

Dear Alumni and Friends

Welcome to the second Auckland Law School newsletter for 2015. You will see from the news items below that a lot has been happening at the Law School during the last few months. Our students have done incredibly well in recent mooting competitions. As a result of winning the national championships, Auckland will be representing New Zealand at the Jessup International Law Mooting Competition for the eighth time in the last nine years.

From next year we are introducing a more comprehensive legal writing programme for all our students. This will ensure that we continue to maintain and enhance the high standards for which this Law School is known. The flagship of the new programme will be a compulsory stage two course, which will be taught primarily through small group workshops and intensive mentoring.

We have been saddened by the death of long-serving faculty member Margaret Vennell. She will be greatly missed.

With best wishes,

Andrew Stockley Dean

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### LAW SCHOOL NEWS

New Legal Writing, Research and Communication Course for all students

The Auckland Law School is introducing a new, compulsory course for all students: LAW298 Legal Research, Writing and Communication. Students will work in small groups with intensive mentoring.



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#### In memory of Margaret Vennell

The Auckland Law School has lost a dear friend and colleague with the passing of Margaret McGregor-Vennell. Margaret first started lecturing in 1967 and retired in 2001. She will be particularly remembered by generations of students for her teaching and research in Tort Law.



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# More Flexibility, Choice (and Tax!) in 2016 Masters Programme

A suite of three or five day courses, Saturday courses and half or full semester evening courses will mean that next years' Masters Programme will offer more choice than ever before. Taxation courses form part of the range of offerings for all Masters' students with the highly regarded MTaxS shifting from the Business School to its new home at the Auckland Law School, under the continuing guidance of programme director Professor Craig Elliffe.



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#### STUDENT NEWS

### Auckland wins Australia - New Zealand Aviation Law Moot

Auckland students have won the second Australia and New Zealand Air Law Moot in Brisbane. Their participation was supported by Air New Zealand, which also sponsors the Law School's Aviation Law course.



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# Auckland wins national student competitions

Auckland law students have again excelled at the New Zealand Law Students' Association Competitions, winning the most events at this year's Championships in Dunedin.



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### Moving tributes at Meredith Connell Greg Everard Mooting Competition

Tributes were paid at the final of the Meredith Connell Greg Everard Mooting Competition both to Greg Everard, after whom the competition is named, and to close family friend Greg Kay, who had been involved in organising the moot since its inception more than 10 years ago, and who sadly passed away in Nepal following the earthquake earlier this year.



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Auckland law students excel at Australasian Championships

Auckland students have performed strongly at the annual Australian Law

Students' Association competitions held in Sydney, winning the Client Interviewing Competition and reaching the finals of the Witness Examination Competition.



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High level of advocacy at Auckland's biggest mooting competition

A record 82 students competed in this year's John Haigh Memorial Moot. The competition, established last year for intermediate-level mooters, was on a point of criminal law.



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# New app is designed to combat procrastination

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### FACULTY NEWS

### Peter Watts awarded prestigious Leverhulme Visiting Professorship

Peter Watts has been awarded a prestigious Leverhulme Visiting Professorship for the first half of 2016. Up to 15 are awarded to universities in the United Kingdom each year.



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# Legal Research Foundation bestows life membership on Ken Palmer

Ken Palmer has been made an honorary life member of the Legal Research Foundation, particularly recognising his ten years of service as editor of Recent Law Review from 1978 to 1988.



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#### Legal Writing Awards successes

The Auckland Law School has again won three of the four New Zealand Legal Research Foundation awards for excellence in legal writing.



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# Weaving strands with therapeutic jurisprudence

Health, cultural and social service professionals joined with judges, lawyers and criminal justice experts for New Zealand's first conference in therapeutic jurisprudence, organised by Professor Warren Brookbanks with colleagues from the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.



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### ALUMNI NEWS

## Class of 1965 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Following a very successful reunion dinner, the Class of 1965 has successfully raised more than \$20,000 to endow a prize for the top student in the Commercial Arbitration course each year.



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#### Tribute to Sir Ronald Davison

Former Chief Justice Sir Ronald Davison has died at the age of 94. He graduated from the Auckland Law School in 1947.

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#### NOTICES

Instructors for the new Legal Writing, Research and Communication Course

The Auckland Law School is advertising for instructors to teach the legal writing and oral communication components of the new course. This will be done in small group workshops over the full academic year.



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Applications for the 2016 LLM Awards close December 1

Up to two Auckland Law School LLM Awards will be awarded in 2016 to encourage and support students to undertake a Masters of Laws (LLM) at Auckland Law School. Find out how you can apply now.





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