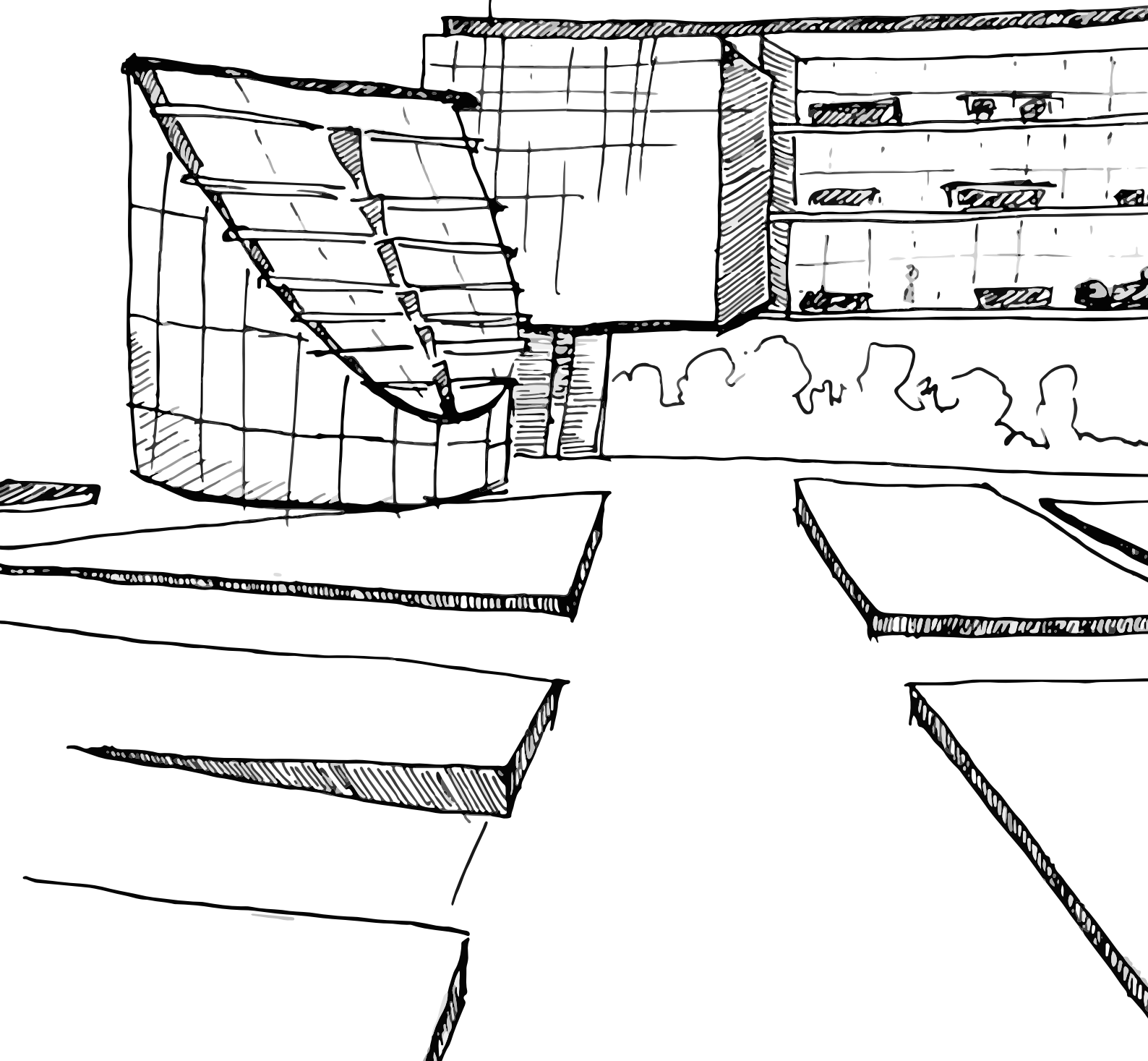


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Welcome to Blackacre; Farewell to 2017

As another year comes to a close, and another graduating class prepares to pass out of our care into the wide world beyond our sandstone walls, I usually experience a mixture of relief and sadness. Relief to see another year survived; sadness to see the familiar faces of the graduating cohort disappear, off to pursue all the exciting opportunities that a Sydney law degree promises.

What will I remember of 2017? This was the year that the Daily Telegraph decided to 'out' us as a training ground for terrorists. When young Jack Houghton on the Tele discovered (somewhat belatedly) the inclusion in our comparative law program of 'Introduction to Islamic Law', he published front page headlines, claiming that we were inculcating a new generation of lawyers in Shariah law and soon the whole Australian legal system would be corrupted with dangerous ideas. Discovery that we had added a new jurisprudence Masters elective in 'Muslim Minorities and the Law' confirmed his worst fears that Sydney Law School is a hotbed of Islamic radicalism. No, it wasn't the first of April. But plenty of fools fell into the trap of censoring us on the strength of the Tele's reporting. Mark Latham, Jeff Kennett, and even the Minister, Simon Birmingham, went on record. And then came the usual torrent of hate mail from all and sundry. One guy who seems to live in Malaysia (if his email address is any guide) continues to fill my email inbox with his vituperation.

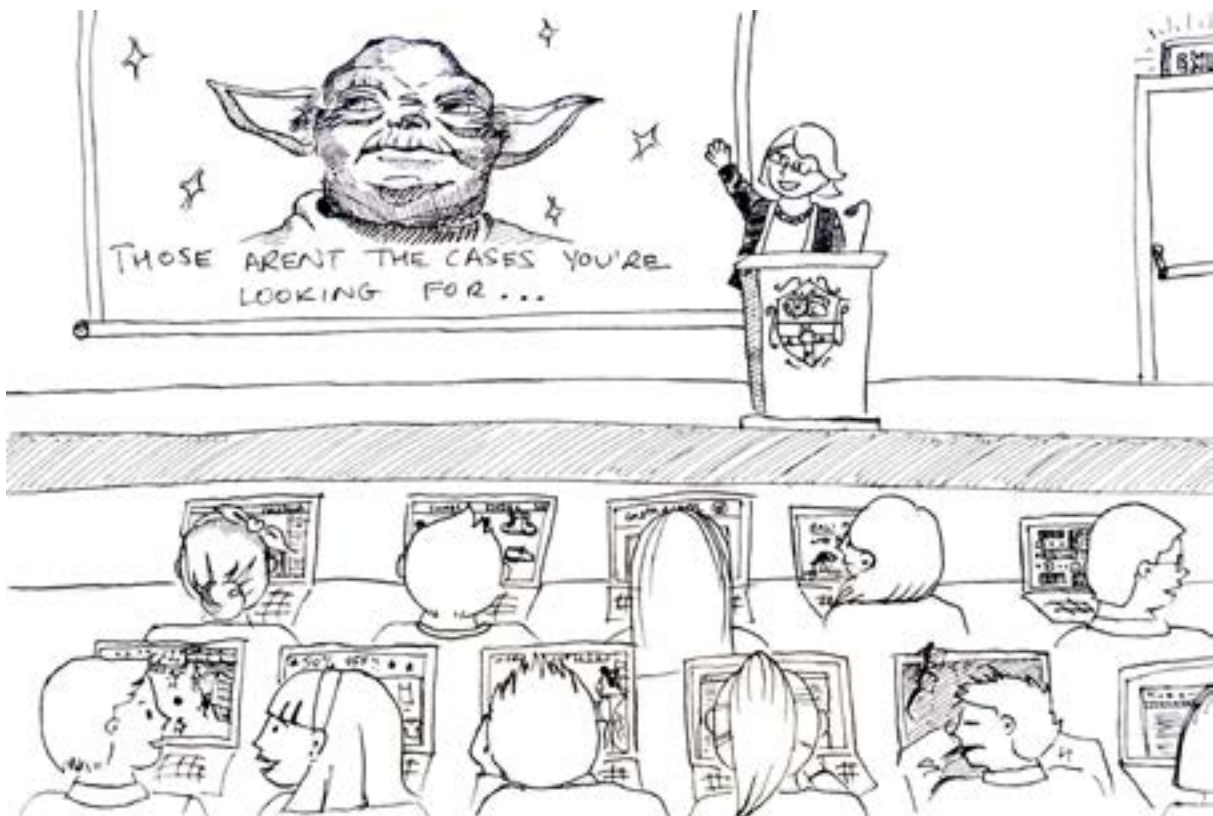
I guess it is part of the job of fronting the most prestigious law school in Australia (at least, that is what the Wall Street

Journal called us in 2013 at the height of the infamous "Corporate Law Exam Fire Alarm Incident"). I have found myself embroiled in quite a few of these kinds of incidents during my time as Dean of this illustrious law school, and they have taught me a number of things. First, a lie repeated loudly and confidently will always draw in those who haven't learned the lessons that most good lawyers learn: suspend belief; test everything carefully; demand evidence before you form a view. And don't go on the record until you know you have the facts. Secondly, there are people in the world who thrive on conflict and will contest every little thing. I am not one of them. I often grieve the demise of that great Australian virtue, apathy. I would have become terribly upset by the Daily Telegraph's attack on us, but I just couldn't be bothered. And finally, I have learned how to block people from filling up my email box with poison.

So do I have some advice for the graduating class of 2017? In the words of that great Credence Clearwater revival song ("Grapevine") – "believe half of what you see and none of what you hear". And in memory of one of the great ballad songwriters of our time (who passed this year), Glen Campbell: "Try a little kindness." Farewell, Class of 2017. I hope you help to build a wiser and kinder world than the one we are living in at the moment.

Joellen Riley

September 2017.



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On Editing Blackacre

Editing Blackacre is a lot like studying Equity. It is examined all at once and we really shouldn't have left writing the Editorial to the last minute. At least our procrastination was mirrored in the tooth-pulling exercise which was involved in getting a cohort of Law Students to answer a dozen questions and upload a profile picture.

At the end though, we would like to take the chance to thank all those who made this Magazine and this Law School possible.

Professor Peter Gerangelos – who generously contributed two pieces you can read later (if you are reading this cover to cover) – has been known to remark that the next High Court Justice may well be among our peers. Many of you have no doubt joked about who among your friends that might be (those of you with bigger egos might have joked about it being yourself). ‘The Future High Court Judge’ is just one of many clichés and stereotypes which pervade this Law School, and we would like to thank some of them here. As you read the 200+ biographies below you might be able to recognise some of them.

To those who carry the rest of us on your shoulders – the ones who ask questions before the lecturer resorts to picking names from the roll; who write notes and then share them for nothing in return; who linger outside Taste for when we need to either whinge or boast about getting a credit – thank you.

To those who remind us why its worth being at Sydney Law School over anywhere else – the ones who arrive done up to the nines for a nine am class to keep ours the most attractive Law School in Sydney; who (will inevitably) hold down a majority of the partnerships at the Big Six and make that “networking” (“casual sex”) at Law Ball worthwhile; who fill out the bottom of the bell curve so we don't have to – thank you.



To our friends, our classmates and the rivals we who had to do group assessments with us in Clerkship Season, we look forward to a long future together in the Profession or otherwise.

Next year promises to be a big year of big transitions; it will be the start of our careers – whether it's on Phillip Street, in New York City, the banks, at a community legal centre, the newsroom or some indeterminate place we've yet to work out. But if Law School has taught us something, it's to tackle change and prepare for the exigencies of life with all the vigour and grace we can muster.

We hope you enjoy 2017's Blackacre,

Ryan Hunter, Anoushka William, Beverly Parungao, Elizabeth Kim & Dora Cheung.







A Note on the Class of 2017

By Anoushka William

It seems like just yesterday we were cute 18 year olds boarding the train to Law Camp, concerned only about whether we remembered to pack our tiger onesie and the number of UDLs we were going to consume that night (enough to nearly kill us). We were blissfully unaware about the concept of 100% exams, clerkship applications or the struggles of the centralised university administration system.

Indeed, I started my degree not really knowing a whole lot about what law was. I remember walking around the Quad with my Law School mentor the week before uni started thinking I'd probably be leaving it as a criminal lawyer along with 90% of my cohort. My first-year-self believed in three indisputable facts about studying at Sydney Law School:

1. It meant you were really smart.
2. You were guaranteed to have a fantastic job lined up.
3. You were guaranteed to make a ridiculous amount of money.

Sadly, these assumptions couldn't be further from the truth!

Most of us that did get into Law School can attribute our luck to a pretty insane work ethic when we were 17/18 coupled with the benefits that came with going to a highly-ranked selective or private school. Let's face it, the self-congratulatory aura that surrounded us in first year wore off pretty quickly when we realised that 75% was the new 95%.

I was also not prepared for the hyper-competitive job market. Who knew it would be such a rat race getting a volunteer role at a community legal centre?

And of course, we are not going to make anywhere near as much money as Suits would have us believe!

Instead, over my five years here, I've awakened to three "real facts" about studying at Sydney Law School:

1. You are guaranteed to meet incredible people.
2. The more involved you are, the better time you have.
3. There are so many opportunities there for the taking.

When I look back on Law School, I won't be remembering the long hours of cramming Real Property, skimming the AGLC at 4am or anxiously looking for seats in the Lawbry. I'll be remembering the cast of colourful characters I was lucky enough to meet throughout my five years here. Whether it was catching the rare glimpse of the legendary Margaret Zhang in the halls, hysterically laughing during Professor Rolph's seminars, speculating the backstory to Professor Gerangelos' hard-line anti-drug stance, or trying to interpret the crazy names the Taste baristas came up with, it was the people at this Law School that made me (dare I say) eager to show up to my 9 am lectures.

The collegiality at this Law School is truly something else. While my friendships with non-law students lasted a semester, I can say with confidence that the people I met boarding that train to Law Camp in 2013 will be my best friends for the rest of my life. It was reassuring seeing the same faces in the same classrooms nearly everyday for five years, learning, struggling and "growing up" together. It was incredible having such an active Law Society, adept at forcing us to socialise anywhere from Taste to the middle of the ocean.

Indeed, my enjoyment of Sydney Law School directly correlated with my involvement in it. I'll never forget my first Law Ball at Town Hall, a lavish extravaganza complete with profiterole towers that we were allowed to take back home! I'll laugh at how important I thought I was unstacking chairs and organising food for the clerkship presentations on the SULS Careers Subcommittee. I'll smile thinking about all those shirts I had to spray paint during my three years in Law Revue crew and I'll reminisce about the year I finally performed in the cast (one of the best experiences of my life). I imagine everyone that signed up for competitions, acted as "prestigious" campus representatives, volunteered, went on a law exchange, got involved with SULS or did any number of other things that the Law School offered, feels the same way.

I do have a few regrets. I wish I'd made more effort trying to befriend our incredible teachers, who, as the years progressed, seemed less like terrifying and unapproachable mega-geniuses and more like normal (albeit insanely intelligent) and often very funny individuals. I had no idea how lucky I was to be in the same room as some of them.

I also wish I never bought a textbook – what a colossal waste of money (unlike buying thank you coffees for all the friends that shared their incredible sets of notes with me!).

Five years seemed like an eternity when I was 18 but it's gone by faster than the clock in our CCP exam. I've learned so much during my time at Law School (use the Level 0 bathrooms; yes, you always do need a bibliography) and of course, about the law (what corporate law is, for example).

In all seriousness, I know that Sydney Law School has equipped me with the skills I need to take on whatever lies ahead. It's been an incredible journey with you all, first as comrades traversing the difficult terrain of the PPSA and Corps Act together and soon as colleagues, navigating the murky waters of the unknown. Whatever the future holds, I am happy I can say that I was proud of going to Sydney Law School when I arrived here as a naive first year and I'm still proud of my alma mater as I leave it now.







From The Academy

*This is an edited version of the address delivered by **Professor Peter Gerangelos** at graduation ceremonies to law graduates in 2011 and 2013. It has not previously been published. Footnotes omitted.*

Deputy Chancellor, Dean, Distinguished Guests and Colleagues, New Graduates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, Caroline Bingley declares: "I should like Balls infinitely better if they were carried on in a different manner ... It would surely be much more rational if conversation instead of dancing was made the order of the day." "Much more rational, I dare say," replied her brother, "but it would not be near so much like a Ball."

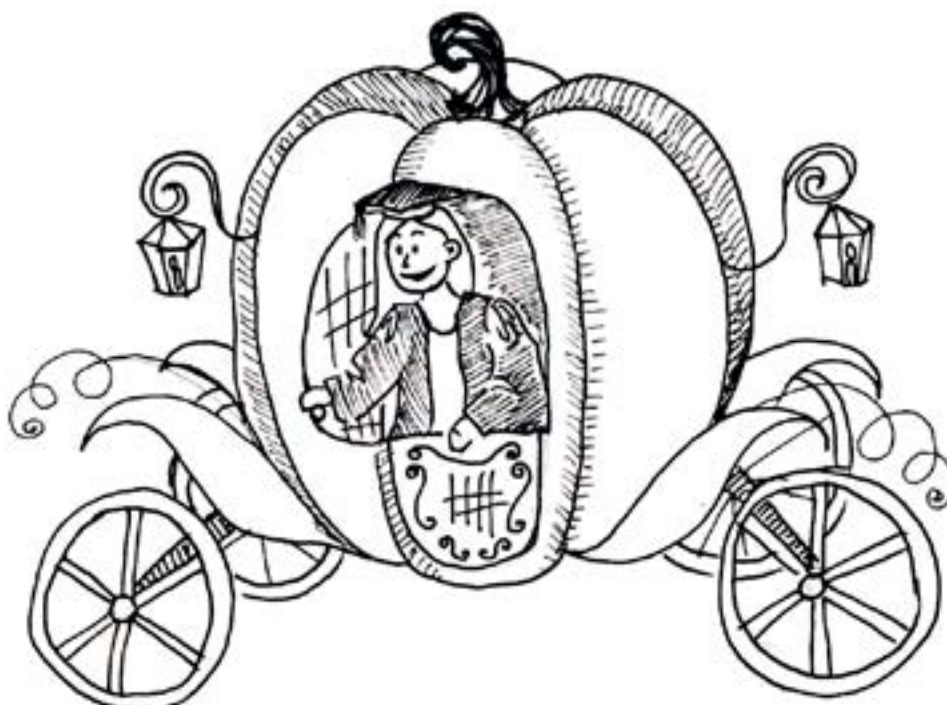
The same might be said of a graduation: much more rational if degrees were simply handed out, without the processions in gowns and hoods, music, and speeches in the Great Hall. More efficient and rational, I daresay, but it would not be "near so much like" a graduation. For a graduation, like a Ball, or a wedding ceremony, is attempting to communicate something which, while rational, cannot be contained within the confines of pure reason or words, even the grandest encomium. It is touching upon something loftier, and yet lofty in a purely joyful, indeed jubilant, sense. Even Plato, who despised the poets, said, in similar vein, that the most profound of philosophical thoughts can only best be expressed when chanted or sung.

A graduation then is more like a triumph put on by the University celebrating great deeds. Our alma mater

("nourishing mother" from the Latin) is today rewarding you and celebrating with you, for the years in which, like a Roman matron, she has been a rather hard task-mistress, compelling you to read much, to attend many lectures, pursue scholarship long into the night and otherwise "serve with rigour". She has compelled you to limit, and oftentimes deny, even the most innocent and sweet pleasures of youth in the hope that you may acquire a taste for the even more exquisite pleasures of the life of the mind and the spirit; for the gaining of knowledge and wisdom and, one hopes, character, without which of course you are rendered nothing but a clanging cymbal or sounding brass. Character immunises a person from the folly and the "spin" of pure worldliness, and which once led old Diogenes to walk the streets of Athens with a lantern in the middle of the day, oblivious to the mockery of the children and the sneers of the fashionable, proclaiming, "αὐθροπονζήτω" ("I seek out a true human being!").

To make amends then, alma mater is inviting our graduates today to drink from a cup of fine wine, indeed to dance with her at this Ball which we call a graduation ceremony.

But, beware the cup she is offering. The wine is red, strong, full-flavoured, and there will be moments when you will beseech her to let this cup pass from you. "How can that be so?" you may ask. Surely, graduating as lawyers the road ahead is indeed opening up a path to honours, power, wealth and a seat at the most sought after tables in the land, enabling you to be a champion for all manner of persons and





causes, whether it be in your Phillip Street Chambers, the floor of Parliament, or in the more humble, though no less important, office of the family solicitor. In these places, as well as from the Bench, or the University Chair, the lawyer's voice is listened to, her words will have impact. An iron fist in a velvet glove, he has that presence which commands.

The problem is that this road, with all its myriad byways, does not traverse only through "broad, sunlit uplands" — if only that were so — but rather winds its way tortuously through scenes of suffering and lamentation, deceit and injustice, indifference and callousness. For, in the words of John Milton, "Sin and Death rejoice to arrive on Earth, ready to glut themselves on fallen Man, Beasts and Nature." Of course, many members of the public will think that a large proportion of lawyers are only too happy to make a party with Milton's personified Sin and Death; that conceiving rich pickings with their deep involvement in the conduct of human affairs, the fraud and corruption which they will witness, prosecute and/or defend, the ease with which humans enter conflict and are solicited into litigation, that they too will readily proceed to glut themselves.

But that is not what alma mater intends. She hopes, rather, that you will be a remedy, an antidote to all this, a champion for the very things the darker lights of our nature seek to trample upon: for what is just, proper and true, for equity and

mercy, fair dealing, the just resolution of conflict at all levels of society, the defence of liberty and of the downtrodden, of the proverbial "widows and orphans", strangers and outsiders, and all those against whom "Sin and Death" have wrought their outrages, whether they be nations, persons or the values of common decency and humanity. She hopes that you will not cross to the other side the better to avert your eyes from "the comfortless troubles of the needy and of the deep sighing of the poor." She entreats you, in the original words of the oath you one day may be taking, to "do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of this realm, without fear or favour, affection or ill will." In the very taking of such an oath, it must be realised and appreciated that this is not just a form of words which sound very nice indeed. Think hard on it: for those who take it are in fact putting up as surety their very soul, their inner being, for a promise that they are prepared to suffer, sometimes more dearly than realised, to uphold such high principles.

There may be many of my professional colleagues, veterans of countless brutal, albeit genteel, battles in the courts, and whom the years have condemned with an ever-thickening hide of cynicism, who will snigger, or at least be embarrassed by, such high sounding, hopelessly altruistic sentiments. Which one of us indeed, who has been through such things, is immune from such cynicism, made more understandable

But the lawyer must not shy away from these principles and the trials they entail. For as Sir Thomas More, the humanist Chancellor of England in the reign of Henry VIII, said: "We may not at our pleasure go to heaven in feather beds. It is not the way."

by the fact that it is often those who have made the most noise about such things who have been found the most wanting? But the lawyer must not shy away from these principles and the trials they entail. For as Sir Thomas More, the humanist Chancellor of England in the reign of Henry VIII, said: “We may not at our pleasure go to heaven in feather beds. It is not the way.” Amidst all the strife and rigours of professional life, it is these ideals from your youth, from the cup which alma mater is today offering you, which will sustain you.

But how can one stand? How can one perceive, let alone resist, even those whispers to cut that first corner, to take that easy but suspicious shortcut, to tell that little lie which eases the way, to break that small but important promise because something better has turned up, to tread ever so easily on just the foot of a colleague so that one might take that step upward, to acquiesce in silence at the betrayal of a friend who is now perceived a rival or, pusillanimously, out of simple fear

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of getting involved. Because, as we know, the first step on the slippery downward slope to scoundrelhood seems the easiest and the most harmless. Even Lady Macbeth started no doubt with a seemingly innocent and pleasant thought: “Wouldn’t it be nice to be Queen one day?” It was only when it was too late that she yelled, again and again, “out damned spot!”, over the last remnants of innocent blood on her hands which she could not wash off. But how could she now silence her outraged conscience, making its last stand, which was itself making the “spot” indelible.

Here the voice of alma mater will whisper in the other ear because she has taught otherwise. She has not merely trained us to be technicians, although she has insisted that we be that too, and good ones at that. She has sought to provide us with a “well-furnished mind”. She has striven to impart to us the high value of impartiality and objectivity in legal practice and in high office over ego and our own opinions, a notion of the sacred worth of every human person, to view the State as existing not for its own sake, but to provide for and facilitate human flourishing. And one thing more: For it was in the Academy, in fact at its very founding two and half thousand years ago, that was posited a fundamental and non-negotiable principle by its founder Plato. In his Republic, Plato made this the subject of his dialogue: Is it better to be powerful, rich and famous, though unjust, or better to live the just life, even if obscure, reviled and in poverty?

In order to shred from the issue all extraneous considerations he set up the following extreme dichotomy: “Let the unjust man be entirely unjust, and the just man entirely just”, said Plato. The former type must be the person who, desiring fame, power and wealth, committed every crime imaginable to achieve them; yet was never found out. Although utterly cynical, corrupt, and venal, wealth and the highest offices in the land are his, every accolade and glory that the world can bestow, together with the reputation, albeit false, of being completely just: “By merit raised to that bad eminence”. “And at his side”, continued Plato,

let us place the just man in his nobleness and simplicity, wishing, as Aeschylus says, to be and not to seem good. There must be no seemings, for if he seem to be just he will be honoured and rewarded, and then we shall not know whether he is just for the sake of justice or for the sake of honours and rewards;...[Rather] [!]let him be the best of men, and let him be thought the worst; then he will have been put to the proof; and we shall see whether he will be affected by the fear of infamy and its consequences. And let him continue thus to the hour of death; ...[T]he just man who is thought unjust will be scourged, racked, bound, will have his eyes burnt out; and, at last, after suffering every kind of evil, he will be impaled.

The rest of the dialogue makes the case that, even in these extremities, which I hope none of us will have to endure, it is ultimately the latter person that lives the better and happier life, the one to which we ought aspire. It is the latter life which has the greatest significance, a lasting influence for good on future generations. It is in that life that Diogenes would at last find his “true human being”.

Five students in their twenties and Professor Kurt Huber, from the University of Munich, were arrested and sentenced to death for distributing pamphlets in Germany which denounced National Socialism during the



Second World War. One of the students, Christoph Probst, was a married man with two very young children. They knew that they were launching their protest against an overwhelming power that would inevitably destroy them. “What does death matter”, said Sophie Scholl after her arrest, “if thousands are stirred and awakened by what we have done?” She was twenty three. They printed and distributed leaflets in the name of “The White Rose”. While millions acquiesced, these five, not much more than boys and girls, fought. “Down with Hitler” they painted at night on buildings in the Ludwigstrasse and the single word “Liberty” over the University entrance. The leaflets, too, were simple and direct in language. We are told that they had been reading Plato and Aristotle, St Augustine and St John Chrysostom, Pascal and their own German writers Goethe, Schiller and Novalis. The Schiller quotation reads thus: “Everything may be sacrificed to the welfare of the State except that of which the State itself is only a means. The State itself is never the aim; it is important only as a condition for the fulfilment of the aim of humanity.” And in another pamphlet, one of the last, they wrote: “We must attack evil where it is most powerful...we shall not be silent; we are your importunate conscience: ‘The White Rose’ will give you no peace.”

The totalitarian power they challenged simply crushed them with indifference, like so many annoying bugs underfoot. They were all executed by beheading. Christoph Probst wrote to his sister before the end: “I never knew that dying is so easy...I die without any feeling of hatred...Never forget that life is nothing but a growing in love and a preparation for eternity.” And in their lives and deaths, they fulfilled the words of Pericles in his Funeral Oration for the fallen on the field at Marathon: “Our love of things of the mind does not make us soft.”

From this potent, bitter-sweet cup of alma mater, myriads of other young people have also shared. Lieutenant Constantine Koukides was the officer on flag duty on the Acropolis when it, and all Athens, was occupied by the Axis forces in 1941 following a defiantly heroic defence. Ordered by the usurper to have his men lower the blue and white flag of his nation, each of the nine stripes of which represent the nine syllables in its motto, “Liberty or Death”, he stood at attention, in his full ceremonial uniform and kilt, raising his sword to salute the blue-eyed maiden as she came down, tears unashamedly streaming down his face. He folded her neatly and kissed her as his men presented her to him. As the Swastika was being raised over the Parthenon — the perverse symbolism of this scene I am sure is not lost on anyone here today — it was as if some part of his whole emotional and spiritual world had died. Staring down the abyss, he found his character. Partaking of a full draught of the cup of alma mater, he refused to hand over his nation’s flag and his regiment’s colours to the senior German officer who demanded them; instead unfurling her and, despising the arrogant impertinence of the invader, led her in a few steps of the battle dance of his people, handed down the centuries from their Homeric ancestors. Before anyone realised what he was doing, he embraced her close, took the final salute from his men and proceeded to march with her over the cliff of the Acropolis to his death. By the very blood from his youthful body he washed clean the desecration of that scene.

Such deeds do not go unnoticed. “Their sound is gone out into all lands; and their words unto the ends of the world”. Churchill, moved, rose in the House of Commons: “Hence we

will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes fight like Greeks.”

It is our wish and hope today that in the future, because of you, people will not say that Sydney Law School graduates practice law like eminent jurists, but that eminent jurists practice law like Sydney Law School graduates.

My aim today is to put the question: “What is the ultimate principle by which the law is to be directed?” Are not these stories perhaps too remote from this? Not if you think, as the Law Lord, Viscount Radcliffe did, that

the ends of law are to be learnt from many sources other than its own primers and textbooks and there is no source more compelling than the judgment of those who in their own lives have confounded man’s law by a higher test. We cannot learn law by [only] learning law. If it is to be anything more than a technique, it is to be much more than itself: a part of history, a part of economics, a part of ethics and a philosophy of life. It is not strong enough to be a philosophy in itself. It must stand rooted in that great tradition of humana civilitas from which have grown the institutions of the Western world. Cut it away from that tradition, no matter for how good a reason, and it will lose what sustains its life. The great tradition which has sustained our civilisation... was in fact never intended merely for the lawyer. It was the product of the moralist, the theologian, and the philosopher. Their teachings were aimed at everyone. They spoke to the lawyer certainly but even more directly to the prince or legislator, individual or assembly: they spoke to Archbishop and King, as well as to priest and magistrate; and, most importantly, to the heart of each individual person. In one sense we are all committed.”

Those of us who have been your teachers send you off with best wishes and good will. Our alma mater will worry about what will happen to you for she knows that those of you of goodwill and good heart must needs suffer. But she urges you, as did Edmund Burke two and half centuries ago, that:

It is [nevertheless] our business, carefully to cultivate our minds, to rear to the most perfect vigour and maturity, every sort of generous and honest feeling that belongs to our nature. To bring the dispositions that are lovely in private life into the service and conduct of the commonwealth... Public life is a situation of power and energy; he trespasses against his duty who sleeps upon his watch, as well as he that goes over to the enemy.

And so, I figuratively raise my glass in salute to the new graduates. I welcome them as full members of the Academy, and I salute their families and their parents especially, many of whom I know have spilled blood, perhaps some literally but certainly metaphorically, to get you here today; like my own recently late father (to whom, with your forbearance, I pay tribute) and my mother; especially those of you who came here from far across the seas with nothing more than hope and determination in your hearts and a dream that one day your children will be able to stand here today to be toasted at the feast of this University. In every beginning there is a magic force. I give you joy of your great achievement.



Then and Now From The Bench

*The Hon Justice MJ Beazley AO
President, New South Wales Court of Appeal*

Much has changed since my time at the University of Sydney, not least in terms of the diversity of the profession. There are now more women than men graduating from law school, a world away from my experience. I had one particular professor who called all female students “girlie” and asked why we were there.

This attitude was also found once I entered practice, and even after I was appointed as a judge. I was once engaged in the following correspondence with a would be author of a miscellany at law who was looking for legal anecdotes. It was addressed to “Justice MJ Beazley” and commenced “Dear Sir”. I responded as follows:

“Dear Mr X,

Thank you for your letter ... beginning Dear Sir. Perhaps your first anecdote could come from you. My first name is Margaret.”

Not defeated, the would be author responded, commencing with “OOPS”. He said that he was embarrassed and would consider including the gaffe in the foreword of his book. He beseeched me again to provide him with anecdotes saying “perhaps something arises related to Her Honour’s femininity”. It wasn’t worth responding and I don’t think the miscellany even made it to press.

Today the profession is diverse, interesting, challenging and full of young and not so young lawyers committed to the service of the law. It is a privilege to be able to play a role in such an important aspect of society.



The Readiness is All

By Alyssa Glass

In my time at Law School, I've learned to heed Professor Moody's exhortation (which he frequently barks at Hogwarts students and Auror recruits), "CONSTANT VIGILANCE". Let me explain why.

I've battled, survived, and ultimately thrived with depression for probably about nine years now. Don't worry, I'm not going to tell you about all nine. By the time I started Law School a few years ago, I thought – naively – that I was done with all of that. I knew what I needed to know. I had it all covered. I could control and monitor my thoughts, question my negative internal commentary, and generally be self-sufficient. No one needed to hold my hand any more, as my best friends had been doing for the preceding few years. I felt invincible, like I'd sailed through the storm into the calm. I proclaimed this to the friends who knew what it had taken for me to finally make it to Law School; I'd never felt stronger, I said, things were finally going right.

But in that glow of excitement and confidence, I lost sight of Professor Moody's motto. I sailed through Foundies (hard to believe, I know), completely unaware of the liability I was creating. I threw balance, self-care and health to the wind, and let myself drown in Law. And I loved it. Until suddenly, the day before the Torts Mid-Sem exam, I crashed into a wall. Things collapsed. I don't want to dwell on those next few months. What I want to talk about is what I did to avoid crashing into that wall, to string together a solid three-and-a-half years without ever getting to that point again, despite facing many things more challenging in that time than a Torts Mid-Sem exam.

I'll keep it to three things.



First, I joined a soccer team. I can't play soccer. My team-mates on "Balls of Justice" could tell you about my one moment of glory when I accidentally scored a goal with my knee. And I didn't know anyone on the team. But I was joining a new year group, I didn't know a soul, and I thought throwing myself in the deep end might just be the way to go. It was. I never played soccer again after that semester, but the law students on that soccer team remain my best mates. The message is – just get involved. You don't need to be qualified, skilled, or know the right people. There is so much on offer beyond law textbooks and course guides; go and grab it with both hands.

Secondly, I got some bad marks. No really, I did. You know what? Nothing happened. I'm not saying marks aren't important; of course they are. But for me, showing up to those exams poorly prepared, sitting them anyway, and then building on what I learned means that I'm actually just as proud of those bad marks as any others I have received.

Thirdly, I lost my sense of shame. I spent years ashamed of being depressed, accepting that other people could have mental health struggles but thinking that it must be weakness or laziness in me. I was paranoid that people would 'find out' that I had failed subjects, changed degrees, deferred semesters, and 'messed up' my life. But you probably know the stats. About half of law students have depression. It's even worse if you add in other mental health struggles. I realised that the best and strongest thing I could do is ask for help myself when I needed it, talk about it openly, and keep an eye out for people who needed help too.

That's why I think that the most important thing you can learn at Law School is how to look after yourself and how to support those around you. And there's no class in that. If anything, Law School might seem designed to teach you the opposite: how to study, study, study and still feel inadequate when you measure yourself by your peers. But you know what? That person over there who you think looks perfect is probably struggling too. So get involved, get bad marks every now and then, and get some perspective. Be constantly vigilant that you are caring for yourself – your body and your mind – and watching out for those around you, whether on campus or in professional life, who need a hand.

A postscript:

I thought long and hard about whether to submit this piece for publication. I received plenty of advice not to. I was warned that it might lead to misunderstandings, or be used against me in the future. I was reminded that women already have to combat law firms' perceptions that they are weaker and more hysterical than their male colleagues and that this might make it even harder for me in the future. However, I aspire to a profession that is better than that.



Depression is endemic amongst law students and lawyers. I love the law. I care about the mental health of those learning and practising around me, and it saddens me to think that someone going through a hard time might not say anything about it for fear of what it might do to their career. So let's be open about this wherever possible. That is a sign of strength,

not weakness. And lest there be any doubt – I am strong. I am leaving Law School wiser and more resilient than I came into it, with plenty of glory and triumphs to my name. But most importantly, I leave with the knowledge that I can thrive in adversity, look after myself, and care for those around me.

On Clerkship Failure

By Anon

The month is June and you're in your penultimate year. Suddenly you are being notified by SULS that every big commercial law firm is coming to Sydney Law School to convince you to apply for their clerkship program. For the uninitiated, like myself, this was the first time I had properly heard of clerkships. But for some students this is something they had been preparing for since the beginning of their law degree. They had cemented connections since day one and racked up experience as paralegals or legal secretaries to stand out. On top of this, they had worked hard to maintain distinction averages and even managed to squeeze in a spot of volunteering experience to make them seem more human.

Many of us had attended the clerkship presentations, lured partly by the free sandwiches and partly because there were very few social offerings at 1pm on a Wednesday. In these presentations the corporate Kool-Aid is free-flowing. We are told by HR representatives that marks don't matter that much, that they don't hire cookie cutter law students and we all have a chance. Unfortunately this is not always true, and myself and many brilliant people I know faced rejection.

Clerkship rejection can only be described as being in a pressure cooker of emotions. You are nervously awaiting responses from the firms you have applied for, and simultaneously observing students walking out of lecture theatres to take calls for interview invitations. This results in an explosion of chatter among students who are anxiously wondering which firms are calling. For some, the uncertainty is too much to bear and they inevitably find themselves compulsively checking the Whirlpool forum.

Finally, after weeks of not hearing anything you receive an email. You are scared to look. The first line reads "We have received an overwhelming response making this selection process difficult". Your heart sinks upon reading the inevitable follow-up, "We regret to advise you that you have been unsuccessful at this time."

After that first rejection you become skilled at identifying rejection emails, as firms aren't particularly original when it comes to breaking the bad news. You try to hold it together

and tell yourself that an offer will come through. Then it doesn't and hearing of other offers being given out makes you question if law is the right career path for you. You've worked tirelessly throughout your law degree and suddenly it feels like it was a waste because your efforts aren't being recognised.

You try to be strong for your friends who have also been rejected. You tell them how impressive they are in numerous respects, however, the rejection makes it difficult for them to see what they have to offer. This is the key reason I dislike clerkship programs. They make many law students feel inferior and unworthy of employment. I am constantly amazed by how many intelligent, hard-working and personable students surround me at Sydney Law School and to think they were made to feel ordinary by eight rejection emails is devastating.

However, it is important to realise that this process is artificial, extremely selective and unpredictable. It's okay to have a cry. But make sure to pick yourself up and keep trying. The process is not the only way to break into commercial law. There are firms that offer graduate positions and on occasion some of these include top tier firms. I can speak from experience on this. I failed to get a clerkship but I managed to secure a graduate job at a top-tier firm by learning from rejection.

Even if you don't get a graduate job there is never a brick wall stopping you from breaking into your career of choice. If you keep pursuing that goal by gathering up experience and working on your connections you may just find a pathway in. Never underestimate the attractiveness of resilience and hard work to an employer.

Remember that your best assets when applying for jobs are your friends who have obtained graduate positions. Don't be too proud to ask them for help, learn from their cover letters and importantly, get a different perspective on your application. If you didn't get a job it may be due to a flaw in your application that you have simply overlooked.

Rejection is extremely difficult but when you place it in perspective it is merely a bump in the road and may even play an integral role in steering you closer to your dream job.





Some Things I Will Miss When I Leave

By Ryan Hunter

The picture of Joellen Riley covered in ants. Someone once told me that the person who drew these portraits was actually an architectural draughtsman. Those who commissioned the New Law School were so impressed with how architecture could make walls leak even when it wasn't raining that they looked to architects to create professorial portraits, hoping for a Jackson Pollock feel in the Level 4 Common Room. The artist they eventually found could not draw teeth, and so insisted on drawing everybody with their mouths closed like they were clenching to not smell the mould in their offices. But it is the picture of Professor Riley which is the most impressive. It captures the moment her ant farm smashed open and the Malcolm Turnbull Memorial Dome of Silence was briefly filled with ants, not unlike the episode of the Simpsons where Homer goes to space.



The loud automatic stapler on Level 3 (1941 – 2017). Developed as part of the program which founded the automatic machine gun, the end of Semester 1 2017 saw the Law School put out to pasture the old automatic stapler. The Pavlovian thump of cover pages being attached declared that your paper was exactly 1999 words of a 2000-word-limit (hyphenated-phrases-only-count-as-one-word). After an all-nighter on Torts & Contracts II that thump was so loud it would have you leap most the way to Victoria Park, and keep most of your finger as you leapt. The new stapler (pictured) is the Eve to old stapler's Wall-E. It gives off a gentle hum before injecting a staple with surgical precision. Like Eve, it is yet to develop a soul.



The rice paper rolls at Taste. On the corner of Broadway and Glebe Point Road there is a little Vietnamese takeaway restaurant which does rice paper rolls in a variety of flavours for \$6. They make them fresh for you when you arrive, so if you get the grilled pork the pork is still warm while the lettuce and vermicelli is chilled. To get there you walk through Victoria Park which is a wonderful break from study, especially on those warm days when you feel like a rice paper roll. Nonetheless it is the Taste rice paper rolls which I will remember when I leave. Always sold out (pictured). Never satisfying (needed a brownie to accompany). These rolls are like the Apollo 13 repair job. They work – barely – but you really should've just prepared better and avoided the whole scenario.



The secret safe behind the Blackstone portrait. The Law School's best kept secret (until now), this clandestine metal box offered the opportunity for those most in the know to trade notes anonymously. Held together by an honour code that you must give in order to take, the Blackstone safe was presumably created to foster a Gattaca-esque eugenics program among subject summaries. Its only flaw was the need for 24hr Law School swipe access to open it when no one was around.

On Two-Hour Loan: From the *Blackacre* Archives

POEMS FROM LONG BAY:

THE BUREAUCRATIC CAT

John Duff

"There are forms to fill out
and permission to seek" said the
stern face in navy blue.

(Is blue really a spiritual colour
only when it's as the sky)
"Even then you could be shot," continued
"Blue", laughing menacingly
"You could be escaping you see."

"But the roof don't go anywhere," I answer
"Wouldn't matter".

A forlorn meow added its plea from above
"Got no pity for it", continued blue unheeding.
"Someone's been up. T'wouldn't come down. . . crazy. . .
. . . Like you guys. Doesn't like it up there
but keeps on going back."
(I guess that's why I identify with it, thinks me
dressed in green)

"So nothing can be done," says I.
"Not unless you call the fire brigade. But
you'd have to start a riot to do that.
(Why don't you start one. . . you screws always
start them anyway, thinks me)
Says I "Ha, haha, ha. . ."

(Laughter is better than a punch in the nose
for him and a time in the tracks for me)

Meow, meow
"Oh shut up cat why do you keep coming back?"
("The roof is a good place for catching birds," says cat)
Lie in the sun or chasing you tail?"

("Climbing up here I'm nearer the sky
Living a loving is for me;
Not rotting in stony gaol.")

IT'S THE LAW

It doesn't seem right
And of course it isn't
But it's the Law.
And the most one can do is deplore
Or march and shout.
Buy a farm and dropout.
While the silent many
Absorb the testimony,
On square boxes and ray tubes,
Of lower prices for Kodak cubes
For filming marriages
After fleeting romances
That end in Lawyer's disputes.
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But it's the law.



It is well known that law students almost unanimously desire to pass examinations. Indeed, it may safely be assumed that many would rather pass the examination than learn anything about the subject. No objective analysis of the examination process can overlook this fact. Yet, it would be a mistake to assume that ignorance is helpful. To be sure, one ought not, in taking an examination, reveal deeper insight or wider knowledge than the instructor, since natural human jealousy is likely to warp his response. Barring such neurotic reactions, however, one should assume that a little learning is a useful thing. The following principles are offered for the guidance of those who would like to pass, and who do not object seriously to a little learning.

1. Beware of study advice offered officially early in the term. This kind of counsel, given in writing and by repeated adjuration orally, is designed to sap the student's initiative and tire him physically. Study your own way. Never mind suggestions that you read assignments in advance of class, discuss problems with your fellows, etc. All this reflects the professional point of view - he has not been a student for years, and was probably atypical even in his undergraduate days. Develop your own individuality.

2. Pace yourself. If you crowd all your studying in early in the term, time will hang heavy later in the year just before the examination, dulling your perceptions. On the otherhand, if you save your strength at the beginning, and finish up with a burst of power, cramming twenty hours a day during the final weeks, your head will be full of fresh, disorganized recollections as you enter the examination room, giving you a maximum of material to draw from.

EXAMINATIONS

3. Although previous examinations by the same professor are made available, together with selected top student papers, it is advisable to avoid consulting these, since they are likely to influence your own style of handling problems.

4. Plan to avoid all diversion or exercise during the last week before exams. These are likely to promote relaxation and sound sleep. Nobody ever passed an examination sleeping.

5. In preparing for the examination, it is worthwhile to spend a good deal of time thinking through the strategy of the affair. For example, if you can guess what parts of a course the professor thinks are important; you can restrict your study to those parts, saving much time and effort and leaving the mind uncluttered by useless information.

6. Upon receiving the examination, be sure to read all the questions at once, before starting to answer the first. This keys you up, makes the nerves vibrate with anticipated difficulties, and lets your subconscious start answering the later problems while you are consciously struggling with the early ones.

7. An elegant, inscrutable handwriting enlivens the professor's day. Many a gay hour is spent in consultation with wife, child, or colleagues, or with cryptographic aides; and you may be sure that gratitude for this variation from the humdrum will be reflected in his grading. Fanciful and personal abbreviations can be combined with unusual chirography to achieve sensational effects.

8. So much of a lawyer's professional life is devoted to formal communication that the present opportunity to sport with English should not be overlooked. Pleasing, impressionistic effects may be achieved with unusual grammatical structure, or by abandoning the use of sentences entirely, substituting series of nouns connected with dashes.

9. Avoid preoccupation with the precise words of the problem. Start writing as soon as you get the general idea. This will allow you time to exceed the page limit selfishly suggested by the professor. It will also enable you to avoid any conscious guilt as you transcribe information you have memorized, having little bearing on the question asked.

10. The first of a series of problems is always the most important. It should, therefore, be given at least twice as much time as the problems that follow, regardless of suggested time allocations. If observance of this rule results in inadequate time for the final problem, this can always be remedied by writing "TIME!" at the end of the paper.

11. In referring to well-settled rules of law, avoid stereotyped phrases hallowed by precedent. Be creative. Remember how boring it must be to the man who marks the papers to have the same old words thrown back at him.

12. If the problem calls for discussion from a particular point of view, disregard such limitations. The professor has probably forgotten about it, or changed his mind.

13. The ability to supply missing facts necessary to your conclusion is highly regarded, and the more inventive you are, the higher the regard. Some students manage to change the entire complexion of the problem this way, and even to answer their own problem wrong.

18. The hours between successive examinations can be profitably spent rehashing the last examination with a bright fellow student. The tension and despair induced by this process have been known to result in a grateful numbness in respect of the examination coming up.

In conclusion, all should bear in mind that time spent in law school, however brief, will never have **been** wasted.

14. Special grace is accorded to those who deal with the central and most controversial issues of law and fact by "assuming" one way or another, using the remainder of the allotted pages to recite any remotely relevant set of rules of law.

15. Never forget that law is the expression of policy. So why not go right to the heart of the matter at once. Give him policy. Show him that your heart is in the right place. Intellect is not everything.

16. Overconcentration on the exact problem posed, in all its uniqueness of fact, may lead to answers undesirably tainted with practicality and common sense. Law is an arbitrary and mechanical system of rules for disposing of controversies. Therefore, the more whimsical the result you reach, the more lawyerly.

17. Always reserve room for maneuver. Do not let him crowd you into a forthright answer to a direct question. A good formula is "... may be the answer. But this is weak..."

by L.Schwartz



“This is not work ethic, it’s survival technique”

By Rachel Stokker

In order to aptly illustrate my experience of an overseas unit, I first need to offer some context of my time at this university. Bear with me.

The question of “which semester was the one that broke you” has been a regular, semi-joking, but subliminally serious query launched into reflective conversations with peers over the last couple of years. While generating some nervous laughter and collective shudders, there is never a question of not having one. That one semester, class or exam period that made you less human; saw you lose hair, fingernails, or general composure and brought you down a level.

Mine was first year, second semester. I walked into my public law exam with a set of notes tucked under my arm with the phrase “this too shall pass” scrawled feverishly onto the first page, courtesy of a dear friend of mine. Though it should have been obvious, I needed to be reminded that those feelings were transient. There were times when I felt like I would never come out of that dark and desolate stress pit, where habits and behaviours that might be deemed very unhealthy in any other setting were completely normalised. Yo-yoing between eating everything to nothing depending on the nausea, alternating between spending all day cocooned in bed to living off caffeine and forgetting what a restful night felt like, and developing some fairly concerning involuntary tendencies. I’ve seen pulling out hair, biting fingernails until they bleed, excessive scratching and spontaneous crying, fainting or vomiting.

All markers of someone in need of help, or all markers of a many-a-law student, depending on your gaze.

This picture is bleak, but it would be misleading to describe my time here without highlighting the unique brand of stress, frustration and pressure that accompany this degree. By the end of my second year of the JD I was about ready to concede that this course had the better of me. I feared that for all the good I wanted to do, and all the optimism I had coming in, I might come out of this degree a more cynical, callous and pessimistic person.

Luckily, the day before applications were due, a friend of mine asked if I had applied for the Himalayan Field School.

At that point I hadn’t even heard of it, which my friend was surprised by. “You should do it, it fits in with your whole... thing” he said, waving his hand in my direction. By ‘thing’ I think he was affectionately acknowledging that I didn’t really fit in with the corporate focus of Sydney Law School. I held myself apart from that, very dominant, aspect of this degree.

I applied. I was accepted. I went to Nepal.

We spent two weeks at the base of the Himalayas, where I could not have felt further from Sydney, and without hesitation I confess I had an incredible time. The unit offered me what very few of our compulsory units ever could: a contextualised



academic experience. We learned about the right to water while hiking to remote villages along a river under threat of being diverted. We were lectured on labour rights in the middle of a field of a brick kilns. We were taught about development theory and human rights on the steps of a temple in Bhaktapur.

The Nepal unit taught me about balance. It was the equilibrium of my university experience. There is a burdensome and oppressive obsession in law school with success. We are defined by it. We often allow our identities to be morphed by it. Exchange showed me that there is not one archetype of success and that I need to hold fast to the bright-eyed and furious law student I started out as. We have the power to empower the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our society. To fight injustices. To challenge law-makers. To be law-makers. Our privileged position was never so stark, so clear to me as it was in Nepal.

So here it is, the crux of how I feel about my time on exchange. Despite the food poisoning, lack of hot water, believing the bus driver wanted to collide with oncoming traffic and experiencing slow death by bed lice, this was the best experience I had at law school.

I should take this opportunity to offer my sincerest thanks to everyone who went on this exchange. Thank you for your candour, your kindness, and your compassion. You made that trip the joy it was and I am humbled and so very grateful to have met you all.

To any students reading this who are not mere weeks from graduating, I ask you to resist. Resist the pressure to hide away from the world and fall too deeply into the stress of this strange and scary degree. Reach out and ask for help. And reach back when someone asks it of you – you are never making yourself smaller by offering someone else support. Most importantly, leave Sydney if you can, step out of this place for a time and find what you care about, for there lies your success.

Good luck.

Sleepless in Cambridge

By Beverly Parungao

The university town was quiet and empty when we arrived on a Sunday. Most of the students had packed their bags and left their rooms empty for the summer break. Their idea of escape was to be on a beach in Barcelona or Santorini coated with thick layers of sunscreen. Our idea of escape was to spend a week studying in Cambridge, bundled under jumpers braving the English “summer”.

It’s almost become a rite of passage for final year students to study Advanced Obligations and Remedies taught by Professor Elisabeth Peden, Professor Barbara McDonald and a long list of equally illustrious English academics.

For many of us, the Cambridge offshore unit was always going to be either:

1. A thinly veiled excuse for a European holiday;
2. The next thing to tick off the Sydney Law Experience checklist;
3. Something to humble-brag when asked, “So what did you do during the break?”;
4. All of the above.

But in so many ways it was so much more than that. The popularity of the Cambridge offshore unit is a testament to the deeply rewarding academic experience on offer. We were lectured on current issues like the implications of Brexit on commercial private international law and given an overview of the law of unjust enrichment in the UK, equitable estoppel and unconscionability.

After class there was always so much to see and do. The unit was structured to give students the opportunity to explore the surrounds, class finished promptly at 4 pm and we were given one reading day. Our days were filled with punting at dawn, afternoon tea at Grantchester, exploring the Fitzwilliam



Museum, catching *Much Ado About Nothing* in the King’s College Garden and nights at Lola Lo. On the final day we picnicked on Jesus Green, a circle of new friends and old, sharing a spread of Pret sandwiches and cheap Sainsbury’s wine. The air filled with the chatter of holiday plans and plans for the future. It was reminiscent of those carefree afternoons on the Law Lawns.

On a stroll later that night, I came across the Corpus Clock, also known as the Time Eater. I watched the grasshopper-esque creature perched atop move ungracefully and listened to the clock’s ominous ticking. I thought about how quickly the week had flown and all the things I had learned and the friends I had made. I realised the week at Gonville and Caius College resembled much of my experience at Sydney Law School - constantly weighing up the opportunity cost of doing the readings and forging lasting friendships.





Solidarity in Social Justice

By Elaine M. Yeo

Growing up in Western Sydney, where many of us are from refugee or migrant backgrounds, there has always been a sense of solidarity in being part of the 'underdog'. I understood that I had been given an enormous privilege studying within the walls of Sydney University's prestigious sandstone and I began law school with a vision of using my education to make a change. I wanted to use my legal training to advocate for people like those in my community who have braved through violence, persecution, discrimination and a myriad of other personal battles and hardships. In these communities, there has never been a shortage of resilience, determination and inspiration.

It was not long after I began that I started to question whether my vision was still possible. In law school we are taught the black letter law. We carefully examine legal doctrines and case law, often distinguishing between the fine details of cases and applying them to the facts at hand. But what about societies where the rule of law and principles of justice and fairness are riddled with systemic corruption and where power lies in the hands of arbitrary decision-makers? These make a mockery of the legal profession and our training to examine legal doctrines seems like such a futile and contrived exercise by comparison. Even in Australia, where we are more fortunate than others, we still have laws that segregate and discriminate. Justice is often out of reach for the most vulnerable people who have few resources and a limited understanding of the law.

I also learned very quickly that the career path I want to pursue is far from the mainstream, the job opportunities are more scarce, it is less financially rewarding and job security is largely contingent on government funding. Instead, what lay ahead of me was the struggle over clerkships which promised gruelling work hours for wealthy entities to facilitate the transfer of capital between them. There would be no time left for the social justice work I had envisioned.

I remember expressing my frustrations about whether I had made the right choice to pursue law to a classmate in an Australian politics lecture. That day I found a wonderful friend who shared my concerns and reminded me to stay positive. She later forwarded me an article which has been passed around by law students for some time. The article is called, 'Letter to a Law Student Interested in Social Justice' by William P. Quigley. At the time, Quigley's words encouraged me to not let go of my vision and that if I looked hard enough, I would find that social justice is a vision shared by many others. Reading the article again, at the end of my law school journey, I think I can understand and appreciate it even more. Over the years, I had the privilege of volunteering for social justice and human rights organisations and meeting some of the most inspiring people who are the unsung heroes of our world. These are the people who take the time and patience to listen to the smaller voices, often drowned out by the crowd. These are the community lawyers who see the law from their clients' perspectives and work with the little time and resources they have to come up with a resolution and hope for the best. These

are the students who hold a bake sale for noble causes and many more who have acted selflessly and generously.

I used to believe that there was only one version of success and my self-worth was defined by my marks, securing a shiny clerkship and a job where I could wear a crisp suit everyday. After meeting all of these inspiring heroes, I realise now that there are many versions of success and this particular one is incompatible with my vision. For me, success transcends material measurements and it comes from a feeling of inherent satisfaction and happiness; one aspect of which comes from fulfilling this vision. For you, it may look different, and I do not wish to stigmatise those suit-wearing professions if that is what you desire.

Nonetheless, we all have one thing in common, and that is this: we've been blessed with a legal education and that is a powerful tool. We must use it to be critical of the way things are and examine how the laws affect the elderly, the disabled, the homeless, those who live with their silent internal struggles, those who identify as a different gender, sexual orientation or racial, cultural and religious background and we must do something about it. Just as there is a sense of solidarity in my little Western Sydney community, there must also be solidarity between those who strive towards social justice. I encourage my peers to be part of this network in whatever capacity possible, one small selfless act at a time. As holders of legal education, I believe we bear some of the responsibility for social justice. Regardless of where your destination is, always be grateful for the enormous privilege of our legal training, appreciate where it has taken you and above all, use it to be kind.

Dear Bronte Lambourne and Mitchell James Cleaver,

I've never met either of you before but I feel as though I know you as well as I know the content of your case summaries. Your elegant prose, your attractive formatting, your meticulous attention to detail got me through many a year of coffee-ridden STUVAC anxiety. When the sun was shining, the law lawns were beckoning and I just could not be fucked to go to class, I knew I could always count on your hard work to catch me up. It was because of you that I could afford to preference buying spring rolls and baguettes over expensive textbooks. It was because of you that I was able to ace subjects without cracking open the unit outline. One may aptly compare your notes to the Bible, nay the Holy Grail; ancient words of wisdom that have been handed down over the years, shining light on the downtrodden, giving hope to those who have better things to do than understand He Kaw Teh. Thank you for easing the load.

Many of us in the Class of 2017 will be eternally grateful.

Moots & Related Matters

By Gaston Gratton

When your esteemed Blackacre editor, R. H. Hunter, visited me at the old folks home, asking me to write some Hoo-Haa about my experiences with Competitions, I obviously demurred. But then he clicked open a shabby brown briefcase and showed me 92% of the Blackacre budget [eds.– even 92% is a remarkably small amount]. So here we are.

Internal Hijinks

Fatalities were down this year, and SULS continued its record-breaking streak of winning its own internal competitions.

The student body devoured everything that was on offer. Wide-eyed first years traded barbs with grizzled senior student judges. Visiting Justices of Appeal continued to be lost for days in the labyrinthine car park that sleeps beneath our law school. And someone, yet again, was tricked into becoming this year's judging coordinator.

No doubt some of tomorrow's finest silks cut their teeth on our internal moots this year. Lesser counsel will tremble in their robes when they see they are up against the likes of Robertson, Poberezny-Lynch and Rottolo-Ross. Their names will be forever immortalised (and possibly misspelled) on trophies that sit in a darkened room behind the SULS office.

2017 also saw the continuation of Competitions' robust Boot Camp series. Hundreds of students poured into the Moot Court on a Saturday morning to witness a spectacle. Reports were that their faces filled with existential dread upon realising they were trapped watching four hungover law students argue about wind turbines for the next hour and a half. My spies tell me that the free cupcakes went down well though.

This year's directors are indebted to those who assisted with internal competitions. May your submissions ring true, and your leave for extra time be ever granted.

Intervarsity Shenanigans

We knew we were in for a tough year when Gummow yet again refused leave to dispense with formal citations. In any event, we sent our veterans off to far flung climbs: Washington, Vienna, Singapore and the UTS building.

There was prosperous news from our Northern front, with Lara Baker and Rebecca Matthews going up against Macquarie and putting on some of the finest client interviewing this side of the Mississippi. Not to be outdone, Samuel 'No Deal' Hoare and May 'Final Offer' Yang negotiated their way to victory at this year's Skills IV competition. And in all things contractual, Alice Yang, Ruben Robertson and Henry Lin redefined the meaning of the 'Carbolic Smoke Ball' in the Peden Moot.



I can report that our IMLAM ("International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot") and Vis (International Commercial Arbitration) crews also fought bravely overseas. Their training montage scenes were a sight to behold let me tell you. Both teams scooped up a veritable bounty of awards, and all of them now have book deals.

We sent some lads down to that small village known as "Melbourne" to talk about human rights. They clearly didn't like our haircuts down there, because they knocked us out on a 1-point margin. Meanwhile our University's top Wonder Women put on a pretty good show at this year's Women's Moot, despite one judge going totally rogue and robbing us of everlasting glory. As of writing, we hope to claim a big win in tomorrow night's Equity Moot [eds.– we won]. I can report that the trophy is still MIA.

And in more than just a footnote Sydney University trounced the rest of the planet by winning the prestigious Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Competition. Our very own Ms Alyssa Glass, patron saint of Competitions, also threw down the mooting equivalent of a Draw-4 card by seizing the prize for Best Oralist to boot.

And I shan't put it any higher than that.

Uses For Your Law Degree That Aren't Law

By Mary Ward

Blackacre sent a correspondent to investigate what good that LLB/JD after your name is if you don't like the idea of living in Potts Point and working until 11pm on a Saturday. She came back with five options.

So, you're not going to be a lawyer. That is totally fine. As every one of your lecturers must have told you by now, whatever path your life takes, having a law degree will be incredibly useful.

Some might say spending five or six years undertaking a vocational qualification only to develop absolutely no intention of pursuing that vocation was actually not a very useful way to spend your time. Maybe even that it was a quite nonsensical use of your time. But, as you and I both know, those people are morons. Or med students. It can be hard to tell.

Having a law degree as a non-lawyer truly is as useful as the people who earn salaries providing said law degrees told you it would be. Just consider these possibilities for your law degree outside the profession.



1. A bargaining tool

One of the most important things to remember after you graduate is: you have a law degree and that means you are, like that real estate television show hosted by the dad from iconic Australian constitutional law documentary *The Castle*, *Hot Property*TM. There are so many law jobs around, and any employer must be grateful you haven't just taken that easy money.

Your graduate salary should reflect this. If talking about the "s" word makes you nervous, here is an example of how you can raise it during the application process.

To the manager of Marrickville Woolworths,

Attached is my application for the advertised position at your store.

As a law graduate, I have chosen to apply for the role of "#16251 Casual Nightfill Assistant" instead of following a legal career path to its natural end as Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia. Considering this, I trust you will find my salary expectation of \$450,000 quite reasonable.

Best regards,

[Your Name]

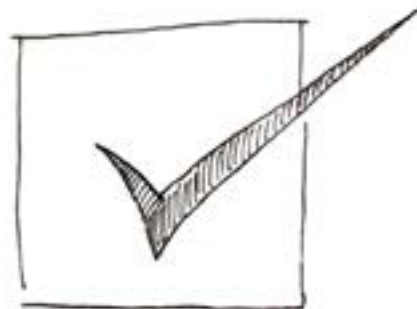
2. A reason to tick the postgrad box on forms (JD only)

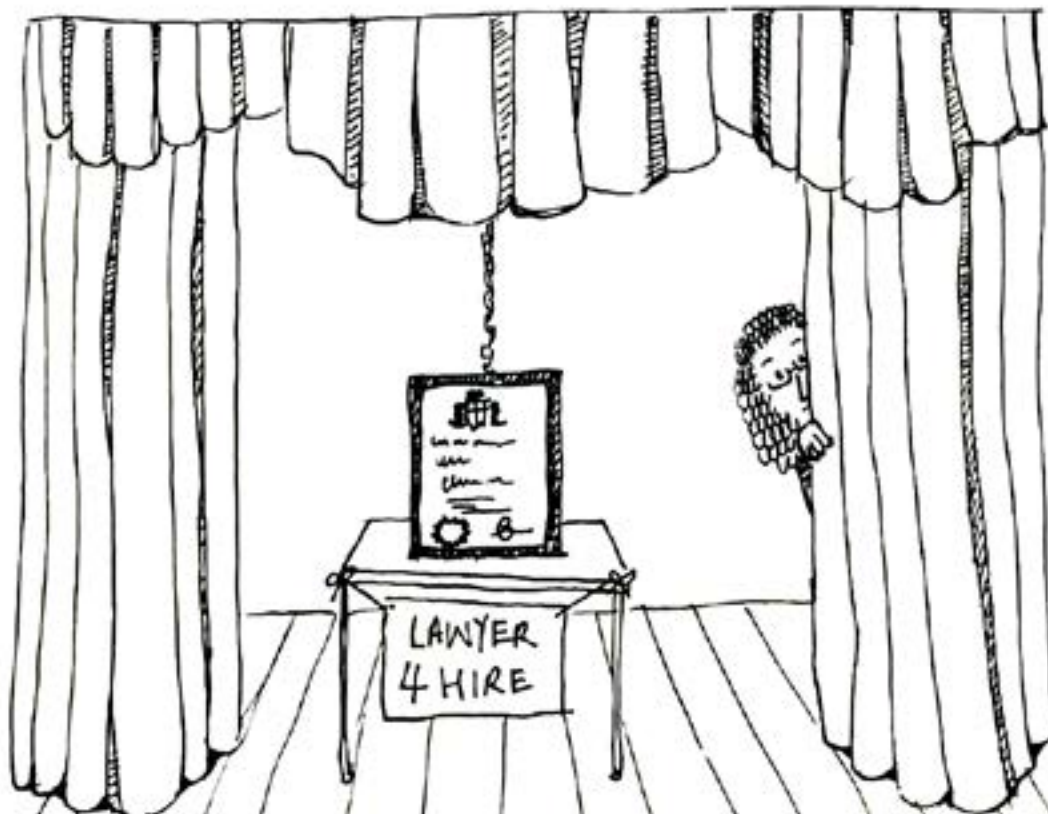
The Sydney Juris Doctor entitles graduates to a particular benefit: ticking the "postgraduate" box when a form asks for the highest level of education you have attained.

Filling out the census? You can tick that box. Completing the parent details form for your child's private school application? Peter and Bernadette may have baptism certificates, but you can tick that box. Providing statistical information about yourself to a PhD student whose phone number you found on the back of a public toilet cubicle because you need to make rent, and you don't have a grad job, and Marrickville Woolworths knocked you back, and... honestly why did you commit to an incredibly expensive three-year degree which did not qualify for HECS assistance?

Consider that box ticked.

VALIDATED.





3. A way of letting people know you did really well in high school that is – slightly – less obnoxious than having your ATAR embroidered on a Monday-to-Friday set of pocket squares (LLB only)

It doesn't matter how many brain cells your wine-and-write habit has killed since, LLB admission obviously signifies that, at a certain stage in your life you were top academic shit. Admitting you were an intelligence god (Athena or Coeus? Yeah, you did state-rank in Ancient History, check the local paper story posted on your Facebook wall circa December 2012) aged 18 can come across as a bit cocky, or an indication that you peaked as early as a negative parabola transformed a few hundred integers down the x-axis (Extension Maths too, no biggy).

But why be so explicit when your law degree can do the talking. It's a simple application of Ferdinand de Saussure's dyadic theory of semiotics. A theory you know intimately and reference frequently, because you state-ranked in the HSC English Extension 1 Textual Dynamics unit. And, yeah, there was a time in your life where you used "state-rank" as a verb. Because you did really well in high school. Duh: Sydney Law?

4. A prop for your inevitable Sydney Fringe show

Lecturers often say you never know when the education you received at Sydney Law will come in handy. Someone – a family member, a colleague, perhaps a fellow castmember in your 5:45pm Wednesday Sydney Fringe debut (because if ditching law to do comedy worked for The Chaser it will surely work for you) – will ask a question and you will be able to

assist with the fruits of your academic labour.

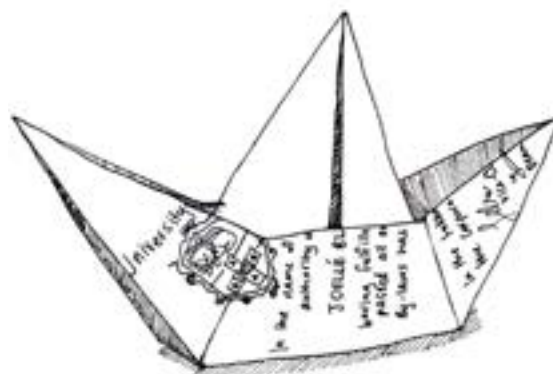
"Hey we need something that looks like a degree to hang up so the set becomes more of a doctor's office. Does anyone have anything?"

All those years of study were worth it.

5. A paper hat

Now that you've decided to not pursue law, you will have plenty of time for holidaying in sunny locations. While A4 paper is too small to fashion into an origami Legionnaires' cap to sit atop your – now very well educated – head, you will note the larger paper on which your University of Sydney LLB or JD degree is printed is, in fact, the perfect size.

Also, you won't be able to afford to buy a non-paper hat. Start folding.



Alice Tay: A Modern Female Role Model

By Jenna Ying Lim

Tucked away in a quiet corridor of our faulty building is a familiar sight: a collection of portraits featuring some of the most well-regarded members of the legal community who once traversed these same campus grounds before they went on to oversee the laws of this land. This mini galleria of intimidatingly brilliant and austere characters lends a patrician air to an otherwise unspectacular setting of pigeons vying for baguette crumbs. One subject is not like the others. Jenny Sands' 1993 Archibald Prize contender encapsulates the sagacious gaze and graceful countenance of a woman who has left behind an impressive legacy. Her name is Alice Erh-Soon Tay, and she has been a constant source of inspiration for me over the past five years.

Alice was a venerated academic at our university who led a cosmopolitan life.¹ She filled exceptionally big shoes when she succeeded the illustrious Julius Stone as Challis Professor Jurisprudence and International Law, during which she gave famously popular lectures and supervised Michael Kirby's honours thesis.² She went on to have a noted career in public service as the first woman president of the Australian

Human Rights Commission. In her term, she fought for legal intervention in the Tampa incident, criticized the unlawful detention of asylum seekers and refugees³ and fought for Australian women of all cultures to receive access to equal rights and opportunities in a less contemporary time.⁴

Sitting by her portrait and reading about her life has been comforting for me in unsteady times. That a woman who came to Australia at 27 years old could go on to have such a decorated public career is elevating in a time of visa clampdowns and orange politicians. Like me, she was born in Singapore, and although I do not possess her exceptional intellect, speak five languages, or have any plans to defiantly return my passport to the embassy with a note chastising Singapore's civil political practices at this time, her story still resonates with me. She advocated the rule of law as the legal tradition of mankind, and rejected legal positivism in a time when it was popular discourse.⁵ It is heartening for those of us who still harbor idealistic dreams of effecting change through an understanding of the law and its remarkable proficiency, that we will be picking up the baton from someone like Alice.

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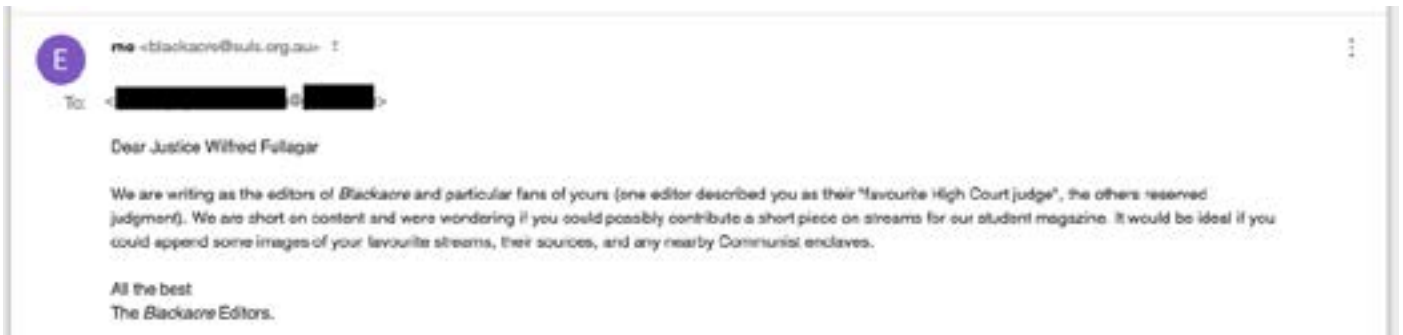
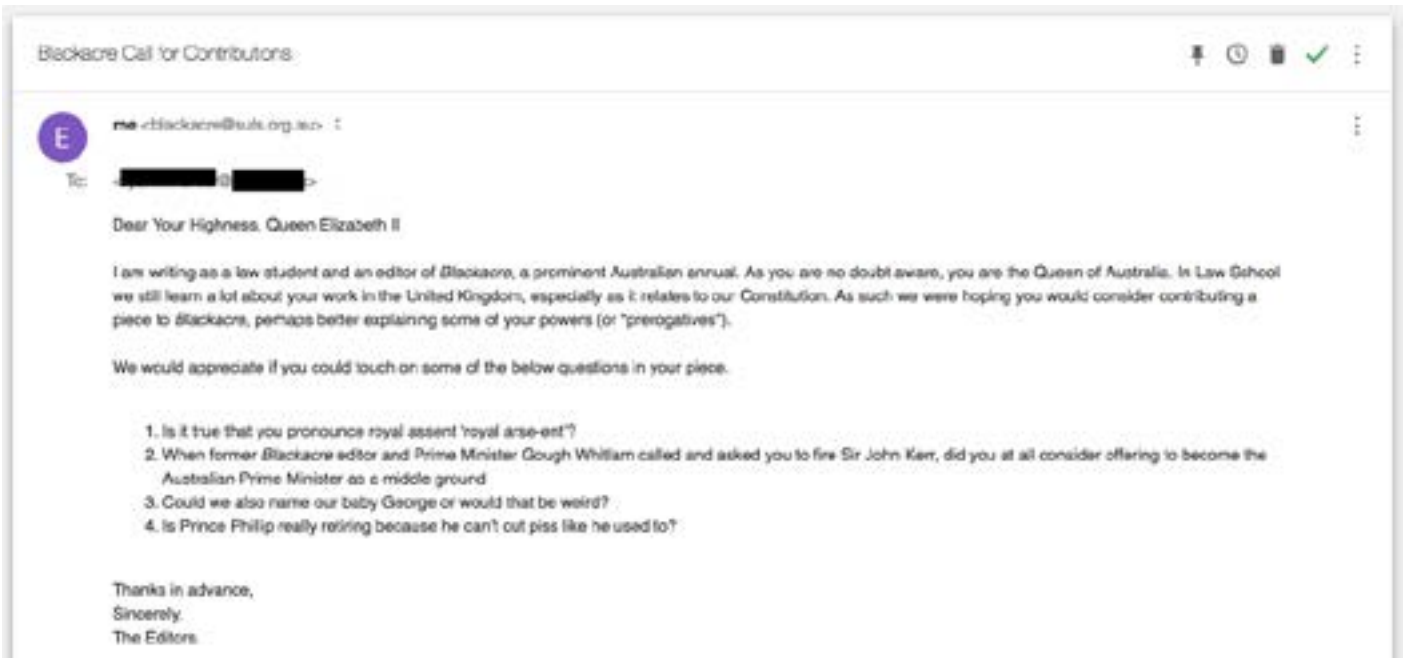
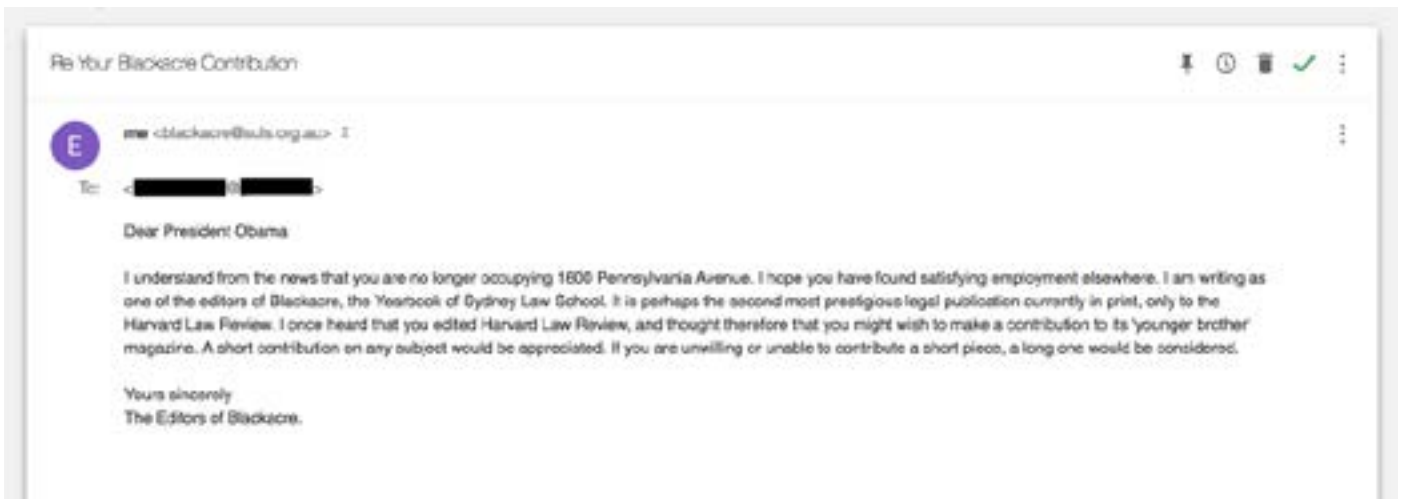
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Letters From The Editor

It isn't all strawberries and cream editing this rag for no pay, without any journalistic or editorial skills. In bringing you the star-studded Blackacre you have before you, the Editors had to make some calls to contributors which didn't work out. We've published those emails here so that if they do get back to us we will send their pieces your way to print and paste here.



What It Takes To Be A High Court Justice

By Ryan Hunter

Blackacre sent a correspondent to the High Court Catacombs. Here is what he said he found.

If imitation is the most sincere form of flattery, the least sincere might be when lecturers suggest that a future High Court Justice might be sitting among your peers. Of the current crop sitting in Parkes Place only one graduated from the University of Sydney. However if you do fancy yourself sitting in a constitutionally protected position one day, there is some room for imitating your predecessors.

Garfield Barwick, LLB 1941

Before Barwick KC, Barwick A-G and Barwick CJ, there was Barwick who stressed about getting a clerkship. Gar attended the cocktail evenings and Freehills and Allens, pretended to be interested in blockchain and diversity hiring policies (which then referred to hiring Catholic men as well as Protestants), schmoozed with the best of them, but was still not able to secure an offer. While his friends played inter-firm netball on Monday evenings over the summer of 1922, Barwick worked for a shop-front property lawyer on George Street, registering caveats for eastern suburbs red-brick apartment blocks.

But it was during his lunch breaks that Gar got his own back. He would meet his clerking friends on Martin Place and the group of them would wander from Phillip Street to the Royal Botanic Gardens. Along the way Gar would answer the more difficult problems his peers had been given by their top-tier partners, while they tripped over each other trying to get down each CLR he pulled off the cuff (think Raphael's The School of Athens, only in The Domain). Perhaps 20 years later when Freehills put Barwick KC on retainer they were inclined to reflect on his answer to 'please describe one time you have overcome adversity' in the clerk questionnaire.

William Gummow, LLB 1902

When Bill Gummow was at the University of Sydney his mane was renowned to be so luscious that when he cut a lock of hair off for a friend it caused an entire real property lecture to come a halt while students fought over whether it had been obtained from a bona fide purchaser for value without notice. It has often been noted (including on his wikipedia page) that Bill Gummow studied at Sydney Law School at the time when Sir Anthony Mason was teaching constitutional law. Less noted is that Sir Tony's lectures were about as well attended as an IPCL guest lecture from another former High Court Justice. Bill of course would never miss one, and as a result his lecture notes became the most traded commodity of the Law School in the 1960s. For those of you who have admired the over-the-top cover page which MJC includes on his lecture notes, you can only imagine the difficulty of transcribing a WCMG diagram in the days before Microsoft Word.

Murray Gleeson, LLB 1999

In 1962 the role of President of the Sydney University Law Society (who we are grateful for publishing this magazine) was held in as high esteem as it is today. At the time, Murray Gleeson (real first name: Anthony), infamous for never having been caught smiling, played a straight-faced prank on another now-familiar, wrinkled face. Gleeson nominated Michael Kirby for the role of SULS President, a position he won presumably to the great disappointment of some tory who has begrudged Kirby's opinions ever since. Unfortunately for Kirby it was to be the last time he would take a comfortable majority (or at least so the meme goes).

Sir Anthony Mason, LLB 1989

In 1990 Sir Anthony Mason gave an interview to *Blackacre* (the last time a High Court Justice was willing to speak to this humble magazine). When asked what effect going to Law School after serving in the war had on him, he said he "does not believe it had a profound influence on his life". When asked if being taught by jurisprudential giant Julius Stone had any effect on him, he said he was "inclined to think not". On the curriculum, he said "it lacked topics which would have promoted greater spirit". It is little wonder such indifference would lend itself to the "Activist Court" of the Mason years. *Blackacre* would conclude on Sir Anthony "We are not aware that he has any redeeming vices but we are told that he is very funny".

Can You Get a Clerkship?

This short quiz will separate the HD-WAMs from the rest. Post your scores on Whirlpool when you're done!

1. In 2017 HDY and Norton Rose Fulbright are merging. Which side of the partnership has had more partners jump ship since the new mega-firm (to be named "Norton Rose Fulbright") was announced?
2. True or False: Section 198D of the Corporations Act says 'The directors of a company may confer on a managing director any of the powers that the directors can exercise.'
3. Which law firm had a partner abscond with upwards of \$15 million from the firm's Trust Account?
4. If a client asks you to shred some documents because they think they might be sued, what is the traditional name of the order you will be hoping to get the shredding done before it is made? (Bonus point: Where do you probably work?)
5. What do these acronyms stand for? CBA; AUSTRAC; HSF; PPP.

Answers: 1. HDY - but those numbers might change by the time of print; 2. False, that's obiously s 198C; 3. Allens (but we dont talk about that); 4. An Anton Pillar Order (Cluz); 5. Commonwealth Bank of Australia; Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre; Herbert Smith Freehills; Proffs Per Partner.

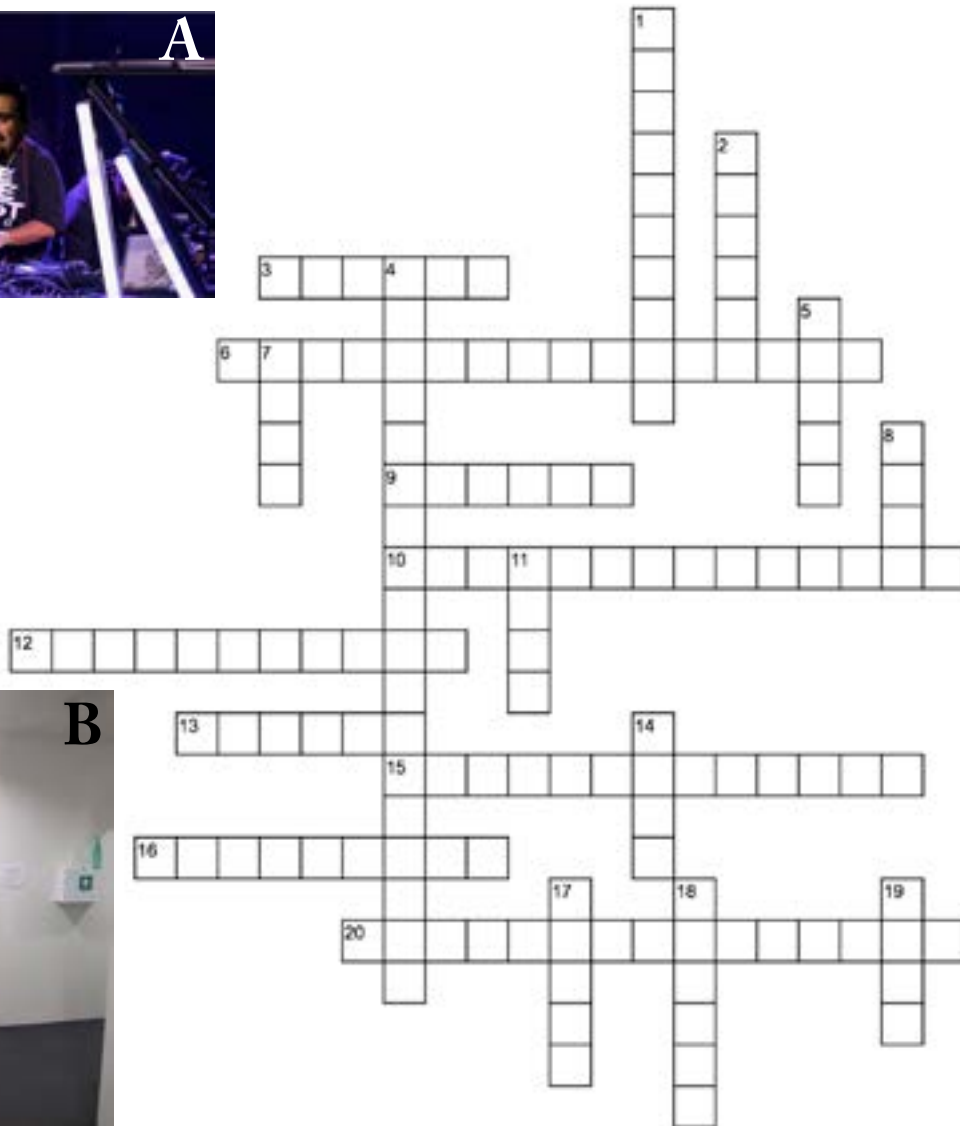
Law School Crossword



A



B



Across

- 3 Plural of ibis (one word)
- 6 The name of our Foundies textbook (four words)
- 9 The only Dean of Sydney Law School to have sat on the High Court (one word)
- 10 The 'fun' final year director of the 2017 Law Revue (two words)
- 12 The supermodel that did a photoshoot in the Lawbry (two words)
- 13 2013 Law Camp costume theme (one word)
- 15 The name of the movie we watched in our first ever lecture (two words)
- 16 The species of tree that died in the Quad in 2016 (one word)
- 20 The subject most likely to hold its exams in the middle of a fire drill (two words)

Down

- 1 The swipe-access only rooms pictured in image B (two words)
- 2 The stream never rises above its... (one word)
- 4 The case about snails (three words)
- 5 Extortionist prices; delicious baguettes (one word)
- 7 The DJ/Dr. pictured in image A (one word)
- 8 The ATAR cut-off for 2017 was 99 point (one word)
- 11 On which level of the Law School are the safest toilets (one word)
- 14 Famous land rights case/ the only case you knew when you started first year (one word)
- 17 The dancing men pictured on the 2017 Law Revue posters were Putin and ... (one word)
- 18 Theme of the 2017 Law Ball (one word)
- 19 The losing ticket of the 2016 SULS election (one word)





Georgia Adams • LLB



'The stream cannot rise above its source' – Prof Peter Gerangelos citing The Communist Party Case. I still have no idea what it means, but it seemed important to him and I respect that.

My favourite memory from Law School is avoiding eye contact with lecturers during question time. Then avoiding question time by not going to class. Then avoiding class by graduating. **Three words which describe me** are “acta non verba”. **What got me through Law School** was Justin Bieber. KIDDING. **I would like to boast about** how I can do Redfern to Seminar Room 444 in 8 minutes.



Georgia Allen • JD



After I graduate I will be Chief Warlock of the Wizengamot.

Aren't we lucky to both have Richards!? – Yulia Turchenkova.



Andrew Kobina Annan • JD



“There is a 70% mandatory attendance requirement to sit the exam...recordings for this unit of study will be available online” “P’s get degrees”

My favourite memory from Law School is submitting assessments seconds before the deadline or otherwise at my earliest convenience... or sometime thereafter... **I will probably be remembered for** being Drake’s best mate #6ix. **My biggest regret from Law School** is Law School...or the \$1000 spent on course material in 1st year. **What got me through Law School** was the 8 1/2 x11 piece of paper with the name “Andrew Kobina Annan, Juris Doctor, Sydney Law School”. #employment. **After I graduate I will be** purchasing a copy of “law for dummies”.

Law School wouldn't be the same without my Canadian boy #LittyCommittee – Fahad Shakir.

Daniel Arbiv • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is the endless amusement derived from watching rookies succumb to their struggle with the Law Annex doors. **I will probably be remembered for** my meticulously put together ensembles and lightning wit. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** probably fallen in love, moved overseas, bought a vineyard and steadily manoeuvred myself into the low-medium quality merlot market. **Three words to describe me would be** "ironic and terse". **My biggest regret from Law School** is spending a dime on textbooks thereby limiting my intake of \$4 coffees and \$15 baguettes. **After I graduate I will be** passing the Bar. Thus securing a career where I can both surreptitiously lose my hair and continue to mismatch my socks with impunity. **I would like to boast about...** I think it goes unsaid.

The mate you can always count on...when he finally gets there – Andrew Annan

Best mates since day one #LittyCommittee – Fahad Shakir.



Rahul Arora • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is going to Japan with uni friends, mooting in London, various nights that ended at maccas... **My biggest regret from Law School** is the amount of money spent on Taste baguettes. **After I graduate I will be** travelling with uni friends for half the year!



Bree Bakaric • LLB



My favourite memories from Law School are the lunches on the law lawns in the sunshine. **I will probably be remembered for** always wearing activewear to uni. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** become a chef. **Three words which describe me would be** "bubbly, kind-hearted & positive". **My biggest regret from Law School** is...0 regrets. Actually, maybe never having tasted a Taste baguette. **What got me through Law School** was other people's notes (ha)! **After I graduate I will be** probably travelling for a while until I decide what I want to do.

Pretty sure your vegan desserts are actually witchcraft and I literally aspire to be as good at life as you one day. You've been there from Admin to TOJ and I wouldn't have it any other way! – Bethaney Debenham.

Bree was one of the more colourful figures of the law cohort. She was always to be found in her activewear with a salad and kombucha in hand – Matt Blake.

Lara Baker • JD



My biggest regret from Law School is peaking too early. Foundies is still the highest mark of my degree...
After I graduate I will be continuing my dream to become Elle Woods. **I would like to boast about how I** have perfected the art of making scaffolds



Cassandra Bank • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is Law Camp. **What got me through Law School was** Kahoot; Ada Lee, Katya Pesce and Sandra Hu <3



Sophie-Anais Barbeau-Scurla • LLB



Rohan Barmanray • JD

"Can we get Shannon Noll for law ball?"



My favourite memory from Law School is being the last one at every social event, although more of a blur. **I will probably be remembered for** reminding everyone I am from Melbs or lame poems on the FB page. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** still moved into the Cammy. **Three words to describe me would be** "Supportive, inclusive and fun". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not going on exchange, oh wait, did you know I went to Penn State. **What got me through Law School** was Readie doing my readings for me. **After I graduate I will be** SULS president. **I would like to boast about** how it's harder to get a 51 than a HD.

If SULS could bottle up Rohan's endless and infectious energy and sell it by the bottle outside the Law Library, the SULS budget would never be in deficit. To the last man on the d-floor, there's only one thing left to say... yeeEEAAHHHH!!!
– Anon.



Micaela Bassford • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is a tie between taste baguettes and law camp! **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** made a lot more cakes. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not learning to be a note leech earlier! **What got me through Law School** was good friends, coffee and alcohol (maybe not in that order). **After I graduate I will be** putting my law degree to use, in the hope I may one day shake that crippling HECS debt and give my dog the life he deserves.



Zubin Bilimoria • LLB



I will probably be remembered for knowing the law. **Three words to describe me would be** "skux, Persian Prince". **My biggest regret from Law School** is having a high quality set of notes.

Always managed to freak us out moments before an exam with scenarios none of us had considered. Would occasionally send notes – Anthony Yao.

Remember me when you become a pro body builder – Ethan Paul.

*An unexpected friendship. I have no doubt you will kick absolute a*s in whatever you set your mind to. I am so grateful to have you in my life. Thank you for always being there for me and giving me an endless supply of notes* – Lexi Yates.

You're sort of smart, I rate ya – Anon.

Matt Blake • LLB



"The universe is not just large in its infiniteness, it is also infinite in its smallness" – Prof Peter Gerangelos.

I will probably be remembered for always travelling. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have been** happier with less frown lines. **What got me through Law School was** coffee, wine and sarcasm. **After I graduate I will be** working in a law firm. **I would like to boast about how** I made it through Law School without ordering a Taste chocolate brownie.

Self proclaimed "vegan" – Jocelyn Zhou.



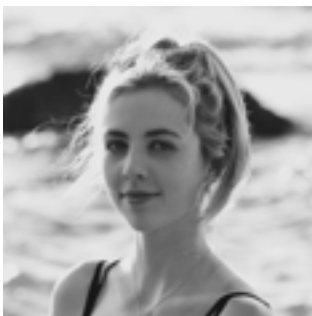
John Breen • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is hanging with friends at the Flodge. **Three words to describe me would be** "coffee-lover, happy, and a Christian". **What got me through Law School was** friends and coffee. **After I graduate I will be** working in the city at a law firm.



Rachael Buckland • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is every single minute of studying in Malaysia, Indonesia, Nepal and Germany (and all the lovely people I met while there)! **I will probably be remembered for** speaking my mind. **What got me through Law School was** friends, cheese and wine. **After I graduate I will be** hopefully making the world a better place.

For always picking up the pieces when one of us (usually me) fell apart – Drew Collingwood-Smith.

Filip Budina • JD



"Parricide is not so easy to defend as to commit."

If I hadn't studied law, I would have opened up a restaurant in Santa Fe. **What got me through Law School** was the embiggened spirit of Lionel Hutz, Esq.

Experienced and educated, well-versed in the terrible costs of global confrontation and driven by an impulse toward public service, [Filip Budina], it is hoped, can counter his [own] worst instincts – The New York Times Editorial Board.

They were worth it: all those slumps, those lurches, the bang-ups and hang-ups. I owe you all my thanks for not having to face the foul weather alone. 'Oh, the places you'll go!' – Rachel Stokker.

Ever the well-versed contrarian. Steadfast and true. "How 'bout them Seahawks?" – Jack Clifford & Elizabeth Jones.



Tallulah Bur • LLB



From Foundies to final year, thanks for always smiling and helping a gal out when I skipped class! – Bree Bakaric.



Rohan Burn • JD



What got me through Law School was Michael Fong's study notes.

Uncle Rohan's undying optimism made this place better. Thank you – Jonno Marlton.

Thanks for the countless good times, wines, trivia triumphs, and for always being there for a laugh, a drink and a chat whenever the endless grind of Law School became too much to bear! – Alyssa Glass.

Jade Cai • LLB



I will probably be remembered for never showing up to class. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** a kid or two. **What got me through Law School** was coffee, thanks Taste.



Charisse Elaine Calderon • LLB



Shehan Canagasingham • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is...I'd have to say 1st Year Law Camp where I met the people who are now some of my closest friends. Law Ball each year with the lads has also been a highlight. Finally, doing the offshore Japanese Law unit earlier this year and travelling around Japan with my mates afterwards was a real treat. **I will probably be remembered for** always encouraging the boys to drink two 'Strong's' and to see where the night took us in Japan (when we were doing the offshore law elective unit). **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** contently spent my summers batting at 9 and bowling 3rd change for my local cricket club. **My biggest regret from Law School is** not applying to go on exchange in my final semester. **What got me through Law School** was my incredible mates for sure and the post-exam celebrations that we always enjoyed. **After I graduate I will be** doing some travelling with my family and friends before commencing a graduate job in February next year.

You are one of the most genuine gents, who always knows how to crack a good laugh and is always there at the drop of a hat – Gamil Alexander Tadros.

Shehan Canagasingham, Sam Tidswell, Ben Riley, Anthony Yao, Harley Milano, Khosrow Key – Without you lads, I'd be completely mateless – who else would I have lunch with every day, talk shit about the rest of the law school cohort, get loose with at every Law Ball and have ridiculous times in Japan? Love you boys – Chamath Herath.

Emily Capener • JD



"Reasonable minds may differ" – Fady Aoun (2015).

My favourite memory from Law School is the Himalayan Field School 2017. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** married a lawyer. Now I know better. **Three words to describe me would be** "Where's the bar?"

I think the most likely versions of my life in an alternate universe in which we had never met, is that I am (a) dead or (b) dropped out of law school. You have done an incredible job of keeping me alive and sane – particularly in respect of overseas dog related diseases and domestic lack-of-dog related depression. Thank you for all of it, and I promise to offer you a single sock in recognition that we, just like Dobby, are now free – Rachel Stokker.



Jennifer Catterson • JD



"Do you think she woke up one morning and said, 'I think I'll go to Law School today?'"

My favourite memory from Law School is the Hunter Valley wine getaway and my exchange to the University of Virginia. **I will probably be remembered for** my orange hair and coveted tan. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** moved to China. **Three words to describe me would be** "genuine, motivated and reliable". **What got me through Law School** was the incredibly talented and compassionate people: Penny Crossley, Prof Twomey, Ross Anderson, Jonno, Alyssa, Kate, Estelle, Ashleigh, Rosie, Rachel, Yvette, Rohan and Michael to name a few. **After I graduate I will be** working in a corporate firm in Sydney.

I am so proud of, grateful for, and impressed with Jen. She is unstoppable and I can't wait to see what she becomes. I can't wait to get a tour of that corner office – Jonno Marlton.

What do I even say? Jenni is full of light, love, and generosity. Her quiet brilliance, dedication and friendship have defined my Juris Doctor experience – Alyssa Glass.



Sarah Chan • LLB



"The stream cannot rise above its source."

My favourite memory from Law School is sitting on the law lawns chatting with friends while trying to protect my lunch from ibises. **I will probably be remembered for** not having done anything memorable LOL. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** probably just gone into Commerce to be honest. **Three words to describe me would be** "loyal, friendly, and sleepy". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not doing Japanese law overseas! **What got me through Law School** was knowing that everyone was as behind on the readings as I was, looking forward to midsem break/term breaks, numerous chai lattes/hot chocs from taste, and of course, a little help from my friends! **After I graduate I will be** travelling around the US for a bit before starting a grad job back in Hong Kong.

Michael Chen • JD



"There are some cases where people who write headnotes deserve a medal, Perre v Apand is one that comes to mind."
- Glesson CJ.

My favourite memory from Law School is spending countless lunches on the lawns chatting about anything and everything with people who will no doubt become life-long friends. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** waited to study law. Law has never been a question of 'if', rather a question of 'when'. **What got me through Law School** was family and friends. It is often the little things they do which keep you from insanity. Oh, and coffee... lots and lots of coffee. **After I graduate I will be** taking the long overdue overseas trip that has been on the back burner before diving into some real lawyering.

Got me out of many tight spots when it came close to crunch time, couldn't have done law school without you. Ready to start a coffee shop? - Asher Liew.



Jessica Cheng • LLB



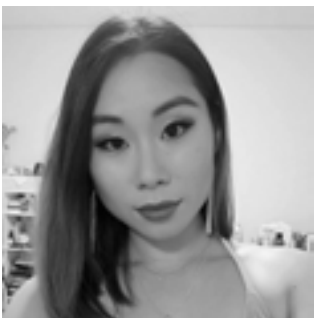
My favourite memory from Law School is finishing exams each semester! **I will probably be remembered for** relentless idealism and impressive levels of time management. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** dropped out of uni to travel the world and start my own social enterprise. **Three words to describe me would be** "participate, initiate, believe". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not doing enough to question how legal education is delivered and to challenge the unbalanced, unhealthy assessment structure. **What got me through Law School** was my friends, running, and studying in Vienna on exchange. **After I graduate** my first stop will be strategy consulting at Coles. Next stop: who knows!

Jess was the first person in law school who confided in me that she shared my dream of making a difference in this world. To this day, she inspires me to be a better person with her incredible patience, generosity and empathy. I am so happy to see her grow and become more confident and I have no doubt that she will achieve great things for herself and for this world - Elaine Yeo.

Thank you for being an excellent listener and taking the initiative to reach out to me. I wish you all the best in Melbourne! - Anon.



Dora Cheung • JD



"It depends" - Virtually all lecturers.

My favourite memory from Law School is the entire 3 years in total! I could not have chosen a better place or cohort to finish JD with, best of luck for everyone! **I will probably be remembered for** taking an accidental swim at The Ivy Pool - post first year JD Cocktail shenanigans. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** probably attempted to do fine art business/curating in China and have a broken liver as per usual Chinese business customs. **Three words to describe me would be** "always running late". **My biggest regret from Law School** is Revue! Too many excuses not to audition later... **What got me through Law School** was the brilliant sassy and kind people I met in JD - and Taste coffee. **After I graduate I will be** taking baby steps into employment - hopefully in the IP field!

Alice Cho • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is...far too many to name just the one.

Thank you for taming me. Thank you for being there and for patiently repeating the definition of 'judicial error' even at 2am the morning of the exam. Thank you for the colour of the wheat fields – Rachel Stokker.

Good company when in need of a cigarette behind Taste – Mara Dodson.



Toobah Choudhari • JD



If I hadn't studied law, I would have ended up in some boring office job. **Three words to describe me would be** "persistent, confident and honest." **My biggest regret from Law School is** enrolling in Law School :P **What got me through Law School was** having Gab by my side every step of the way. **After I graduate I will be** working in Human Rights Law.

Pretty sure I wouldn't have survived law school without Toobah! She has been the best study buddy, especially when we would sit on the phone for hours cramming problem questions the night before an exam and I have also been able to gain an amazing friend! Love you lots x – Gabriella Cozzupoli.



Roy Chowdhury • LLB



"The poorest man may, in his cottage, bid defiance to all the forces of the crown. It may be frail, its roof may shake, the wind may blow through it, the storm may enter, the rain may enter; but the king of England cannot enter! All his force dare not cross the threshold of the ruined tenement."

My favourite memory from Law School is becoming addicted to Egyptian Rat Screw in first year. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** travelled, and funded my travels through dog sitting. **My biggest regret from Law School is** writing this and everything else minutes before it is due. **What got me through Law School was** Scott Liu's notes and chauffeuring services. **After I graduate I will be** getting a big black dog and calling it Sirius.

Jack Clifford • JD



What got me through Law School was fear, Bonus+ and an unnecessarily large backpack.

It's really fabulous when two sort of uncool people form a friendship in the mistaken belief that the other is actually really really cool. The jig is up on my end, but to me, he's still a "top bloke" as the tradies say. He is a thoughtful, sensitive and empathetic man. I also know of no-one else who can boast of juggling a law degree, 2 jobs and the building of a house in Glebe all at the same time. In the years to come, when I have become a grizzled old Local Court security guard, my faith in humanity will be restored by thinking of the laughs I shared with this human being in between class, and the fact that he had perhaps the most majestic hair ever to grace this law school – Gaston Gratton.

Jack shares a striking resemblance to Clint Eastwood in 2/3 of the Dollars Trilogy – Anon.



Drew Collingwood-Smith • LLB



"I take MDMA like a fucking champion" – Overheard.

My favourite memory from Law School is Sisyphos. **Drew's notable achievements include** having, on one occasion, shocked Ben Saul into silence, making her the first person to have succeeded in shutting him up since he began teaching; and almost killing two of her close friends, Alex Volk and Cassie Smith (also students), whilst the latter were attempting to participate in the Philosophy of Law course at the University of Humboldt, Berlin. The three would like to extend a special thanks to Rachael Buckland, without whose special efforts throughout July 2017 it is unlikely they would have made it to graduation.



Vincent Couling • JD



"Woeful Referencing" – Anne Twomey.

My favourite memory from Law School is the nights spent exploring the streets of Shanghai with Louis and the War Dog. Many moments and conversations that will not easily be forgotten. I'll also add the shared joy that Boonie and I felt whenever hit in the face with the aroma of the IAPM Shopping Mall. **I will probably be remembered for** my truly iconic black puffer jacket. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have less debt/more hair.** **Three words to describe me would be** "giant; athlete; humble". **My biggest regret from Law School is** studying as hard as I did for Legal Research. **What got me through Law School was** my parents, Navroz, understanding friends, and the wonderful freak party that is Waverley Library. **After I graduate I will be** travelling/making up for three years of neglected relationships/suing people for a living.

Mate, we did it – Jonno Marlton.

Harrison Cox • LLB



"I sucked at Private International Law at Uni, but I found a case named after me so I decided to make it my career"
- Michael Douglas.

My favourite memory from Law School is getting out of my comfort zone and doing the Law Revue. Met so many wonderful people and picked up a handful of dance moves to whip out at festivals as well. **I will probably be remembered for** raving in the Law Library. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** disappointed my Greek mother. **Three words to describe me would be** below average student. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not fanging back a couple brewskies with big Gerangelos and the boys. **What got me through Law School** was other people's notes. **After I graduate I will be** going back over Torts & Contracts II problem questions in an effort to get them all correct. **I would like to boast about how** I once managed to summon Exodia The Forbidden One in a game of Yu-Gi-Oh.



Gabriella Cozzupoli • JD

"Try to live every day like Elle Woods after Warner told her that she wasn't smart enough for law school."

If I hadn't studied law, I would have pursued my love for musical theatre in New York. **Three words to describe me would be** "loud, determined and a little crazy". **My biggest regret from Law School** is studying law in the first place? #jokingnotjoking. **What got me through Law School** was redbull, Student VIP notes and family/friends. **After I graduate I will** hopefully practice in an area of law I love such as criminal or family law.

Gab- My Louis Vuitton! Thank you so much for everything! If it wasn't for you- there is no way I would have got through law school: from the online shopping in class....to the late night study sessions the day before exams, you were by my side every step of the way. You stood by me and gave me the strength to keep going, even when I gave up on myself. I am truly blessed to have bumped into you on the first day of foundies <3 Love you so much gurl ;) and can't wait to see what the future holds for you! - Toobah Choudhari.



Daniel Cullen • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is learning about Bryan Pape self representing all the way to the High Court to dispute a government stimulus that would have paid him 900 dollars. **I will probably be remembered for** being the most frequently bare-footed student in the history of Sydney Law School. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** essentially the same understanding of real property that I do today. **What got me through Law School** was the comedy stylings of the electrifying Justice William Gummow. **I would like to boast about how** I won interfaculty tennis with old mate Adam Kaye via skill and obnoxiously loud cheering.

James Edward Daniel • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is studying hard. **I will probably be remembered for** my High HD average. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** done a JD. **Three words to describe me would be** "Courage. Honour. Mateship." **My biggest regret from Law School** is never complaining about the dodgy bathrooms. **What got me through Law School** was Taste salads. **After I graduate I will be** lingering outside known injury spots in my fav Tarocash suit with a handful of bone-white business cards. **I would like to boast about how** one time in my Crim tute we were discussing what influences people to commit crimes. A student in the class said it was basically a "Nature vs Nurture Debate" to which the tutor replied "Nature versus Nurture?" And I yelled out "Yeah haven't you read that case?". Everybody laughed.



Anna de Sterke • LLB



You all might be too young to remember Joh Bjelke-Petersen. He was like a 'provincial Margaret Thatcher' – Peter Gerangelos, Federal Constitutional Law.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have never learned how to do legal referencing. **What got me through Law School** was avoiding spending too much time in the law library.



Honey DeBelle • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is tanning and fighting off bin chickens on the law lawns at lunchtime. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been far less stressed the past three years. But also less fulfilled. **Three words to describe me would be** "Perpetually. In. Activewear." **My biggest regret from Law School** is that I have never had a baguette from Taste. Ever. **What got me through Law School** was coffee and great people.

Bethaney Carus Debenham • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is the feeling of solidarity/suffering amongst the 2017 Philosophy of Law in Berlin class when rocking up to class after a night out that lasted well into daylight... **I will probably be remembered for** chronic over participation... sorry friends. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** gone to art school! In hindsight I actually think I chose the path of least suffering. **What got me through Law School** was honestly... I love law. I love it. At some absurd, fundamental, cardinal level. I think that it's flawed, that it's brilliant, that it represents the very best that we as a society can do. Being a part of that, it's a privilege and a responsibility. I hope - one day - to be a credit to the this profession. Even at its worst (here's looking at you Contract Law,) I still knew this was what I wanted to do. That desire, to do my best for something that deserves our best, that's what got me through Law School. Also, shout out to the Taste baristas you guys are bomb. **After I graduate I will be** Tippy to the Honourable Justice Rothman AM.

Thanks for always distracting teachers with your intelligent comments so they don't ask me sitting next to you – Bree Bakaric.



Michelle Dennis • JD

"I haven't done the readings"

I will probably be remembered for my denim jacket obsession. **Three words to describe me would be** "queer, loud and proud". **What got me through Law School** was government funded public healthcare. **After I graduate I will be** working out where you can find second hand barrister wigs and celebrating.



Tara Dingle • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is a close call between Andrew Dyer's 'spirited' narration of problem questions and Anne Twomey's 'there's life outside of commercial law' real talk. Five out of five stars for both. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** drunk less. **Three words to describe me would be** "Tofu Taste Baguette". **My biggest regret from Law School** is that I never got to meet the infamous Belle Kurve. **What got me through Law School** was wine. **After I graduate I will be** able to afford better quality wine.

Who doesn't need a friend with a rhyming name for date nights – Mara Dodson.

Whenever a global fashion event was on, Tara was the first to send me links to Buzzfeed articles to distract me from my take home exams. She knew where my brain was at, and led me down the rabbit hole of procrastination. Champ. – Rachel Irwin.

Mara Dodson • JD



"After Arts I had to choose between Law and Medicine. Dad's a partner, so..."

My favourite memory from Law School is lazing on the lawns, or hazy moments from King Street & Ivy. **I will probably be remembered for** social faux pas in first year. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been devoid of value and life direction. That, or continued psychology into postgrad. **What got me through Law School** was smart, generous friends. Running long distances. Realising life doesn't end without a clerkship. **After I graduate I will be** testing the murky waters of criminal defence.

Kept me sane, and kept the lecturers confused when seated together. May we grow wise, wined and always have the sleekest of canine – Tara Dingle.



Satoko Doi • JD



"As Sherlock Holmes reminded Dr. Watson when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth" – Twinsectra Ltd v Yardley [2002] 2 AC 164 at [100].

My favourite memory from Law School is Himalayan Field School: New friends, sweet yoghurt and baby goats. **What got me through Law School** was Law Lawn lunches, Friday night drinks (especially ALS drinks) and Settlers of Catan.

How would I have studied for exams without you around to tell me to stop playing computer games? – Guy Spielman.

I look forward to having a lot more board game + wine experiences together – Yulia Turchenkova.



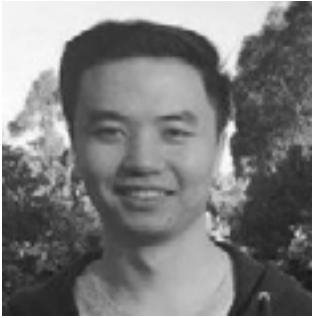
Dominic Donaldson • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is leaving it. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been a much happier person with a healthier liver and fewer broken dreams. **Three words to describe me would be** "not good at counting". **My biggest regret from Law School** is wearing heels when I should have worn flats. **After I graduate I will be** forgetting literally everything I learned here except maybe that case about the ouija board. **I would like to boast about how** I am often mistaken for 2 Chainz.

Your snapchats are life, Dom. Thanks for getting me through law school one book burning at a time – Rachel Irwin.

Kevin Dong • JD



"Equity demands one to come with clean hands" – Jamie Glister.

My favourite memory from Law School is reading weeks were not for reading. **I will probably be remembered for** being just another law student. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** completed a PhD in Neuroscience. **Three words to describe me would be** "a reasonable person". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not paying attention in Professor Gummow's real property lecture. **What got me through Law School** was nepotism and Nexus Notes. **After I graduate I will be** working 9 to 5, what a way to make a living
Barely getting by, it's all taking and no giving
They just use your mind and they never give you credit
It's enough to drive you crazy if you let it
9 to 5, for service and devotion
You would think that I would deserve a fat promotion
Want to move ahead but the boss won't seem to let me.



Jessica Rae Dougan • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is Foundies! It's all downhill from there... **I will probably be remembered for** saying something hugely embarrassing while drunk... **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** gone into publishing, or fully committed to being a crazy dog lady. **What got me through Law School** was coffee from Taste! **After I graduate I will be** working at a commercial law firm (nice, different, unusual).



Grace Duncan • LLB



"Ladies and Gentlemen ..." – Peter Gerangelos.

My favourite memory from Law School is using overseas study units as an excuse for a European holiday. **I will probably be remembered for** my bright green bag. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** become a rocket scientist. **My biggest regret from Law School** is buying the textbooks. **What got me through Law School** was friends, coffee, notes. **After I graduate I will be** delaying the responsibilities of adult life by jumping on a plane and heading overseas.

Yvette Edgell • JD



I will probably be remembered for handing out too much unsolicited motherly life advice. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been on a lot more holidays and be in a lot less debt. **Three words to describe me would be** "honest, opinionated, exhausted". **What got me through Law School** was my foundies group. You know who you are. **After I graduate I will be...** Sleeping. Netflix. More sleeping.



Thomas Elkington • JD



"Have you tried googling it"

My favourite memory from Law School is exchange. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** struggled in the job market. **My biggest regret from Law School** is stressing over grades.



Katherine Ferrier • JD

"This isn't being recorded because I have to go to dinner parties with these people."

My favourite memory from Law School is AOR in Cambridge and the shenanigans. **I will probably be remembered for** never turning up. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been completely lost. **What got me through Law School** was my friends! **After I graduate I will be** selling my soul to corporate devils.

Veda FitzSimons • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is the feeling of finishing exams each semester, realising that although you're a bit dishevelled, your hair is greasy and your social life is in tatters, you're now FREE. **I will probably be remembered for** mirco-napping in class (incl. head nodding). **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been happy and free, but less satisfied. **What got me through Law School** was Ms Kirsty Gan. The woman is a genius and without her I would 100% not be here. **After I graduate I will be...** God knows! But hopefully something meaningful + paid (one can #dream).

A true friend, brilliant thinker and all round nice person – Charles Witherdin.



Michael Fong • JD

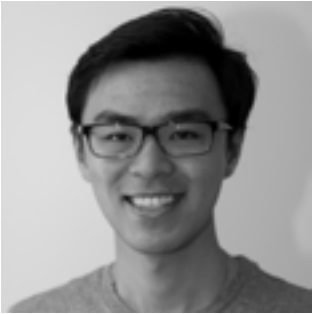


Isaac Foo • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is the free food and drinks at networking events. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** gone to UNSW. **My biggest regret from Law School** is nothing. Everything, bad or good, has made me today. **What got me through Law School** was Gerangelos' motivational speeches. **After I graduate I will be** making yearly overseas trips like many other Millennials. **I would like to boast about** how I got HDs in some assignments.

Leon Fung • LLB



"This is not examinable."

If I hadn't studied law, I would have become a maths geek. **Three words to describe me would be** "hi, oh, nice, oops." **My biggest regret from Law School is** doing referencing at 3am in the morning. **What got me through Law School was** lecture recordings and caffeine. **After I graduate I will be** building sand castles and sleeping. **I would like to boast about how** I finished law school.



Tom Gallop • JD



"I reckon I will be PM one day" – Tom Elkington.

My favourite memory from Law School is defamation with David Rolph. **I will probably be remembered for** coming across as clueless in most classes. **What got me through Law School was** sensationally prepared notes that weren't mine. **After I graduate I will be** traveling until I can't prolong full time work any longer.



Annabel Game • LLB



"I'm only here for the drama" – David Rolph.

My favourite memory from Law School is the satisfaction of handing in hard copies of all assignments... **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been less argumentative at dinner parties. **Three words to describe me would be** "gin and tonic". **What got me through Law School was** caffeine-fuelled reading weeks. **After I graduate I will be** continuing my existential crisis in the real world.

Kirsty Gan • LLB



"The final exam will be held during the examination period and will be 3 hours in length. The exam will be a modified closed book exam. Students will not be permitted to bring any written material into the exam room. It will be worth 80%." – LAWS2014.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have better eyesight. With that in mind, I would like to acknowledge and thank Specsavers and Bailey Nelson for your excellent customer service these past five years. **My biggest regret from Law School is** when I spent a memorable evening in Kathmandu clutching a toilet in the private residence of the Australian Ambassador to Nepal throwing up some very dodgy momos, foregoing the opportunity to schmooze over free Australian Embassy booze with high-level Nepali judges and international NGOs. **What got me through Law School was...** Isaac Newton famously opined: "If I have seen further, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants". To the giants of my Law School life - my brilliant friends, my patient family, my beloved Taste, Fisher and Ralph's baristas - I salute you. **After I graduate I will be** giving the path-less-travelled my best shot - otherwise known as attempting to avoid the corporate law vortex!

You always doubled the fun and halved the stress! – Stephanie Rowland.



Alyssa Glass • JD



What got me through Law School was the people who cooked lasagne for me, lived through Jessup with me, mentored and inspired me, shared houses with me, lent me money, partied too hard with me, dropped everything for rapid-fire phone therapy sessions, formed my cheer squad at countless moots without complaint, listened to rants about international law even when they had no fucking idea what I was talking about, and, most of all, the people who never stopped believing I could survive a law degree (even when I had grave doubts). Oh, and a lot of wine helped too.

Lys is an all-round superstar. Her sharp mind, kind heart and love of wine always saves the day. A formidable woman, she will be a force to be reckoned with in the legal world – Jennifer Catterson.

Your wisdom, generosity and sheer bloodyminded persistence never cease to amaze me – Harry Stratton.

Alyssa is like a trusty Opal Card. Gets you places, you always want her by your side, and she is always keen for a top up (of wine). She is an absolute joy to live, work and study with. Just watch how far she'll go!! – Margery Ai.
Lys' phenomenal intellect, inspirational eloquence, and capacity for kindness is matched only by her addiction to coffee and wine, her aversion to BuzzFeed quizzes, and her seemingly endless patience when being "regaled" on the finer points of Mongolian camel-coaxing. Always good-humoured and ceaselessly insightful, thanks for tolerating me - you're the best Junior buddy I could have asked for! Yours in watermelon pillow – Replevin J.



Sara Golru • LLB



"In summing up, it's the constitution, it's Mabo, it's justice, it's law, it's the vibe and aah no that's it, it's the vibe. I rest my case."

My favourite memory from Law School is having the immense privilege to be taught by the greatest legal minds in the country. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been a historian/writer. **My biggest regret from Law School is** not getting a selfie with the Hon Kirby. **What got me through Law School was** Fisher Library, Green Tea and Chocolates

Gaston Gration • JD



"I will eat your soul." - Exam Invigilator.

I will probably be remembered for pioneering the unit of study: "The Law of Assignment Extensions at Sydney University". **What got me through Law School was...** shoutout to my MOM bless up guuuurll! **After I graduate I will be** watching Wheel of Fortune in my duds, eating coco pops. **I would like to boast about how** I have seven cats named after seven justices of the High Court. (Barwick CJ pictured).

I have never been more jealous of someone's ability to fall asleep on any surface in any setting, or of their ability to make the daggiest of all-black outfits a paragon of style and taste - Nina Newcombe.

Simply put, Gaston is the very best - Emily Shen.

He's an intellect without artifice or ego. He's the life of your party. And he's all "no wukkas ma du", "danke schoen", and "affirmative broham" until the end - Jack Clifford.



Kulvir Kyle Singh Grewal • JD



"Profit à prendre"

My favourite memory from Law School is hanging out at taste playing chess with my mate Lewis drinking Stone & Wood while soaking in the sun. **I will probably be remembered for** being tall and handsome. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been coaching basketball. **Three words to describe me would be** "Funny, kind, and smart." **My biggest regret from Law School** is "Law school". **What got me through Law School** was daytime NBA, coffee, Lewis and Pemery. **After I graduate I will be** entering the next chapter of my life.



Olivia Guo • LLB



"What the fuck's happening? I want to go home." - *Semaan v Poidevin* [2013] NSWSC 226 per Rothman J at [17].

My favourite memory for Law School is meeting so many clever, funny and passionate people! **I will probably be remembered for** desperately messaging people in my classes to sign me off, attending classes exclusively from Week 10 onwards. **If I hadn't studied law I would have...** I'm not too sure, but hopefully it would've involved a bit more sleep. **My biggest regret from Law School** is wasting money on textbooks that I only use once (at most), usually during STUVAC. **What got me through Law School** was the chorizo sticks at Taste and notes from people who I've never met. **After I graduate I will be** travelling, then starting work with an investment bank. **I would like to boast about how** one time, Zubin Bilimoria felt so bad for me that he sent me his notes for an exam.

Thanks for giving me your chorizo stick in tax. Forever indebted - Lisa Wang.

You have a gr8 rig - Anon.

Michael Gvozdenovic • LLB



"When you look into the abyss you will find your character"

"Confront your Balrog and you will emerge as Gandalf the White" – (both) Professor Gerangelos, one slightly more poetic than the other.

My favourite memory from Law School is all my experiences with PASS in Law! I loved being a student in Contracts and TCII sessions, learning the material with people who I've remained friends with throughout Law School. I now love being a Facilitator in those subjects, getting to meet students in years below me and helping them in the same way my Facilitators helped me. And finally, I also love my fellow Facilitators - I couldn't think of a better way of spending my time than with such amazing and incredible people! **My biggest regret from Law School** is not discovering the joy of coffee until my final year.

All round top guy, will make partner at 25 – Jialu Xu.



Patrick Hall • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is just being around the Law Faculty at the time of Will/Pat Ryan's political movement known as "Twins for Tickets" – triplets know what they have done... **I will probably be remembered for** being the tallest person in the Faculty. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** found an unhealthy outlet to satisfy my desire to argue. **Three words to describe me would be** "queuing at Taste". **My biggest regret from Law School** is never trying out for Law Revue. Or rather, never giving myself the opportunity to be rejected for Law Revue. **What got me through Law School** was the extraordinary teaching; it was hard to not enjoy your time in the Faculty when you had such outstanding Professors, lecturers and peers! **After I graduate I will be** working at the Court and spending too much time at Beanbah. **My favourite quote would have to be** hearing Professor Gerangelos vent about the Prime Minister referring to "His Government" and then proceeding to remind us that there is only one lady who could do so and she was far too modest. A close second would be the kindness in which Professor Gerangelos later told us to not worry about our future careers as we had "already done enough" to simply be students in the Faculty.

I have full faith that you'll achieve your dreams of being a High Court judge – Anon.



Carolyn Harris • LLB



"A power to make laws with respect to lighthouses does not authorise the making of a law with respect to anything which is, in the opinion of the law-maker, a lighthouse." – *Australian Communist Party v The Commonwealth* (1951) 83 CLR 1 (Fullagar J).

My favourite memory from Law School is sitting on the law lawns, listening to the wise words of Peter Gerangelos and Ross Anderson and making wonderful, intelligent and inspiring friends. **I will probably be remembered for** arriving at Legal Research II having been chased by two water buffalo down Carillon Avenue in Newtown. Graeme Cross apologised the next week for not believing me. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** had too much spare time and never learnt to skim-read. **My biggest regret from Law School** is writing notes on all the Foundations of Law readings! Each week I would do all the readings and then go back and write detailed notes. **What got me through Law School** was studying economics and learning the concept of "opportunity cost". The opportunity cost of doing all the readings each week was far too high. **After I graduate I will be** dreaming!

Couldn't have made it through without you by my side! Will miss sharing mentos and dog photos in class – Micaela Bassford.

Arizona Hart • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is Advanced Criminal Law in fifth year - such a great class for so many reasons (good people, fantastic lecturer, interesting discussions...!). **I will probably be remembered for** always having lecturers/tutors commenting on my name in the first week of classes! **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** still done my BIGS degree - or maybe eschewed the academic life completely and become a florist... **My biggest regret from Law School** is never checking my junk inbox for the email about first year mooting, then realising I was scheduled the night before... **What got me through Law School** was Taste soy lattes and binge watching legal/crime shows on Netflix (Rake counts as crim study, right?). **After I graduate I will be** travelling for most of 2018 after my exchange!



Nick Hay • LLB

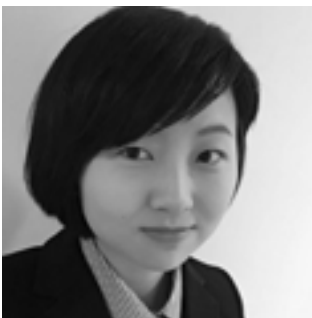


"Look, it's the fucking Constitution" – Me trying to (erroneously) explain to Ryan McCourt why the Constitution should negate the application of the AD(JR) Act before our Public Law exam.

My favourite memory from Law School is watching Louis Penna's first and last beat poetry performance on stage at Hermann's after a particularly arduous set of Fourth Year exams. **I will probably be remembered for** being the rightful King of Scaffolds. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been involved in the building industry - particularly the design and construction of scaffolds. **Three words to describe me would be** "The Scaffold King". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not taking advantage of the free dinners and boundless knowledge provided at weekly SULS events. **What got me through Law School** was my scaffolds. **After I graduate I will be** searching for a way to monetise my soon out of date scaffolds before it's too late. I would like to boast about...I think I've boasted enough about my scaffolds.



Qucan (Charmaine) He • JD



Thanks for all the chats: online and off-line; Thanks for all the happiness: study and hangout; Thanks for all the photos of your cute dog – Vivian Wang.

Antonia Yunong He • JD

"The final exam will include two problem questions, no essay question."



My favourite memory from Law School is walking out of New Law Building at 1 pm on Thursdays. **I will probably be remembered for** always having a plan; good at calming people down. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** spent long hours thinking about rules, morality and the many flaws of human society, just not getting credit points for it. **Three words to describe me would be** "much inner peace". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not leaving myself anything to regret about. **What got me through Law School** was friends, procrastination movie marathons, chocolate.



Chamath Herath • LLB

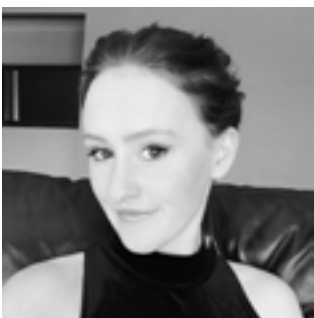


My favourite memory from Law School is...no single memory, but our annual tradition with my boys since we met on Law Camp 2013 to hit up Law Ball, get absolutely blind and boogie the night away. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** studied astrophysics, but alas that would be to accept to be poor. **What got me through Law School** was asking Zubin Bilimoria for notes at the start of every semester. **I would like to boast about how I am** the crème de la crème of arriving 20 - 30 minutes late to every class at law school.

Chamath was my rock and my teacher. During dark, long nights, he was my source of illumination. Basically every mark I earned at law school was due to his amazingly formatted notes. I will be forever grateful – Harley Milano.



Claudia Hill • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is...I have no fond memories of law school. **I will probably be remembered for** being absent from most SULS events, going through a brief period of wearing double denim, having ridiculously red hair. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** lived a joyous, fulfilling life. **What got me through Law School** was endless amounts of red bull and diet coke. **After I graduate I will be** hopefully working for a CLC such as Women's Legal Services or Legal Aid. **I would like to boast about how** I never caved into buying a law school tote bag.

Sharon Ho • LLB



"When you look into the abyss, you will find your character." – Professor Peter Gerangelos.

My favourite memory from Law School is finally understanding the course on the night before the exam. **I will probably be remembered for** being the only law student who doesn't drink coffee. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** a much higher WAM. **My biggest regret from Law School** is buying textbooks and then only ever reading chapter 1. **What got me through Law School** was the amazing lecturers I have had—particularly Professors Peter Gerangelos, Gail Mason, Tim Stephens and Jamie Glister. Also the staff at Level 3 who have helped me so much throughout Law School. **After I graduate I will be** taking half a year off to travel and spend quality time with my family and friends.



Samuel Hoare • LLB



I will probably be remembered for being a fixture of the law library; sharing my summaries with everyone; my strange quasi-English accent; and my strong distaste for executive power. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** stayed studying in Canberra, pursued international relations, went to DFAT, been posted overseas, and ended up getting executed by a foreign power in breach of the dictates of diplomatic immunity. **My biggest regret from Law School** is the damage all the acidic drinks have surely done to my teeth... and deciding not to do Honours. **What got me through Law School** was copious quantities of caffeine, often in the form of oversized bottles of Coke Zero and/or Pepsi Max. That, and a shared sense of suffering. **After I graduate I will be** going to the Courts and then to a firm – which might seem a bit quirky and risky, but that's the kind of guy I am.

Generally a wonderful human being but will also sass you to no end – May Yang.



Kieran Hoyle • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is the many late nights in the moot court spent desperately trying to pull together law revue. That, and the serenity of the law school toilets at the far end of the bottom level. **I will probably be remembered for** mostly my good looks and intelligence. Second, my humility. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** had a large chip on my shoulder about not studying law. **My biggest regret from law school** is, truthfully, not putting enough effort into my subjects, and trying to work too much at the cost of enjoying the university experience. **After I graduate I will be** relearning key social skills.

Claims he doesn't want to be a lawyer but he's still here – Alexi Polden.

Kieran Hoyle is a baller. He does great impressions, has fantastic hair and always gives me discounts from the Apple Store – James Edward Daniel.

Jack Holloway • LLB

My favourite memory from Law School is Foundations of Law - what a cracker of a class! **I will probably be remembered for** wearing elite athlete gear to every class. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** played cricket. **Three words to describe me would be** "having a laugh". **My biggest regret from Law School** is never attending a single SULS event. **What got me through Law School** was other people's notes. **After I graduate I will be** banking.

I was impressed by the way in which Jack threw himself into SULS and made a real effort with the rest of his cohort. Wouldn't have been a Law Ball without him! – Patrick Hall.



Candice Hong • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is the excellent Law Balls. **I will probably be remembered for** rarely checking WeChat and Facebook... **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** never cast a glance at books as thick as encyclopedias. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not trying to take a selfie with Kirby J with his consent. **What got me through Law School** was perseverance, tea, staying up late, friends' jokes and encouragement, mild perfectionism and boyfriend's care lol. **I would like to boast about how** my English reading speed is almost catching up with my Chinese reading speed lol.



Rain Hsu • LLB



"Its pronounced COH-burn" – John Stumbles, 2016, referring to *Cockburn v GIO Finance* in Equity and Financial Risk Allocation.

My favourite memory from Law School is finishing Law School. **I will probably be remembered for** my insatiable love for Equity. Thank you, Jamie Glistler and John Stumbles. I wish I got to meet you, Matthew Conaglen. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** kept my soul and be living a more exciting life in London. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not taking John Stumbles' insolvency course last semester. **What got me through Law School** was Josh Chalkley and Bronte Lambourne's fourth year notes, and the brilliant fourth and fifth year professors. **After I graduate I will be** taking a classic graduation photo in front of the Quad; not spending another day in the leaking law library; replenishing my vitamin D by travelling for a good 7 months; and pursuing long neglected passions.

Jimmy Huang • LLB



"Don't do drugs" - Peter Gerangelos.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have had so much more time to read for pleasure. **What got me through Law School** was Toby's Estate and the Royal. **After I graduate I will be** spending all of my money on travel.



Ryan Hunter • JD



"It's okay, he's my son. I normally don't make a habit of kissing barristers" – Justice Susan Crennan, after a light peck on the cheek to barrister Daniel Crennan.

My favourite memory from Law School is losing the SULLS election, freeing up twelve months to convince someone to create the unelected position of "Editor-in-Chief" of *Blackacre*, which I could then fill.

Could never edit Honi so edited Blackacre instead – Alexi Polden.

Ryan is like a perfectly brewed coffee. Smooth, wakes you up with his stories, gets you through the day, and is of course slightly bitter. He's one of my best friends, and I'm going to miss his big cheeky grins and high fives around the law school – Margery Ai.

An indiscrete man with questionable taste in jumpers. If only there weren't so much else to recommend him – Jack Clifford.



Rachel Irwin • JD



"There's 5 minutes left of this 8 hour class. Let's start on next week's material...."

My favourite memory from Law School is that 3 hour closed book exam for Corps... **I will probably be remembered** for my regular half time appearances at 9am's. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** saved a few \$\$ **Three words to describe me would be** "unfiltered, unapologetic, underestimated". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not picking more electives with recorded lectures. **What got me through Law School** was too much wine and caffeine. **After I graduate I will be** doing my grad rotation. **I would like to boast about how** I cannnnnn do a signature on the roll.

Akif Islam • LLB



"You students have it easy here at Sydney Law School. They only give you case extracts. Back in England, I give my students the entire case to read." - Oxford Associate Professor Matthew Dyson, guest lecturer in Torts.

My favourite memory from Law School is listening to the wisdom of the inspiring Professor Gerangelos. **I will probably be remembered for** sitting in the same spot in the Law Library from 8am till 6pm the past 5 years. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been the MVP of the NBA. **Three words to describe me would be** "I like law". **What got me through Law School was** the wonderful people - friends and teachers. **After I graduate I will be** exploring the world.

Thank you for always looking out for me and teaching me to keep moving forward in the face of setbacks - Kenny Wu.



Maddison Ives • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is leaving. **I will probably be remembered for** having the most hours slept in class. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been a psychologist. **What got me through Law School was** coffee & tequila. Sometimes together but that's not really a recommendation. **After I graduate I will be** practicing commercial law.



Shaun JaKens • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is meeting all of my friends. **I will probably be remembered for** my out-going personality. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** more hair, less wrinkles and no eye bags. **Three words to describe me would be** "fun, friendly, fabulous". **My biggest regret from Law School is** not going all out. **What got me through Law School was** my friends. **After I graduate I will be** applying for permanent residency in Australia and trying not to get deported.

Joy Jin • LLB



"Do you have Tourette's?" –Lecturer to a student.

My favourite memory from Law School is Law Camp 2013 - in particular the amazing friends I made and the infamous "fountain" moment in our cabin (traumatic but hilarious). **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been less paranoid when entering car parks and stopped analysing if there are reasonable opportunities to reverse out. There never are escape routes/I'm just really bad at reversing. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not politely asking the university to please, please clean the Level 1 bathrooms. **What got me through Law School** was lemongrass chicken, wholemeal, no mayo, on Access please. **After I graduate I will be** delaying adulthood with seven months of travel across the Mediterranean and the Americas.

Joy Jin is ridiculously nice. When travelling with her in Norway she once bought a bed in a sleeping carriage and I wanted to save money by buying a normal seat. She then offered to sway with me. One to watch for the future – James Edward Daniel.



Elizabeth Jones • JD



Q: "Can I use the title 'doctor' when I graduate?" A: "No." – The Sydney Juris Doctor FAQs.

My favourite memory from Law School is Ross Anderson and his elaborate diagrams. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not stocking up on enough firm branded post-it notes from the careers fairs. **What got me through Law School** was Law Revue, Beat the Q, Level 0 bathrooms and the filtered tap. **After I graduate I will be**, at the very least, buying my own post-it notes.

Elizabeth Jones is an exceedingly fine young woman with exceptional prospects. If only she were not presently diverted by an undeserving man – Anon.



Stephanie Kalmar • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is undertaking a placement at the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) as part of the Social Justice Summer Clinical Course. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** studied art history and curating. **My biggest regret from Law School** is buying brand new textbooks in the early stages of my law degree and not living closer to campus. I was ruled by the Hillsbus timetable and don't get me started on the state of Sydney's public transport system and roads. **What got me through Law School** was the support of my family and friends. Also, keeping up-to-date with the spoilers and speculation about the Australian version of the Bachelor/Bachelorette reality TV show. **After I graduate I will be** travelling overseas and then pursuing a career in the social justice/public interest sector.

Ben Kende • JD



I will probably be remembered for snapping necks and cashing cheques.



Eshan D Khot • LLB



“Constitutional Law is a check on the human condition” – Peter Gerangelos.

My favourite memory from Law School is losing all my hair. **I will probably be remembered for** being the nice, unassuming guy you could have a open-hearted chat with. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** become the Prime Minister of India (still might). **Three words to describe me would be** “ready, willing, able.” **What got me through Law School** was expert scaffold pals. **After I graduate I will be** finding meaning in life.

I only ever see you in Week 13 each semester when we know shit is getting real, but I will never forget our late night Skype sessions with your shirt off exposing your beautiful chest with you slowly explaining the entire course to me. Nor will I forget the fact that you have a better understanding of every single subject than me even though you never ever bought the bloody textbook. You're a bloody legend mate, my law degree belongs to you! – Chamath Herath.



Elizabeth Kim • JD



My favourite memories from Law School are my friends and the feeling of achievement when you submit your final assessment for the semester. **I will probably be remembered for** being excited about everything. **What got me through Law School** was knowing that I have committed to something and the need to see it through right to the end. **After I graduate I will be** attending College of Law.

Liz! Thank you so much for being such an amazing friend since we first met in Legal Reasoning! 3 years flew by with all our random lunch dates. I will always remember our train rides home together, you sleeping/listening in lectures and how you always managed to pull out and offer me some type of lolly/chocolate during our 9am lectures! You are an amazing, kind-hearted and self-less girl and I'm so lucky to have crossed paths in life with you <3 – Toobah Choudhari.

She has always been there for me and given me her honest take on any subject of discussion. An extraordinary person with exceptional talent – Manju Varshini Rajendran.

Great company, hard working study mate, panics a lot but fortunately calms down quite easily as well, always comes bearing snacks. Getting along comes naturally, just eat, study, love – Antonia Yunong He.

Elizabeth is one of the smartest friend I ever had and she reads like a scanner, in terms of speed and memory. Despite constantly doze off in class, she aced all units. Can I call you superwoman? – Stephanie Tang.

Sally Kirk • LLB



I will probably be remembered for being the most legendary debater in the Erko household. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** crashed and burned attempting journalism, then spent my days watching Gilmore Girls reruns, eating nutella out of the jar. Would probably have maintained some more of my sanity. And my eyesight.... dignity.... free time. **My biggest regret from Law School is** Fetch for SULS. Oh god. Don't look at me. **What got me through Law School was** friends, family, chronic fatigue, crunchy peanut butter toast, double reading weeks, Steph White's apple crumbles, Wednesday night Bachie viewings, legacy notes, truckloads of pink highlighters and self doubt, procrastination, Saturday morning sleep ins, and a touch of caffeine. **After I graduate I will be** selling my soul to corporate law and spending the profits on smashed avocado and renting for eternity.

Sally is responsible for introducing the term "shade nerd" into my vocabulary along with a particularly catchy song about being a shade nerd. Thank you. I didn't realise how empty my life was without either (and also you) in it – Emily Shen.

Shade nerd, shade nerd, love to be a shade nerd. Mozzarella cheese nerd. Shade nerd, shade nerd, shade nerd © Sally Kirk 2017. Before Sally, I had never relished in the company of someone who could express herself with so many non-human sounds, facial contortions or alternatives to real words. When I grow up I can only hope to be as good at thinly-veiled contempt with a smile as Sally – Nina Newcombe.



Mariah Klay • LLB



David Konstantopoulos • LLB



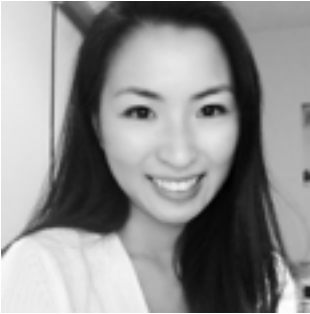
"I've already voted..." – when avoiding SRC elections.

My favourite memory from Law School is that feel when you get your timetable down to 2 days. **I will probably be remembered for** watching the NBA and sport highlights in lectures. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** held up the middle-order in my local cricket team. **What got me through Law School was** a combination of Law School memes and friends. **After I graduate I will be** travelling and posting touching Instagram tributes to continental Europe.

Thank you for letting me watch NBA with you in every law class – Ethan Paul.

You showed me that it is possible to manage everything, which always made me want to work harder – Gamil Alexander Tadros.

Nicole Lai • JD



“Overruled.”

I will probably be remembered for missing the first 10 minutes for my 9am classes. **I would like to boast about how** I passed Torts and Contracts II.



Isabella Ledden • LLB



Wow, Wayne Courtney and Tim Stephens look so alike, don't you think??? – An unknown but very perceptive student in my first Contracts lecture. Can recommend as a great icebreaker question for any law student partial to polarised opinion and some healthy debate.

My favourite memory from Law School is a chef gone rogue at a First Year Law Camp. Although it wasn't funny at the time, it almost is now. **I will probably be remembered for** consecutively leading the SULLS rugby team to inter-varsity victory with my awesome tackles and ball skills. Otherwise, just my general sporting prowess. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** not become super alert to stray grapes on supermarket fruit aisle floors. **My biggest regret from Law School is** not bringing enough snacks to class and suffering crippling snack envy. **What got me through Law School was** friends and family appearing as unlucky characters in problem questions. **After I graduate I will be** re-educating my palette after 5.5 years of fine campus cuisine. **I would like to boast about how** I honestly never missed a Law Ball or Law Revue. Anyone that had a part in delivering these - you are legends. Thank you.

Friends from day one Law Camp! Can't wait for what the future holds – Jacinta Mallon.

A victim of 'resting bitch face' syndrome Issey is, ironically, one of the kindest people you could ever meet despite exuding an aura of confident prestige. She is a really genuine person, and has an incredible (and quirky) sense of humour, that makes her one of the best people to have around in any situation – Anthony Small.



Ada Lee • LLB



If I hadn't studied law, I would have become a nomadic author living in the mountains and growing potatoes. **Three words to describe me would be** “innovative, collaborative, diverse!” **What got me through Law School was** naps on the Law Lawns. **After I graduate I will be** on a Gap year!

Gotta admit that in school I never expected us to be swanning around Berlin at 4 in the morning together but I sure am glad it happened and that you had enough good sense to research where to find the best kebabs beforehand – Bethaney Debenham.

Maximillian Lee • JD



Iceberg on the outside, small and hard-working bear on the inside – Yunya (Katrina) Wang.

Max is always found being oddly calm during exam period and always wearing weather appropriate clothing. Candid and sagacious, he is not afraid to tell it like it is. He is one cool dude and I never thought that I would meet someone as passionate about all things rap related and as selfless as him when it comes to study notes. My rap game has upgraded because of you. Thanks for being awesome! Also please visit www.IWillWearSkirtsNoMatterWhatTheWeather.com
– Yong Shi Ying.



Andrew James Lee • LLB



“That’s Bar Century!” – Joy Jin (shouted) in Torts.

My favourite memory from Law School is studying for exams. **I will probably be remembered for** my 11pm resurrection from the bathroom stalls on law camp. **If I hadn’t studied law, I would have** still wanted to sit in the lawbry. **Three words to describe me would be** “5’11, Caucasian, male”. **My biggest regret from Law School** is buying textbooks. **What got me through Law School** was coffee, someone else’s notes, and friends who’d sign me off in class. A lunch time beer also helped for Legal Profession. **After I graduate I will be** having a few drinks at Taste, then hopefully kicking onto Cargo. **I would like to boast about...** passing?



Hongbei Li • JD



“The PPSA is fascinating. I hope you come to class on Monday morning at 9am feeling excited about the problem question.” – Sheelagh McCracken.

My favourite memory from Law School is lunch with friends on the lawns. **I will probably be remembered for** perpetually sitting in corner of the 2-hr reserve area. **If I hadn’t studied law, I would have** tried to get into antique dealing. **Three words to describe me would be** “2-hr reserve, oatmeal, gym”. **My biggest regret from Law School** is spending 700+ dollars during the first semester on textbooks which I never read. **What got me through Law School** was coffee and friends. **After I graduate I will** not be a poor student anymore.

Sweet like manuka and wise like the Buddha. This magnificent cheeky soul taught me life tips that I would have never learnt in law school ie. that spicy sichuan food will cause you to reevaluate your existence, that being sassy is a way of life, that you can get what you want if you do not doubt yourself and that cocktails are the answer to EVERYTHING. Above all else, she taught me what it means to be the most thoughtful friend a gal can have. Thank you HB! P.S. Please. Oatmeal is not dinner – Yong Shi Ying.

An actual treasure, her kindness and wonderful sense of humour known no bounds. Fiercely intelligent. A force to be reckoned with on the dance floor! – Anon.

Asher Liew • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is having food and drinks with the boys after class. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been flying jets. **What got me through Law School** was coffee and notes. **After I graduate I will be** living the Suits life.



Jenna Ying Lim



Emma Liu • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is all-nighters, constant struggles with procrastination and signing off the roll for 5 other people.

Merran Lloyd • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is when I discovered that food eases the pain. **I will probably be remembered for** my dedication to having flawless makeup, even during final exam hell. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** never been so proficient at overthinking. **Three words to describe me** would be "resting bitch face". **What got me through Law School** was caffeine and supportive friends who send memes. **After I graduate I will be** catching up on sleep.

*[insert RiRi gif here]. You absolute doll, I could gush over you for paragraphs but it's none of their business *sips tea* – Elizabeth Toriola.*



Jamie Lowe • LLB



If I hadn't studied law, I would have probably been a kickass and grizzled anthropology postgrad knee-deep in some fascinating critique of the inner workings of society, travelling the globe and immersing myself in the zeitgeist. No regrets though. No... regrets... **My biggest regret from Law School** is probably the fact I didn't realise you actually have to study for law until like 4th year. **What got me through Law School** was mostly spite. **After I graduate I will be** a grad lawyer, probably having an existential crisis/nervous breakdown about two years in, and after that? The sky's the limit! **I would like to boast about** how 1 one time I ate a whole packet of extremely crunchy crackers in the lawbry and no one had the guts to tell me to stop. It was the most powerful I've ever felt.



Serena Lui • LLB



"Call me cynical or well-read." – Professor Peter Gerangelos.

My favourite memory from Law School is making a holiday out of 'Advanced Obligations and Remedies' in Cambridge. That, and having wonderful lecturers such as Peter Gerangelos, Ross Anderson, Kevin Walton and Wayne Courtney. **I will probably be remembered for** bulk buying rice paper rollz at Taste. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not taking more subjects as intensives. **What got me through Law School** were friends, memes, tea, and doggos on the law lawns. **After I graduate I will** probably spend a year at Bible college before working.

Yiyi Ma • JD



"It won't be in the exam"

My favourite memory from Law School is being in class with my awesome friends, without actually listening to the class... **I will probably be remembered for** my blind confidence before exams (yeah sounds very helpful). **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** become a musician eyyyy, but it seems too late now (damn it). **Three words to describe me would be** "awe, so, me". **My biggest regret from Law School** is that I didn't try all the cakes from the cafe upstairs. **What got me through Law School** was considering the amount of money I paid eyy, let's just get done with it lol. **After I graduate I will be** struggling for life, if it doesn't work out I will live under the bridge with my homeless actuarial bros. **I would like to boast about how** I'm the best maths person in our law school (yeah sounds even more helpful).

Every uni day with you was so much fun – Xiaoyue Xiao.



Tara Mahapatra • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is meeting some really great friends. **I will probably be remembered for** being the only person that actually uses the vending machine. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** enjoyed my weekends. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not paying attention in Legal Profession so I could use databases other than Google. **What got me through Law School** was the 26 weeks a year out of law school. **After I graduate I will be** working at EY.

Tara kept me awake through eight hours of class a day and always knew which online stores had the best sales. Could not have survived the later years of law school without her – Maxine Malaney.



Maxine Malaney • LLB



I will probably be remembered for being over-involved in competitions. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** had a proper social life. **My biggest regret from Law School** is...I have no regrets. **What got me through Law School** was overpriced muffins and chai. **After I graduate I will be** sleeping (and then becoming a criminal lawyer).

Maxine was the reason I enjoyed law!! She is so caring, intelligent and such a go-getter. All she needs is a muffin, and she's on cloud nine – Tara Mahapatra.

Jacinta Mallon • LLB



"Taste?"

My favourite memory from Law School is winning the Emily Small Interfaculty Sport Shield in 2014 and Exchange 2017. **I will probably be remembered for** SULLS and only making it to one Law Ball afters. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** taken a gap year, travelled and maybe done a science degree. **Three words to describe me would be** "Hockey, happy, blonde hair". **My biggest regret from Law School** is doing the 100% Evidence exam. **What got me through Law School** was the people. **After I graduate I will be** maybe working, maybe unemployed, maybe coaching not sure yet. **I would like to boast about how** I took a cab in first year from Town Hall to the Art House for afters, total distance of 100m.



David Mansberg •



My favourite memory from Law School is the SULLS Running Club Squad of 2014. **I will probably be remembered for** deferring a semester because I missed out on a 2-day timetable. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have...** who says I studied? **Three words to describe me would be** "I've been there!" **My biggest regret from Law School** is voluntarily completing optional mid-semester exams and assignments. **What got me through Law School** was Taste's bacon n egg rolls at 7:30am on a study day. **After I graduate I will be** traveling... again.

I wouldn't have made it without you... – Daniel Sokol.



Jonno Marlton • JD



"What a way to salute the flag..." – Fady's judge.

My favourite memory from Law School is March 19th, my steps, and The Castle. **I will probably be remembered for** being from Texas (I'm not from Texas...) **Three words to describe me would be** "tall, dark, and here". **My biggest regret from Law School** is "No Ragrets..." Not even a single letter. **What got me through Law School** was...she knows who she is :)

A true friend, and one of the best men I know. Has a tendency to make it known that he is both American and from Virginia frequently, and without hesitation – Vincent Couling.

Jonno, our most beloved American, carried many of us through the highs and lows of law school with his witty dad jokes, flag football quarterback throws and unwavering support – Jennifer Catterson.

Rebecca Mathews • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is definitely going to have to be finishing that last ever law exam in November (it's never too early to plan for the future). **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been working in Fashion Marketing and wishing that I'd studied law. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not getting one of those highlighters that type the words as you highlight. **What got me through Law School** was the Mean Girls and Aaron Samuels (shoutout to whoever gave us that nickname, it's stuck). **After I graduate I will be** jumping headfirst into the scary world of "real life" adulthood after 7 years at uni and avoiding reading a law textbook for as long as possible.



Lewis McLeod • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is chilling with my Canadian brother Kyle Grewall at Taste Cafe. We'd sit there for days on end eating pizzas, playing chess, and fending off bin-chickens. **I will probably be remembered for** winning the popular vote for SULLS President but losing the Electoral College. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** not had the pleasure of meeting the "Law God" Harry Simons (aka the smartest guy at law school), and going across the pond to study a course at the University of Cambridge. **Three words to describe me** would be "against political correctness". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not having more classes with Sir Andrew Dyer. Also, graduating with an HD average would have been nice. **What got me through Law School** was grit, determination, and all-nighters in the library. **After I graduate I will be** completing a Masters of Economics (in Europe) and Masters of Laws (in the United States).



Ashleigh McNamara • JD



Ashleigh McNamara has wholeheartedly embraced the use of a 0.7mm black tip ballpoint pen since commencing law school. She is indebted to Sydney University's dedicated teaching staff for this and other life hacks. Ashleigh concedes that reading *Papathanasopoulos v Vacopoulos* [2007] NSWSC 502 in Foundations led her to believe the rest of her subjects would be considerably more compelling than they were. Nevertheless, she has thoroughly enjoyed her time at Sydney Law School. She wishes her peers well in their future endeavours.

Ryan McQuade • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is finishing. **I will probably be remembered for** never going to the library. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** done psychology. **Three words to describe me would be** "funny, irreverent, friendly". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not participating in extra curriculars. **What got me through Law School** was beer. **After I graduate I will be** hopefully working, not starving. **I would like to boast about** how we did it!



Harley Milano • LLB



"Wait, is s 30 of the ACL tort or contract?!"

My favourite memory from Law School is making out with Ben Riley at Law Ball 2014, two years later at the same event in 2016 and most recently at the Kyoto Japanese Law Seminar in 2017. **Three words to describe me would be** gay, fabulous, disruptive. **What got me through Law School** was Chamath Herath and study snacks. **I would like to boast about how** I studied law in French at the Sorbonne on exchange.

Somehow we survived 9 semesters of scaffolds living at each others' houses during exams and not murdering each other. I know we won't have each other while abroad, but we've at least got a sexy scaffold template with some cheeky keyboard shortcuts... If my law degree belongs to anyone, it belongs to you sir – Chamath Herath.



Vasilia (Vasy) Mitsopoulos • JD



My favourite memories from Law School are all those Thursday nights that always ended up at the Ivy. **I will probably be remembered for** being a crazy Greek cat lover and my storytelling - 'ok so...' **If I hadn't studied law, I would have...**not become an alcoholic? **Three words to describe me would be** "Greek. Loud. Tequila." **My biggest regret from Law School** is all those Thursday nights at the Ivy. **What got me through Law School** was caramellos and alcohol. **After I graduate I will be** selling my soul to the corporate world.

Her friendship means the world. Beautiful inside and out, Vas deserves every success that comes her way – Anon.

Ellen Moore • LLB



"Ignorance of the law is no excuse" – Brutal.

My favourite memory from Law School is the university medallist's speech in 2016! Go MEL!! **I will probably be remembered for** being forever at law school (7 years....) **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been a science fiction author. **What got me through Law School** was my amazing friends Angus, Georgi, Nat, Justin, Elle, Issy (x2), Sarah (x2), Alex, Umeya, Eirinn...to name a few (even though most graduated before me!).



Daniel Moradian • LLB



Daniel is the true Azor Abai and Prince that was Promised – Michael Gvozdenovic.



Jack Nairn • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is low key passive-aggressively accusing UNSW LawSoc of plagiarism in front of Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG and around 100 UNSW students at their inaugural Big Gay Moot. **I will probably be remembered for** being the first one in the lecture theatre every morning. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** sold my soul and worked for a politician. **Three words to describe me would be** "cheap, just and quick". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not leaving enough time to answer this questionnaire. **What got me through Law School** was probably a touch too much sleep. **After I graduate I will be** sleeping. Travelling if I can save enough money. **I would like to boast about...** maintaining a relationship with a non-law student for the life of my degree.

Saurabh Narain • LLB



*“Ultimately, 12,849 ‘documents’, comprising 115,586 pages, were admitted into evidence [...] 1,556 pages of written Closing Submissions in Chief [...] 812 pages of Reply Submissions [...] one electronic attachment containing spreadsheets which apparently runs for 8,900 or so pages [...] 2,594 pages of written Closing Submissions [...] pleadings amounted to 1,028 pages [...] statements of lay witnesses [...] run to 1,613 pages [...] expert reports [...] totalled 2,041 pages [...] The transcript of the trial is 9,530 pages in length. I have not been idle these past nine months” – Sackville J, *Seven Network Limited v News Limited* [2007] FCA 1062.*

I will probably be remembered for obnoxiously wearing a bright purple shirt with my love for grapes emblazoned upon it in the hope that it would incite a conversation about anything other than law. **If I hadn’t studied law, I would have** not been able to tell other people that I studied law. **Three words to describe me would be** “persistently, annoyingly, contrarian.” **My biggest regret from Law School is** not going to UNSW. **What got me through Law School was** multiple daily double-espesso shots and, particularly, chuckling wryly prior to drinking them. **After I graduate I will be** purchasing ostentatiously colourful socks to use as ‘horcruxes’. **I would like to boast about how** once in first year I had a genuine conversation with another human, in which I omitted mentioning my ATAR, though both were likely unintentional.



Nina Newcombe • LLB



If I hadn’t studied law, I would have probably entered a stable, future-proof profession. Like print journalism. **Three words to describe me would be** “stressed underdressed mess”. **After I graduate I will be** figuring out what blockchain is.

My partner in sartorial crimes against crewnecks, it is a tragedy that Nina and I met so late in our law school lives. She has kept me sane and I am infinitely grateful for her wisdom, her wild snake-owning stories and the pure amount of joy she has brought to my life – Emily Shen.



Ning Nie • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is the long sofa in the law library. **What got me through Law School was** watermelon cake from Taste. **After I graduate I will be** doing something related to medical law.

Sophie Norman • JD



Andrew O'Brien • JD



If I hadn't studied law, I would have been blissfully ignorant of The Australian Guide to Legal Citation. **Three words to describe me would be** "happy to graduate". **My biggest regret from Law School is** all those unfinished exam answers. **What got me through Law School was....** I would like to thank whoever writes case summaries on Google. **After I graduate I will be....**great question **I would like to boast about how I** have the biggest HECS debt.



Robert O'Grady • JD



"Thirsty folk want beer, not explanations." – Lord Macnaghten in *Montgomery v Thompson* [1891] AC 217. So true, Eddie. So. True.

My favourite memory from Law School is when those sweet words came out of any lecturer's mouth: 'Attendance is not compulsory'. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been a better person. **Three words to describe me would be** "hold my beer". **My biggest regret from Law School is** when Professor Gummow said 'hello' to me in the hall, and I replied 'good, thanks'... on two different occasions. **What got me through Law School was** inherited notes that somehow just appeared. You didn't know where they came from, and to be honest, you didn't want to know. **After I graduate I will be** making a small fortune by selling my textbooks back to the Co-op. **I would like to boast about how I** got all of my class participation marks exclusively by waiting until it looked like the tutor half disagreed with someone's comment, then asking them their opinion.

Nicole Oates • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is frolicking around Cambridge. **I will probably be remembered** for my laugh. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** my sanity and 20/20 vision. **Three words to describe me would be** "a corporate fiend". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not writing down all of Andrew Dyer's jokes/wisdom. **What got me through Law School** was caffeine, rewarding myself with chocolate, MJC's real property notes and last but not least some exceptional humans. Friends, who comforted me by being equally as stressed, and the awe-inspiring law gods I encountered; Greg Tolhurst, John Stumbles, Sheelagh McCracken, Jennifer Hill, Andrew Dyer and Jamie Glister to name a few. **After I graduate I will be** going against the grain by becoming a graduate lawyer at a commercial law firm.

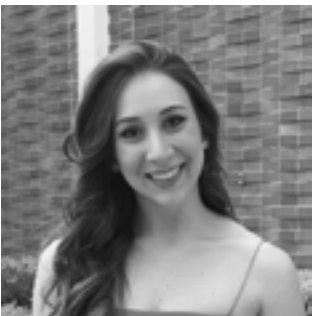
*Both of us dressed up to the nines, sipping cocktails while talking sh*t will forever be some of the best ways to spend a Friday night <3 – Elizabeth Toriola.*

If I could choose one word to describe our friendship, it would be "synchronicity". She is one of the most genuine people I know. She will be remembered for her warmth, empathy, intelligence, infectious laugh, crazy one-liners and her ability to cite provisions of the Corporations Act off the top of her head – Beverly Parungao.

I know you are a corporate fiend but for some reason I love you anyway. You charmed your way in and made it bearable and even beautiful. So, I forgive you your commercial sins and thank you, thank you for your kindness and your candour – Rachel Stokker.



Eloise Papadopoulos • LLB



"Don't do drugs, ladies and gentlemen." – P. Gerangelos, 2017.

My favourite memory from Law School is endless interrogations and awkward seating arrangements after Law Ball 2016. **I will probably be remembered for** said Law Ball 2016. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** a better understanding of the word "reasonable" and a lower tolerance for alcohol. **What got me through Law School** was knowing I would have a breezy and promising career at the end of my degree *cough*. **After I graduate I will be** Eating. Sleeping. Raving. Repeat.



Beverly Parungao • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is Cambridge summer school (punting at sunset and that time we saw Much Ado About Nothing at a garden in King's College), studying Equity and Contracts, brunches at Café Ella and long lunches at Courtyard with the best people. **I will probably be remembered for** my penchant for wearing A-line skirts. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been a journalist. **Three words to describe me would be** "a warm soul". **My biggest regret from Law School** is reading the unstarred cases in first year. **What got me through Law School** was resilience, my parents and all my beautiful friends. **After I graduate I will be** practising as a commercial lawyer and probably feeling nostalgic for this web that we're in.

My actual partner in crime. Meeting you was far and beyond the best part of Criminal Law and the best thing I ever got out attending class – Elizabeth Toriola.

Beverly is the type of friend that no matter what is happening in your life, you can rely on her getting it and always being available for a chat. I have had the privilege of having her by my side through thick and thin and don't know what I would have done without her wise words. She is an outstanding friend, fiercely intelligent and has a killer fashion sense. I am confident she will be a kick-ass lawyer next year and for years to come – Nicole Oates.

Ethan Paul • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is Taste benches and the bin chicken (aka the ibis). **I will probably be remembered for** my hard work and dedication to the law. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been a full time comedian/dancer at Manning Bar. **Three words which describe me would be** "... He does law?" **My biggest regret from Law School** is not learning about FirstPoint via Westlaw sooner! **What got me through Law School** was Prof. Gerangelos quotes. **After I graduate I will be** delaying full time work for as long as possible. **I would like to boast about how** I beat David Konstantopoulos in March Madness.



Katya Pesce • LLB



"Look at the sky" – Professor Gerangelos.

My favourite memory from Law School is ...there are a few! Basking in the sun on the Law Lawns eating pork belly baguettes, burning up the dance floor at SULLS Informals and Law Balls, and being so inspired by lecturers that I was moved to tears (corny but true). **I will probably be remembered for** my random and very loud bursts of laughter whenever a lecturer cracked a corny joke. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** gladly resigned myself to spending the rest of my days reading Romantic and Gothic literature while sipping tea. **What got me through Law School** was my family, my friends, and flowers. **After I graduate I will be** reading for leisure again.



Nick Peterson • JD



"I don't define music by genre"

My favourite memory from Law School is somehow making it out alive from Law Ball 2016. **I will probably be remembered for** being late. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** lacked a now fully formed, yet totally unjustified, sense of superiority. **Three words to describe me would be** "erudite, perspicacious, unpretentious". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not realising sooner that you really don't have to read the cases. **What got me through Law School** was sex, drugs and Rock & Roll. **After I graduate I will be** trekking through South America to find myself. **I would like to boast about how** Kendrick taught me to be humble.

A true friend, brilliant thinker and wonderful coffee date companion – Charles Witherdin.

Joel Phillips • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is Ross Anderson's tort law classes. And mooting in the High Court. **I will probably be remembered for** getting married mid-Jessup. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** never developed a six-colour highlighting system. **My biggest regret from Law School** is missing every single Law Revue. **What got me through Law School** was coffee, friends, and Word styles. **After I graduate I will be** replenishing my bank account.

The master of Microsoft Word, tax, cold flannel, gadgets and apps, shark onesies, time management, teamwork, and really of anything that he happens to turn his brilliant mind to, Joel has made me a better writer, thinker, and (ultimately) lawyer. But more important than his superhuman intellect, work ethic, and astonishing mooting prowess, Joel has extraordinary people skills and empathy, and for that, I am so grateful. It was a pleasure and an honour to serve my time with you, Mr Phillips – Alyssa Glass.

Immensely proud of you buddy – Anon.



Megan Phillips • JD



You always supported me through school, the good times and the bad, I couldn't have done it without you – Anon.



Hugh Piper • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is learning the difference between a served and unserved heifer. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** become a vet to care for the only thing in this world that is pure of spirit: doggos. **What got me through Law School** was always having my name misspelt as 'Huge' at Taste. **After I graduate I will be** not becoming a corporate lawyer.

HEY! How DARE you spit in my bin! – Harrison Cox.

Konrad Pisarski • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is the time I realised that the staff at Taste cafe knew my name and didn't ask me for it anymore. **I will probably be remembered for...** I honestly have no idea. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** probably started medical school a bit earlier. **Three words to describe me would be** "driven, hungry and sleepy". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not discovering unistudyguides until second semester of JD1. **What got me through Law School** was my amazing friends and family. **After I graduate I will be** continuing my training to become a physician and hopefully continue legal research.



Alexi Polden • LLB



"it was very unjust and it has caused great confusion." – *Farah Constructions Pty Ltd v Say-Dee Pty Ltd* (2007) 230 CLR 89, 149 [131] – in reference to my law WAM.

My favourite memory from Law School is the first time I was shown how to sneak into the moot court. **I will probably be remembered for** being a big fan of the bargain, but arguing with anyone who called me stingy. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** tried to be a journalist and ended up in PR. Three words to describe me would be "Oh yeah, him..." **My biggest regret from Law School** is not doing law revue. **What got me through Law School** was the kindness of strangers sharing their notes... Even when they didn't know they were doing it. **After I graduate I will be** quenching my hard earned thirst with a big cold beer.

Wollongong Lad to High Court. Remains to be seen whether that progression will be completed as a self-represented litigant or otherwise – Ryan Hunter.



Angus Pulver • LLB



"Carpe Diem" – Kirby J.

My favourite memory from Law School is sitting up the front in Islamic Law. **I will probably be remembered for** throwing myself into the Law Society. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** probably attended just as many classes. **My biggest regret from Law School** is taking it too seriously. **What got me through Law School** was other people's notes. **I would like to boast about** my rugby career.

Vin Pyeon • LLB



What got me through Law School was coffee, chocolate, sour worms and fries from Taste.



Alex Quek • JD



"A moron in a hurry."

My favourite memories from Law School are the Kyoto and Tokyo seminars. What got me through Law School was a hard-copy of the AGLC. After I graduate I will be continuing to work at the Patent Office.



Tilini Rajapaksa • LLB



If I hadn't studied law, I would have pursued a career in the fashion industry, realised I didn't like it and ended up studying law anyway. What got me through Law School was having the kind yet brilliant Professor Gerangelos in fourth year. A great role model in a profession notorious for being haughty and competitive. After I graduate I will be travelling to prolong entering the professional world.

Manju Varshini Rajendran • JD



"Law School is a case of too many clever monkeys on one branch."

My favourite memory from Law School is... Law School has been an extraordinary journey. It was an opportunity to engage with some of the smartest and hardest working people I have ever met. My favourite memory has been those moments at law school when an otherwise demure class metamorphosizes into this wild bunch when there is a participation component in the assessment of a subject. **In response to being asked what she would do if she hadn't studied law, Manju said** "my desire to study law and be a lawyer made me give up a four year undergraduate degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering. So even if I hadn't enrolled in law when I did, my path might have been different but my destination would have always been law school." **Three words to describe me would be** "smart, fun and adventurous". **My biggest regret from Law School is** not participating in Sydney Law Revue, it seemed really fun. **What got me through Law School was** coffee and Suits. Coffee was the fuel for my body and Suits was the fuel for my mind, motivated me to be this cool corporate lawyer working in a fast paced and challenging deals. **After I graduate I will be** joining a commercial law firm and hopefully travel a lot and have fun with my family.

Without Manju's support and constant compliment I won't be able to believe in myself and pull through all the difficulties – Stephanie Tang.



Hugh Jeremy Chase Read • JD



"Are you in this class, Hugh?" - Various classmates in week 12.

My favourite memory from Law School is the camaraderie with fellow students who shared a greater interest in the various American sports that class coincided with. **I will probably be remembered for** being from Melbourne, though I hope my lasting legacy to be the continued popularity of the navy Sydney Law sweatshirt I designed. **What got me through Law School was** kind people signing me off the roll. There are too many to mention. **After I graduate I will be** chasing ambulances.

Wait till the Cammy farewell party! YEAAAAHHHHH – Rohan Barmanray.

The man you go to when you have a "logistical meltdown" – Tara Dingle.



Peter Richardson • LLB



"cuius est solum, est usque ad coelum et ad inferos."

My favourite memory from Law School is students trying to outsmart Professor Gummow with their questions in the second week of Foundies. **I will probably be remembered for** my passionate involvement with SULLS. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** done a seven year BA and weaselled my way up through Stupol. **Three words to describe me would be** "tall, dark, handsome." **My biggest regret from Law School is** not spending more time at Taste. **What got me through Law School was** my desire to work in the disruptive market-leading M&A team of a diversely inclusive Top Tier global firm with fellow learning-agile thought-leaders. **After I graduate I will be** chasing ambulances.

Stephanie Rowland • LLB



I will probably be remembered for turning up to every class with a coffee in my hand. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** had a lot more free time. **My biggest regret from Law School is** taking too long to perfect the art of crafting a two-day timetable. **What got me through Law School was** yellow highlighters, overpriced notebooks, coffee and the occasional mid-week drink. **After I graduate I will be** practising law.

Thanks for always helping me the night before exams. Love you long time – Lisa Wang.



Patrick Milham Ryan • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is Law Revue. **I will probably be remembered for** undermining the success of Gummow Memes for Judicial Teens. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** promoted the welfare of twins within a broader framework. **Three words to describe me would be** “similar to Will”. **What got me through Law School was** fear. **After I graduate I will be** finding myself.



William Ryan • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School was when St Paul's College hosted a law faculty dinner, and I was seated next to a former HCA chief justice. After a few minutes of stilted conversation, to fill the silence, I asked him if he had a wife. He was blunt in his reply; “Yes. I have been married 50 years”. Silence ensued. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** gone into media, been made redundant, signed up for a JD. **My biggest regret from Law School is** my twin brother beating me by an entire two bands in Corporations law. **What got me through Law School was** going on exchange and taking a semester off to travel. **I would like to boast about how I** alongside my brother am the co-creator of Australia's second most prominent legal meme page, ‘Legal Memes for Judicial Teens’. We have only been threatened with copyright once.

I'd say more about Will, but he's probably in South America... – Patrick Hall.

I like you almost as much as I like your meme page – Anon.

Jeric Salazar • JD



I will probably be remembered for my suitcase. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been the next David Attenborough. **What got me through Law School** was second hand textbooks.



Kate Samolej • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is lunch on the lawns. There is nothing as lovely and as comforting as knowing that you have a set time to routinely soak up the sun and the presence of your friends. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** slowly, but surely, wound up in banking. **Three words to describe me would be** "Bubbly. Beige. Busy-body." **What got me through Law School** was the endless support and good humour of my friends and family. Also extreme levels of calendar scheduling. **After I graduate I will be** living out my totes-profesh dreams in commercial practice.

Impeccable sense of style, great taste in all the fine things in life. Soft spoken, always looking beige et al, yet deceptively sassy – Hongbei Li.

Queen of Beige and future Khaleesi of Corporate Law – Elizabeth Toriola.



Francis Santayana • LLB



"It's a matter of fact and degree"

My favourite memory from Law School is every constitutional law lecture. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not entering more competitions. **I would like to boast about** my humility.

Thank you for always being there for me and pushing me in the right direction when I've lost my way during Law School – Kenny Wu.

Amelia Schubach • LLB

"Sydney Law School - An International Leader In Legal Education"



I will probably be remembered for spending half of my law degree being 17. **If I hadn't studied law I would have been happier :(** **Three words which describe me would be** "Taste. Activewear. Law". **What got me through Law School was** my friends + Ruben X. **After I graduate I will be** getting a big fat juicy dose of Vitamin C. **I would like to boast about how** I'm not a transfer.

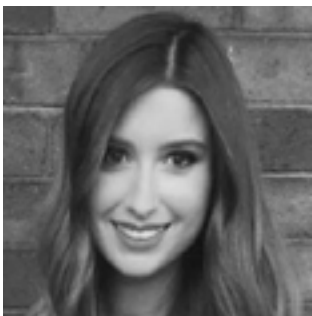


Hock Sen E • JD

My favourite memory from Law School is studying Summer and Winter School while everyone else was having fun filled holiday. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** done a medicine degree. **Three words to describe me would be** "modest, humble, talkable". **My biggest regret from Law School is** not spending more time on studies rather than work. **What got me through Law School was** last minute cramming. **After I graduate I will be** a tax lawyer.



Claudia Sheridan • LLB



"I wish you all success. No, because I know you will all be successful, I wish you all to be happy" – Klaus Ziegert's parting words.

My favourite memory from Law School is going on exchange to upstate NY. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** tried to make a living out of running puppy Instagram accounts. **What got me through Law School was** lots of caffeine and Pat Hall's social commentary.

Claudia was always the best lecture companion and could share an eye roll when the post Grose recovery hit in – Patrick Hall.

Bianca Shah • LLB



"See you at taste guys"

My favourite memory from Law School is making friends for life. **I will probably be remembered for** taking minutes in class. **My biggest regret from Law School** is being on the receiving end of USYD admin. **What got me through Law School** was a 2 day timetable.



Fahad Shakir • JD



"Attendance is not required for this unit"

My favourite memory from Law School is submitting every single assignment at the very last minute, the lines at Taste and the friends I've made. **I will probably be remembered for** being Drake's best mate #6ix. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been a stripper. **What got me through Law School** was notes notes notes. **After I graduate I will be** purchasing a copy of "law for dummies".

For the gram #standard #scottlouislaws – Andrew Annan.

Good Morning, Good Afternoon, Good Evening Linda – Sagarika.



Emily Shen • LLB



If I hadn't studied law, I would have happily gone on ticking "I have read the terms and conditions" without actually doing so for the rest of my life. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not starting that law school gossip column called *Hearsay* like I always wanted to. Conversely, I am also grateful to have denied myself the opportunity of being sued for defamation. **What got me through Law School** was Hey You, the navy SULLS crewneck and some of the most wonderful mates in the world. Thank you. **I would like to boast about how** I held the trifecta during the SULLS hackathon: early morning level four elevator swipe access, moot court swipe access and temporary ownership of the SULLS office key.

I wish I'd been as attached at the hip to Em from the beginning of my law degree as I am now. An unending source of Elle Woods levels of inspiration, Em has filled so much of my time at uni with a sunny repository of sass and support, seat-saving in 9am lectures, and a friendship with a future power lady of the corporate world who couldn't even recognise the Bachelor if he was standing right in front of her in a lift – Nina Newcombe.

Paul Sindone • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is Law Ball...it is always a blast! **What got me through Law School** was Taste baguettes (despite the name not so tasty).



Anthony Small • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is Law Camp. **I will probably be remembered for** my time under the wing of the one and only Nick Dennis. **Three words to describe me would be** “eccentric, vivacious and unorthodox”. **My biggest regret from Law School** is having to retake legal research. **What got me through Law School** was the standard mix of friends, alcohol and inexhaustible wells of self-hatred. **After I graduate I will be** exploring the wastes of Siberia before selling my soul to the corporate machine.

You are the most incredible human being, if only you saw yourself the way I see in you. You are so selfless and unconditional and I will never take you for granted – Lexi Yates.

I'm sorry I beat you in contracts... – Daniel Sokol.



Mark Smith • JD



“... a house of some distinction” – Ross Anderson, one of many mild mannered quotes, used to describe a house in, I think, Coogee which was undermined by its neighbours excavations and his general recall and use of understatement.

My favourite memory from Law School is about 1 week into Foundations of Law realising I was starting to think “legally”, studying Roman Law with the amazing Emmett J and the wonderful cohort I've been privileged to get to know just a little bit in this amazing Institution. I feel tremendously blessed. **I will probably be remembered for** being “that bloke” with the beard? **If I hadn't studied law, I would have not** completed my education, education being a lifelong thing for me. **Three words to describe me would be** “persistent, imaginative, risk-taker”. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not having studied for my JD 20 years earlier. **What got me through Law School** was being told as a kid, aged 15, that I shouldn't continue on to year 11 and 12 by my parents in 1984. **After I graduate I will be** working with litigation funding clients to pursue banks and other rogue entities, correcting injustices and hopefully proving that sometimes you can't get away with stuff just because you've got a huge balance sheet. **I would like to boast about how** both the Chief Justice of the High Court, Keifel CJ, and I finished school when we were 15.

Cassie Smith • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is – apart from all the great chats on the law lawns – the offshore units in South-East Asia and Berlin. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been significantly less argumentative in my social circles and never had a reason to buy RMs. **My biggest regret from Law School is** never managing to obtain a campus parking ticket. **What got me through Law School was** Beat the Queue and notes from other people. **After I graduate I will be** travelling and then moving to London to start work.

Nothing Compares 2 U – Drew Collingwood-Smith.



Daniel Sokol • LLB



My favourite memories from Law School are Law Camp memories. **I will probably be remembered for** coming last in client negotiation competition. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** gotten up to mischief. **Three words to describe me would be** spontaneous, energetic, unpredictable. **My biggest regret from Law School is** not plagiarising. **What got me through Law School was** scabbing my way through people's notes. **After I graduate I will be** in Microsoft Cloud (Azure) Sales across the Australian market.

The most Russian person I have ever met, if there is a system he will find a way to manipulate it to his advantage. This makes him a guy you want on your side in all instances. He is otherwise a man of few words, and grand debauchery. Cheers mate – Anthony Small.



Shirley Song • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is a toss between sassy Sheelagh McCracken in IPCL, Shae McCrystal's self-deprecating but adorable jokes in Real Property and lastly every Gerangelos lesson – only he can will a bunch of law kids out of bed to attend his Monday-Wednesday 9am lectures. **I will probably be remembered for** being the one that looks like a first year or worse, looking like I'm meant to be in high school. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** not been asked any random law related questions over at the dinner table during family gatherings nor have any bragging rights as the one studying law at Usyd. **My biggest regret from Law School is** either signing up for/being stuck with a 4-day timetable for both semesters during final year or electing out of optional mid-semester exams and choosing to live life on the edge. **What got me through Law School was** copious amounts of ice coffees; hot packs and warm winter jackets to fight off the unreasonably cold Law School AC system in the middle of summer (yes, I hate the cold); and finally, the friends who I've shared the last crazy 5 years with! **After I graduate I will be** trying to escape from responsibilities, whilst learning how to be an adult.

Guy Spielman • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is a client of a legal service I was volunteering at told me, quite proudly, that once he was high on ice and watched Rocky jump off a cliff into the trees below. He reasoned that, if Rocky could do it, he could too, and he jumped out of his apartment window into a tree. **I will probably be remembered for** speaking too much in class. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** continued my career as a musician, probably dying of pneumonia at a fairly young age in Northeastern Europe. **Three words to describe me would be** "magnanimous, thoughtful and". **What got me through Law School** was Settlers of Catan.

Your memory (and more annoyingly, your love of computer games) will never cease to amaze me – Satoko Doi.

Apart from being an amazing friend, you have the best haircut at Sydney law school – Yulia Turchenkova.



Rachel Spittaler • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is meeting an absolutely brilliant group of friends, learning more about the way others see the world, post-exam jugs at The Royal. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** happily lived in ignorance about the potential for personal injury all around us. Also, I wouldn't have glasses. **What got me through Law School** was flat whites, chocolate bullets, 10/10 friends, naps, highlighters, organised notes. **After I graduate I will be** brainstorming answers to the question "What sort of law do you want to practice?" (suggestions welcome). **I would like to boast about how** I got an HD in Torts. A short-lived career.



Pat Still • JD



First glance: beefcake. Three cappuccinis later: a poet and a thesp to boot. Big of heart and sharp of mind, I doubt you'll find anything that will stymie Pat Still – Jack Clifford.

Rachel Elizabeth Stokker • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is everything about Andrew Dyer. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** all of my eyelashes. **My biggest regret from Law School** is that it has, at least temporarily, made me too cautious and law abiding to be the angry, radical animal liberationist I wish to be. **What got me through Law School** was youth allowance and tequila. **After I graduate I will be** agonising over either practising law or running away and finding land for all my future rescue animals.

I have to say thanks for a lot of things including everything – Alice Cho.

Rach has been a rock to me through the tumultuous time this degree has been. She has made the past 3 years for me possible and enjoyable. She never fails to check in to see if you're alive in the midst of the intense pre-exam cram and can always be relied on to understand and return the stress texts of 'I'M DYING' and 'WHY HAVE I LEFT IT TO THE LAST MINUTE AGAIN'.

However, not only is she supportive and excellent in times of assessment hell but she is always there to listen and advise on any general life issues and to have a good old chuckle. I have especially enjoyed popping into her house at any given time for tea and/or whisky.

To add to this list Rach has always impressed me with her intelligence, hard working (though also last minute) nature and passion. As far as I can remember she has always had a clear idea of where she wanted to go and I have no doubts in my mind that she will go on to achieve amazing things in her legal career – Nicole Oates.



Harry Stratton • LLB



I will probably be remembered for trying to seize control of the student newspaper to turn it into a mouthpiece for the Australian Labor Party. Never apologise, never resign. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been a paediatrician, because I am secretly baby-crazy. **Three words to describe me would be** “colourful racing identity”. **My biggest regret from Law School** is only having sex in eleven of the Uni's twelve libraries. (Schaeffer I could never quite crack.) **What got me through Law School** was Section 10 of the *Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999* (NSW). **After I graduate I will be** marrying Lavinia Woodward - super cute, first in her class at Oxford Med, and single now she's stabbed the previous boyfriend. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4510778/Student-stabbed-lover-spared-jail.html>



Matthew Stuckings • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is getting to know a fabulous bunch of people during our Foundies intensive, many of whom will be friends for life. **I will probably be remembered for** being a reliable in-class source of drugs, err, dark chocolate, to anyone who needed it. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** never appreciated how much entertainment just one section (44) of the Constitution can provide. **Three words to describe me would be** “tall, greying, and handsome”. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not becoming stuck on a desert island with Professors McDonald, Irving and Twomey. **What got me through Law School** was singing, singing, singing, singing, too much coffee, long walks, and very supportive friends and colleagues. **After I graduate I will be** enjoying a quiet beer. Finding a way to get to the Bar. **I would like to boast about** being quietly chuffed when my CCP lecturer asked whether I had come to law school from the Bar after my first appearance in the moot court making a mock application for an Anton Piller order. Apparently I killed it.

Yiyi 'Elena' Su • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is all those coffees and the overpriced law school jumper. **I will probably be remembered for** being that quiet Asian girl with tacky Gucci sneakers. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been a linguist or an actuary. **Three words to describe me would be** Omnia causa fiunt. **My biggest regret from Law School** is never asked the hot guy out from my contracts class. **What got me through Law School** was family/friends and da boys.



Gamil Alexander Tadros • LLB



Quote "When you look into the abyss, you will find your character" – Peter Gerangelos.

My favourite memory from Law School is the feeling of relief after completing the second semester of 4th year as our group sat around the law lawns. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** never been asked by my friends to check their contracts for them! **What got me through Law School** was this statement: "The problem is never a lack of resources, it's a lack of resourcefulness. If you're creative and determined enough, you will find a way even when that seems impossible". **After I graduate I will be** enjoying the freedom (although temporary) from the constant niggling feeling that I should be studying.



Jacqueline Tan • JD



"Yah?" - Ross Anderson.

My favourite memory from Law School is 1pm-2pm breaks spent basking in the sun with friends on the law lawns. Preferably with a Taste baguette in hand. Also classes with Andrew Dyer, Jamie Glistler and Ross Anderson. **I will probably be remembered for** spending lectures browsing the high quality journalism on DailyMail rather than taking notes. #priorities. **My biggest regret from Law School** is buying all my textbooks in first year. **What got me through Law School** was Beat the Q& reading weeks.

Yanning Tang • JD



What got me through Law School was perseverance.

Thanks for all the movies together; all sincere chats; all thoughts shared; all classes together; all TV series and food recommendations! – Vivian Wang.



Stephanie Tang • JD



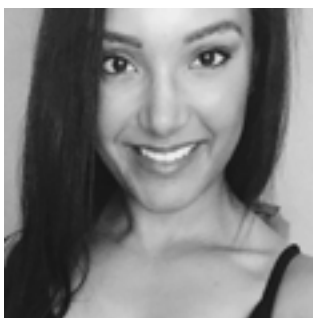
“Only warrior can survive in law school where inhumane deadlines and failures are constantly throwing into your face.”

My favourite memory from Law School was when my classmate remembered the ratio of a case from a unit 2 years ago when I can't even remember last week's stuff. **I will probably be remembered for** being 5 minutes late to every class. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** saved some money and been able to travel worldwide. **Three words to describe me would be** genuine, considerate, introverted (so I genuinely hate group discussion). **My biggest regret from Law School** is not signing up for moot competitions earlier. **What got me through Law School** was peer pressure. I work my butt off to not look dumb amongst my brilliant peers. **After I graduate I will be** a corporate lawyer, or a scuba diving instructor when I am fed up with lawyer's life. **I would like to boast about** how we use Latin in legal writing because it makes us look cool.

A great friend and a person without whom my law school experience without be the same – Manju Varshini Rajendran.



Elizabeth Toriola • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is Error: 404 Not Found. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** a HECS debt I wouldn't be scared to check. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not packing snake repellent from day one. **What got me through Law School** was aggressively gymming. **After I graduate I will be** simultaneously channelling my greatest inspirations, Elle Woods and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in my daily workwear.

There are very few people like Liz. She is a fiercely loyal friend who is known for her wit, intelligence, confidence, humour and sass. Being her friend is like having your own personal cheerleader. Throughout Law School Liz has been that friend who has shown unfailing support, the friend who iMessages me memes that induce uncontrollable laughter during lectures and my go to person for advice. Needless to say, I could not have gotten through Law School without her – Beverly Parungao.

My friendship with Liz blossomed in the winter that was Equity and I'm oh so glad it did. This woman is full of sass and fire. I cannot get enough of it. She is inspiring, with her confidence and passion for corporate law, and an exceptional friend to have in your corner. She amazes me with how well reasoned her advice is and I feel privileged to have her as a go-to-girl when the times are tough. She also never fails to get me in fits of laughter and is an excellent partner in crime. I look forward to all of our future escapades outside of law school featuring cocktails and on point banter about the trials and tribulations of being us – Nicole Oates.

Chaneg Torres • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is remembering what Arts student life was like before law school, when one could waste hours on the law lawns with other Arts students discussing the folly of Marx's Labour Theory of Value or Rousseau's tyrannical General Will, without the stress of looming 90% closed book law exams. But also every moment spent at this University having the privilege to study and reflect on law and its purpose, the ways it can enable us to flourish together, the ways it can uphold justice for and vindicate the powerless, the wronged and the oppressed and the ways it can fail to accomplish its end of justice; indeed even be an instrument of great injustice in the hands of the powerful. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** 20/20 vision (but at least I now get a fun trip to Specsavers every year). I also would have studied theology and become an academic and/or an Anglican minister – (but I suppose I've saved many potential parishioners a lot of grief.) **What got me through Law School** was 1: The love of steadfast friends who encouraged (and tolerated) me and whose brilliance, dedication to excellence in their work and desire to use their considerable gifts for others has kept me humble and been a source of constant inspiration. 2: Being reminded again and again of the futility of selfish ambition and chasing the passing things of this world. 3: Faith in things hoped for and the reality of things unseen, thus hope that the work we do toward justice for all and bringing light to dark places has real and lasting meaning. **After I graduate I will be** relaxing by reading the massive pile of books on my desk that law school has forced me to neglect. And then hopefully working for the common good and trying to love and be of some service to my neighbour.



Yulia Turchenkova • JD



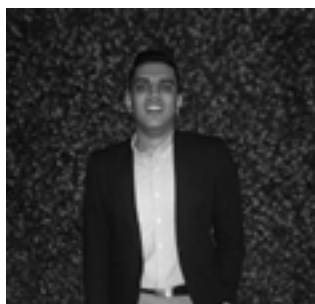
My favourite memory from Law School is the way you feel at the end of the final exams - this relief and dire desire to have everything done, because if we survived the 100% Federal Constitutional law exam, we will be fine at any other combat. **I will probably be remembered for** my Russian accent and humor, of course **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been a pilot! **Three words to describe me** would be energetic, ambitious and brave (this is in addition to Nerdy). **My biggest regret from Law School** is going to the bathroom during my Foundations of Law exam. **What got me through Law School** was – apart from coffee and gym – Prof Anne Twomey's passion and rants; Prof Jennifer Hill's precision of expression and hilarious comments; Associate Prof Jamie Glister's lunch time "dad's jokes" and introduction to the fascinating world of trusts (As I said, I am nerdy). **After I graduate I will be** making my way to becoming a partner in a law firm, surfing and drinking red wine. **I would like to boast about** ... my incredible boyfriend! Throughout law school he has been such a tremendous support to me.

Looking forward to doing some real negotiations (if they let us) next year! – Guy Spielman.

Cheers to many more nights of Catan! – Satoko Doi.



Aashish Varsani • LLB



"Kirby J in dissent"

My favourite memory from Law School is Professor Gerangelos slipping in some life advice in every FedCon lecture. **I will probably be remembered for** being that guy with the red dot and the accent that you couldn't quite put your finger on. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** missed the opportunity of not being able to bring up that I study law in every conversation I have. **Three words which describe me** would be

L – Loyal

A – Ambitious

W – Witty

My biggest regret from Law School is thinking I'll watch the lecture recording when I miss it. **What got me through Law School** was naps. Lots of naps. **After I graduate I will be** working with the ATO, making sure you're all paying off the mountains of HECS debt you've racked up. **I would like to boast about** how I survived law school without a drop of caffeine.

Sagarika (“Rika”) Verma • JD



“Be the lawyer your parents wanted you to marry”

My favourite memory from Law School is meeting Litty Committee. **I will probably be remembered for** always coming late to class. **If I hadn’t studied law, I would have** been a WAG. **Three words to describe me would be** “Extra, Lit and Crazy”. **My biggest regret from Law School** is always studying a month before exams. **What got me through Law School** was Saturday night outs. **After I graduate I will be** doing anything to recover my law school tuition.

“LittyCommittee” – Andrew Annan.

Stay extra, its the only way #LittyCommittee – Fahad Shakir.



Alexandra Volk • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is days spent studying development and human rights in Nepal (so not actually in the Law School), followed by long nights at Club OMG in Kathmandu. And all the classes I missed because I couldn’t bring myself to delve back underground after long chats on the lawns. **I will probably be remembered for** my caffeine-addicted alter ego’s name at Taste - Lexi ;) **If I hadn’t studied law, I would have** saved myself 5 years of angst and debt...although perhaps not, as I probably would have given architecture a go. **My biggest regret from Law School** is never combatting my habit of leaving assignments as late as physically possible before they’re due, as part of a savage competition I have with myself. So far, I’ve beat myself every time. **What got me through Law School** was...this was a close call. Case summaries I didn’t make myself - thanks to the benevolence of high achievers in years gone by. And all the lovely people I met who were in the same boat. **After I graduate I will be...** jury’s still out on this one!

Whenever I got sick of law, Alex was always there for me with a bottle of red to keep me from studying it – Charles Witherdin.

For the face she made when posed with the question, “is it worse comes to worst, or worst comes to worse?” – Drew Collingwood-Smith.



Tiarne Wadey • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is the late nights in the library, the late nights out when I should have been in the library and all the brunches with Vas. **I will probably be remembered for** being the most ‘zen’ person at law school. Oh and my killer moves on the d-floor. **If I hadn’t studied law, I would have** been less stressed, thinner and probably a journalist. **Three words to describe me would be** “short, sassy and nerdy”. **My biggest regret from Law School** is the amount of time I spent making the world’s prettiest notes when I should have just bought someone else’s. **What got me through Law School** was great friends, stressing, complaining and a constant supply of caramello koalas and thai food. **I would like to boast about** how I’m 17/30 books into my 2017 Goodreads reading challenge.

Vivian (Wei) Wang • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is finding the best friend, having the best teachers, getting the most certificates. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** studied history. **My biggest regret from Law School** is that I should have study harder. **What got me through Law School** was being open-minded. **After I graduate I will be** joining a NGO/law firm/government department.

You will always be our 'DA TUI' (= BIG LEG). Thank you so much for being someone inspiring for Chengjin Xu and me to study harder to catch up. Thank you for being part of my JD life – Qucan Charmaine He.

A good friend and a role model for me to keep studying in Law School – Yanning Tang.



Yunya (Katrina) Wang • JD



"Bob, who is a very very naughty director." – Olivia Dixon;

"Opps..." – Professor Bing Ling;

"As your servant, I will upload this handwritten note on LMS" – Scott Grattan.

My favourite memory from Law School is any open book exam. **I will probably be remembered** for my cute socks. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** studied hospitality in Switzerland. **What got me through Law School** was the support of my boyfriend, parents, fluffy Milfy, Lindt milk chocolate and my friends who struggled alongside me. **After I graduate I will be** learning tennis, Korean and horse riding. Also, working.

Katrina was the first person that I had met in Foundies. Thank god. This girl emanates so much warmth that she might very well be the cause of global warming. If she wasn't planning on being a lawyer, she could be a motivational speaker because this kitty cat never ceases to remind me to remain positive even during the most depressing and monotonous lectures. Thank you Kat for being your bubbly self and we will forever be about that brunch babies lyf – Yong Shi Ying.

I count myself extraordinarily blessed to have been able to experience law school alongside such a talented, bright and pure-of-heart individual. Exceptionally generous with kindness and friendship to all, bringing endless warmth to the gloomy halls of the new law building – Maximillian Lee.



Lisa Wang • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is skipping class. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** brought shame to my family. **My biggest regret from Law School** is buying textbooks in my first two years. **What got me through Law School** was the heroes who selflessly passed on their notes - Jkirky, Ivan Li, MC. **After I graduate I will** not be practising law.

So glad we're finishing our law school lives together in Copenhagen! – Stephanie Rowland.

You have the same taste in food as me and great boobs, love you FUB – Olivia Guo.

Made me feel better during stuvac with how little progress we had made – Anthony Yao.

You were always smarter than me – Zubin Bilimoria.

Mary Ward • LLB



"Lawyers' Professional Responsibility" – the irresponsibly misspelt spine of the Legal Profession textbook.

My favourite memory from Law School is supermodel Karlie Kloss' high fashion shoot in the Law Library. **I will probably be remembered for** an unexpected sixth-year Law Revue debut. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** graduated a year before I met some of my best friends. And never edited the official newspaper of the Sydney Law School Annex building ATM, Honi Soit. **My biggest regret from Law School** is failing to discover that the Law School building and the Law School Annex building are linked by that staircase from the Law Library to the Law Foyer until June of this year. So many wasted minutes spent running across the Law Lawns to submit an assignment. **What got me through Law School** was a series of incredibly supportive and accommodating workplaces, my mother's academic transcript, and friends in high enough places that they had the Lambourne notes set. **After I graduate I will be** doing journalism.

Mary Ward is the hardest worker and biggest nerd and hardest worker I know. @Mary please remember me when you're verified on Twitter and knee deep in Walkley's. You're tops – Sally Kirk.



Anoushka William • LLB



"If he wants to get his freak on in public, who are we to judge? But we will" – David Rolph.

My favourite memories from Law School are meeting my incredible friends on the train to Law Camp, dancing in a blow-up pineapple on the 2017 SULS Cruise and FINALLY performing onstage in Law Revue 2017 after many, many years in crew. **I will probably be remembered for** my nihilistic Wiggle performance in Law Revue 2017 and my passive aggressive glares at (the incredibly rude and probably non-law) people that talked in the Lawbry. **If I hadn't studied law, I wouldn't have** embarrassed myself telling people that I studied Sydney Law to complete randoms in nightclubs during first year. **My biggest regret from Law School** was not transferring from Law Revue crew to cast earlier. **What got me through Law School** were the free ACCESS coffees from the FISHER coffee cart (shocking, I know). **After I graduate I hope to** emulate (in no particular order) my idols, Cleaver Greene, Miranda Hobbes and Amal Clooney. **I would like to boast about how** I never physically opened (much less bought) a law textbook after 2015.



Megan Winfield • JD



If I hadn't studied law, I would have continued working in international business. I have previous degrees in Commerce (Liberal Studies) and International Business Law. **What got me through Law School** was... I studied the JD while working full time - support from family and friends, and caffeine!

Charles Witherdin • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is Law Revue, Shanghai and Nepal. **I will probably be remembered for** my front row dancing ability. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** become a Doctor. **Three words to describe me would be** curious, enthusiastic, amicable. **My biggest regret from Law School** is that there was no final year law camp. **What got me through Law School** was the great friends you make and caffeine. In that order. **After I graduate I will be** travelling!

*I look forward to that day I hear you say "if only they would deregulate their economy and open it to FDI."
#neoliberalism – Rachael Buckland.*

For always being there with a ready-made, market based solution – Nick Peterson.



Georgia Wolff • JD



Stirling Wood • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is Vasily playing the violin in foundies. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** not been struggling with crippling debt. **What got me through Law School** was Tom Elkington. **After I graduate I will be** begging for a job.

Kenny Wu • LLB



"Equity regards as done that which ought to be done" – Scott Grattan, 2016.

My favourite memory from Law School is sitting in FedCon with some of my best friends admiring Gerangelos (his teaching, stories and wit). **I will probably be remembered for** studying all the time (I don't actually). **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** tried to become a doctor (I still am...). **Three words to describe me would be** "thoughtful, resilient, humorous". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not having had a chance to go on exchange. **What got me through Law School** was having a really supportive group of mates (Francis, Akif, Saf, James, Gamil) who kept me going through the difficult times and never failed to encourage me after setbacks. I will definitely miss the funny stories and life advice at our lunch catch ups at Poolside, Aber and Azzuri! **After I graduate I will be** doing a trip of US East Coast (NYC, Boston, DC), starting work at EY and preparing for the GAMSAT.



Xiaoyue Xiao • JD



My favourite memory from Law School is the First Year Welcome Drinks, where I met new friends and had a break from the frustrating Foundations course. **If I hadn't studied law, I would** probably still be a legal secretary dealing with boring admin work everyday. **What got me through Law School** was that I learnt how to balance the stressful uni life and my personal life. The first semester was tough for me, I felt depressed and almost had an eating disorder. Luckily, family and friends helped me through it. I now learn I don't need to push myself too hard for everything.

Really enjoyed our time in gym together – Xiaoqi Xu.

Yuan Zhang & Xiaoyue Xiao – the final year struggling group – so proud we did this together! – Yiyi Ma.



Jialu Xu • LLB



"You would not have to be on the High Court for very long before you conclude that the only limit to human evil, depravity, and dishonesty is physical impossibility. Nor will you have to be there very long before you concluded there is no limit to human gullibility." – McHugh J.

My favourite memory from Law School is the last day of each exam period. **I will probably be remembered for** complaining about people who have a loud 'desk presence' in the law library. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** become a classical musician? **My biggest regret from Law School** is (trying to) learn the Equity course in three days. **What got me through Law School** was my family and all of the terrific friends who have made the last few years worthwhile. Special mention also to my fellow PASS facilitators for your constant support and endless banter. **After I graduate I will** take half a year off, then full-time work as a graduate in commercial law. **I would like to boast about how** I can count on one hand the number of Taste coffees I've had over the past 5 years (though the same cannot be said about the number of baguettes consumed).

Ever-impressive, funny, and good friend. Many thanks for your insightful advice, and for your unceasing solidarity in upholding good taste and manners – Jessica Cheng.

Jialu is the smartest and kindest person I know. There is no chance that I would have survived Law School without him! – Michael Gvozdenovic.

Xiaoqi Xu • JD



"No life with a law degree."

My favourite memory from Law School was attending the prize awarding ceremony. **I will probably be remembered for** nothing. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** looked younger. **What got me through Law School** was the huge financial pressure if I had failed one single exam...

You are the most hard working person I met here. You are my secret role model as a law student – Xiaoyue Xiao.



Chengjiu Xu •



Thanks for all with me together, lunch and dinner; study and play; sadness and happiness; to learn and to be learned. Best wishes for your future and definitely believe we will be friends forever – Vivian Wang.



Jennifer Xue • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is walking out of that last law exam. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** experienced FOMO about not studying law. **Three words to describe me** would be "hardworking, motivated, sleep-deprived". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not discovering the secret bathrooms in the corner of Level 0 until 4th year. Level 1 bathrooms never again. **What got me through Law School** was coffee, "reading" weeks, wonderful friends who were willing to donate their notes, and passion. **After I graduate I will be** selling my soul (aka starting as a graduate at HSF).

May Yang • LLB

"This part of the course will not be examinable."



My favourite memory from Law School is... there are just too many to name - meeting the people I spent my years with for the first time, the feeling of accomplishment after handing in an assignment after an all nighter, drinking with friends at taste, having spirited discussions in the moot court, laughing over judgments, bonding over mutual sufferings - basically any memory with the people I love. **I will probably be remembered for** being a fixture of the lawbry, always having a coffee at hand and perfect class attendance. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** spent more time out in the sun. **Three words to describe me would be** "naive, optimistic, and bubbly". **My biggest regret from Law School is** developing a law-centric sense of humour and not discovering the ground floor bathrooms sooner. **What got me through Law School was** family, friends, coffee, gin, and case summaries.

Amazing ability to take naps everywhere - Jocelyn Zhou.



Anthony Yao • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is first year law camp where I met some of my best mates to this day. **I will probably be remembered for** enjoying myself at Law Ball 2016 a bit too much and making a bit of a mess... **My biggest regret from Law School is** enjoying myself at Law Ball 2016 a bit too much and making a bit of a mess... **What got me through Law School was** Jkirky, MC and IL. **After I graduate I will be** working in corporate finance.

I have full faith that you will achieve your dream of becoming a HCA judge. Good luck! - Anon.



Lexi Yates • LLB

"It's who you know, not what you know."



My favourite memory from Law School is the endless bureaucracy and lack of flexibility and empathy. **I will probably be remembered for** not showing up. Carrots. Scalping notes. Inappropriate comments. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been richer. **Three words to describe me would be** "no f*ck* given". **My biggest regret from Law School is** picking Hogwarts architecture over a quality and practical education. **What got me through Law School was** a strong Polish cocktail of friends, weeping and self-loathing, with a shot of 'let's start studying for the next days morning exam that you attended zero classes for - at 7pm the night before and see how we go.' **After I graduate I will be** selling my \$oul.

Not only the prettiest girl in law school but easily one of the smartest. Lexi has the emotional and mental strength of a war veteran three times your age, but she hasn't let the bad things in life lessen her enjoyment of it. She's an absolute babe and i'm very lucky to count her as one of my dearest, and I'm sure she'll continue to dominate in all areas of life - Anthony Small.

The amount of things you've taught me, which are not law related whatsoever... - Daniel Sokol.

Lora Ye • LLB



If I hadn't studied law, I would have pursued primary school education or veterinary science, as well as been more mentally balanced. **My biggest regret from Law School** is buying a lot of my textbooks new, and then never using them. **What got me through Law School** was the support of some of the brightest, funniest and most empathetic people I've ever met, as well as strong Lipton black tea. **After I graduate I will be** going on a caffeine detox.

Organisational whiz and great listener. Thank you for all the times you supported me - helped me get through law school - Jessica Cheng.

Lora is bubbly and has an unapologetic sense of humour. She always looks to the brighter side and is a person who can be counted on to provide meaningful advice and an ear to listen. I am glad to have made a wonderful friend - Elaine Yeo.



Elaine Yeo • LLB



"The Law can do good"- Michael Kirby.

My favourite memory from Law School is going to PASS class, sitting on the law lawns with my friends during our 1 o'clock break time, listening to the lecturers teach in their areas of passion, laughing hysterically at law revue each year. **What got me through Law School** was my amazing family, friends and teachers who have continuously provided love and support; holding onto my dream of wanting to change the world. I know that having this legal education is a privilege that not many young people can access and I feel like it is my responsibility to make the most of this opportunity for the sake of others. **After I graduate I will be** changing the world, one small but meaningful step at a time; spending time with friends and family; be happy and then sleeping, obviously.

Absolute inspiration and wonderful friend. Thank you for braving law school with me, right from AusPol in first year - can't believe we're almost there! - Jessica Cheng.

I'd leave you another punny love letter but Ivan might get jealous again. But seriously, thank you for inspiring me to be more selfless, understanding and definitely a big thank you for putting up with me haha! - Anon.



Yong Shi Ying • JD

My favourite memory from Law School is one fine afternoon during Equity: "He who comes to equity must come with clean hands. Yes, even when they are lesbians, as shown in the case of Tinsley v Milligan". **I will probably be remembered for** buying up all the roast pork & brie baguettes at Taste because they taste like happiness. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been striving to become either a diplomat or Beyoncé's personal assistant. **Three words to describe me would be** "Ninja. Book. Recaller." **My biggest regret from Law School** is that I will never know what it is like to attend a class by Professor Gerangelos. Also that we never made a drinking game out of every time the lecturers name-dropped judges, cases that they were involved in or recommended their own textbooks for readings. **What got me through Law School** was listening to the motivational lyrics in 'Survivor' by Destiny's Child, 'Work Bitch' by Britney Spears, 'Diva' by Beyoncé and 'Beez in the Trap' by Nicki Minaj. Without them and my friends, I would have never made it out of the labyrinth of readings alive. **After I graduate I will be** commencing life as a graduate lawyer, buy a private island, an alpaca and a lifetime supply of coconuts, go on adventures, travel and live around the world like a nomad. **I would like to boast about how** I finished law school - achievement unlocked.

Made of steel, completely impervious to the concept of what mere mortals call 'cold weather' - Maximillian Lee.

Erina Yip • LLB



“The PPSA saved my marriage” – Sheelagh McCracken.

My favourite memory from Law School is roaming through the streets of Shanghai and staying out in the rain. **I will probably be remembered for** eating lunch during the 10am break. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** better eyesight. **My biggest regret from Law School** is looking at the clock too often during class (especially during the 4-6pm classes), and being flabbergasted that only 5 minutes had passed since the last time I checked. **What got me through Law School** was my loved ones who were always there for me, my amazing friends and my incredibly passionate lecturers & tutors (and maybe also the pork belly baguette from Taste). **I would like to boast about** my ability to finish assignments without resorting to coffee.

I like how almost without fail you'd eat your lunch early during the 11am lecture. Thank you for making me hungry – Anon.

I am glad I met Erina in one of those first year study skills workshops and from then she has been a wonderful friend. Erina is one of those amazing people who is kind, generous and has an incredibly ability to empathise with others. She is also very hard-working and I am sure she is going to contribute something amazing to this world – Anon.



Sidney Yiu • LLB



My biggest regret from Law School is cramming. **What got me through Law School** was caffeine.



Tim Zak • LLB



“Has he passed the roll around yet?”

My favourite memory from Law School was when I discovered the second bathroom at the bottom of the Law Building. **I will probably be remembered for** sitting at the back. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** been happy. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not spending enough time in the Lawbry. **What got me through Law School** was iced long blacks. **After I graduate I will be** looking for work.

Yuan Zhang • JD



"Failure will not overcome me so long as my will to succeed is stronger"

My favourite memory from Law School is how hard it was and I made it. **My biggest regret from Law School** is not trying hard enough. **What got me through Law School** was a promise. **After I graduate I will be** a lawyer and write a book about how I survived law school.

Yuan Zhang & Xiaoyue Xiao – the final year struggling group – so proud we did this together! – Yiyi Ma.



Jaydon Zhao • LLB



My favourite memory from Law School is countless nights of lost sleep cramming. **What got me through Law School** was everyone who has ever sent me notes - you know who you are. **After I graduate I will be** travelling the world before joining the masses in corporate slavery.

Always obtained the goodies – Anthony Yao.



Jocelyn Zhou • LLB



"Taste?"

My favourite memory from Law School is all the lunch times spent off campus. **If I hadn't studied law, I would have** one less degree and half the HECs debt. **Three words to describe me would be** "enjoys red wine". **My biggest regret from Law School** is not going to class, apparently that's how you meet people and make friends. **What got me through Law School** was copious amounts of caffeine.

Jocelyn was always there with a glass of wine and sarcasm. She was also the only person who could turn up late despite living a 10 minute walk from campus – Matt Blake.

Self-proclaimed alcohol enthusiast, sassiest child you'd ever meet, the best friend one could hope for because she will come to class with coffee + croissants x2, and an all round wonderful human being – May Yang.

Zoë Zwanenburg • JD



“We stappen uit en gaan lopen!” – Pippi Langkous.

“We’ll get out and start walking!” – Pippi Longstocking.



JO HOCKEY



“Big is beautiful (and if you don’t like it - tough!)” typifies Joe and his approach to life. Best known for his large bulk, black mafia suits and healthy self-respect. Joe has ensured the perpetration of his “presence” at university by placing a personal plaque in the SRC premises - built during his reign as President.



Profiles



Miiko Kumar

First impressions of Miiko? Walking into international law, lumbering under the weight of designer shopping bags, toppling on seventies heels, looking groovy and talking to few.

But impressions changed when Miiko did. She turned into a superwoman, political power broker. She campaigned for Union on an openly feminist ticket - and won! She contributed to the aesthetics of Law School with her barrage of designs on publicity posters. Her creativity plastered the chests of many women (and Brian) at Law School with her design of the *Fems Rea* T-shirts.

Miiko has no problem reconciling her feminism with the need to be objective.

Mark Leeming

Cronulla Lad to High Court.



Having almost overcome his Sydney Grammar education and residence at St Paul's College, Mark is well on his way to the top, via the benches of the Federal and High Courts. Mark's clear thinking equity style, and a sometimes mercenary approach to his studies have laden him with academic rewards. Varying lively participation in lectures with vigorous slumbering, Mark's frankness has seen him excel in mooting and debating. Travel is a dominant motif: bike to Law School and infrequent sorties around Australia and the world. Mark's fierce intellect stands him in good stead for mahjong and poker, but also conceals a gentler side: he is genuinely caring and compassionate. Mark enjoys the finer things in life: good books, music, theatre and dinner parties. He is great company and a loyal friend.



Profiles

Joellen Riley



Joellen wants everyone to know that she is not a superwoman. But her friends already know this. They know her as a student of average performance. Ten minutes into the first tutorial, it became clear that here was someone who had forgotten more that most of us would ever know. But Joellen is not a superwoman. She sets low standards for herself and never strives for excellence. In one famous exam, she scraped by to only just pass - with 43% to spare. But Joellen is not a superwoman. She is easily intimidated by people in power. As SULS' Vice President, she single-handedly forced the university and the faculty to reformulate their policies more firmly in favour of students. With so many impressive achievements to date, those of us fortunate enough to have had her as a friend are certain that she is someone to watch in the future. There is no doubt that Joellen can be whatever she wants to be. Except a superwoman.



EDWARD GOUGH WHITLAM, B.A., LL.B.

Gough came to the law by way of the classics. Before the war he was in residence at Paul's, where he was elected senior student. He spent two years in articles with Messrs. Sly and Russell and a year as associate to Maxwell J. He edited **Hermes**, associate-edited **Blackacre** for three years, featured in the Revue and pursued the arts and artists. As a flight-lieutenant in the R.A.A.F., he was the observed of all observers. Since then he has been associate to Owen J. and has gone to the bar, where he will usually be able to produce the **mot juste**. M., 2 s.

One Last Thing: From SULS's President

We've spent the past three, five or even six years waiting for this moment. We are sufficiently certain that we have passed all our subjects, but still aren't quite sure. We have developed a caffeine immunity from Taste and have learnt that the best defence is to learn a thirteen week course in one. The only time we paid attention in class was when someone asked "When's it due?". We've never trespassed through the library unless it's STUVAC and only wanted some gratuitous care from our teachers. Law has removed all our (quist)close trust in people beyond a reasonable doubt. We question if there is any equity in the world every day but know that it only takes a few majority rulings from our friends to change our precedent of questionable decisions.

Our degree started all the way back in Foundies where we learnt that the ratio of the law was to work hard and play harder. Cocktail nights and law camp brought lasting friendships and fleeting relationships. We started off slow with Contracts, Torts and the rest. We discovered the last page of the AGLC, which saved us countless hours of referencing. Penultimate year assaulted us and we suffered non-economic loss trying to juggle all our commitments. Exams came around every six months and our brains suffered more leaks than the Lawbry reading room ceiling. After having made many unconscionable choices, including an all-nighter or three throughout our

degree, we finally have sufficient standing to go out into the real world! Fingers crossed we never encounter anything like the Law School bathrooms again.

Whether you've attended every class or made a friend sign you off each time, congratulations on completing your law degree! I hope you look back fondly on your time at Sydney Law School. Although you may have already forgotten much of what you have learnt, I hope you never forget the relationships and friendships that made your degree all the more worthwhile. Whether it is with teachers or your fellow students, it is often those shared experiences that are the most memorable.

Good luck for the future! It has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of the 2017 graduating class. I cannot wait to see all the amazing things that students in this year's edition of Blackacre achieve in the coming years. We are very fortunate to have completed a degree at Sydney Law School and now we have every opportunity to go out into the world and make a positive impact on those around us. Good luck, stay in touch and I wish you all the very best.

Rohan Barmanray

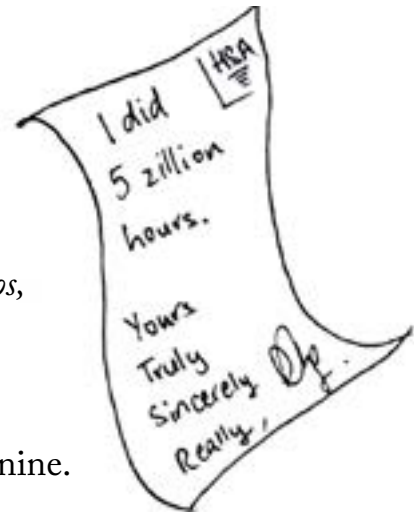
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Ten Little Lawyers.

*(A play on AB "Banjo" Patterson's Ten Little Jackaroos,
Written by Professor Gerangelos)*



Ten little lawyers in advocacy wish to shine.
One thought he was God's gift, and then there were nine.

Nine little lawyers – nine too many – the judge did irritate.
One brought in yet another document trolley, and then there were eight.

Eight little lawyers working till eleven.
One was seen leaving at six, and then there were seven.

Seven little lawyers up to their tricks,
One breached an undertaking, and then there were six.

Six little lawyers tempted to connive,
One inflated his time sheet hours, and then there were five.

Five little lawyers at the court lifts door,
One rudely rushed in ahead of counsel, and then there were four.

Four little lawyers had neglected their Winterton and Lee.
One thought the stream could rise above its source, and then there were three.

Three little lawyers feeling rather blue,
One became happy at the partners' drinks, and then there were two.

Two little lawyers had a case in equity to run.
One declared the "fusion fallacy" humbug, and then there was one.

One little lawyer applied herself to the toil and drudge –
From which all good and beautiful things derive.
She also learnt some common sense, and now she is a judge.

