

Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citation for KLC Staff

Kingsford Legal Centre staff have achieved a Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning from the Australian Learning and Teaching Council. The citation is for *'innovative clinical legal education which inspires law students to connect legal practice, theory and justice issues while working with disadvantaged communities'*. This is great recognition of the wonderful work being done by everyone involved in KLC.



Anna Cody, Denise Wasley, Emma Golledge and Anna Hartree receiving the citation

Clinical Legal Education

KLC's clinical programs continue to grow and develop. Our Family Law clinic is off and running, we are participating in research on clinical legal education and have produced our Indigenous Legal Education Guide.

Indigenous Legal Education Guide 2010

KLC published our Indigenous Legal Education Guide 2010 which was last published in 2004. The Guide provides information to prospective Indigenous students who may be interested in law studies. It also serves the purpose of educating Law Faculties about the range of programs they can run to support Indigenous law students. Our first print run of 400 was very well received and we are currently reprinting another 400. If you would

like a hard copy contact us at: legal@unsw.edu.au or download a copy from our website at www.kingsfordlegalcentre.org

Family Law and Domestic Violence Clinic New Clinical Supervisor Appointed - Dolun Teoman



Dolun Teoman has been appointed as the Centre's Family Law Solicitor/Clinical Supervisor. The Centre's new Family and Domestic Violence Law Clinic provides UNSW students with the opportunity to participate in community legal education. Dolun comes to KLC from private practice and also has an extensive employment history in various areas of social work including community education, policy, child protection and mental health. Dolun joined the KLC team in late July 2010 and the Clinic is up and running with 4 community legal education workshops in family law/domestic violence already in development stage by students of the clinic and scheduled to be delivered in September and October 2010.

Developing Standards in Clinical Legal Education Grant

Kingsford Legal Centre has won a joint ALTC grant (\$211,000) for 'Developing standards in clinical legal education'. This is a combined project between UNSW, ANU, LaTrobe, Griffith, Murdoch and Monash which will involve in-depth study of the range of clinical legal education programs in Australia, with the aim of developing core standards for Clinical legal education in this country.

Aboriginal Access

Ron Timbery has now replaced Keith Ball as KLC's Aboriginal Access Worker & Indigenous students organise Deadly Vibrations

New Aboriginal Access Worker Appointed - Ron Timbery



KLC is delighted to announce the appointment of our new Aboriginal Access Worker, Ron Timbery. Ron is a member of the La Perouse Aboriginal community in south-east Sydney and joins the KLC as our Aboriginal Access Worker after working in the NSW Public Sector for twenty-two years. Ron has worked in Aboriginal Affairs for most of that time, in the specific areas of correctional services and also education, training and employment. Ron is an active community member and has a strong interest and commitment to community development in Aboriginal communities. He is also a former UNSW student having completed a Bachelor of Commerce in 2004. Welcome Ron!

Aboriginal Access to KLC

"My first five weeks at KLC has been fast and furious. The Centre itself is extremely busy and buzzing with activity. In my short time with KLC I have attended facilitator training for the "Love Bites" program and been involved in program delivery at J.J Cahill High School and South Sydney High School. This is a domestic violence and sexual assault prevention program for high school students. I have also recommenced the outreach service to the La Perouse Aboriginal community at Yarra Bay House (which is every Tuesday from 10am to 12pm), and I've also attended the NSWCLC Quarterly meeting in August.

My orientation to the Aboriginal Access Worker position has also included visits to Kooloorra, the South East Neighbourhood Centre, and The Deli. It was good to meet some of the staff at each of these organisations and I look forward to the possibility of working with them in the future.

Another exciting activity has been to liaise with KLC's Aboriginal Advisory Group (AAG) members to discuss and make arrangements for the group's next meeting. The group met on Wednesday 1 September 2010.

While these first weeks have been very exciting, one of the highlights for me was to attend the UNSW Law Faculty Indigenous Legal Education Showcase, held on Thursday 19 August, 2010. The UNSW has several programs to promote and enhance Indigenous Legal Education and to be able to meet former students who have participated in these programs was amazing."

Deadly Vibrations

The Indigenous Student Officers with the UNSW Student Representative Council, Peta MacGillivray and April Long have organised "Deadly Vibrations". This will be a day of activities and performances with the aim of engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, high school students and their families. The organisers believe that Vibrations provides an opportunity for

potential future Indigenous students and their families to visit and build a relationship with the UNSW campus. It is also a chance for us to celebrate the great talents of our young people! There will be information stalls for our young people to find out more about attending uni as well as stalls for community organisations, food and merchandise.

There are two big parts of the Festival. The first is the "Strong + Deadly Talent Quest" for high school students, with acts from all over NSW (Tamworth, Grafton, Sydney) coming to perform - everything from dance troupes to singing and the competition is being judged by the Stiff Gins. The Strong+ Deadly talent quest provides a chance for talented young people to perform in front of a big crowd with professional production. The second part of Deadly vibrations is a full line up of Stella Indigenous artists to perform in the evening: The Last Kinection, The Stiff Gins, Street Warriors, Radical Son, Leah Flanagan, Sharnee Fenwick and Freshwater. This is an event for all ages and for all of the community. It is a drug and alcohol free event. Gold coin donation.



Casework

KLC's student advocacy program remains a very popular one with both students and clients. Students have the opportunity to present pleas in mitigation in minor matters at local courts. The students work very hard on their pleas and often achieve great results for our clients. Liz Meyer joins the staff as our new Employment Solicitor/Clinical Supervisor.

Student Advocacy Program

On 9 June 2010, a KLC student represented a client at Waverley Court in relation to a low-range drink driving charge as part of the Student Advocacy Scheme. The client pleaded guilty and the student argued that the charge should be dismissed under section 10 of the Crimes (Sentencing) Procedures Act 1999 (NSW) due to a number of mitigating factors. After hearing the student's submissions, the magistrate dismissed the charges on the basis of the client's contrition, good driving record, strong character reference and the fact that he was only found to be marginally over the legal limit when breathalysed. The client was delighted with our student's efforts and the result, especially since he requires a valid licence for his occupation and therefore would have had difficulties maintaining his employment if his licence had been suspended.

In August another student presented a plea in mitigation at Waverley Court for our client who was charged with mid-range PCA. The student achieved a fantastic result for our client. His drivers' licence was returned to him and he was given a six month good behaviour bond; moreover, he didn't have to pay any fines or court costs. Our client was happy with the result. Thanks need to go to the wonderful barrister, Lester Fernandez, for patiently supervising our student in this matter.

New Employment Solicitor/Clinical Supervisor Appointed – Liz Meyer

Liz Meyer joined the KLC team in August as an Employment/Generalist Solicitor and Clinical Supervisor. Liz comes to KLC from the NSW Disability Discrimination Legal Centre Inc, where she worked for two years as a Solicitor. Liz also currently lectures at the University of Sydney on Discrimination in the Workplace. Welcome Liz.



KLC Employment Solicitor/Clinical Supervisor Liz Meyer (centre) with Semester 2 employment students (l-r, Adrian Wong, Raina Bernardz, Jim Cheney, Liz Meyer, Amjad Samakeh, Gavin Hammerschlag, Luke Noonan

Law Reform And Policy

The Centre has been particularly active in women's rights issues and legal services for prisoners in the last quarter.

Review of Australia by the Committee for the Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

Australia was reviewed by the United Nations Committee for CEDAW in July. The Centre has been active in developing the two non governmental reports which were used in the review by Committee members. Anna Cody was chosen to represent the Australian Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) sector during the review. This involved developing fact sheets, presenting a NGO briefing to the Committee and meeting with individual committee members. Two of the key issues raised by the NGO delegation were: violence against women, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Women

and women with disability, and political participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Since that time, the concluding observations of the Committee have been released, which have included many of the issues raised by the delegation. They have called on Australia to fund a network of Indigenous women's legal services, stop non therapeutic sterilisation of women and girls with disability and adopt special measures to increase political participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. The next stage of the project continues with ensuring these recommendations are adopted and entrenched in Australia.



Anna Cody (second from left) with the Australian NGO Delegation at the UN

Prisoner's working group NLAF

The NSW Legal Assistance Forum is a coordinating forum to ensure that all the key players in the legal aid sector work together effectively. One of the sub groups is a prisoner's working group. Kingsford Legal Centre has been a key participant in this for the last 12 months. Currently we are attempting to improve access to goals for community legal centres doing community legal education as well as providing legal advice. We are in the process of negotiating the roles of the Legal Aid Commission and community legal centres with the aim of increasing resources for civil and family law advice for prisoners.

Community Legal Education

Our secondee solicitors from Freehills & Allens Arthur Robinson not only provide casework assistance to our clients but they also are active in our CLE program.

Youth CLE in conjunction with Shopfront Youth Legal Services

Anita Mani, KLC's current Freehills secondee solicitor, presented a well-received session on general civil law issues to approximately 16 young people between the ages of 16 and 22. The session was organised by Shopfront Youth Legal Centre in June. The audience was made up of 16 young people living in supported accommodation provided by Oasis, the Salvation Army's youth services arm. Anita covered topics such as credit and debt, Social Security and tenancy. Shopfront and Oasis were very pleased with the training session and we are hoping to now run it on a regular, six-monthly basis.

KLC presentation at the Kooloora Community Centre

On 5 August, Anita Mani, gave a talk at the Kooloora Community Centre to raise awareness of KLC and its role in providing free legal advice to the Eastern Suburbs Catchment Area. The workshop was attended by community workers from the Eastern Suburbs Area and was aimed at informing these workers of their general legal rights, for the benefit of both themselves and their clients. The other presenters included NSW Fair Trading, the Energy and Water Ombudsman, LawAccess, and The Aged-care Rights Services. The workshop illustrated various potential legal issues that are commonly faced in the community such as those concerning faulty goods, poor service, scams, incorrect bills and issues with services provided to the elderly. The workshop also examined ways to minimise or prevent these legal problems and highlight the avenues in resolving them.



Anita Mani delivering Kooloora CLE

Staff and Students

Farewell to our secondee colleague Alex Salib and welcome back to the faculty an old friend, Fran Gibson.

Allens Arthur Robinson Secondees Departs

Alex Salib finished her 6 month secondment to KLC in August. Alex is an intelligent, hard working lawyer who contributed to every part of KLC's services. Her work was of the highest quality and she gave 100% to our clients and students. We will all miss her warmth and enthusiasm and wish her all the very best for the future. KLC are grateful to Allens Arthur Robinson for their generous support of the Centre. We look forward to welcoming our next secondee in 6 months time.

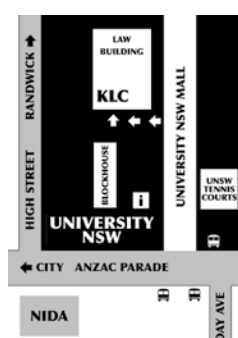
Former KLC Director Fran Gibson back at UNSW

Fran Gibson has been appointed to the new post of Director of Experiential Learning at the UNSW Law Faculty. Formerly Director of Kingsford Legal Centre, Fran will join the Faculty from La Trobe Law School in September. This post will take responsibility for coordinating and developing out of class learning, including internships and mooting, and will support the further development of clinical legal education. KLC staff are delighted to have the opportunity to work with Fran again.

Big Win for Eli Fisher

UNSW law student (and current KLCer), Eli Fisher, won the Centre for Media and Communications Law's inaugural Media Law Medal last week. Despite stiff competition and some hair-raising questions from Hon Michael Kirby, Eli's performance was exceptional. He was a great ambassador for the law school and, above all, an extremely gracious winner. Congratulations Eli.

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