista (Accounts Officer)
- Carol Brett (Senior Administrative Officer)
- Dianne Hollis (Administrative Officer)
- Michelle Kelly (Marketing Officer) (part-time)
- Elizabeth Nedela-Campbell (Faculty Development Officer)
- Tim Pitman (Research Development Advisor) (part-time)
- Jennifer Rhodes (Postgraduate Masters and Executive Education Admissions Officer)
- Joanne Rooke (Executive Assistant)
- Geetha Shute (Business Coordinator)
- Tash Terbeeke (Faculty Administrative Officer)
- Vicki Wilson (Faculty Manager)
The UWA Law School benefits from the support and participation of a number of honorary and adjunct staff. Current members include:

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During 2013 the following honorary and adjunct staff members were appointed:

- In March 2013 Justice James Edelman, a graduate of the Law School and Rhodes Scholar, was appointed Adjunct Professor. Justice Edelman is a strong supporter of the Law School and teaches into our Unjust Enrichment Unit.

- Richard Hooker, a Perth barrister who has been involved with the teaching programs at the Law School for a long time, was also appointed an Adjunct Professor in 2013. Richard teaches into several Units and supervises a number of honours students.

- Phil Loots has been appointed an Adjunct Associate Professor. He is a senior lawyer and qualified arbitrator now working mainly for Chevron on major contracts. He will be involved in teaching in the Centre for Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Law and will also publish in this field.

- Ambelin Kwaymullina, a former staff member who left in February 2013 was appointed Adjunct Lecturer and continues to work with the Law School on the Indigenous Peoples and the Law Units.

- Michael Feutrill, an alumnus and Perth barrister, was appointed an Honorary Fellow. He teaches into our International Arbitration Unit.

- Lauren Butterly worked within the UWA Law School for much of the year but moved to the Australian National University in December 2013. She was then appointed an Honorary Fellow of the UWA Law School.

- The Hon Nicholas Hasluck is an alumnus and a former Justice of the Supreme Court and acclaimed author. He has been appointed an Honorary Fellow and has already contributed to the Law & Society program in the area of law and literature.

- Professor Sharon Mascher, another former staff member, was appointed as an Honorary Fellow. Sharon has taught at The UWA Law School for some time but returned to her native Canada in 2011. Sharon will continue to support the Law School through her publications, collaborations and guest lectures when she is in the country.

A number of new honorary and adjunct appointments are currently being made and we shall continue to explore ways that these industry, academic and legal practice leaders can contribute to strengthening the Law Faculty.
Research excellence

The Faculty of Law promotes research excellence and brings together leading researchers through formal Centres, as well as research units, clusters, networks and hubs.
Research Centres

Centre for Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Law (CMENRL)
The Centre for Mining, Energy and Natural Resources Law (CMENRL) promotes and stimulates education and research on legal issues arising from the mining, energy and natural resources sectors of the Western Australian and Australian economy. It places particular emphasis on collaborative projects, conferences, seminars and workshops conducted in conjunction with the public and private sectors.

CMENRL was established within the Law School at The University of Western Australia in 1990 in response to the steadily increasing profile of oil and gas exploration and production activity in Western Australia. The Centre has a strong research reputation whereby several academics from UWA's Law School have been involved in editorial roles and the establishment of the Australian Mining and Petroleum Law Journal; Professor Richard Bartlett and most recently Professor Alex Gardner have been editors.

In 2013 the Centre developed the Master of Mining and Energy Laws to be launched in 2014.

Crime Research Centre
The Crime Research Centre at UWA has been a major and innovative contributor to the collection and analysis of statistical data on crime in Western Australia. It publishes annual crime and justice statistics which have enhanced understanding of the extent of crime in the state and trends in criminal programs.

The Centre developed the Integrated Numerical Offender Identification System (INOIS) which has attracted strong interest internationally. It is one of the most sophisticated data-linking models in the world, providing accurate and detailed statistical data for the long-term study of criminal careers and the evaluation of criminal justice programs.

Established in 1989 as a joint initiative between the State Government and the University, the Centre has an advisory board chaired by the Chief Justice of Western Australia.

In 2013 Emeritus Professor Richard Harding, the foundation Director of the Centre, was awarded the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology’s Distinguished Criminologist Award for outstanding significant and sustained contribution to Australian or New Zealand criminology.

Consumer Research
The Consumer Research Unit (CRU) undertakes research that leads to a greater understanding of consumer markets, consumer protection frameworks and consumer rights. The CRU was established in 2011 as an independent unit within the Faculty of Law and has the continuing support of the Western Australian Department of Commerce.

In 2012, the CRU, in collaboration with the Council of the Ageing Western Australia (COTAWA), received funding from Lotteries WA to undertake research about security of tenure for the ageing population in Western Australia and the survey was extended to late October 2013.

In 2013 the CRU was also host to a multidisciplinary round table titled Health, Wealth and Hearth: Perspectives on an Ageing Australia. The event brought together experts and practitioners with a specialisation in seniors medical, financial and housing issues and concerns.

The CRU’s research continues to focus on the protection of consumer rights particularly in relation to vulnerable consumers.
Research networks, clusters and hubs

Our research groups comprise academic staff drawn from the Faculty as well as other areas committed to collaborative legal research in discrete areas. Beyond these structured clusters there are a number of areas of research strength within the Faculty of Law.

Applied Intellectual Property Research Network
The Applied Intellectual Property Research Network (AIPRN) focuses on advanced research into applied intellectual property law and policy.

Taking advantage of its location in one of the world’s major centres of agriculture, biodiversity, medical research and technology, mining and resources and technological innovation, AIPRN conducts advanced research into the contribution of intellectual property to: agricultural and industrial innovation; bioprospecting and indigenous rights; design, creative arts and the cultural industries; digital technologies; climate change and environmental innovations; genomic patenting and the medical sciences; biomedical materials; innovations in complementary medicine; cultural creativity and the protection of traditional cultural expression.

AIPRN will examine the role of intellectual property in securing investment, technology transfer, trade and economic development and its emergence as a foundation of the information age.

Law and Society Research and Teaching Network
The Law and Society Research and Teaching Network (L&S-Net) was established at UWA in 2012. L&S-Net is an interdisciplinary network that links academic staff, researchers and research higher degree students with a mutual interest in pursuing work that engages with law in its theoretical, cultural, political or historical context.

‘Law and Society’ (also known as ‘socio-legal studies’ or ‘empirical studies in law’) is a broad field of inquiry that draws on a variety of empirical, theoretical and methodological approaches and ideas. While ‘law and society’ work maintains a focus on legal principles, institutions and practices, it extends beyond a doctrinal, black letter approach and instead seeks to understand how law operates as a social phenomenon.

L&S-Net members have a diversity of expertise and backgrounds in disciplines such as criminology, sociology, history, cultural studies and Indigenous issues, as well as in law and legal theory. Current issues of interest for L&S-Net members include:

- Social justice;
- Criminology and criminal justice;
- Distributive justice;
- Interrelations between law and discourse;
- The regulation of bodies;
- Interactions between law and medicine/science throughout history;
- Law’s involvement in the construction of authority/argument within professions;
- The historical development of law and religion in Australia;
- International comparative law around Indigenous people;
- Research ethics in criminology and socio-legal studies;
- Law and literature;
- Learning and teaching in criminology and socio-legal studies; and
- International comparative studies in penology.

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Law Group
The Law School’s Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Group (SoTL-in-Law), was established at UWA in 2013. SoTL-in-Law is a group of UWA Law teachers with expertise in and a passion for Law teaching and who wish to share exciting, effective, current and innovative teaching practices among themselves and the broader community through research and writing in the area of legal education.

Current areas of interest for SoTL members encompass the scholarship of teaching and learning in both broad and more specific areas of enquiry including:

- Researching the development and implementation of professional development programs for sessional teachers in law;
- Examining access to legal education at UWA resulting from the transition from the LLB to JD;
- Enhancing the teaching of Evidence law through the use of video role-plays of mock trials;
- Facilitating student engagement in large group teaching through mobile and internet polling of answers to in-class quizzes;
- Researching the role of law teachers as ‘gatekeepers’ in shaping our law students as graduates;
- Measuring stress and associated behaviours of Law and Psychology students at UWA.

Contemporary Government and Regulation Research Hub
The Faculty of Law’s Contemporary Government & Regulation Research Hub was created with the objective of fostering research and academic collaboration in relation to legal issues relevant to government, legislation and regulation. The Research Hub’s key strengths come from the broad spectrum of public law and regulatory interests of its researchers across various aspects of government and regulation.
Breadth of research

The Faculty of Law has successfully attracted and retained academics with national and international reputations in teaching and research. Their expertise ranges across a number of areas of research strength.

Over the last decade the Faculty of Law has developed a number of research and teaching strengths in specific areas of law, including socio-legal studies, natural resources law, consumer law, international law, commercial law and intellectual property.

Resources, Energy and the Environment
Natural resources law encompasses a number of topics including the legal regulation, protection and governance of both living and non-living resources, land-based and aquatic. Areas of expertise include:
- Oil and gas law (Australia and International)
- Corporate governance
- Mining and energy law
- Natural resources law
- Climate change law
- Emissions trading
- Marine environmental governance

Water resources law
Environmental law

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- Learning and teaching in criminology and socio-legal studies
- International comparative studies in penology
Public Law
The Faculty of Law has a large network of public law advocates and each year we produce a substantial amount of research in this area. Expertise includes:
- Administration of sentences
- Administrative law
- Advanced constitutional law
- Constitutional law
- Delivering public value
- Designing public policies and programs
- Government accountability law and practice

Law of Obligations
In 2013 researchers within the Faculty of Law conducted research with an Australian focus, as well as comparative aspects, on a number of areas including:
- Long term contracts
- Unfair contract terms
- Post-contractual duties including utmost good faith
- Apologies as a legal remedy
- The evolution of modern tort law
- Tort law defences
- Rethinking contributory negligence
- Civil liability acts

Business Corporate and Commercial Law
Business, corporate and commercial law covers the rights and potential liabilities associated with contemporary commercial decision making. Our areas of strength include both Australian Business Law and International Commercial Law:
- Corporations law
- Taxation law
- Insurance law
- Workplace relations law
- Relevant regulation
- International sale of goods
- Shipping law
- International financial investment
- Australian business law
- International trade law
- Commercial arbitration

International and Comparative Law
The Faculty of Law has an extensive and highly qualified team of international law experts, many who have trained and worked at the best universities and organisations worldwide from Austria, Canada, United Kingdom, Denmark, China and across Australia. Our team brings a wealth of expert knowledge, research and industry experience to legal education in international public and private law realms.

Specific areas of research strength include:
- International trade law
- Commercial arbitration
- International human rights law
- Public international law
- International commercial law

Intellectual Property
The Faculty of Law has developed expertise in the area of intellectual property law and policy. Areas of expertise include:
- International intellectual property law
- Biotechnological patenting
- Intellectual property enforcement
- Copyright
- Trade marks

Legal Skills and Practice
The Faculty of Law has an extensive number of researchers working on legal skills initiatives. Our areas of strength include:
- Statutory interpretation
- Legal reasoning
- Commercial negotiation skills
- Legal practice and procedure skills
- Evidence and proof
- Alternative dispute resolution

Breadth of research 2013 by areas of expertise
Family and Estate Planning
The Faculty of Law has a number of researchers and educators in the area of family and estate planning. Some of the areas of expertise include:
- Family law
- Succession
- Trusts

Property Law
The Faculty of Law has a breadth of knowledge with property law covering a number of areas including:
- Land law
- Personal property

Professional and Research Ethics
Our academics aim to educate and research into the role of the lawyer in the legal profession and in wider society through the study of legal theory and legal professional ethics by examining the concept of the legal system; the nature of legal argumentation and reasoning; different approaches to questions of justice; the framework of laws and professional rules and institutions governing legal professional ethics in Western Australia, in the context of both litigation advocacy and commercial practice, as well as the background and rationale for professional ethics.

Health, Medicine and the Law
The Faculty of Law’s strength in this area cover a number of topics including:
- Medical decision-making
- Health care information
- Regulatory systems
- Regulation of bodies and the legal status of body alteration practices
- Open disclosure and the application of apology legislation to medical adverse events
- Historical interaction of legal systems, medicine and science

In particular members are researching medical decision making at the end of life, decision-making related to those people with impaired capacity and the parens patriae jurisdiction. Other researchers focus on issues related to the privacy and confidentiality of health information, and the regulation of access to administrative data for health research. Members are actively researching in the areas of reproductive technology, the regulation of research biobanks, and civil mental health law and practice.

Grants
 Obtaining external grant funding is an ongoing goal of the Faculty. In terms of major (Category 1) grants we have had some success with the following grants commencing in 2013:
- ARC Discovery grant (one UWA CI);
- Office of Learning and Teaching Grant (two UWA CIs).

We also had success in other grant rounds including:
- Two IM4DC grants (one UWA CI);
- LotteriesWA and Council on the Ageing
- National Seniors Australia
- ASEAN

In addition, our successes include the following competitive grants to commence in 2014:
- UWA Research Collaboration Award (one CI).

This success built on grant funding awarded in 2012 which included the ARC Future Fellowship held by Dr Hilde Tubex relating to research on penology.

Fast fact
A recent study by Russell Smyth in the UNSW Law Journal published a list of the 50 most prolific publishers in Australia’s Law Journals.

The University of Western Australia’s very own Faculty of Law Professors John Tarrant and Peter Handford both appeared on this nationally acclaimed list.
Learning and teaching

The Faculty of Law partners legal experts with intelligent and aspiring students.
The Faculty of Law has a highly qualified and dedicated teaching cohort of 51 academic staff who are passionate about law and legal education. The Faculty was recognised for teaching excellence with a number of awards and grants in 2013:

- Assistant Professor Penny Carruthers and Associate Professor Natalie Skead were nationally recognised when they won the best legal education conference paper at the 2013 Australasian Law Teachers’ Association (ALTA) conference for their paper entitled ‘Property law teachers: Gatekeepers to a broader legal understanding through the rich tapestry of property law’.

- Assistant Professor Kate Offer received a UWA ‘Award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning’ (2013) and was highly recommended for the ‘Major Award for Excellence in Teaching (Early Careers)’.

- Assistant Professor Jacinta Dharmananda was awarded a UWA Improving Student Learning Grant for her project on ‘The Making of Legislation: An Inside View for Students’.

- Assistant Professor Rebecca Faugno received a UWA ‘Award for Excellence in Teaching (Early Careers)’.

The employment edge
The Faculty of Law enhances student learning outcomes with unique opportunities to interact with leaders from the judiciary and the legal profession. In 2013 students were given privileged opportunities to interact with the Chief Justice of the High Court Robert French and learn from leading scholars visiting from the University of Oxford as well as access practical legal training opportunities through Blackstone Society initiatives.

Some of the opportunities in 2013 included:
- Allens Linklaters Stress Less Week
- Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot
- Blackstone Society Careers Fairs
- Blackstone Society Clerkship Series Presentations
- Communications and Media Law Association (CMLA) essay competition
- DLA Piper Negotiation Competition
- Jackson McDonald First Year Mooting Competition
- Jessup International Law Moot
- King & Wood Mallesons Open Mooting Competition
- Squire Sanders presentation – cover letter writing skills
- The Hon. Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot Competition
- WILMS Speed Networking events
Courses offered in 2013

Our university learning environment is engaging and dynamic, we offer an interesting and contemporary range of legal programs presented by leading academics, legal and industry experts, and guest presenters from across Australia and internationally.

**Undergraduate**

Following the introduction of UWA's New Courses 2012, undergraduate students can choose from one of five bachelor degrees: Arts, Commerce, Design, Philosophy or Science. In each degree, students can select a variety of majors, including two offered by the Faculty of Law.

**Bachelor of Arts (Law and Society)**
The Law and Society major is within the Bachelor of Arts and a second major within all disciplines. This major examines broad theoretical issues about the nature of law in society and how the relationship plays out in particular fields of legal and social policy nationally and internationally. Students may study areas such as human rights, decisions about birth and death, crime and justice, indigenous rights, freedom of expression and religion.

**Bachelor of Commerce (Business Law)**
The Business Law major builds on the long-standing tradition of UWA partnering law with the Business School in order to provide business graduates with fundamental legal knowledge and skills. Many of the units offered in the major count towards professional recognition, as they are required by the Tax Practitioners Board, the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Chartered Accountants in Australia and the National Institute of Accountants. Across the eight core units that comprise the major, students will study the law relating to areas such as contracts, torts, companies, taxation, and trade practices.

**LLB (Bachelor of Laws)**
The final cohort of LLB students at UWA commenced in 2011. The Faculty is committed to ensuring quality for these students until the program is fully phased out. In 2013 the Faculty of Law still continued to teach students enrolled in:

- Three-Year LLB course
- Four-Year LLB (Bachelor of Laws)
- Five-Year Combined Courses – BA (CommStudies)/LLB, BA/LLB, BA (AsSt)/LLB, BA/BCom, BSc/LLB, BSc/LLB, BMus/LLB, BEng/LLB, BHealthSci/LLB

**Postgraduate**

**Graduate Diplomas**

- GradCertLaw
- GradCertEnergyLaw
- GradCertCRLaw
- GradCertCrimJust
- GradCertLegalPrac

Our graduate Diplomas offer law graduates and non-law graduates the opportunity to specialise and add to their knowledge in a particular area of the law. The Graduate Diploma permit students to articulate to Masters programs where appropriate. The Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice and the Graduate Diploma in Law are the only qualifications specifically for law graduates. The former is designed for those students who may have a law degree from another country but who wish to practice law in Australia.

**Masters by Coursework**

- Master of Laws (LLM)
- Master of Commercial and Resources Law (MCRLaw)

Masters programs are designed to equip lawyers and non-lawyers with an advanced understanding of the law to meet the challenges of the dynamic workplace. Our programs allow graduates to either specialise in a particular area of the law or to broaden their knowledge across a diverse range of subjects including commercial law, government regulation, resources law and a range of public and private international law areas.

**Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA)**

This course is designed to meet the needs of high-potential employees within the Australian and New Zealand public services and government-related sectors. It aims to enhance the breadth and depth of policy and management skills of students, and provide graduates with the tools and frameworks needed to be clear about the value they deliver.
Professional Qualification

Juris Doctor

The Juris Doctor (JD) is a three-year postgraduate degree by coursework involving the completion of twenty-four units (eight per full time year) comprising a combination of compulsory and option subjects. Successful completion of the JD will lead to professional accreditation as a lawyer. The course is undertaken after the completion of a bachelor’s degree in any discipline.

Higher Degrees by Research

Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students undertake in-depth in research across a range of areas. In 2013 students in the Faculty of Law were involved in projects relating to human rights, groundwater law, law of the sea, comparative arbitration, law and religion, heritage law and human trafficking. Over the last few years enrolments have tripled in the Faculty and research students are an area of significant growth. To support these students the Faculty of Law is developing a research training program, and has introduced compulsory student presentations in an HDR Seminar Series. Future plans include the building of a ‘PhD Hub’ so all HDR students can be co-located.

In 2013 the following HDR programs were available:

- **Doctor of Juridical Science (coursework and dissertation)**
  A professional doctorate program that enables students to complete a significant research thesis together with a selection of coursework units in a specific area of interest.

  The program is suited to those who wish to pursue an academic career or a major academic study project such as an area of law reform, or develop policy or theoretical perspectives in an area where they have recognised expertise.

- **Master of Philosophy – Research**
  A program of independent, supervised research from any discipline where appropriate supervision is available. The program is assessed on a thesis only.

- **Higher Degrees by Research preliminary (HDR Prelim)**
  Administered by the Faculty of Law, this preliminary course is available for the Doctor of Juridical Science, Master of Criminal Justice and Master of Laws where the Faculty requires an applicant to complete a preliminary course before deciding whether or not to accept them into the course for a higher degree by research.

- **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**
  The PhD is a program of independent, supervised research that is assessed solely on the basis of a thesis and is examined externally. The work presented for a PhD must be substantial and original contribution to scholarship, demonstrating mastery of the subject of interest as well as an advance in that field of knowledge.

- **Doctor of Laws (LLD)**
  The Doctor of Laws is a higher doctorate and is awarded for work of which the whole, or a substantial part, has been published or accepted for publication, the form of publication acceptable to be determined in each case by the Faculty.

Executive Education

The Faculty offers executive education short courses to lawyers and non-lawyers. Lawyers are required to undertake Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and the Faculty is an accredited provider. Our offerings have largely been in the area of resources law and some commercial law.

In addition, we co-host the Alternative Dispute Resolution for Professionals (ADR4P) course which provides training in mediation and negotiation and for those who seek accreditation as a mediator.
Student achievements

The Faculty of Law is proud of its student achievements which have been recognised within and beyond the University.
Student achievements

The Law School prides itself on the achievements of its students both academically and with extra-curricular activities that aim to make a positive difference to the wider community.

UWA Law School students are consistently high achievers both inside and outside the classroom and 2013 saw many students recognised for their outstanding achievements.

Social justice advocate Akram Azimi was awarded Young Australian of the Year for his contribution to disadvantaged Indigenous youth in remote and rural Western Australia. Akram is currently studying the Bachelor or Laws / Bachelor of Science at the Law School.

Michael Sheldrick was formally recognised for his efforts to eradicate polio when he was named 2013 Western Australian of the Year (Youth) at the 2013 WA Day Awards. Michael is a 2013 UWA Law graduate with a vision of a polio free world and is making a difference in his role as Global Policy and Advocacy Manager with the Global Poverty Project by enlisting the support of leaders and philanthropists including former Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Bill Gates.

UWA students gained valuable international advocacy skills by preparing for and participating in the prestigious international Jessup Moot competition. The moot involves arguing a hypothetical case on issues of international law as if before the International Court of Justice. The UWA Law School Team was placed second overall in the national competition and advanced to the International Rounds of the Competition in Washington DC. The 2013 participants included: Lily Hands, Akash Mehta, Gregory Stockton, Stefan Tomasich and Suzana Vukasinovic coached by Chloe Gall and Josh Berson.

UWA Law School students were awarded five of the six prizes in the Law Society of WA’s Plain English Drafting Competition. The prize winners were: Danielle Atlas, Marie Eberlein, Kate Galea, Lily Hands and Andrew Manners.

Jelena Durmic is completing a combined Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws and was awarded a scholarship to undertake a six-week UCLA study program, offered through the Perth USAsia Centre.

Bachelor of Laws student Jane Godfrey had her academic achievement recognised with the Hackett Foundation Alumni Honours scholarship.
Student awards and prizes

Prize winners

Winners in 2012 awarded in 2013:

- **Edoardo Argento** LexisNexis Prize in Legal Systems for achieving the highest mark in Law, Conflict and Change (Shared).
- **Stephanie Babic** LexisNexis Prize for Law for being amongst the top Faculty of Law Honours invitees for 2013.
- **Julia Barker** Kate King Legal Prize in Criminal Law for achieving the highest mark in Criminal Procedure: The Trial Process (Shared).
- **Anna Bond** Keith Graham Nicholson Memorial Prize in Property for achieving the highest aggregate mark in Property I and Property II, completed in the same calendar year (Shared).
- **Ashlee Bongers** Thomson Reuters Prize in Business Law for achieving the highest aggregate mark in Introduction to Law.
- **Meenakshi Burr** Harold H Glass Memorial Prize for achieving the highest aggregate mark in Torts I and Torts II, completed in the same calendar year (Shared); Francis Cardell-Oliver Keith Graham Nicholson Memorial Prize in Property for achieving the highest aggregate mark in Property I and Property II, completed in the same calendar year (Shared); Thomson Reuters Prize in Equity for achieving the highest mark in Equity.
- **Anna Celliers** Blakiston and Crabb Prize in Law for achieving the highest mark in Mining Law (Shared).
- **Gary Cheung** LexisNexis Prizes for Law for being amongst the top Faculty of Law Honours invitees for 2013; K.W. Hatfield Memorial Fund Prize in Medicine and the Law for achieving the highest mark in Medicine and the Law.
- **Zach Cole** LexisNexis Prizes for Law for being amongst the top Faculty of Law Honours invitees for 2013.
- **Scott Cook** Kate King Legal Prize in Criminal Law for achieving the highest mark in Criminal Procedure: The Trial Process (Shared).
- **Charles Dallimore** Blackstone Society Anniversary Prize for Constitutional Law for achieving the highest aggregate mark in Constitutional Law I and Constitutional Law II.
- **Nicolas Damnjanovic** H C F Keall Prize in Law for showing the most ability in Procedure and Commercial Practice and units to the value of 30 points; Mallesons Stephen Jaques Prize in Law for achieving the highest thesis mark in the Faculty of Law Honours program.
- **Michael Demiris** Clayton Utz Undergraduate Prize in Energy and Resources Law for achieving the highest mark in Land Development Law; Mony De Kerloy Prize in Land Development Law for achieving the highest mark in Land Development Law.
- **Alex Drake-Brockman** Australian Taxation Office Prize in Law for achieving the highest aggregate mark in Income Taxation Law and Taxation of Business Enterprises and Foreign Income, completed in the same calendar year; Brett Davies Lawyers Prize for achieving the highest mark in Taxation of Business Enterprises and Foreign Income; Jeff Pearlman Memorial Prize in Taxation Law for achieving the highest aggregate mark in Income Taxation Law and Taxation of Business Enterprises and Foreign Income, completed in the same calendar year.
- **Ryan Fitzpatrick** Keith Graham Nicholson Memorial Prize in Property for achieving the highest aggregate mark in Property I and Property II, completed in the same calendar year (Shared).
- **Kelsi Forrest** Dr Dorothy W. and Dr Robert Collin Prize for Indigenous Law Students for the Indigenous student obtaining the highest academic achievement in late career law units (Shared).
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- **Jacob Reynolds** LexisNexis Prizes for Law for being amongst the top Faculty of Law Honours invitees for 2013.

- **Max Riley** Thomson Reuters Prize in Crime and Society for achieving the highest mark in Crime and Society (Shared).

- **Katharina Roeterink** K.W. Hatfield Memorial Fund Prize in Criminal Law for achieving the highest aggregate mark in Criminal Law I and Criminal Law II in the same calendar year.

- **David Scaife** The UWA Equity and Diversity Office Prize in the Faculty of Law for achieving the highest mark for research work in Law and Contemporary Social Issues.

- **Julia Scott** David De Barran Cullen Prize in Mercantile Law for achieving the highest aggregate mark in three units identified and classified as commercial or mercantile law units by the Faculty of Law.

- **Nicholas Scott** LexisNexis Prizes for Law for being amongst the top Faculty of Law Honours invitees for 2013; Philip Lionel Sharp Memorial Prize in Law for the best essay on a subject connected with the law in Australia relating to personal injuries, accident compensation and damages.

- **Michael Sheldrick** Frank Edward Parsons Memorial Prize in Law for the student who, among those completing the course for the degree of Bachelor of Laws who has shown merit in the whole of the course, has displayed the most outstanding personal characteristics for leadership and service.

- **Jonathon Slack-Smith** Conflict of Laws Prize for the highest mark in Conflict of Laws.

- **Leigh Smith** Allens Arthur Robinson Corporate Law Prize for achieving the highest aggregate mark in Corporations Law and Corporate Insolvency; LexisNexis Prizes for Law for being amongst the top Faculty of Law Honours invitees for 2013; Norton Rose Prize in Corporations Law for achieving the highest mark in Corporations Law.

- **Stephanie Smith** LexisNexis Prizes for Law for being amongst the top Faculty of Law Honours invitees for 2013.

- **Michael Stewart** Parker and Parker Undergraduate Prize in Intellectual Property for achieving the highest aggregate mark Introduction to Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property: Creative Rights, completed in the same calendar year.

- **Gregory Stockton** Thomson Reuters Prize in Evidence for achieving the highest mark in Evidence.

- **Sarah Stone** John Hockley Prize in Succession Law for achieving the highest mark in Succession (Shared).

- **Mitchell Tatum** Convocation, the UWA Graduates Association Prize for the student who, in the opinion of the Dean of the Faculty of Law, has made the greatest contribution to the success of formal and informal activities of the Faculty.

- **Benjamin Tomasi, Anita and Meyer Davis Prize in Constitutional Law I for achieving the highest mark in Constitutional Law I.

- **Giovanni Torre** Rob Riley Prize in Indigenous Peoples and the Law for achieving the highest mark in Indigenous Peoples and the Law (Shared).

- **Jessica Tower** Family Law Practitioners’ Association (Inc) Prize in Family Law for achieving the highest mark in Introduction to Family Law.

- **Peixin Truong** Australian Insurance Law Association Prize for achieving the highest mark in Insurance Law; Freehills Prize for showing the most ability in the...
following core units, completed over four semesters: Equity; Trusts; Administrative Law I and II; Property I and II; and Constitutional Law I and II; Minter Ellison Prize in Administrative Law for achieving the highest aggregate mark in Administrative Law I and Administrative Law II, completed in the same calendar year.

- **Anna Waite** Johnson Winter and Slattery Prize in Law for the student who obtained the highest Weighted Average Mark, amongst those completing the Master of Commercial and Resources Law course.
- **Mike Workman** Colin Everard Pollett Memorial Prize in Law for achieving the highest mark in Legal History.

Scholarships and Bursary Winners

Winners in 2012 awarded in 2013:
- **Nive Arvaindan** The Honourable Serge Ferrier Family.
- **Jane Godfrey** Hackett Scholarship.
- **Emily Gordon** Jean Rogerson Studentship.
- **Andrew Hanna** Ja Wood Memorial Prize.
- **Tegan Harrington** Linda Cotton (Vatskalis) Memorial Scholarship.
- **Laila Hughes** Bartley Peter and Nellie Kakulas Scholarship.
- **Annelise Karreman** Jean Rogerson Studentship.
- **Jessica Lee** Jean Rogerson Studentship.
- **Nicholas Scott** Phillip Lionel Sharp Memorial Prize.
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Alumni

The Faculty benefits from an illustrious group of alumni many of whom continue to support the Law School in a variety of ways.
Inspirational leaders

The Faculty of Law has over 6000 graduates who are achieving great things across government, the judiciary, the not for profit sector, business and the legal profession.

A number of our alumni had considerable success in 2013, including:

- London-based lawyer, **Karyl Nairn** was appointed a Queen’s Counsel – the only solicitor-advocate to do so. She is the Global Head of International Arbitration at the US firm, Skadden Arps Meagher & Flom. Ms Nairn was also listed in ‘The Lawyer’s Hot 100’ for 2013;
- **Roxanne Moore**, one of our Alumni, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 2013;
- **Leon Firios**, a 2010 graduate of the Law School, was awarded a prestigious Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship to complete a Masters of Law at Harvard Law School commencing in 2013;
- Perth barrister, and UWA Law School alumnus, **Marcus Solomon** was appointed Senior Council in December 2013. He is the first practising Orthodox rabbi in Australia to take a silk. He practises in the fields of commercial disputes - including disputes relating to contracts, construction, corporate and trade practices matters. Mr Solomon assists the Law School as a member of the selection committee for the Philip Lionel Sharp Memorial Prize;
- **Duncan Rock** achieved recognition in the musical field. He is a UWA law alumnus and graduate of WAAPA where he studied voice. After winning the 2006 Australian Singing Competition, he studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the National Opera Studio. He has won the Chilcott Award and has been praised for performances such as Papageno in The Magic Flute and Schaunard in La Bohème. Time Out named him as one to watch in 2013;
- **Rabia Siddique** studied law at UWA and then worked for Legal Aid and as a federal prosecutor with the Director of Public Prosecutions before moving to the UK and enlisting with the British Army. Her book ‘Equal Justice’ is a memoir that received much publicity in 2013, telling the story of her deployment to Iraq in 2005, negotiations with Islamic terrorists for the release of two SAS soldiers and her subsequent discrimination case against the British Army. Ms Siddique is now Legal Counsel to the Commissioner of the Western Australia Police;
- **Krista McMeekan** was a finalist in the Young Leader category of the Pride of Australia awards in 2013. She is also a former Miss NAIDOC Perth and mentors UWA law students. Ms McMeekan is a delegate to the National Congress of Australia’s First People, was the 2012 winner of the Human Rights Award Young People’s Medal and participated in the Child’s Rights Taskforce NGO report which was presented to the UN in Geneva. She has been inducted into the Western Australian Women’s Hall of Fame;
- **Mr John Quigley MLA** and Mr **Ben Wyatt MLA**, both UWA Law School alumni, retained their seats following the State elections in 2013. John Quigley retained his position as shadow Attorney General, and Ben Wyatt retained his portfolios in Treasury, Aboriginal Affairs, Native Title, Kimberley, Pilbara and Cost of Living.

Law graduates recognised in ‘100 Most Influential People’

The Faculty of Law would like to acknowledge the following alumni who have been recognised in The West Australian's ‘100 Most Influential People’ (2013 – 2014)

- **Grant Donaldson SC** – Solicitor General for WA
- **Robert French** – Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia
- **Steven Heath** – Chief Stipendiary Magistrate
- **David Johnston** – Minister for Defence
- **Wayne Martin** – Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- **Peter Martino** – Chief Judge of the District Court
- **Carmel McLure** – President, Court of Appeal
- **Kevin Parker** – Permanent Judge, UN War Crimes Tribunal (ICTY), The Hague, 2003 – 2011 (Retired); Judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia 1994 – 2003
- **Denis Reynolds** – President of the Children’s Court of Western Australia
- **Ben Wyatt** – Shadow Treasurer; Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Native Title; Kimberley; Pilbara; Cost of Living

Many of our alumni remain engaged with the Faculty providing opportunities for staff and students to benefit from their expertise and experience.
Community engagement

The Faculty of Law engages across faculties within the University, as well as with local, national and international communities to make positive contributions to benefit society.
Engaging with our communities

The Faculty of Law is committed to the advancement of society through community engagement. The Faculty does this in a number of ways including engaging with other teachers and researchers across the University, at the local level with government, industry and the legal profession as well as internationally.

Of particular note in 2013:

- In 2012 a joint seminar series was established – Contemporary Legal Problems. The joint initiative involves the judiciary (represented by Justice Edelman), the Bar (represented by Joshua Thompson) and Academia (represented by the Dean of the Faculty). In 2013, six events were planned attracting speakers from Australia and overseas including Professor David Partlett from Emory University Law School in May; Professor Allan Beever, from UniSA in June; Professor Bill Swadling from the University of Oxford, in July; Professor Ben McFarlane from University College London and Professor Robert Stevens from the University of Oxford in September; and Professor Lloyd Bonfield from New York University in December.

- UWA played host to the Australian Law Student Association national conference in July 2013. The event involved hundreds of law students from around the country coming to the campus for a range of events and competitions including moots, negotiations, client interviews, witness examinations and presentations.

- As part of the centenary celebrations and UWA Gives Back, the Faculty held a public lecture and dinner in the Peel Region in September 2013. We were fortunate to have the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, Robert French (a UWA Alumnus) give the keynote address followed by our own W/ Professor Peter Handford who presented on the history of the Law Faculty.

- Many members of staff are actively engaged with the legal profession and beyond, sitting on various boards, tribunals, and external committees as well as linking with industry in areas aligned with their research interests and the research clusters with the Law School.

Examples of staff memberships and engagement include:

- Several staff are members of the Law Society Committees including Graduate Academic Standards Committee and the Francis Burt Legal Education Committee; as well as bodies such as Public Interest Advocacy Clearing House (WA) reference group;
- A number of staff also consult to the legal profession and sit on tribunals and courts such as the State Administrative Tribunal, and the Legal Practice Board;
- Staff are actively involved in organisations such as the Australasian Law Teachers Association, Australia New Zealand Education Law Association, and PLEWA;
- Several staff are members of various Clinical Ethics Services, the WA Reproductive Technology Council, and the WA Genetics Council Ethics Committee;
- Other staff engage with social justice issues through the Council for the Aged and ShelterWA;
- Active involvement in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), UNEP and UNESCO;
- Academic staff collaborate with industry including with KPMG in relation to corporate governance, and AMPLA; as well as bodies such as IP Australia;
- Staff sit on State and Federal government bodies such as the Office of Learning and Teaching, who provide advice to Higher Education institutions, and review work for bodies such as the European Research Council.
International and national collaborations

UWA and the Faculty Law have linkages with a number of Universities around the world. Agreements may take the form of student exchange arrangements, research collaborations and staff engagement opportunities. The Faculty of Law continues to pursue such opportunities.

The majority of existing arrangements relate to student exchange agreements in relation to the LLB program. Relevant partners include the University of Passau in Germany, University of Ottawa in Canada, Paul Cézanne University and the Institut d’Études Politiques, Grenoble (IEPG) in France, Tianjin University in China, Bocconi University in Italy and the University of Oslo in Norway.

The transition to the JD has catalysed efforts to establish new exchange partners, including with North American universities. Several staff have travelled overseas to facilitate negotiations on further agreements in the UK, Canada and the US. Faculty of Law staff visited a number of other universities in 2013. Dr Catherine Kelly met with academics from Carleton University with a view to establishing a student and staff exchange agreement. Several academics visited other Canadian universities including the University of British Columbia and Ottawa University.

In 2013 we finalised an arrangement with the University of Oxford which will permit our JD students to complete five semesters at UWA and then undertake the Bachelor of Civil Laws (BCL) (which is in fact a postgraduate program) or Masters of Law and Finance (MLF) over one further year. Students will then graduate with both qualifications.

This is an excellent opportunity and provides our students with a one semester ‘saving’ in time and cost.

In 2013 we finalised a student and staff exchange agreement with Seoul National University; and later in the year Professor John Tarrant visited the Law School in Korea. In July 2013 the Faculty participated in the Renmin University of China International Summer School in Beijing with Professor Techera teaching a subject there. Several research opportunities have resulted from this and we hope to negotiate an agreement with Renmin University of China for future student and staff exchanges and collaborations.
## Publications 2013

Over the last few years the Faculty has focused upon improving its publication outputs and grant success. Since 2008 we have had a 50% increase in total productivity and maintaining this momentum remains a key objective. The following are key publications for 2013:

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Conferences, seminars, events and memberships

During 2013 the Faculty of Law hosted a range of seminars, events and conferences engaging with alumni, visiting scholars and stakeholders from government, industry and the profession. In particular we have established a seminar series to encourage dialogue on contemporary legal problems between the Judiciary, the Bar and the Legal Academy. Each of these institutions has different approaches to legal issues and different insights to offer about how to solve legal problems. We are grateful for the support of the Judiciary in hosting these events. These seminars complement our range of public lectures and Faculty presentations.

Public Presentations and Lectures:
- Oceans Governance and Marine Species Protection IAS Enquiring Minds lecture by Professor Erika Techera (October).
- Conversations about Dying presented by Meredith Blake at the COTA conference (November).
- Voting for Upper Houses – Practical Problems and Sensible Reforms with the Constitutional Centre Lecture was chaired by Professor Sarah Murray (November).

Continuing Professional Development:
- Environmental Protection Law workshop – Alex Gardner (June).
- Insurance Gangnam Style conference – Greg Pynt (May).
- Mentalising in Mediation skills workshop Jill Howieson (June).
- Climate Change Law and Emissions Trading – Associate Professor David Hodgkinson (July).
- Mergers and Acquisitions – James Nicholls, Associate, Corrs Chambers Westgarth and Anthony Papamatheos, Barister, Francis Burt Chambers (October).
- International Environmental Law – Dr Erika J Techera (October).
- Board of Taxation Perspectives on Contemporary Revenue Law Forum by Ian Murray which hosted, tax professionals and tax law students and guests from the Board of Taxation (October).
- Tax Forum breakfast featuring several members of the Board of Taxation presenting perspectives on contemporary revenue law issues to academics, tax professionals and tax students (October).
- Art After Death Symposium included prominent legal, accounting and arts professionals discussing the issues artists and their professional advisors may need to consider when planning for an artist’s will and estate (October).
- Investing in International Mining & Petroleum Projects Conference hosted by Professor John Chandler (October).
- International Oil and Gas production sharing contracts and concessions – Professor John Chandler (October).
- Investing in International Mining and Petroleum Projects Philip Wood Q.C. and Professor John Chandler (October).
- Mining Law – Winthrop Professor Richard Bartlett (November).
- Oil and Gas Agreements – Professor John Chandler (November).

Other engagement activities:
- Engagement evening invited Alumni, Adjunct and Honorary staff and other friends of the Law Faculty to thank them for their support, share some of our plans for the future and encourage their further engagement (October).
- The trustees of The Philip Lionel Sharp Memorial Prize was established in memory of the late Philip Sharp QC and was first awarded in 1985 for an essay on a subject connected with the law in Australia relating to personal injuries, accident compensation and damages (October).
- The State Cabinet of WA met with the Faculty of Law. This included a breakfast with the Honourable Michael Mischin MLC, Attorney General and Minister for Commerce and a group of staff and students of the Law Faculty (November).
- The Faculty of Law hosted the book launch for Honourable Justice Nicholas Hasluck AM QC, entitled ‘Legal Limits’. The book was officially launched by the Chief Justice of the High Court, Honourable Robert French (December).

Contemporary Legal Problems Series:
- Fading of a Fragile Flower: The Scorching Sun of American Constitutional Values – Professor David Partlett From Emory University Law School (May).
- The 300 year error: misunderstanding politics, law and ourselves – Professor Allan Beever, from UniSA (June).
- The constructive trust – Professor Bill Swadling from the University of Oxford (July).
- Equitable Estoppel: Metaphors and Meta-Laws – Professor McFarlane (September).
- Pure Economic Loss – Professor Stevens is the Herbert Smith Freehills Professor of Commercial Law at the University of Oxford (September).

Occasional Research Conversations:
- Intimate Partner Violence in Iran ORC presentation by Dr Anahita Movassagh Riegler (March).
- The Relationship between the UK and the EU: The Fail and rise of Eurosceptics – Emeritus Professor Evelyn Ellis (March).
The Different Approaches to Hate Speech in The United States and South Africa presentation by Emeritus Professor George Barrie, Law Faculty, University of Johannesburg (April).

The Present State of American Law Schools presentation by Professor David Partlett, Dean and Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Law, Emory University Law School (May).

LACC’s Position on Statutory Interpretation: What it Means for Law Schools presentation by Jacinta Dharmananda (September).

Major developments in Australian and Canadian native title: the Noongar and Tsilhq’tsin claims by Simon Young (September).

Open Access Publishing presentation by Alissa Sputore (October).

Mining and Water ORC presentation by Professor Alex Gardner (October).

Governance at the intersection of environmental law and Indigenous management of Sea Country seminar by Lauren Butterly (November).

Teaching Legislation in First Year Seminar by Professor Donna Buckingham (November).

Memberships
Within the University
- Centre for Mining Energy and Natural Resources Law (UWA)
- Oceans Institute

External
- ALTA
- Australasian Tax Teachers Association
- Australia-China Business Council (ACBC)
- Australia and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC)
- Australian Association of Bioethics and Health Law
- Australian Association of Constitutional Law WA
- Australian Charity Law Association
- Australian Institute of Administrative Law
- Australian Institute of International Affairs
- Australian Insurance Law Association
- Australian Mining and Petroleum Law Association
- Australian Political Studies Association
- Australian Water Association
- Canadian Council on International Law
- Canadian Political Science Association
- Clinical Ethics Service to Princess Margaret Hospital and King Edward Memorial Hospital
- Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of Australian Taxation
- Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of Water Law
- Electoral Regulation Research Network
- Environmental Defender’s Office (WA)
- International Law Association: Australian Branch
- International Studies Association
- International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)
- IUCN Task Force on Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas
- Law Society of Upper Canada, Ontario
- Law Society of Western Australia
- Law Society of WA, Advisory Committee, Francis Burt Legal Education Centre
- Middle Temple
- National Environmental Law Association
- NSW Bar Association
- Ramsar Culture Network in cooperation with UNESCO
- Resources and Energy Law Association (AMPLA)
- Society of Legal Scholars
- Tax Institute of Australia
- Tax Institute of Australia Not-for-profit Tax Policy Committee
- WA Bar Association
- WA Reproductive Technology Council
Future directions

2012

- The University launches the New Courses structure. Undergraduate degrees are simplified to five core areas – Arts, Commerce, Design, Science and Philosophy.
- The Faculty of Law enrolls its first students in key Majors in the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Commerce.

2013

- The University commences the new professional postgraduate pathways.
- The Faculty of Law launches the postgraduate law degree – the Juris Doctor.
2014

- First students graduate with the Law and Society (Bachelor of Arts) and Business Law (Bachelor of Commerce) majors.
- The Master of Mining and Energy Laws is launched.

2015

- First students graduate from the Juris Doctor program.
- The Faculty of Law launches a new range of legal and socio-legal postgraduate programs.

2016

- First students graduate from the new Cycle 2 postgraduate programs.