



Dear alumni and friends,

Welcome to the second Auckland Law School newsletter for 2011. You will see from the news items below that staff and students have had a busy and productive first semester. There are two items which deserve special mention.

The first of these is the establishment of the Chapman Tripp Chair in Corporate and Commercial Law. This is the first time that a law firm has provided funding for a professorial chair in New Zealand and the faculty is most appreciative of Chapman Tripp's support for this position which will help ensure that Auckland remains a national and international leader in corporate and commercial law.

A second piece of good news is that the Auckland Law School has been ranked one of the top twenty law schools in the world in the prestigious QS World University Rankings. This was the best result for any department or faculty in the University as well as being the best result of the six New Zealand law schools. All of which confirms that the Auckland Law School is in good heart.

With very best wishes.

Andrew Stockley
Dean

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LAW SCHOOL NEWS

Chapman Tripp funds Chair in Corporate and Commercial Law

Leading law firm Chapman Tripp has pledged substantial funding over a five year period to support the establishment of the Chapman

Events

17 August: Wellington Alumni And Friends Reception

"New Zealand: A Testing Ground for Leadership?"

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7 October: 2011 AULR Contributors' Symposium on "Access to Justice"

Chaired by the Honourable Justice Robert Chambers and guest speakers, Judge Andrew Becroft, Honorary Professor David AR Williams QC and Professor Margaret Wilson

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11 October: Dine with the 1987 former All Blacks



Law alumni are invited to join the 1987 former All Blacks team for a fundraising dinner in support of the John Drake Memorial Scholarship - currently held by talented Law student and Auckland University Rugby Football Club lock Sean Brookman.



Tripp Chair in Corporate and Commercial Law at The University of Auckland's Faculty of Law. This is the first time a New Zealand law firm has provided funding for a professorial chair.
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Auckland one of the top 20 law schools in the world



The Auckland Law School has been ranked the 18th best law school in the world in the prestigious QS World University Rankings®.
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Erica Pabst Scholarship established



A generous gift to the Law School has enabled a scholarship to be established in memory of Sister Erica Pabst, who graduated with a law degree from Auckland in 1939.
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FACULTY NEWS

Honours for law professor and former Dean



Professor Ron Paterson was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to health in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Former Dean, Justice Grant Hammond, was made a Knight Companion for services to the law.
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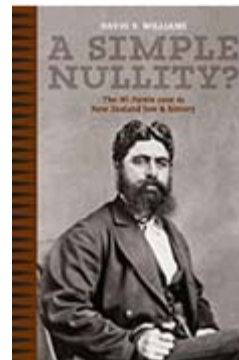
Richard Ekins receives Research Excellence Award



Dr Richard Ekins has received one of the University's prestigious Early Career Research Excellence Awards.
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Audio



Review of Professor David Williams's new book: *A Simple Nullity? The Wi Parata Case in New Zealand Law and History*
Paul Diamond reviewed Professor David Williams's new book on National Radio.

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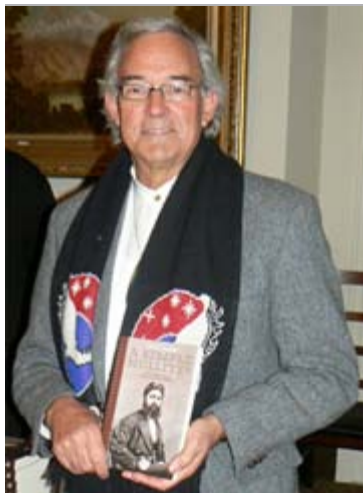
David Grinlinton returns from Timor-Leste



Associate Professor David Grinlinton has returned to the Law School after six months as a United Nations peacekeeper in Timor-Leste.

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Fresh look at 'simple nullity' Treaty case



Professor David Williams has written a book casting new light on the landmark nineteenth century court case which deemed the Treaty of Waitangi irrelevant.

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Northey Book Award for competition law text



Matt Sumpter, a partner at Chapman Tripp, who lectures Competition Law at the Law School, has won this year's J.F. Northey Memorial Book Award.

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Masters degrees for staff



Two members of staff graduated LLM with First Class Honours in May: Danielle Kelly in Public Law and Vernon Tava in Environmental Law.

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ALUMNI NEWS

University Fellowship for David Abbott



Associate Judge David Abbott has been made a Fellow of The University of Auckland in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the University.

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Auckland graduates win overseas scholarships



This year ten of our graduates won prestigious scholarships to study for LLM and PhD degrees overseas. Three will be going to Harvard (Anna Crowe, Jennifer Devlin and Charlotte Leslie), one each to Stanford (Toby Futter), Chicago (Brendon Orr), and the University of California (Lisa Ko-En Hsin), two to Cambridge (James Little and Claire Paterson) and two to Oxford (Anita Kundu and Andelka Phillips). James Little, who coached this year's highly successful Jessup Mooting Team, will be studying for the LLM at Cambridge University.

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Andelka Phillips (née Vuletic), who tutors Land Law and Jurisprudence, will be studying for a doctorate at Oxford University. Her thesis will examine the adequacy of genetic privacy law.

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Toby Futter, who has tutored Torts for the last four years, will be studying for an LLM in Law, Science and Technology at the Stanford Law School.

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STUDENT NEWS

Scholarship and prize winners function



A function was held at the Law School to congratulate the winners of scholarships and prizes for 2011.

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Mooters argue terrorist case in Stout Shield Final



Issues raised by a hypothetical planned terrorist attack on Wellington's water system were argued at the recent final of the Stout Shield, the supreme prize for mooting at the Auckland Law School.

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Law wins interfaculty basketball



In one of the most thrilling finals seen, Law won the 2011 Interfaculty Men's Basketball Tournament in the last few seconds of play.

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Blindness no barrier to outstanding law degree

Janine Smith was one of 180 students who received law degrees at the graduation ceremony in May. Her First Class Honours degree and award of a Senior Scholarship were personal triumphs given the difficult challenges



she faced.
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EVENTS AND VISITORS

Visit by corporate law scholar from Yale



In May the Law School hosted a 10 day visit by one of the world's leading theorists in the law of corporations, Professor Roberta Romano of the Yale Law School. She gave talks on international financial regulation diversity and reforming financial executives' compensation.
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2011 Cameron Fellow at Law School



Professor Carol Rose, the 2011 Cameron Fellow, arrived at the Law School on 20 July and is taking part in classes and giving talks for staff, students and the wider community. There will be a full report on her visit in the next newsletter.
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Other news and events at the Faculty of Law

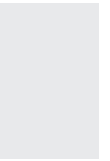
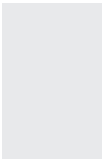
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