

A lot has been happening since the last Auckland Law School newsletter.

As you will see from the news items below, our staff and students won all four categories in this year's New Zealand Legal Writing Awards.

Auckland was runner-up in this year's International Commercial Mediation Competition in Paris and was 3rd in this year's International Commercial Arbitration Competition in Vienna. 66 universities competed in the mediation competition and 311 teams in the arbitration competition so these were significant achievements by our students.

Several weeks ago we launched the New Zealand Centre for ICT Law, with retired District Court Judge, Dr David Harvey, becoming the inaugural Director. Do take the opportunity to learn more about this and our other centres (for Environmental Law, for Human Rights Law, and for Law and Business) by visiting our website www.law.auckland.ac.nz

With best wishes,

Professor Andrew Stockley
Dean



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LAW SCHOOL NEWS

Auckland scoops Legal Research Foundation's Awards

The high standard of legal research and writing at the Auckland Law School has been recognised with staff and students winning all four categories of this year's Legal Research Foundation Awards for excellence in legal writing.

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Law School launches new ICT Centre

On Thursday 28 July the New Zealand Centre for Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Law was officially launched at the Auckland Law School.

The Centre, under the directorship of retired District Court Judge, Dr David Harvey, is a specialist hub which will examine the impact of new technologies on the law.

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Tongan Prime Minister visits Law School

The Prime Minister of Tonga, the Honourable Akillsi Pohiva, visited the Auckland Law School in July. He was accompanied by Lord Vaea (the leader of the Opposition), ministers and other officials.

The delegation spent time discussing ways to encourage and support Pacific law students.

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STUDENT NEWS

Law students reach world finals

Auckland was second in the world in the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition held in Paris in February. The team competed against 65 teams from 50 different countries to pick up the silver in a thrilling final.

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Team sets new record in Willem C. Vis Moot

A team of four Auckland students, supported by Bankside Chambers, was ranked 3rd of 311 teams in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria, the world's largest mooting competition.

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Justice Winkelmann inspires at Law Student Awards

Justice Helen Winkelmann challenged students at the Law School's annual Law Student Awards to be future leaders in the profession who would help enable better access to justice.

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Auckland law studies lead to an internship in Cambodia

A Samoan student in her final year of law school is helping to bring alleged war criminals to justice during a six-month internship in Cambodia. Adelina Loto-Meleisea is working with the Office of Co-Investigating Judges, a United Nations body trying leaders of the former Khmer

Rouge regime.

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Student attends Global Refugee Conference

Rez Gardi, an LLB Honours student, was selected to represent New Zealand at the Global Refugee Youth Consultations and annual UNHCR – NGO consultation in Geneva in June. Of Kurdish ancestry, Rez was born in a refugee camp in Pakistan before resettling in New Zealand with her parents and brother at the age of six.

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ALUMNI NEWS

David AR Williams QC receives a Distinguished Alumni Award

Leading international arbitrator David AR Williams QC has been honoured with a 2016 University of Auckland Distinguished Alumni Award.

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FACULTY NEWS

United Nations appointment

Associate Professor Claire Charters is one of two people appointed by the President of the United Nations General Assembly to advise on ways to increase Indigenous Peoples' participation in UN affairs.

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Commentary on the Panama Papers

Professors Craig Elliffe and Michael Littlewood have contributed to media conversation about multinationals and tax evasion in New Zealand following the publication of the Panama Papers.

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