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GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN

Dear Otago law alumni,

I hope that 2016 has been a good year for you all. It has been another great year here in the Law Faculty, with a number of notable occasions. Firstly, 2016 marked the final year of teaching for Professor Kevin Dawkins. Kevin delivered his final lecture on Friday 13 October, which was marked with a standing ovation in the Moot Court, packed with students and colleagues acknowledging his outstanding service after 46 years of immaculately prepared and lucidly presented teaching. You can read more about Kevin in the staff news section.

This year we also paid tribute to Emeritus Professor John Smillie and Emeritus Professor Peter Skegg, with the launch of Festchrifths in their honour. If you are interested in receiving a copy of either of these books, please visit our website and we can arrange to send you a copy. Both Emeritus Professors were delightedly surprised that a number of academics from around New Zealand and the world would take the time to write legal articles in their honour.

We have been very lucky to have a number of distinguished guests visit the Faculty this year. During the second half of the year, the Otago Faculty of Law was host to the 2016 NZ Law Foundation Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Professor Graham Virgo. Graham is Professor of English Private Law and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Education at the University of Cambridge. Our very own Otago law alumnus, and the world's greatest legal philosopher Professor Jeremy Waldron visited the Faculty, and most recently we were delighted to host Professor Michael Freeman from University College London.

Our staff, students and graduates continue to shine. Professor Jacinta Ruru was awarded the top national teaching award this year and was also made a fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand. Our students continue to work hard and have made significant contributions to the community, for example the Dunedin Women's Refuge will receive a \$24,000 cash boost thanks to fundraising efforts by a group of Otago law students.

As has been the pattern for a number of years, Otago law students have excelled in a number of national and international competitions, which you will read about in this edition. A big thanks to all my colleagues who have put a lot of work into coaching these students, particularly Associate Professor Selene Mize and Marcelo Rodriguez Ferrere.

And as always, our Otago law alumni continue to embark on exciting journeys and careers, including three Otago law alumni who have been elected Mayor in the recent elections, which you can read about in our profile section.

We love hearing from you, so please do keep in touch. On behalf of my colleagues, we wish you a safe and happy Christmas and wish you all the very best for 2017.



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STAFF NEWS

Professor Kevin Dawkins delivers final lecture

On Friday 13 October, our long standing colleague Professor Kevin Dawkins gave his final lecture at the Otago Law Faculty. Kevin has been teaching at Otago for a whopping 46 years, and will leave having taught most Otago Law alumni in that time in both Criminal Law and International Law.

Kevin was the lead author for *Adams on Criminal Law*, the most authoritative bible for criminal lawyers and judges in New Zealand. Much of Kevin's precise clear writing has been cited in our higher courts for many years. Professor Dawkins is well known for his sharp analytical mind and ability to explain complex legal concepts. Students value his impeccable handouts provided in Criminal and International Law.

We wish Kevin, a true legend of the faculty, all the best for the future. His contribution has been immense. Many of the honours and postgraduate students Kevin has supervised have gone on to high flying positions. Kevin coached two Otago teams that represented New Zealand at the largest Mooting Competition in the World; Jessup Moot. With over 375 law schools competing under Kevin's guidance, Otago won the best written memorials (submissions) against all the other law schools in the world. Under Kevin's coaching, Chris Curran won the best oral mooter in the competition and the team finished third overall in oral presentations with Harvard University. Not bad for the Southern-most law school in the world with limited resources up against American universities with massive resources. But they didn't have Professor Kevin Dawkins!

We will dearly miss Kevin's collegiality and students will miss his wonderfully helpful lecture summaries and his undercover humour. We wish him all the very best with his retirement.



Academic Promotions



Congratulations to Faculty staff who have been promoted in the latest round of academic promotions. Margaret Briggs and Shelley Griffiths have been promoted to Professor. Barry Allan has been promoted to Associate Professor and Marcelo Rodriguez Ferrere has also been promoted to Senior Lecturer.

Margaret is an internationally renowned scholar in the fields of relationship property and criminal law. Shelley is an internationally renowned scholar in the fields of taxation law and securities regulation law. Barry is an internationally recognised scholar in the field of the law of credit. Marcelo is developing a strong career in public and administrative law.

Welcome to Dr Ben France-Hudson



Dr Ben France-Hudson joined the Faculty of Law as a lecturer in July this year. Ben holds BMus(Hons)Perf(Griffith), MMus(Cant), LLB(Hons)(Cant), and a PhD(Otago).

Ben researches the law and theory of private property, with a particular focus on natural resources and land law. His current teaching includes Property Law and the law of Vendor and Purchaser.

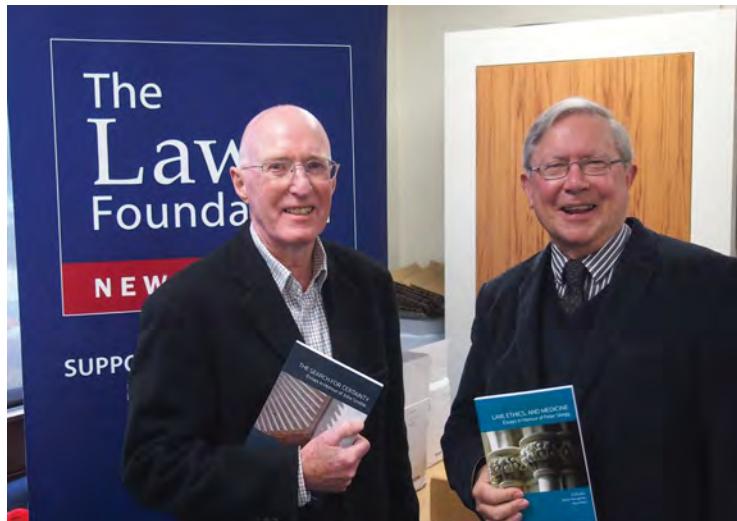
Ben is responsible for several chapters in the leading New Zealand textbook *Brookers Land Law* (J Burrows (ed), looseleaf, Thompson Reuters, 2016) and a member of the editorial board for the journal Resource Management Theory and Practice. In 2015 (along with co-researchers from the Universities of Canterbury and Otago) Ben was awarded funding by BRANZ (the Building Regulation Authority of New Zealand) and the New Zealand Law Foundation, to conduct research to consider revising the legal frameworks for the ownership and use of multi-dwelling units on a single piece of land.

Ben has worked as a Judges' Clerk at the Christchurch High Court, as a solicitor in the Treasury Solicitor's Office (London), and as an Assistant Crown Counsel in the Crown Law Office (Wellington). Prior to joining the Faculty of Law at Otago, Ben was lecturing in law at the University of Canterbury.

Books launched in honour of Emeritus Professor Peter Skegg and Emeritus Professor John Smillie

On Thursday 8 September, the Otago Law Faculty celebrated the launch of two Law Foundation funded books written in honour of academic staff: Emeritus Professor Peter Skegg and Emeritus Professor John Smillie.

The books, *Law, Ethics, and Medicine: Essays in honour of Peter Skegg* and *The Search for Certainty: Essays in Honour of John Smillie*, are tributes to the wonderful contribution these two outstanding scholars have made during their academic careers.



Emeritus Professor Peter Skegg joined the Faculty of Law as Professor in 1984, was Dean of the Faculty from 1990 – 1992 and made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2012. For many years he taught the core legal paper, Criminal Law, and has taught medical law to law, bioethics and medical students as well as to practitioners and policy makers. In Medical Law he is a pioneer, internationally recognised as one of the 'Fathers' of medical law and for his intellectual guardianship of the subject.

Academics, students and practitioners who are interested in how the law governs the provision of healthcare will benefit from reading the various essays contained in the book in honour of Professor Skegg. In addition, anyone who has had the good fortune of working with, or learning from, Professor Skegg will also enjoy the opportunity to return to the field of study that he founded.

Emeritus Professor John Smillie was a member of staff of the Faculty of Law from 1973 – 2014. He was appointed to a Chair of Law in 1981, was Dean of the Faculty from 1986 – 1988 and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand. He taught a number of subjects but is best known by former students as a teacher of Administrative Law, Torts and Intellectual Property. His research is widely recognised around the world for its precision, rigour and scholarship.

Academics, students and practitioners who are interested in the development and function of the common law will enjoy the essays in the collection in honour of Professor Smillie, as will the many students and colleagues that were the benefactors of Professor Smillie's dedication to the law.

Any Otago Alumni wishing to obtain a copy of the book(s) can order a copy from the [Faculty of Law website](#). The Faculty has a limited number of books available. A small fee will be applied to cover postage costs.

Thanks go to the NZ Law Foundation for their contribution to these books.

University of Otago teacher wins Prime Minister's prize



For the fifth year running, the Prime Minister's Supreme Award for tertiary teaching excellence has gone to a University of Otago academic.

Otago Faculty of Law Professor Jacinta Ruru was presented with the accolade by Rt Hon John Key at a function at Parliament in August. She receives \$10,000 through the Supreme Award as well as a further \$20,000 as one of 12 tertiary teachers to be recognised through this year's Sustained Excellence Awards.

The Supreme Award is considered the ultimate prize of the national Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards, held annually at Parliament. The Awards celebrate New Zealand's finest tertiary teachers as recognised by their organisations, colleagues, learners and broader communities.

Professor Ruru's award acknowledges her sustained excellence in tertiary teaching to create a place for Māori to stand and be heard within New Zealand's legal system.

As the first Professor of Law of Māori descent in New Zealand and the only Māori Law Faculty staff member at the University of Otago since 1999, Jacinta is designing a new experience for students learning law. Her strategy is to give greater focus to Māori experiences of the law, Māori relationships with land and Māori challenges for change in the classroom.

She recognises that education is key to achieving positive transformational change and works tirelessly to establish a safe place for Māori students to learn and succeed. Her ultimate aim is to increase Māori involvement in law at a higher level.

Professor Ruru is founder and director of an annual year-long programme for Otago's Māori law students: Te Īhaka; Building Māori Leaders in Law, supervises PhD students and undertakes the role of Kaiāwhina Māori in the Law Faculty (primary support person for Māori law students).

She also established the Māori Law Moot Competition at Otago and co-designed a new multidisciplinary Māori programme focused on providing solutions to transform Māori learning. She is described by colleagues as "incredibly generous in sharing her teaching experiences and expertise". A former student comments, "In succeeding at the highest

level and carving out a unique niche in her field, she gives others the confidence to do the same."

Professor Ruru is one of two Sustained Excellence winners in the Kaupapa Māori category. Three of her Otago colleagues are among the winners in the General category: Dr Judith Bateup (Microbiology and Immunology); Professor Darryl Tong (Oral Diagnostics and Surgical Sciences); and Dr Rachel Zajac (Psychology).

Acting University Vice-Chancellor Professor Vernon Squire warmly congratulated Professor Ruru and her three fellow Otago winners.

"Jacinta is a richly deserving winner of the Supreme Award and I'm sure that staff, students and alumni of the University will join me in applauding her, Judith's, Darryl's and Rachel's remarkable achievements," Professor Squire says.

Jacinta Ruru presents IPL – Toitū te Whenua, Toitū te Mana

On Monday 12 September, Professor Ruru presented her Inaugural Professorial Lecture, Toitū te Whenua, Toitū te Mana. In her IPL, Professor Ruru used this Māori proverb to bring alive the endurance and 'foreverness' of the Māori world in Aotearoa, and share her research journey. The recording is available to view on the podcast page of the [Faculty website](#).

Professor Jacinta Ruru elected as Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand

Jacinta was one of four leading University of Otago academics among a group of 19 top researchers and scholars to be newly elected as Fellows of the Royal Society of New Zealand in October.

In announcing the new Fellows, the Society described their election as recognising true international distinction in research and scholarship.

The Royal Society of New Zealand offers expert advice to government and the public, recognises excellence in research and scholarship in science, technology and humanities, promotes science and technology education, publishes peer-reviewed journals, administers funds for research and fosters international scientific contact and co-operation.

Legal Issues Centre appoints Centre Manager

The Faculty of Law and Legal Issues Centre was pleased to welcome Susan Davies as Centre Manager of the Legal Issues Centre. Susan was previously Centre Manager for the Centre for Sustainability here at Otago. She holds a BSc (technology) degree from Waikato University in Earth Sciences and has 18 years of experience in research management.

Faculty of law welcomes new staff to the main office

The Faculty is delighted to welcome Kylie Perrin and Tania Williams to the Faculty of Law this year. Kylie has started in the role of Executive Assistant, having previously worked in the Humanities Divisional Office here at Otago. Tania has recently returned to Dunedin and is working as Administration Assistant in the Faculty.





Love of the game still strong for Dean of Law

More than 44 years after his first Varsity Club Games for the Golds, Professor Mark Henaghan, Dean of Law is still a regular on the rugby field, most recently playing for the University Law Vultures.

The Varsity club celebrates players who have played 100 games, but by the last count Professor Henaghan has played over 300 games and is still going strong.

He made his university rugby debut in 1972 for the University Golds, where he

played alongside Greg Burgess, who later went on to become an All Black prop. Other former teammates include Ian Willis, later Southern captain and Otago player, and John Hornbrook, who went to play for Zingari and Otago.

Off the field, Professor Henaghan has made his name as a Professor of Law and Dean of the Faculty of Law at Otago, specialising in Child and Family law and teaching the first year course, LAWS101 The Legal System.

Professor Henaghan says that he "enjoys playing hooker in the golden oldie scrums, but will turn out and play wherever required."

Thanks to Blooz Nooz who recently caught up with Mark in action, as scrum half in the first quarter of a Vultures game. Unfortunately, Mark was forced from the field after 15 minutes – not by injury or failing fitness though! He had to give a lecture to nursing students.



FACULTY EVENTS

Otago host NZ Law Foundation 2016 Distinguished Visiting Fellow

The Faculty of Law was pleased to host the New Zealand Law Foundation 2016 Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Professor Graham Virgo.

Professor Virgo is Professor of English Private Law in the Faculty of Law, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education at University of Cambridge and visited New Zealand from 1 – 24 August.

During his visit, Professor Virgo presented public lectures and staff seminars to all of the NZ Law Schools (Auckland, AUT, Victoria, Waikato, Canterbury and Otago) and to the wider legal profession and community.

Professor Virgo delivered public lectures on '*Conscience in Equity: a new Utopia*' and '*Justifying the law of restitution: a case study in the nature of judging*', as well as presenting staff seminars on the topics, '*The law of unjust enrichment: a view from England*' and '*Judicial discretion in private law*'.

Whilst at Otago, Professor Virgo was also a participant in a full-day symposium on the Law of Obligations – Issues in Restitution. The symposium was organised, and chaired by Otago academics, Professor Struan Scott and Associate Professor Shelley Griffiths. Members of the judiciary, profession and academics from around the country presented papers, with local practitioners, and senior law students in attendance.

The public lecture presented at Otago on Conscience in Equity: a new Utopia is available to view on the [Faculty of Law website](#).



ABOUT PROFESSOR GRAHAM VIRGO:

Professor Virgo has been a Fellow of Downing College since 1989, where he read Law as an undergraduate. He went on to read for the BCL at Oxford where he was awarded the Vinerian scholarship. He then read for the Bar. He was Senior Tutor at Downing College between 2003 and 2013, and has also served as Director of Studies in Law. He is a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn and a door tenant at XXIV Old Buildings. He received a Pilkington Prize from the University of Cambridge for excellence in teaching in 2002 and was a finalist for the OUP Law Teacher of the Year in 2013.

He writes and researches in the fields of Criminal Law; Equity and trusts and the Law of Restitution. The third edition of his *Principles of the Law of Restitution* was published in 2015. In 2016 the second edition of his *Principles of Equity and Trusts* and the second edition of *Equity and Trusts: Text, Cases and Materials*, written with Paul Davies, will be published. He is a contributor to Simester and Sullivan's *Criminal Law: Theory and Doctrine*, the sixth edition of which will be published in 2016. He is a contributor to Chitty on Contracts (32nd ed, 2015) and co-author of Andrews, Clarke, Tettenborn and Virgo *Contractual Duties: Performance, Breach, Termination and Remedies* (2013, the second edition of which will be published in 2017). He has also written, with colleagues at Cambridge, *What About Law? Studying Law at University* (2nd ed, 2011).

He became Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education in October 2014. In that capacity he has oversight of all aspects of education policy and strategy for undergraduate, graduate and part-time students, as well as libraries and sport.



Criminal Law, Law of Contract and Equity and Trusts.

Professor Virgo is Professor of English Private Law and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education at the University of Cambridge, and was visiting New Zealand as the 2016 NZ Law Foundation Distinguished Visiting Fellow.

Thanks go to the New Zealand Law Foundation for their support of the event, and in particular the financial assistance to bring the presenters to Dunedin for the symposium.

World's Greatest Legal Philosopher Visits Faculty

The Faculty was delighted to host a recent visit by one of our own Otago graduates, Professor Jeremy Waldron. Jeremy is currently Professor of Law at New York University School of Law, where he teaches legal and political philosophy.



Professor Mark Henaghan, Dean of Law stated "Jeremy is the without a doubt the world's greatest legal philosopher. We are so lucky to have him visit us and share his expertise with our students, staff, members of the local profession and the wider public."

Until recently, Jeremy was also Chichele Professor of Social and Political Theory at Oxford University (All Souls College). A prolific scholar, Jeremy has written extensively on jurisprudence and political theory, including numerous books and articles on theories of rights, constitutionalism, the rule of law, democracy, property, torture, security, homelessness, and the philosophy of international law.

Jeremy was born and educated in New Zealand, where he studied for degrees in philosophy and law at the University of Otago, and was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand in 1978. Jeremy studied at Oxford University for his doctorate in legal philosophy and taught there as a fellow of Lincoln College from 1980 to 1982. He has since taught at the University of Edinburgh; the University of California, Berkeley; Princeton University; and Columbia Law School.

Elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1998 and a fellow of the British Academy since 2011, Jeremy has given many prestigious academic lectures, such as the Tanner Lectures at Berkeley in 2009, the Holmes Lectures at Harvard Law School in 2009, the Hamlyn Law Lectures in England in 2011, and the Gifford Lectures in Edinburgh in 2015.

During his visit, Jeremy delivered guest lectures in Jurisprudence, as well as a staff seminar on *What the Supreme Court should have said in Obergefell v Hodges*.

One of the highlights of his visit however, was the superb public lecture he presented, on the topic: *Death Lists and Death Squads: Targeted Killing and the Character of the State*. The lecture is available to view on the [Faculty of Law website](#).

New Approaches to the Delivery of Legal Services

The Faculty of Law was pleased to host a public lecture by Chew Seng Kok, Managing Director of ZICO Holdings Inc on the topic: *New approaches to the delivery of legal services*.

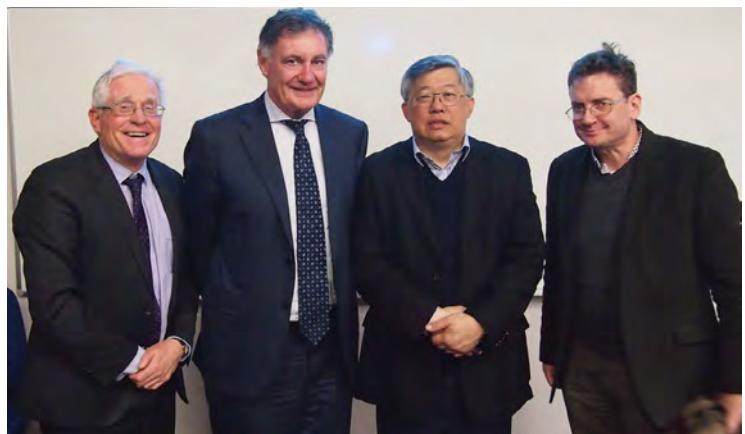
With a number of changes taking place inside corporates as a result of globalisation, technology and decreased budgets, it has had a large impact on the need for legal services and the way in which they are having to be met.

Seng Kok explained how Law firms have had to innovate and transform their legal practices to survive.

ZICO Holdings Inc has been recognised as an innovator by the Financial Times for the way in which they have transformed and created a new business model.

To find out more you can access the [lecture slides](#) on the Faculty of Law website.

Thanks go to Otago Law graduate, David Pine who facilitated the visit by Seng Kok. David graduated with his LLB and BA(Hons) from Otago in 1993. He is the Former New Zealand High Commissioner to Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam, the former Director, Economic Division, MFAT Wellington and Former Ambassador to the Philippines. He was also a member of the band Sneaky Feelings.



Children's Rights expert visits Otago

The Faculty of Law and Children's Issues Centre were delighted to host a visit by Professor Michael Freeman in December.

Professor Michael Freeman is Emeritus Professor of English Law at UCL Faculty of Laws. He is the Founding Editor of the International Journal of Children's Rights, Editor of the International Journal of Law in Context, General Editor of International Library of Medicine, Ethics and Law and of the International Library of Family, Society and Law. He is also the former Editor of the Annual Survey of Family Law. He was Editor of Current Legal Problems. In 2015 Professor Freeman also delivered the Hamlyn Lecture series on Children's Rights.

Professor Freeman is an international expert in, and has published in, the areas of Family Law, Child Law and Policy, Children's Rights, Medicine, Ethics and the Law and Medical Law, Jurisprudence and Legal Theory, and other areas of law and policy.



During his visit to Otago, Professor Freeman was involved in a symposium on *Children's Rights: International and National Perspectives*, where he opened the symposium with a presentation on the general state of children's rights in the world, which was followed by presentations from Judge Andrew Becroft (Children's Commissioner), John Hancock (Human Rights Commission), Dr Amanda D'Souza (University of Otago, Wellington) and Dr Emily Keddell (University of Otago) who all addressed various aspects of Children's Rights. A number of academics and local practitioners were also in attendance.

Professor Freeman also presented a public lecture: *From Article 12 to Votes at 12*, where he discussed Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and whether children should have the right to vote.

On Monday 5 December, Professor Freeman also delivered a seminar in Auckland on the topic: *27 years is a long time – how different would a Convention on the Rights of the Child 2016 look?* This was hosted by the Faculty of Law, Children's Issues Centre, Action for Children & Youth Aotearoa and YouthLaw.

Property Relationships Act (PRA) Symposium

On 8 and 9 December, the Faculty of Law hosted a symposium, *Reviewing the PRA 1976: the major issues*, which was held at the University of Otago Auckland Centre. The PRA is now 40 years old and in need of reform, so the symposium was an ideal opportunity for national and international experts to analyse and debate how and which property should be subject to division on separation. A number of specialists in the area were in attendance, along with members of the New Zealand Law Commission. Thanks goes to the NZ Law Foundation for their support of the event.



UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

Law student wins 2016 Sir Arthur Ward Award

Third year law student Dr Julie Everett-Hincks is currently undertaking her fourth degree, which is impressive in itself. However she can also add being the recipient of the 2016 Sir Arthur Ward Award to her impressive CV.

Julie is the first individual woman to receive the award, which was presented to her at the joint Australian Society of Animal Production and New Zealand Society of Animal Production conference in Adelaide in July this year. The New Zealand award recognises the outstanding contribution to Animal Production through communication and application of science.



Having grown up on a sheep farm in South Otago, Julie completed an agricultural science degree at Massey University specialising in animal breeding, genetics and farm management. She was then awarded a scholarship by the Wool Board to do her Master's degree in animal breeding and wool production, and later awarded an AGMARDT Scholarship to complete a PhD in animal science, investigating lamb rearing in highly fecund sheep.

Julie has put her expertise into practice in roles for Wools of New Zealand, Southern Institute of Technology and most recently, AgResearch.

It was on completion of her PhD that Julie joined AgResearch Invermay, initially as a post-doctoral scientist with the Reproduction team. She soon moved to the Animal Genomics team to lead projects relating to lamb survival. A series of projects over a 10-year period followed, with numerous funding organisations supporting the research, reflecting Julie's whole-system approach towards investigating the issue. The projects enjoyed the support of more than 20 stakeholders, 22 sheep breeders, 47 flocks and involved at least 10,000 lamb post-mortems predominately carried out by the breeders.

The project highlighted the value to farmers of identifying the causes of neonatal lamb deaths, so that the relevant causes of death could then be addressed on individual farms. Julie became the face of lamb post-mortems in New Zealand, providing demonstrations and tuition to farmers nationwide in how to conduct and interpret post-mortem examinations on their own lambs. A lamb post-mortem DVD was produced and thousands of copies distributed to farmers to enable them to practically and simply diagnose the primary cause of lamb deaths in their flock. This research extended to investigate the management of triplet litters, and she has been a strong advocate for the use of ewe body condition scoring and increased feed allocation throughout pregnancy to reduce

lamb mortality and increase production and performance of ewe breeding flocks.

In 2013 the lamb survival project was recognised as one of the AgResearch's three most influential projects, in terms of its impact in the New Zealand agricultural industry. It is no surprise that given Julie's involvement and presence across the industry that she has been described as one of the most recognised scientists in farming, who is widely respected for her approach and rapport with farmers; and a perfectly fitting candidate for the Sir Arthur Ward Award.

Whilst Julie has left the agriculture industry for now to complete her legal studies, she is keen to return in a different role; however, she hopes it will be in a capacity where she can still work with the agricultural and scientific communities, and continue to help people and solve problems.

PILSA hosts Public Lecture by Sir Albert Rocky Palmer

Sir Albert Rocky Palmer, Chief Justice of the Solomon Islands and Otago alumnus, returned to the University of Otago's Faculty of Law in September to deliver a lecture entitled *Strengthening the Rule of Law in a small developing nation*.



During the lecture Sir Albert discussed the concept and realities of protecting the "Rule of Law" in the context of his home country's experiences during civil unrest in 2000, and the ongoing challenges to law and order in the Solomon Islands.

Sir Albert graduated from the University of Otago with a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) in 1982 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1985.

After working in Wellington in various legal offices in 1986 – including with the Police Legal Section, the Crown Law Office and Chapman Tripp Sheffield Young – he returned to the Solomon Islands and joined the Magistracy.

He was appointed to the High Court Bench as a Puisne Judge in 1992 and in December 2003 was made Chief Justice, a position he still holds.

Sir Albert enjoyed studying at Otago and credits the University with both providing a "broad grounding in law" and helping define many personal values and beliefs.

"What I enjoyed was the quality of legal studies generally and lectures, but also the richness of the place in terms of being able to discover many things about myself. I see my years here as formative – many of my values, views and principles were

gained here because I was exposed mentally and spiritually to issues which meant that when I went out from study, I knew where I was coming from."

After returning to the Solomon Islands he "found [his] niche" working in the challenging and dynamic legal milieu that a constitutional democracy creates.

"Working on issues relating to the constitution in a country where the constitution is supreme – unlike New Zealand and the UK where parliament is supreme – is challenging because a case can come forward which challenges an issue's legality and constitutionality.

Every case you deal with is challenging and new and you always have the opportunity to make decisions that are specific to that case, so there's never a dull moment as a judge or as a magistrate."

Sir Albert says he was often thankful for a sound legal education when he joined the High Court.

"The legal points are often presented, and argued, in more detail, so the general principles and research skills I gained at Otago are often applied."

Otago's Pacific Island Law Students' Association (PILSA) organised an official welcome for Sir Albert via the University's Pacific Island Centre and retired High Court Judge Sir John Hansen, who sits on the Solomon Islands Court of Appeal bench. He also attended a dinner at his former residential college, Arana College.

Sir Albert's visit to the Faculty was hosted by PILSA, in conjunction with the Faculty of Law, with additional sponsorship from Bell Gully.

ABOUT:

According to the Constitution of the Solomon Islands (1978), the judiciary of Solomon Islands is a branch of the country's Government that interprets and applies its laws to ensure equal justice under law, and to provide a mechanism for dispute resolution.

The legal system is derived from chapter VII, part II of the Constitution, adopted when the country became independent from the United Kingdom in 1978. The Constitution provided for the creation of a High Court, with original jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases, and a Court of Appeal. It also provided for the possibility of "subordinate courts".

Pacific Islands Law students claim top honours

For members of Otago's Pacific Island Law Students' Association (PILSA), the mid-semester break presented the opportunity to attend the Pasifika Law and Culture Conference where the Association's mootинг team took top honours.

Law students Alice Tiffany, Amalie Blackman, and Melanie Lloyd attended the three-day conference in Wellington, the aim of which was to increase the understanding of Pacific legal issues and to strengthen relationships between Pacific legal scholars and students.

Alice and Amalie competed against seven other teams to win the mootинг competition, edging out Victoria University in the final.



Their debating topic surrounded a complex issue involving customary law, constitutional law and common law. "The issue arose because it was unclear which form of law was to take precedence over another and therefore, which actions were justifiable (or not)," Amalie says.

The pair were assisted by Otago's Professor John Dawson whose experience with the conference in years past and expert knowledge in this area of law gave the PILSA team an edge over the competition.

"We were able to work well as a team and also with the other teams we competed against. We took away some great friendships from the conference. The moot win was just the icing on the cake," Amalie says.

The conference also saw internationally-renowned legal experts and students alike present on the theme of "After Paris. After Winston: The Pacific".

Melanie, who presented her research proposal to examine climate change adaptation in Vanuatu at the conference, says the experience was "a fantastic opportunity" to connect with other Pacific Island law students.

"It was also the perfect audience to present to, as everyone had some connection with the Pacific and the legal issues faced there. I felt it was a very supportive environment. There was a real sense that the students were the future leaders of the Pacific."

Otago students claim the Mahony Cup



Third-year Law students Mitch East and Taoran Li won the Mahony Cup during the National Family Law Mooting Competition which was hosted by the Faculty of Law recently.

This was the first year teams from all New Zealand law schools (AUT, Auckland, Victoria, Waikato, Canterbury, Otago) competed. The annual event is sponsored by the New Zealand Law Foundation. Local Dunedin barristers, Nicola Williams and Rachel Cardoza, judged the event.

Otago finalists in ANIMAL Moot

Nikki Southall and Zared Wall-Manning made the finals of the 2016 Animal Moot, held in Australia. The Australia New Zealand Intervarsity Moot on Animal Law (ANIMAL) is hosted by The Animal Law Institute and sponsored by Voiceless, the animal protection institute.



Australia and New Zealand Air Law Moot Success

Tim Shiels and Olivia Klinkum were the winners of the written memorials at the 2016 Air Law Moot, hosted by the University of Auckland in September this year. Olivia was also named the best oralist in the competition.

Students represent New Zealand at World Negotiation Competition

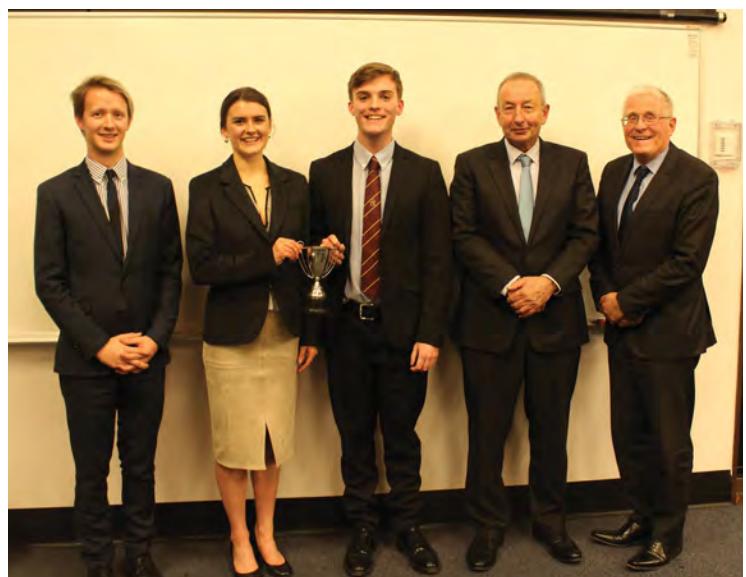
Ellen Domigan and Jamie Rohan represented New Zealand the World Negotiation Competitions in Switzerland in June.

Russell McVeagh National Client Interviewing Competition won by Otago

Zared Wall-Manning and Jamie Rohan won the Russell McVeagh National Client Interviewing Competition in September.

Bell Gully Junior Mooting Competition

Savanna Gaskell and Conor English won the Bell Gully Junior Mooting Competition, which was judged by Professor Mark Henaghan, senior law student Sam Cathro and Justice Nation from the High Court.



Chapman Tripp Junior Negotiation Competition

Leandra Fiennes and Kirsten Eskildsen won the Chapman Tripp Junior Negotiation Competition, which was judged Professor Mark Henaghan, senior law student Ben Bielski and Daniel Kalderimis from Chapman Tripp.



Otago students make final of the RedCross IHL Moot

Patrick O'Boyle and Mitch East made it to the finals of the NZ Red Cross International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Moot Competition in December this year.



The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the Legal Opinion Competition

On Friday 24 September, Kensington Swan representatives Ish Fraser, David Ireland, and Emma Gibbins headed down to Otago University for the annual Kensington Swan Legal Opinion Competition.

This year's theme was Lord of the Rings — students were asked to assist their supervising partner Elrond Rivendell advise Camellia Sackville, a flamboyant local property investor from the outer shires of Dunedin. Camellia had asked Elrond for assistance to help to resolve a dispute she had in relation to one of her property investments acquired from local entrepreneurial wizard Gandalf Grey. Approximately

40 second year law students competed in the competition by sending in their written submissions, with six teams then selected to present their advice to Elrond and Camellia on finals day.



The winning team this year was 'Worthington Goose', pictured from left to right: David Ireland, Jonathan Kwing, Emma Marsland, Mitchell Winton-Smith, Ish Fraser (absent: Anna Linton-Kennedy).

Kensington Swan will be flying the winners up to Wellington towards the end of the summer to spend two days in the office.

Law student part of the Audacious 2016 winning team

University of Otago Commerce students Sam Beattie and Henry Fitz-Gerald (Law) have won this year's Audacious competition with a digital marketplace concept aimed at getting odd jobs done.



Audacious, co-funded by the University of Otago Business School, the Otago Polytechnic and the Dunedin City Council, is a programme and a business competition for students who are curious about starting a business now or in the future or are already working on a business idea. It provides an environment that encourages like-minds to meet, mingle, motivate and inspire each other, and is well-supported by the local business community.

Students have to develop a business plan during the year, and pitch their business Dragon's Den style to judges.

Dunedin City Council Chief Executive Sue Bidrose presented the awards at a function at the Otago Polytechnic hub in October.

Dr Sara Walton, Commerce Division Senior Lecturer in Management, who was a joint Audacious Academic Leader with Alistair Regan from the Otago Polytechnic, told the crowd of students, staff and representatives from the business community that the 2016 Audacious students were an impressive group. She said the judges were ecstatic with the number and quality of entries.

Ideas ranged from ways to insulate Dunedin rental properties, an interactive, anatomically and physiologically accurate model neuron, an app providing recipes based on the day's discounted products from grocery stores to a device that signals when milk for making coffee has reached optimum temperature through sound, vibration and a visual digital screen.

Sam and Henry's winning idea was "Sorted," a digital marketplace that allows users to post fixed-price jobs for other users to complete.

The microtask crowdsourcing platform links people with more money than energy and time, and vice versa. It is aimed at solving the problem of getting odd jobs around the house done that do not require highly skilled workers but simply take time and effort, such as lawns that need mowing, fences that need painting, or garages that need cleaning.

The pair's prize included investment funding of \$5,000, plus a package of service assistance including website development from Firebrand, an iPhone and plan from Vodafone, and marketing from Glow.

Jolene Patuawa-Tuilave Scholarship Presentation

Congratulations to Alice Anderson, who was the recipient of the 2015 Jolene Patuawa-Tuilave Scholarship. Tame TeRangi presented Alice with her scholarship at a special ceremony in October this year. Alice has completed her studies this year and was also Tumuaki of Te Roopu Whai Putake in 2016. To donate to the scholarship, please visit the [donations page of the Otago website](#).



Women's Refuge Appeals Week

When the call went out last year for student volunteers to help out with an auction in support of Te Whare Pounamu Dunedin Women's Refuge Appeals Month, Otago Law student Maddi Ingham didn't hesitate to sign herself up. This year, she took on an even bigger Appeals Month role.



"I took over running the whole month," says the third-year Law student who is still chuffed with the success of this year's effort which saw around \$24,000 raised for Women's Refuge.

Led by Maddi, teams of Otago students organised fundraising and awareness-raising events which included a commemorative gathering, bake sale, quiz night, street appeals, and an auction emceed by noted comedian Paul Ego.

The commemorative event which kicked off the appeal brought supporters together for an evening of reminiscing and speeches. "There were two founding members of the Refuge there who shared stories which showed just how far it has come," according to Maddi.

The evening was meant to include the release of over 400 candles into the harbour to commemorate the over 4,000 women and children who graduated through the Refuge's education programmes over the past two decades. However, poor weather meant the release had to be postponed.

Despite the sombre tone of the commemorative gathering, Maddi says it was a positive start to the appeal.

The bake sale alone raised \$1,600, she says, thanks to many generous buyers who happily paid more than the ticketed price for their purchases or bought up whole plates to share with their departments.

For Maddi, the highlight of all of the students' effort was the "amazing" auction, held at the historic Savoy in Dunedin, which wrapped up the campaign.

"People were getting involved in the bidding, Paul Ego kept it fun, Grant McLean our auctioneer from Ray White is always great and we had huge community support from businesses."

The auction raised over \$16,000.

FORGING A CONNECTION

The association between Otago Law students and Dunedin Women's Refuge began early last year when then-student Laura McKay first heard about the organisation's need for assistance with their annual appeals week.

She recruited dozens of students to help out through Law for Change – a group of law students who use their budding legal skills to help make a difference in their community.

This year, a separate Women's Refuge Appeals Week Committee was established made up of just under 50 students, most from Law, but also from Commerce and other areas of the University. Many had also volunteered the year prior.

"Women's Refuge has just a handful of paid employees and relies entirely on volunteers, most of whom are busy helping people," says Maddi. "They wanted to have less of a focus on fundraising and more on raising awareness, so we stepped in to take on fundraising responsibilities."

Though she's volunteered at many events herself, organising a week-long campaign was a new undertaking for Maddi who says it was a struggle to fit everything in at times.

"I love doing Refuge work and would often prioritise it above my assignments and essays," she admits before hastily adding "my first semester grades didn't slip, though!"

"It was awesome being involved in all the events this year and seeing how they run. I love interacting with the women from the Refuge; they're always really appreciative and helpful."

Only 65 per cent of the Refuge's costs are government funded. The rest is raised through fundraising, events, philanthropic trusts, and bequests. They rely on donations from members of the public, businesses, and other private funders and trusts to offer essential services that help women and children every day.

Wenda Parata-Muir, Tumuaki Manager at Te Whare Pounamu Dunedin Women's Refuge, says the Otago students' help has been "instrumental" in enabling the organisation to carry out its commitment to provide services to victims of domestic violence.

"Their energy and unconditional passion drives them with the motivation to bring new initiatives to the table every year. They have this amazing creative flow with so much determination that we feel truly blessed and it is a great honour knowing that they do this for us at Te Whare Pounamu Dunedin Women's Refuge."

Law student Hazel Heal shares her story and helps other 'Hepsters' access affordable treatment through buyers club

Following a varied working life, I decided it was time I got a more credible, audible voice to speak for the vulnerable. In fact, I have been given the opportunity this year to be a more effective advocate than I may ever be again.



Photo credit Ruby Harris

I had hepatitis C for about 30 years and cirrhosis since 1999. I got by, but had little spare capacity beyond part time work and family. Like everyone, I caught the hep C virus by accident. Two percent of the world's population has it, it is a top 5 world infectious disease. It is estimated between 50 -70,000 Kiwis have the virus, although only about 20,000 are aware of it. Around 250 per year die of it, and rising, as the **baby boomer** population has the highest incidence.

As I prepared for first year exams, a scan revealed I had worsened, and I needed treatment 'yesterday'. The cure finally existed- new direct acting antivirals (DAA's) had been patented in early 2014, but were not funded. This is the first time since tuberculosis a complete cure for a world top 5 infectious disease has become available. To buy the correct prescription and treatment length, I would have needed \$200k, fast.

About five days later, I was accepting we would need to sell our house. I saw a link and came across **Greg Jeffreys** an Australian telling his story of buying generic hep C medication from India. He mentioned the **FixHepC** buyers club. I looked into it, joined, had a skype appointment with the Tasmanian doctor, James Freeman, who had recently set it up. It was legal, and tested in Australia. I sat my exams, flew to Australia to collect my medication, costing around \$3000, saved my life, and in the process changed everything.

Greg using the media reached me at a critical moment. Dr Freeman ethically responding to his code of practice appeared to me uniquely courageous and dramatically effective. It imposed a civic duty on me to respond and contribute. I began to see ways to do that and contacted them. I did several **interviews** which got the ball rolling. In April, Dr Freeman presented to the International Liver Congress his **clinical trial** of generic medication, showing identical results (91% cure rates) to the branded DAA's, receiving a standing ovation.

There is enormous stigma associated with hep C; I have been reasonably impervious to it, but I now know what a burden of shame the vast majority of 'hepsters' live with. It is very difficult, everywhere, to get anyone prepared talk publicly about hep C. I have lived a very quiet and private

life, up to now. To be effective in reaching people I soon realised I needed to surrender my privacy. My story has some compelling elements of timing, seriousness and recovery that make it a useful illustration to share to spread awareness.

I wrote submissions to Pharmac, to the District Health Board, to the Minister of Health. The whole story has been so interesting during second year, I have been looking at issues of strict liability, codes of practice, personal importation regulations, patent laws, international trade, medical law. I made an OIA request from Medsafe, in response to a change in importation rules. I have presented information on prescribing and monitoring treatment to medical centres. I have posted articles and even designed [cartoons](#).

In one of my media stories, an Auckland lawyer posited I may be committing conspiracy to pervert patent laws, which made lectures on conspiracy and parties come alive. The conduct of the main patent holder has appeared very close to criminal, both to me and the [U.S Senate](#) committee which investigated its pricing strategy. They have smashed records for profit, during which time 2 million people have died. It is effectively 'your money or your life' demanded of governments and individuals, who cannot afford it. They bought the [research](#) so it is well known what the costs were.

I am now an administrator for Greg Jefferys' huge Facebook support group. There were 200 members when I joined a year ago, now 5500. Every day, I comment on news stories or social media posts telling people about the generic medication. I invite them to look me up, and contact me. And people do, from all over the world, often it is very emotional. I have many people now who contact me for support, help understanding their tests- it is satisfying. I know the relief, and I recognise the anger, when people learn more about [why](#) we need buyers clubs. There is constantly unfolding drama, good news, geopolitical and personal.

It has been a remarkable year. I made it into second year Law, I am cured, I have reversed the cirrhosis, I feel decades younger. Australia, France, Morocco, Egypt now have funded treatment. More people have been treated with generics this year than with branded medication. New Zealand now has treatment for about half those who need it. Pharmac said at the announcement, funding was made available in response to public pressure. Following the generic clinical trial results, both the New Zealand Gastroenterology Specialists [guidelines](#) and the New Zealand Hepatitis Foundation now provide a live link to FixHepC.

People from around New Zealand, and some Australians, including Dr Freeman, came to Dunedin to [celebrate](#) our year as generic rebels in late November. It was a great privilege to have him here as our guest, one of the most effective and innovative humanitarians anywhere.

I can't predict where a completed law degree will take me. I enjoy public and administrative law, I am interested in environmental, medical and family law. I know I will be better equipped for new challenges by my life and recent experiences. I am looking forward to using the extra time I have gained to do interesting things, that help people. I feel incredibly lucky to be learning the skills I need to do that at Otago Law school.

POSTGRADUATE NEWS

Leading family law specialist graduates with PhD

More than 30 years after graduating with her LLB, Tauranga-based lawyer Fiona Mackenzie, graduated with her PhD in law in the recent December graduation.

Fiona is one of the leading family law specialists in New Zealand and completed her PhD on the topic of motherhood and family law. She is a recognised expert on relocation of children, having also completed an LLM on this subject.

Previously, Fiona held the role of Deputy Chairperson of the Family Law Section of the New Zealand Law Society and is currently a member of their Advisory Panel.

Fiona is not the first or only Otago law graduate in the family, in fact, her husband and three of their four children have also gone on to complete law degrees here at Otago.

You can read more about Fiona's graduation on the [ODT website](#).



ALUMNI UPDATES

Otago law alumna intends to “make a difference” as district court judge

In August, Otago law alumna Catriona Doyle, an associate at Hope and Associates in Oamaru, became an acting district court judge with a Family Court warrant and a two-year appointment to Wellington. Catriona describes herself as a proud Otago law alumna, and said she enjoyed many “wonderful lectures and moments” at the university.

The Oamaru-based lawyer said valuable, and amusing, lessons came to mind when she recalled her time at Otago.

“The major standouts for me were the sense of collegiality between lecturers and students and their availability and willingness to respond to any manner of queries.”

She found Donna Buckingham’s “exceptional teaching” of the “hearsay rule” in Evidence very informative and insightful.

“She was ahead of her time in developing a computer programme which was fun to use and made this tricky area very clear.”

An unlikely highlight came when Faculty of Law Dean Mark Henaghan refused to grant an extension for a Family Law assignment.

“He declined the request on the basis that the best lesson I could learn to prepare me for real world lawyering was to meet deadlines – even if it meant handing in something which was ‘good enough’ but not perfect. I have applied that lesson many times in my own practice and when training junior lawyers.”

Catriona has practised family law in the District Court and High Court, including appointments as lawyer for the child and counsel to assist the court. She was sworn in on August 18 in Wellington.



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Otago Law graduates shine at 2016 NZ Law Foundation Annual Awards

The NZ Law Foundation held their 2016 Annual Awards dinner on 29 November at Te Papa, where all but one of the recipients were Otago Law graduates.

The Law Foundation's prestigious International Research Fellowship was won by Otago Law graduate Michael Cameron, Lead Legislation Solicitor with the Department of Corrections, who will research "Realising the Potential of Autonomous Vehicles in New Zealand."

Otago PhD student, Kesia Sherwood, was awarded a Law Foundation Doctoral Scholarship for her research that will establish the significance of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) on youth offending.

The NZLF Cleary Memorial Prize was jointly awarded this year to Auckland lawyer Johanna McDavitt (a Victoria graduate), and Otago Law graduate Joshua Pemberton who is currently studying at Harvard University. This award is given to a young barrister or solicitor who shows outstanding future promise in the legal profession.

Earlier this year, Otago Law graduate Holly Hedley was jointly awarded the 2016 Law Foundation Ethel Benjamin Scholarship. Holly will study for her Masters of Law in Global Health Law at Georgetown University in Washington DC. Her studies will include topics of particular interest – the intersection between human rights and health law, especially the impact on women. Holly has a BSc/LLB(Hons) from the University of Otago and since graduation has been working in Buddle Findlays' health law team.



Sir Bruce Robertson (retired Court of Appeal judge) awarding prize to Michael Cameron. Photo courtesy of NZ Law Foundation.

James (Jim) Edmund Boyak, poet and lawyer, passed away 22 September 2016

Jim came to New Zealand from the Northern Hemisphere and immediately settled into the lifestyle at Otago. As a student, Jim was always unafraid to ask the difficult questions in class. He was much loved by his lecturers for his ability to see different points of view and where the law was not acting fairly and justly. Jim took this passion for justice into his legal practice, for many years he had been an outstanding advocate in the criminal and youth courts in Auckland. Jim had a fine legal mind and was very articulate and persuasive in giving oral arguments to courts. But most of all, Jim displayed care and compassion to all his clients that made a big difference to their lives. Jim was also a philosopher and a poet, he has written a number of books on poetry which give great insight not only to the legal system, but also into the human soul. Jim was a great supporter and encourager of all his colleagues working in the trenches of criminal law. He will be greatly missed by the profession and those closest to him.

Tom Gilbert appointed Acting District Court Judge

Wellington lawyer Tom Gilbert has been appointed an Acting District Court Judge with a jury warrant to be based in Christchurch. Mr Gilbert was admitted in September 1999. He has been a partner and Senior Crown Counsel with the Wellington Crown Solicitor Luke Cunningham Clere since 2006. He is Convenor of the Mental Health Review Tribunal and a member of the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal. Judge Gilbert was sworn in on 15 April 2016 in Wellington.

Otago Law graduate appointed as the CEO of Samoa International Finance Authority

Dr Fanaafi Aiono-Le Tagaloa was appointed Chief Executive Officer of The Samoa International Finance Authority (S.I.F.A.).

Two Otago Law Graduates are appointed QC's

Richard Raymond is a graduate of the University of Otago and was admitted in 1988. He joined Wellington firm Buddle Findlay before spending some time in London firm McKenna & Co. In 1993 he returned to Christchurch working at Raymond Donnelly and then Duncan Cotterill where he was made partner in 1998. He joined the independent bar in 2011. Mr Raymond specialises in insurance based litigation and commercial and civil dispute resolution.

Una Jagose graduated LLB from the University of Otago and LLM (First Class Honours) from Victoria University of Wellington. Admitted in 1990 Ms Jagose joined the then Ministry of Consumer Affairs before moving to the Ministry of Fisheries where she was appointed Chief Legal Advisor in 1999. Ms Jagose joined Crown Law in 2002 and was appointed Deputy Solicitor-General in 2012. She was appointed to the position of Acting Director of the Government Communications Security Bureau in 2015 and was appointed Solicitor-General in February 2016.

Three Otago law graduates have been elected Mayor in the latest elections. Justin Lester has been elected Mayor of Wellington, Tim Cadogan has been elected Mayor of Central Otago and Hamish McDouall has been elected Mayor of Whanganui. Current law student Lesley Soper was also elected a member of the Invercargill City Council. You can read about Tim and Justin in the alumni profiles section.

Alumni Profiles

Justin Lester

Looking back over my career so far, so much of where I am and who I am began at Otago and the Law School there.

I certainly didn't think it was going to turn out that way. Having grown up in a state house in Invercargill, and being the first in my family to go to University, my understanding of what Law School was going to be like was based on the somewhat rudimentary knowledge of the legal system I'd acquired by watching the 90's legal drama L.A. Law.



I remember actually being surprised that the Law School was part of the University. As someone with very little exposure to tertiary education, I clearly had a lot to learn.

For all of that though, I loved studying law. I'd always been interested in foreign affairs and politics and it was fascinating to learn about jurisprudence, public law, international law and trade law.

For me, like a lot of people, it wasn't just what I learned in classes and lectures that helped shape me, it was the experiences I got to have at Otago and the people I got to meet that made it so special.

Most important of these was a young woman who sat near me in my first year German Class. 20 years and two kids later, it's fair to say Liz made quite an impression on me.

As well as meeting my future wife, I also made great friends and threw myself into sports. I was a keen footballer, playing alongside Andrew Geddis – now Professor Geddis – although in those days I knew him more as a rangy left back with a penchant for goal scoring. One fond memory was a bus road trip to Invercargill with our team for a third round match in the Chatham Cup, New Zealand's premier knockout competition. We lost the match, but it didn't stop the bus journey back to Dunedin being a high spirited affair.

Another stand out memory was getting roped into a team to perform the Full Monty in the annual lip synch competition at the Captain Cook Tavern. A group of us law students disrobed from policeman outfits to the hoots of the audience. I'm very glad they didn't have smart phones in the late 1990s!

Otago was also where my interest in politics first translated into action. In 1997 I joined a protest against proposed cuts to the European languages and classics departments – an after effect of a funding squeeze from central Government. About 3,000 of us assembled at the University to voice our disapproval, before a group peeled off and occupied the registry building, disrupting a meeting discussing the cuts. The result was that the University Council reviewed and eventually changed their plans.

It was at Otago I also found myself running for my first elected position – Vice President of the Society of Otago University Law Students. It's probably fair to say it was a lower key election than ones later in my life.

I graduated Otago in 2001, with an LLB and a BA (German). On the back of the education I'd received at Otago, I was accepted into Germany's oldest university in Heidelberg. It was a marvellous institution in a great student city with rich traditions, much like Otago.

Looking back over the years that have followed, I can see the huge difference that studying at Otago made in my life. The confidence that I learned there – that someone with my background could succeed if they put their mind to it and stuck to their values, helped me start my own business when we moved back to New Zealand – Kapai, a chain specialising in fresh, local food in Wellington. Over the years we've been able to grow it into a successful business, employing close to 50 people.

Likewise, that first involvement at politics and seeing what was possible when people come together to make changes at University gave me confidence that I could give back to the community that had done so much for me by running for office myself. It's been an incredible honour to have been elected the Mayor of Wellington and to have the opportunity to repay the large debt of gratitude I owe to the community.

I look back on my legal education in Dunedin with feelings of appreciation and great affection. It gave me a tremendous grounding and I have no doubt it helped shape my future career.

TIM CADOGAN

It has been quite a circuitous route getting from being a 17-year-old Balclutha boy walking into Selwyn College as a Fresher in 1983 to being made Mayor of Central Otago in October 2016. The beginning itself was an interesting one, with me being enrolled as the only first year Forestry Science student at Otago. While the Forestry degree was based at Canterbury University, I undertook, quite unsuccessfully as it turns out, the initial papers at Otago.



It was a strange choice to make on reflection, because from a very young age I had always wanted to be a lawyer. An interest in the outdoor life in my last couple of years at school led to the decision to take on Forestry Science. I joke now that it must have been an underlying ambition to be a bush lawyer that led to this.

I transferred to Law the next year and thoroughly enjoyed my time at Otago. I was a member of the University Pipe Band; an institution whose history from that time will need to remain unpublished to protect the guilty.

I took two years off mid-degree to work as I was concerned that the debt I had was spiralling out of control. Incredibly; I recall that to be about \$3,000, a trifle in today's far more challenging climate. I gained work as a pharmaceutical representative and travelled the country peddling the wares to doctors. The wanton excess in company spending I saw (this was the 80's after all) have made me a life-long fan of our current Pharmac system.

On graduation; the downturn following the '87 stock market crash was in full swing and work as a graduate lawyer was thin on the ground. Life took another turn; with my use of the drug company background to gain the job of Sales Manager at Radio One. What a great stage of life; getting to be involved with the Dunedin music scene in the heady days of the early 90's. As part of the job; I also was lucky enough to get some air-time.

The birth of my first child led to a move to Queenstown and fate dealt the cards again; with a casual conversation leading to an on-air shift at the local commercial radio station. I had indeed gone over to the dark side. Radio became a career that spanned twelve years; at various times being a Creative Director, breakfast announcer or on-air in other shifts. Most of that time was spent at Radio Central in Alexandra; which was then part of the Radioworks (later Mediaworks) network. I recently had the pleasure of hosting Minister Stephen Joyce as Mayor and we reflected on the strange twists of fate that led him from visiting as station owner with me as worker, to him coming to Alexandra as Minister with me playing the role of Mayor.

Around that time; I spent eight years as a solo-father, including ten months on the DPB. This was a very formative time and that experience, and the fraught marriage break-up that preceded it, gave me a great desire to become a Family Lawyer. Twelve years ago; my first enquiry led to a job with Alexandra firm Bodkins (now AWS); working primarily in Family and Criminal Law. After 6 years there; I went into practice on my own account. I also gained the Inland Otago Warrant as Disputes Tribunal Referee; a role that I cherished for 6 years until resigning on gaining the Mayoralty.

So; as I say, a circuitous route to my new role. I am retaining a very small Family Law Practice in Alexandra as I do not want to walk away entirely from practice, and the job security in local politics is perhaps not ideal.

My time at Otago University will always remain one of the high points of my life. As I dropped our youngest child at City College at the start of 2016; I couldn't help but be jealous of the times she would have as she starts her own journey.

ANNA WATSON

I always enjoy hearing tales of renounced lawyers. Their journeys are so, well, unpredictable. Risky. Unprecedented. Essentially, they emulate everything that I learnt case law should not.

So I read the profiles of our Otago alumni with great interest. The paths spreading out from the hallowed halls of the Richardson Building weave through the legal world in NZ and abroad. But some of these paths shoot over into places I never dreamed of visiting when I was a law student.

It is with some excitement that I now share my journey (so far) with you. It is certainly a path that I did not have in mind when I walked across the stage to receive my degree in 2013.



I grew up in Mosgiel, so the decision to go to the University of Otago wasn't too difficult. While I'd lightly entertained the idea of the Navy, I made an agreement with my mother to get a degree first. Taking first year law was more of an afterthought, to complement my intended pathway of town planning.

As I'm sure a few alumni can relate to lectures on *Donaghue v Stevenson* with Mark Henaghan and the lively law student culture soon had me hooked. By my fifth year I had dived into social and criminal justice. This culminated in an Honours dissertation under the excellent supervision of Geoff Hall, who wisely insisted on "graceful" (and well-referenced) sentences.

Despite my deep interest in criminal law, I went elsewhere after university. In my third year I had done a summer clerkship with Bell Gully, and this is where I headed upon finishing my studies.

I joined the corporate department in Auckland, under the patient supervision of Garry Downs and Dean Alderton (both being Otago grads themselves). The work ethic I'd developed at law school paid off as I got stuck into some big projects. My geography degree even got to raise its head while I was helping to draft legislation for geothermal development in the Republic of Dominica (unfortunately, no field visit was required for this one).

Near the end of my second year, I was given the opportunity to go to London on secondment to magic circle law firm, Slaughter and May. A whirlwind six months ensued, crammed full of capital restructures, high heels and European getaways.

After cutting my teeth in the international legal world, the quiet voice in my ear started to speak up. Although I enjoyed the challenge of corporate law, I knew it wasn't quite the right fit for me. I spent a further eight months back at Bell Gully before taking my leave of the legal world.

And so started my career of unpredictability. I kicked off the high heels in favour of hiking boots. For the next six months I worked as a hiking guide on the Milford and Routeburn tracks with Ultimate Hikes. It is for good reason the Milford is known as the finest track in the world. Treating dehydration, spouting off bird facts and loading helicopters with rain-drenched walkers was about as far from the sleek offices of the legal world as I could imagine.

As the season wrapped up, I toyed with the idea of re-entering the legal world. As I started looking at jobs, I realised that my legal training really was a ticket to anywhere. It was just up to me to get a little bit creative on the destination (or journey, depending on one's philosophy).

I decided to enter the world of social entrepreneurship and untapped potential. This came in the form of a job as programme manager at Inspiring Stories, a charitable organisation with a vision to "unleash the potential of every young New Zealander to change the world". A hefty aim - challenge accepted.

It's amazing how much law permeates into everyday life. Not that I should be surprised; I'm pretty sure that was one of the first things we were told when we were shiny new law students in the Castle Block theatre. But time and again I find myself using the lawyer part of my brain; to review a contract, draft a contract, or to set out an email to get my view across.

The rest of the time, I find richness in my work where I couldn't find it in law. Facilitating workshops, organising a hui to connect young people from across provincial New Zealand, taking a masterclass in design thinking – these experiences all form part of a path I never even glimpsed as a law student.

The running start that Otago gave me has been invaluable. It is too hard to count the friends I made at law school, the lecturers who impressed and challenged me, and the doors that have opened for me since. And the best thing about it is I'm only just getting warmed up.

MADDY PHILLIPS

I was not a very good law student. Such was my apathy that I suspect most of my fellow law students and lecturers were completely unaware that I was even doing a law degree. My failure to engage was not at all a reflection on the Law Faculty, just a reflection on my own idiocy and the great enjoyment I took in the less-academic aspects of the Otago student

lifestyle. Towards the end of my degree I decided to try a little bit, which to my great surprise meant that I actually started enjoying my law papers. Still, a law job seemed an unlikely prospect given my grades, which were on the mediocre side of average, so I thought it best to pursue a career in an alternative field.

As I liked writing I decided that perhaps advertising would be more my thing than law, and took a marketing job at a company that sold hot water cylinders. I will say little about that role, other than that it is amazing how ending up as the sole female on a cruise around the Viaduct with over 20 drunk and corpulent members of the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Association can really make you take stock of where you are in life.

After six months in that role my mum, sensing that each day spent updating the plumber customer database was pushing me ever closer towards a psychotic episode, suggested that I go and work for my dad, who at the time was a barrister doing civil litigation, as a junior barrister. I gratefully accepted the offer on the basis that nothing, not even law, could be worse than the marketing job.

On my second week as a junior barrister we began a two-week trial. We were acting for the plaintiffs, a perpetually-bemused German couple as pure as the sylvan hills of the Rhineland. We alleged that the plaintiffs' next door neighbours, a husband and wife, had defrauded the plaintiffs to the tune of some \$300,000 and spent the money on boats, cars, properties and various items of heavy machinery.

The trial was glorious. During cross-examination the husband lost it completely. With every question his face reddened and his voice grew louder. The judge grew exasperated. The calmly incisive questions never stopped. It was magnificent theatre. I basked in the magenta glow of the defendant's face and reflected that I had somehow fallen into the best career ever. This was immediately followed by a sense of horror at how much I could have learned at law school/how much I might have enjoyed it if I had actually tried.

While I very much enjoyed civil litigation, you don't get into Court very much, especially as a junior. I felt that criminal was where the real action was. Luckily I had a particularly generous employer who let me do some minor criminal matters of my own in addition to assisting him with his files. After a couple of



years working for my dad and doing a bit of criminal I hoped that I had now amassed enough skill and experience (very relatively speaking) that I could apply for jobs without having to provide a copy of my woeful academic transcript. I applied for a job doing criminal defence work at the Public Defence Service in Dunedin, and to my surprise got it.

PDS is brilliant. It is everything I liked about civil litigation, only more so. Litigation in general offers the great privilege of unfettered access into other people's (almost always fascinating) lives. Criminal litigation goes a step further. You get access to the darkest, nastiest, seediest, most dramatic, most unbelievable bits of humanity. It's like a never-ending in-depth anthropological case study. Couple that with the intellectual stimulation of the legal side of things and the thrill of appearing in Court before stern judges ready to trip you up on every misstep and it's an addictive mix. Cliché though it is, no day is ever the same. Clients range from charming to repugnant. Successes in Court leave you feeling more self-satisfied than a raw vegan, while failures leave you more despondent than that same vegan having errantly ingested a bliss ball sweetened with honey instead of date syrup. It's wonderful stuff. PDS is, I think, a particularly good place for a soi-disant criminal lawyer – you get your own files from day one and you're in Court nearly every day.

In summary, no-one could be surprised than me to learn that law can actually make for a rather good job and that you can probably learn a lot if you pay attention at law school.

MAHONEY TURNBULL

A law degree takes a tonne of words and the time I spent at Otago honing the wordsmithing and argumentative side of the brain somehow paid off. I'd now describe myself less 'lawyer', more Biz Dev strategist, Startup-connector, product nerd and curator of user obsession. Not defining attributes I would have naturally paired with my raison d'être whilst I was at

Otago. But it all comes together some way or another, with threads of my law dissertation on NZ's Digital Future definitely weaving their way into my squiggly career line since leaving the glorious garden of Richardson.

I've always been globally focussed, from maxing out my international studies with two epic exchanges in China and Spain, and interning my way around Asia and the startup competition circuit in Spain, to doing many Business conferences/ Climate Change studies and International Affairs Summits overseas while I was still studying at Otago. After graduating and doing my profs whilst interning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade in their Legal team (just as NZ was kicking off its stint on the UN Security Council) I shot off to the States, to dive into a role with New Zealand Trade & Enterprise, in their US HQ in Los Angeles. I feel passionately about pushing NZ startups globally and this role, under the helm of the inspiring NZTE Director Claudia Batten, gave me the chance to be part of this strategic business mission for New Zealand, which was an immense privilege. I relished the opportunity to help accelerate the growth of our portfolio of kiwi companies into the US ecosystem. It was an awesome challenge and an



eye-opener to the business and investment world of North America, especially since Software and Tech are NZ's fastest growing export industries and the US is their primary export market. Living in the increasingly tech-centric hub of Venice Beach (or 'Silicon Beach' as it has recently been deemed) was a whole lot of fun, and full of the casual LA celeb moments (hanging with Miley was a real thing), novelties like living next door to the founder of Snapchat, flatting with insiders in 'the industry' and of course, ridiculously good weather.

From LA, I've since moved up the coast to hone the art of the startup hustle in the Bay Area. I've loved immersing myself in the intense tech melting pot, where the best tech talent come to battle it out. To me, San Francisco feels a little bit like Wellington on silicon steroids. Super competitive, but the energy of the city and its historic grit is fantastic. I'm continuing to polish this skillset, manifesting in events like Tech Crunch Disrupt, Singularity Summit, Vanity Fair, StartupGrind, IBM Lab events the list goes on.

Work wise, alongside being a Director for StartupBus (a global competition circuit that crosses countries with high powered hackathons) my SF journey has involved being part of a team chosen for the 500 Startups Batch 18, a venture fund and seed accelerator founded by Dave McClure. The reasoning behind the 500 brand is that "you've got to invest in 500 possible failed start-ups to get 1 unicorn" which is a pretty solid rationale. The acceptance rate is super low, about 2%, with startup teams from all over the world vying to get in. It was an amazing, exhausting but exhilarating ride to go on. These accelerators are like kitchens, not restaurants (and certainly not your average law office). You have to really get dirty and cut through the noise to find value for your team and the company. In a funny way, it was kind of like going back to University, with hints of Otago Law School and the healthy hits of competition, but with its solid foundation of collegiality underpinning it all.

This start up I was working with during the program was creating an Artificial Intelligence (AI) chatbot built on IBM Watson (a supercomputer that combines AI and sophisticated analytical software) with the product aimed at empowering the 'Gig Economy'. As is the case for early stage teams you're wearing multiple hats (something my hat fetish at Law School prepared me well for obviously) and constantly adapting to whatever is necessary to execute the next iteration or product launch. Playing in the arena of financial big data was fascinating as it involved serious data security considerations, taking me back to the stimulating times I had writing about NZ's big data tsunami and the policy surrounding it for my final year dissertation!

I've now progressed to another company, where I'm helping accelerate high-growth French-based SaaS (software as a service) start-ups into the US market. This is also a challenge, deep diving into augmented Augmented Retail companies as well as those in the Artificial Intelligence space – a realm that is both awesome and terrifying at the same time – depending on where exactly you see this technical movement leading.

Next stop for me is not exactly clear, but who wants a linear path anyway? I know that the tech scene is really compelling. There's a certain edge about the startup world that I really love, the sense of never resting with the status quo, constantly iterating and innovating, and at the same time being always ready to pitch your idea to the world. You never know which prospective investor is going to jump in the elevator with you next, so you can sell them your #game-changing #stealth #unicorn-to-be #SaaS #AI-based #platform hinging on a #contextual #algorithm. In fact, probably about the same amount of time it took Professor Henaghan to compliment whichever of us budding young lawyers happened to strike the Richardson lifts with him, as we attempted to project the best versions of ourselves for those critical moments. But as Founder of Amazon Jeff Bezos says, you have to be prepared to be misunderstood if you're really going to innovate. So even if your lift buddy doesn't quite understand the pitch, it's okay. There's an app for that.



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FACULTY VISITORS

The Faculty of Law had the pleasure of hosting a number of distinguished visitors in the second half of the year, some of whom you can read about below.

CHEW SENG KOK, Managing Director, ZICO Holdings Inc presented a public lecture on *New approaches to the delivery of legal services*.

PROFESSOR JEREMY WALDRON, New York University Law School presented a public lecture on *Death Lists and Death Squads: Targeted Killing and the Character of the State*. He also presented a staff seminar on What the Supreme Court should have said in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

PROFESSOR GRAHAM VIRGO, Professor of English Private Law and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education, University of Cambridge, visited as the 2016 NZ Law Foundation Distinguished Visiting Fellow.

SIR ALBERT ROCKY PALMER, Chief Justice of the Solomon Islands, visited as a special guest of the Faculty and PILSA to deliver a public lecture and meet with Pacific Island students on campus.

JUDGE LISA TREMEWAN, from the Waitakere District Court, visited the Faculty to present a guest lecture in the Criminal Justice class, as well as present a seminar to law students on the role of the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Court.

MOANA JACKSON, Director of Nga Kaiwhakamarama I Nga Ture (the Māori Legal Service), visited the Faculty to speak to Māori law students.

UNA JAGOSE QC, Solicitor-General, visited the Faculty of Law to talk with current students about The Role of the Solicitor-General.

THE HON. CHRIS FINLAYSON, Attorney-General, visited the Faculty to talk with faculty staff, honours and postgraduate students.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL FREEMAN, University College London, visited to present a public lecture *From Article 12 to Votes at 12* as well as present a seminar in Auckland and at a Children's Rights Symposium in the Faculty.

JUSTICE PAUL HEATH, Auckland High Court, visited the Faculty to present a guest lecture in Insolvency Law.

JUDGE ANDREW BECROFT, Children's Commissioner, delivered guest lectures in Criminal Justice and Family Law lectures.

PROFESSOR GLEN LUTHER, from the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan presented a staff seminar in November on *Street Checks as an example of racialized policing in Saskatchewan and Canada: An Indigenous Professor's view*.



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