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Welcome to the first Auckland Law School newsletter for 2012. You will see from the news items below that a lot has been happening at the Law School during the last few months.

I very much enjoyed meeting many of our graduates in London and New York earlier in the year. In several weeks' time the Law School will be holding a major event for New Zealand alumni. If you have not already received an invitation, you will find the details set out below. This should be a great occasion to catch up with former teachers and classmates. Please do attend if you are able and enlist your friends to do the same.

The Auckland Law School has a lot to celebrate. Our Jessup mooting team has just returned having reached the world semi-finals. The recent launch of the New Zealand Centre for Human Rights Law, Policy and Practice was extremely successful. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the Law School Celebration on Friday 4th May.

With very best wishes.

Andrew Stockley  
Dean

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## LAW SCHOOL NEWS

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### Events

**4 May:**

**The Auckland Law School - 'A Celebration'**

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**17 May:**

**Chicago Alumni and Friends Reception**

Join University alumni and friends in Chicago.

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**21 May:**

**London Alumni and Friends Reception**

Join University alumni and friends in London.

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**19 June:**

**Christchurch Alumni and Friends Reception**

Join University alumni and friends in Christchurch.

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**28 June:**

**Mapping the Common Law Conference**

Legal Research Foundation conference on the boundaries between contract, tort, restitution and equity.

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### Radio

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**ICC brings down first verdict**

Chris Mahony, Deputy

# Auckland Law School



*A Celebration*  
Friday 4 May 2012

New Zealand alumni are being invited to join in celebrating the Auckland Law School's recent success, including being named one of the top twenty law schools in the world. A drinks reception is being held in Auckland from 5.30 to 7.30pm on Friday 4 May.

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## Centre for Human Rights Law established



The establishment of the New Zealand Centre for Human Rights Law, Policy and Practice was celebrated in the presence of many of the country's top judges and with a lecture by an eminent Oxford academic.

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Director of the New Zealand Centre for Human Rights Law, Policy and Practice was interviewed on Radio New Zealand's "Nine to Noon" programme on 20 March about the recent International Criminal Court conviction of Congolese warlord, Thomas Lubanga, for using child soldiers. This was the ICC's first verdict, ten years after its establishment.

[Listen here](#)

## Video

### Ted Thomas interviews Michael Kirby

Hundreds of students watched Sir Edmund Thomas interview the Honourable Michael Kirby on judicial activism at the Auckland Law School on 30 March.

[Watch the video](#)

## Pacific Islands Law Officers meet at Auckland



The annual Pacific Islands Law Officers Network (PILON) meeting was hosted by the Auckland Law School in association with the Solicitor-General. Several of the Law School's Pasifika students spoke at the Legal Research Foundation's conference on South Pacific Constitutions and the Rule of Law, attended by many of the PILON delegates.

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## EVENTS AND VISITORS

### Ted Thomas interviews Michael Kirby



There was an enormous turnout of students at 5pm on a Friday night to hear Sir Edmund Thomas interview the Honourable Michael Kirby on judicial activism.

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## In every issue

### Have you moved?

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## Human Rights and Criminal Law Expert from Oxford

Professor Andrew Ashworth, this year's New



Zealand Law Foundation Distinguished Visiting Fellow, spent time at the Law School in March.

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### Legal Historian assesses accident compensation

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This year's Legal Research Foundation Visiting Scholar, Professor G Edward (Ted) White from the University of Virginia, gave a series of talks in the Law School on topics relating to legal history and judicial biography. His public lecture on no fault accident compensation in the United States and New Zealand was attended by Sir Owen Woodhouse and Sir Geoffrey Palmer, among others.

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### Losing homes in land law

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Professor Susan Bright from the University of Oxford gave a public lecture in April on whether homes do, and should, matter in law.

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## FACULTY NEWS

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### 50 years on the Faculty

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Bernard Brown, one of the University's best-loved and most enduring identities, has clocked up half a century since his appointment to the Faculty of Law.

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### Otago doctorate for Bruce Harris

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Professor Bruce Harris has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) from the University of Otago in recognition of his published work.

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## ALUMNI NEWS

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### Dean meets alumni in London and New York

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The Dean met a wide range of Law School alumni at events in London and New York earlier this year.

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### Woolf Fisher Scholarship to Cambridge

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Chris Jenkins, a recent BCom/ LLB(Hons) graduate, is one of three New Zealanders to be awarded a prestigious Woolf Fisher Scholarship to study at Cambridge.

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## Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford

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Max Harris, a recent BA/ LLB(Hons) graduate, is one of three New Zealanders to be awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford.

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## STUDENT NEWS

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### Mooters reach world semi-finals

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Auckland's Jessup Mooting Team reached the semi-finals in the world's largest and most prestigious moot court competition. This was the fifth consecutive year Auckland had won the national mooting contest and was representing New Zealand at the Jessup competition.

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### Finalist for the Young New Zealander of the Year Award

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Lizzie Chan, who is finishing her LLB(Hons) dissertation, was selected as one of three finalists for the Young New Zealander of the Year Award.

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### Law students' debating success



Five Auckland law students achieved high honours at this year's World Universities' Debating Championships. The Law School helps sponsor the University Debating Society, many of whose members are studying law.

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### Other news and events at the Faculty of Law

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