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Dedicated to the Class of 2018

Letter from the Editors

Blackacre began in the 1930s, and has been a part of Sydney Law School ever since. It is with a lot of pride, hard work and late nights that we present the 2018 edition of Blackacre to you. We hope you treasure the finished product as much as we do.

Whilst editing Blackacre, we noticed that our profiles collectively show a few important themes (beyond concerning levels of caffeine addiction amongst the student population).

First, the level of dark humour in our profile responses proves that completing law school has been no easy task. It is a huge feat, and a credit to us, to have made it through one of the most challenging experiences of our lives so far.

Second, these challenges have had a surprising side effect. Through sharing this experience, our cohort understands one another in a way that is unique to graduates of Sydney Law School. It has left its mark on each of our lives, and we share this legacy with each other and all who came before us.

Third, the sweet, sentimental and hilarious comments left on one another's profiles demonstrate the strength and longevity of the friendships we have forged here. In the end, our cohort is possibly our greatest gift from law school.

Thank you, Class of 2018. We couldn't have imagined a better cohort to study and procrastinate with through this formative and rewarding stage of our lives. Wherever our paths may take us, we go forth with all the good fortune and advantage that our time here has given us. In the future we hope you give yourself credit for all the hardships you have faced and overcome. Persevere. Back yourself in your endeavours. Appreciate your friendships and the good surrounding you. Most of all, we sincerely hope that you enjoy life wherever it leads you.

Congratulations and we wish you the very best luck on the journey through life after law school!

With love from your editors,

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Dean's Address

The class of 2018 is passing out, and I must offer some words of encouragement as you step out from this sandstone sanctuary of learning into the wide world beyond. The pressure to come up with something wise is particularly acute this year, because this will be my very last Blackacre message as Dean of Sydney Law School. (I pass out myself at the end of 2018.) So I wonder, what have I learned myself at this Law School, that might be of some inspiration to you as you contemplate the next steps on your path through life?

As I stare at my computer screen I realise that most of my inspiration over the past six years has come from fortune cookies. (I have several little slips of paper sticky-taped to my monitor, each bearing a gem of Confucian wisdom.) My particular favourites?

"You'll never plow a field by turning it over in your mind." Certainly consider problems carefully before launching into solutions, but beware of procrastination.

"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another." There have been occasions for me – and no doubt there will be for you – when problems keep crashing like breakers in high surf. We barely have time to catch our breath between settling one issue and tackling the next. But survival means keeping our chin above the waves.

"We cannot direct the wind but we can adjust the sails." Okay, so we are not in control of what goes on around us, but we can master our own responses. Adaptability is a great virtue in a world of rapid change.

And finally: "Never wrestle with a pig. You'll both get dirty, but only the pig will enjoy it." There are plenty of people in the world who will try to draw you into conflict and strife, sometimes just for their own amusement. Don't engage. Maintain your dignity, and treat others with respect – even when there is no way you are ever going to agree with them.

I am sure that three, five or maybe even six years at Sydney Law School has taught you a few life lessons of your own – in addition, of course, to all that valuable legal knowledge you take with you into the next episode of life. Hopefully you've also gained some life-long friendships. Go forth and do good in the world. And keep in touch with the University. Maybe before too long you will be back in the Great Hall again, to deliver an inspiring graduation speech about your own brilliant legal career, and the lessons you learned from your own time at 'Hogwarts'.

Joellen Riley

September 2018



This is Your Captain Speaking (One Final Time)...

Congratulations on completing your law degree!

There is a staggering amount of effort involved in this degree. Some of you balance study with care-taking responsibilities or are studying in a second language or volunteer in the community alongside your studies. Many of you have spent hours reading legislation (which will probably change next month when we get a new PM) or have worked multiple jobs throughout your degree or battled and overcome mental health issues. Regardless of what your time here has looked like, law school is tough for everyone and completing it is a huge achievement.

I also want to emphasise your contribution to the diversity of the law school. Sydney Law attracts some of the brightest legal minds, so everyone is ridiculously intelligent. However beyond academics is a vibrant student community. This means that your journalism, or your sporting ability, or your good-humour and wit, or your singing and dancing, or even the imprint you have left on the law lawns, has shaped the law community and will continue to in the future. Sydney Law has a good track record of churning out Prime Ministers and High Court judges – but let's not forget that most importantly, we gave Australia 'The Chasers'.

Lastly, it must be acknowledged that the opportunity to study at Sydney Law School is an immense privilege. We started this degree as very fortunate individuals, and our good fortune will only grow as we graduate with this degree.

To the class of 2018, I wish you all the best. It has been a privilege getting to know many of you and I am very optimistic about the future.

Ann Wen

President
Sydney University Law Society



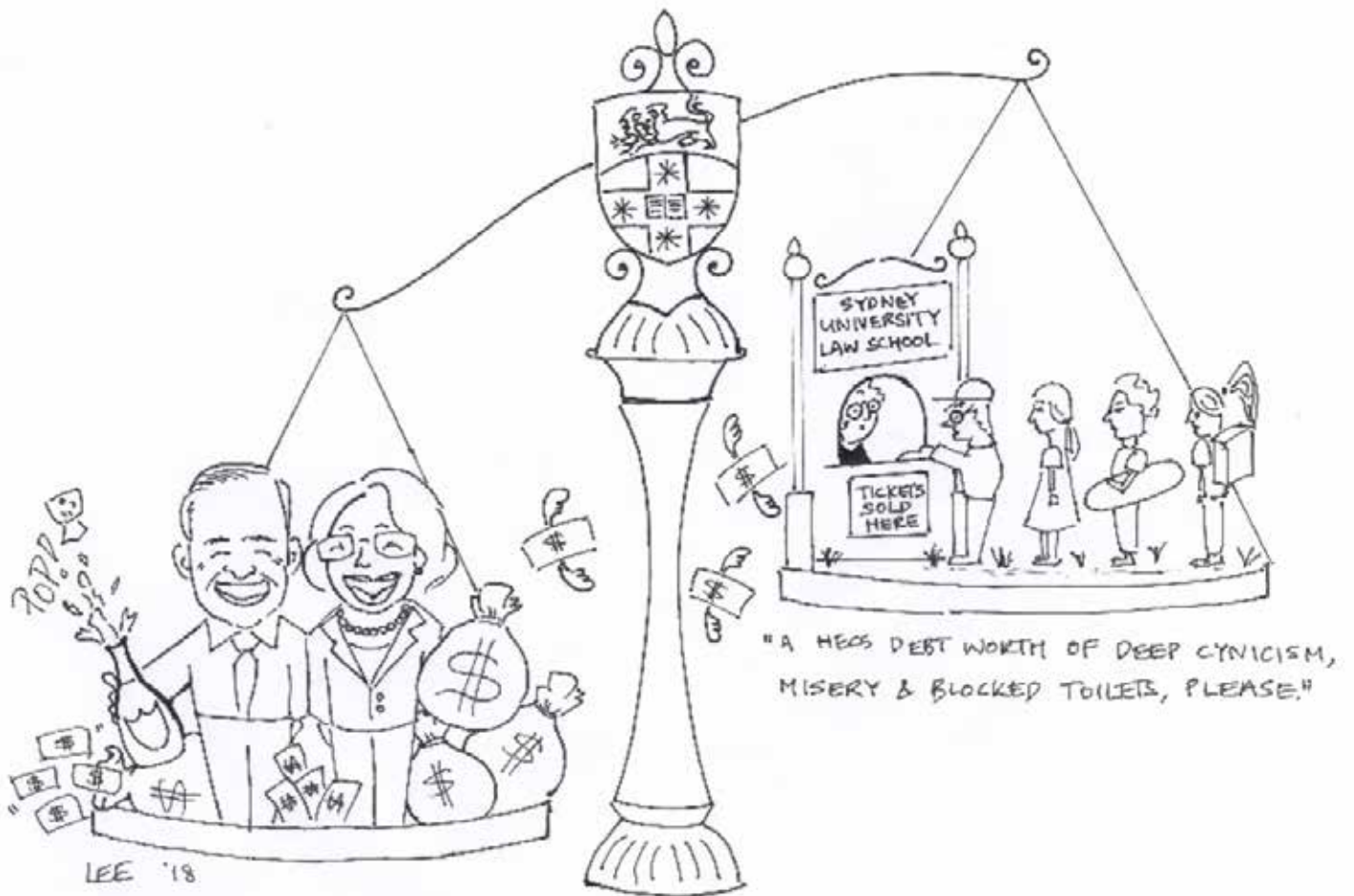
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The Scales of Injustice

Lee Chen



Competitions 2018: It's All a

USyd Law naturally attracts the best and brightest students (and possibly those that lack morals and ethics because they did not want to pursue a career in medicine, AKA a career which requires empathy and compassion). Competitions kids are some of the best/worst people that you could meet in law school, depending on your view. They are some of the most argumentative, competitive, relentless, challenging, passionate, intelligent, loving, supportive, whimsical, quirky, and thoughtful people that I have had the honour of getting to know. Competitions allows you to form a family within the law school. And just like family, you do not have to like them. In fact, there is a reason why there are factions. However, you are obliged to respect them, support them, and at the very least acknowledge them at functions.

When I first started judging (competitions, not people), the older students said to me 'if you make a first year cry, we will buy you a drink'. Yes, some of us have made others cry before. Before you say anything, no, we are not (all) sociopaths, sadists, or socially challenged. Rather, we were all so traumatised at one stage or another that the act of crying and/or drinking before, during and after moots has become a truly universal bonding experience. Many conversations begin with 'remember that time..... [when you told a judge they were wrong] [when you were wildly off base about a particular area of law] [when you referred to Justice Mason as 'she'] [when you wore a non-white shirt to Court] [when you decided to have a glass of wine before the moot] [when we had that bizarre moot on XYZ] etc.' It is memories like these that you will never forget (or at least others will not let you forget). You might ask - why would that actually be a moment that is talked about? The answer is that we've all been there. It's not something any one of us can avoid and to be honest, life is always better with a glass of wine and a company of comrades.

2018 has been a special year. Not only did we break the Jessup curse, it was also the year that we broke the Gibbs curse. [Massive shout out to the respective teams! Thank you for overturning the cursed precedent.] Let us not forget our victory at the Peden Moot by the comps power couple and their third wheel, our success at the QUT Torts Moot by a wonderful team of young up-and-comers, our wins at the AAT Moot by some extremely smart cookies, our achievements at the IMLAM Moot by a group of delightful people, our accolades at the HSF NLU Delhi negotiations by a pair of old hacks, our accomplishments at the UTS Clayton Utz negotiations, and really, I think at this point, you get the idea (having skimmed over this list like the factors in Caltex Oil: with eyes glazed over). We do well at competitions. We pour our blood, sweat, and tears into competitions. We would sacrifice our first-born for wins. We live and die for competitions.

2018 is the year that we were blessed with two amazing Competitions Directors. Not only do they work well together, but they have also managed to remain friends! (Historically not guaranteed.) There's also the added bonus of two unassuming Judging Coordinators, who traded their souls to get through this year. It is also the year where a wonderful patron of the competitions family launched her Women's Mooting Program. Cherish the people that freely volunteer their time and effort because they are the people that make all of this possible. All your wins are also their wins. Do not forget that.

Moot Point



May Yang

Dear Future Lawyers and Barristers,

On behalf of the past and present comps family, we wish that you reach your 'mutually beneficial outcome', that your witness/client/opponent be forthcoming, that your submissions ring true, that your citations remain accurate, that your time extensions be granted, that you never muddle up your hyphens, en dashes, and em dashes, and that you forever please the Court.

Love,
The Competitions Family

Moot Court Intel

To those who have wondered these questions about the moot court, I've gathered some answers from my fellow competitors:

'How do you gain access to the moot court?' You win things, give up any resemblance of a social life, and accept that competitions has become your life.

'Why are there shoes in the moot court?' Out of practical necessity.

'Who has moved into the moot court?' Everyone that has moot court access.

'Why are people napping in the moot court?' The people napping in the moot court are the minority that live in the moot court, so really, you're the one intruding.

'Who stole my milk and biscuits?' The thief that holds it on constructive trust.

'Who has read that dam case?' Anyone doing constitutional/public international/environmental law moot - *Commonwealth v Tasmania* (1983) 158 CLR 1 is a great read that will leave you traumatised and confused.

'Potatoes?' The subject of *Perre v Apand* - do you prefer them boiled, mashed, or deep fried?

'How many printers does SULLS possess ownership of in the moot court?' None of them.

'Who will always love and support you when your submissions are not accepted?' The comps family.





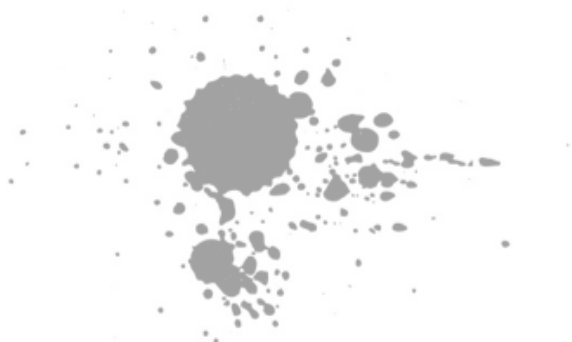
Revue Review

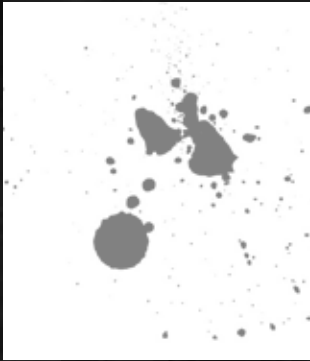
Lucy Lester

Law school can feel like long bouts of boredom interrupted by the occasional release of manic laughter. While the day before an exam I feel like a wizard, my brain crammed full of random pieces of information, most of the semester I scroll the unit outline with a sense of bewilderment before lowering my laptop lid and going to Taste. At best, and at my most studious, I sit down to do readings and feel a strong sense of suffocation, trapped in an avalanche of words, not knowing which way is up or down. I have frequently laid down to listen to a lecture recording and woken up hours later, not knowing what time zone I'm in. Law is cool, I guess, in some ways, maybe even empowering and a bit sexy at its best. But it can also be mind-bogglingly dull. Laughter, when there's a swear word in a judgment, or your mate forgets to mute their computer, is truly a beautiful island in an ocean of banality.

I think this explains my love for Law Revue. While trudging through the drier parts of Admin this year, I decided to write a love song about it to the tune of R Kelly's Ignition, and force people to sing it. (Don't get me wrong, Admin is obviously insanely useful, and Project Blue Sky was spicy AF, but it can be narcolepsy-inducing). This semester, I took a break from Evidence to dress up as a crab, Pauline Hanson, and Angela Merkel. There is nowhere more exciting than backstage at the York Theatre on show nights. People are struggling to hold back giggles, dancing along to the band, spraying water on each other, and you can spot Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping, the Pope and Gandalf having a quick chat in the same wing. There's no more beautiful feeling than hearing an audience laughing at your work for the first time. It washes over you like a warm bubble bath. It's amazing how four weeks of intense rehearsals, followed by four precious nights of that warm bubble bath feeling, can forge friendships that last a lifetime.

I have a feeling that one day soon, when I'm sitting in some generic office building doing doc review or something similarly dire, I will think back to my time at uni, and I'll remember I was part of something magical. A space where people gave time and sweat and tears solely to make friends and bring laughter into the lives of others. It might sound overly earnest and ironically, deeply unfunny, but Revue, for me and many others, has been a holiday from the stress and anxiety of study. Revue has given us light and laughter in times of darkness. Law, as a degree and an industry, is often so profit-seeking and status-obsessed – and in that world, Revue couldn't be more special or more precious. I will forever be grateful to have been associated with something so unique and wonderful, and as much as it sounds a bit lame, and as much as I know it's time to move on, god I will miss it.





Farewell Address

Congratulations. In only a few short weeks, you will finish Law School. My colleagues and I have thoroughly enjoyed the time that we have spent teaching you and learning from you. We have watched you develop your legal skills, grow greater confidence in your abilities and more recently, start to transition to your career.

As someone who was sitting in your seat far too many years ago, I thought I would use this opportunity to reflect upon some of the important things I have learnt since leaving Law School.

First, by virtue of spending three, five, six or sometimes even ten years doing your degree, you get to know your peers intimately. Powerful and lifelong bonds of friendship are forged through the collective trauma of too many readings, trying to submit that essay at 11:59pm on CANVAS, clerkships and closed book exams. Friends like that are special. They are the friends who you can not see for a few years and then pick up right where you left off. Friends who you would do anything for and friends who would do anything for you. Value your peers not just as professional colleagues but as friends and treat them accordingly.

*“Value your peers not just as professional colleagues
but as friends and treat them accordingly.”*

Second, you never know where your cohort will end up. Many of my friends from Law School have translated the skills and knowledge they acquired at Law School into a myriad of different careers. My cohort has breakfast radio announcers, doctors, management consultants, an art gallery curator, comedians, law firm partners, a spy, a Vietnamese pop star, a chef, bankers, senior politicians, government advisers, and even a former Macquarie Banker turned yoga instructor. We also have people spanning the globe from London and New York to Mongolia and South Sudan – creating an incredible network of people all willing to help you succeed.

Third, you never know where you will end up and that is okay. Most law students I know like to have clear life goals and a five year plan. When things go awry or when new opportunities present themselves, they sometimes end up wracked with indecision. Try not to be overly worried about getting on a track or a course in life. Despite what you may have been told, life ebbs and flows and there is a lot of time and space for changing directions, for failing, and for trying something new. In this regard you are in an enviable position; with your education and the

networks that you have built at Law School, you have many choices and are well placed to take risks. Your career will not be linear, but if you take risks and jump at opportunities as they present themselves it will be a lot more interesting. The people from my cohort who have been the most successful have been those who identified emerging fields of law, business or technology early. Expertise is easier to develop in emerging fields when your relative inexperience and age is less of a disadvantage and you aren't competing against people with thirty years of experience in a field.

Fourth, the parts of my professional life that have brought me some of the most joy have been being able to use my skills and knowledge to help those less fortunate than myself. Over the past decade, I have worked with victims of torture, helped to create a system of precedent in Liberia with Lawyers without Borders, worked with 35 governments in Africa and Asia, taught legal studies to disadvantaged school students and most recently helped a low-income housing cooperative. On each of these occasions I have learnt a tremendous amount. From understanding the struggle that a mentally ill person faces to get good quality legal representation, to learning how to handle the 11 year old who asks you what happens if they make their 5 year old sibling shoplift for them, to discovering how hard it is to have a system of precedent if you don't have case reports... All of these experiences have made me a better lawyer and a better person.

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I have already mentioned that we have a terrific global network of alumni who have shared an experience with you creating an instant connection. In the past few years, I have had the privilege to visit some of our alumni in Scotland, Helsinki and Seoul, each of whom has been doing amazing things and each of whom expressed a willingness to help you. The Law School and our alumni are invested in helping you to succeed in whatever field and wherever in the world you end up.

In conclusion, the Faculty is incredibly proud of each and every one of you and your achievements throughout your degree. We wish you every success and please stay in contact with us so we can celebrate your future successes with you as well.

*Cambridge: a story
Told in haikus but with heart.
By Emily Shen*

Fast train into town,
Looking for Caius or 'keys'.
Don't open windows!

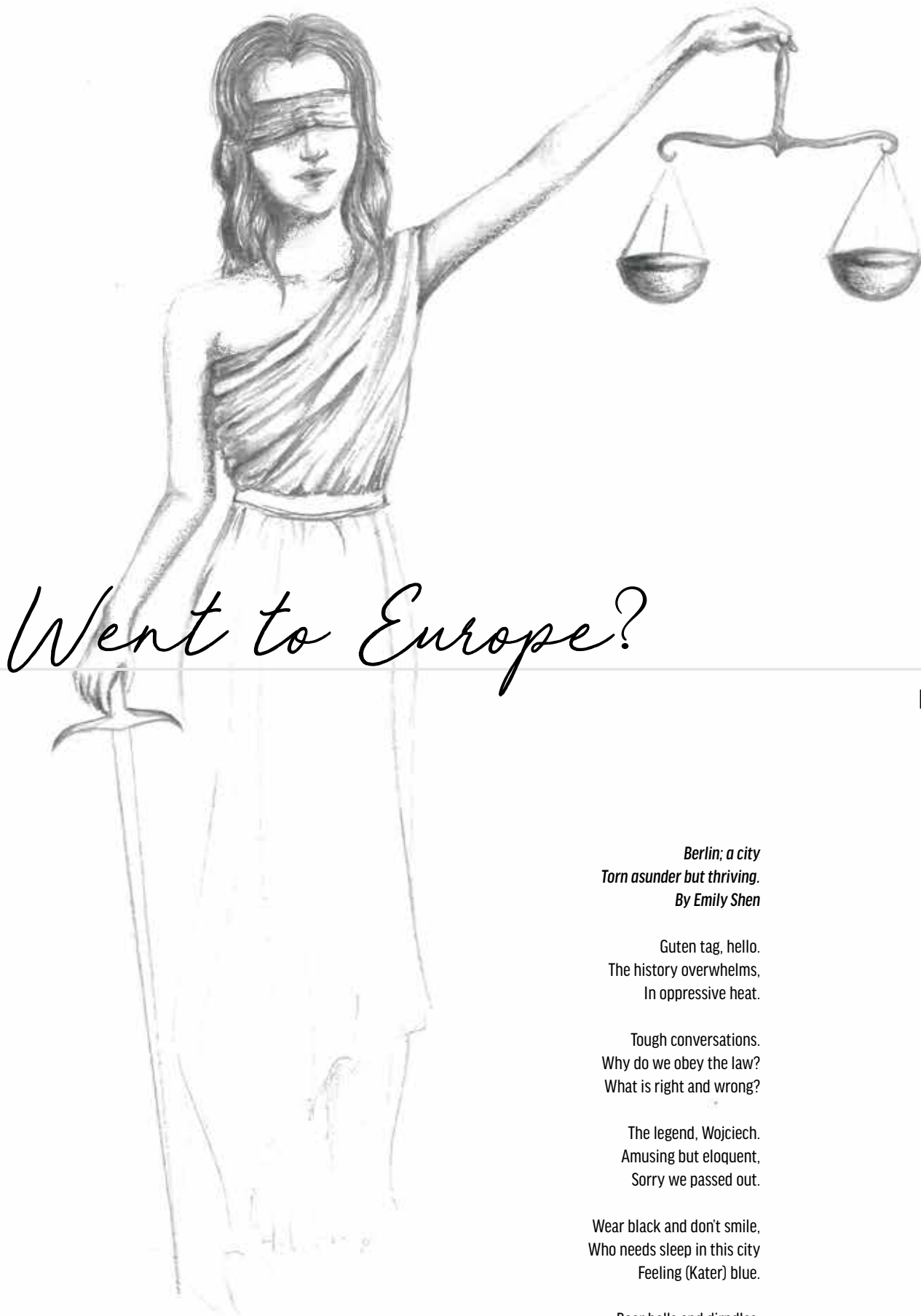
Walking through beauty,
Heard of Naomi Campbell?
Please ask some questions.

Cycling out of sight,
Looking for tea and some scones,
Finding a bird thief.

Some wine merchant friends,
And floating down river Cam
Like Harry Potter?

To (Cam)Bridge of Sighs,
Thanks for the great memories.
I'll never forget.

Did You Know I



Went to Europe?

Emily Shen

*Berlin; a city
Torn asunder but thriving.
By Emily Shen*

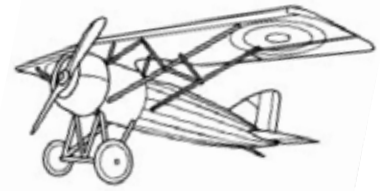
Guten tag, hello.
The history overwhelms,
In oppressive heat.

Tough conversations.
Why do we obey the law?
What is right and wrong?

The legend, Wojciech.
Amusing but eloquent,
Sorry we passed out.

Wear black and don't smile,
Who needs sleep in this city
Feeling (Kater) blue.

Beer halls and dirndles,
The Macarena with friends.
Lots of love, Berlin.





A Day in the Life of a Sydney

Picture this. It's 11:45am. You manage to keep your eyes open – just. As your lecturer drones on about the importance of maintaining perspective in the practice of law, you take the opportunity to slip out of the class early. As the door slams shut behind you with a mighty thud, you relish the feeling of successfully sneaking out of class. An untraceable crime is no crime at all, you think. There will be no *actus reus* here today.

You make a beeline to the only place a Dixon-fearing law student would ever dream of going. As you approach the counter at Taste, the smell of burned coffee beans and salmon (or is it salmonella?) baguettes wafts over you.

"I offer you this legal tender in exchange for delivery and subsequent transfer of a specific caffeinated beverage, Mr Barista. This specific beverage will be stated in Appendix C. Appendix C reads: 1 (one) almond milk latte."

The barista accepts your offer by commencing to perform the actions of making said beverage, to your satisfaction. You notice he mutters a lot while he works.

"Jesus Christ. No matter how badly I make the coffee these dickheads just keep coming back. What the hell else am I meant to do here?"

You wonder if these statements are intended to form part of the initial contract. You ignore them, just in case you need to deny knowledge later.

Coffee (or "coffee") in hand and statement of claim in heart, you stride confidently from the law building and back to the once-beautiful, now-squalid Glebe mansion you occupy with your disgusting friends.

You open the door to find your two roommates, both named Tom, waiting for you in the living room.

"Hey man, can we have a quick chat?"

You are alert to the fact that even a conversation colloquially nominated as a "chat" can have binding legal consequences for the parties concerned. With this in mind, you acquiesce (*sans recours*, of course).

"Mate, we've just got a couple issues we want to raise," says Tom.

"Yeah. For one, we need you to stop mailing us letters of demand every time we borrow your f*cken tea towel."

"And if you want to borrow a book, just goddamn ask. There's really no need for a subpoena just cos you want to read *Gone Girl* for the one millionth time."



Law Student

Jamie Lowe, Nicholas Horgan and Madelyn Smith

"Lecturing us on unfair contractual terms every time the roster says it's your turn to take out the trash is really getting a bit much as well."

Tom hesitates. "And also there was that time I woke up to you licking my pinky toe. Bit odd."

As your hearsay senses start tingling,^[1] you know you must raise an objection. You breathe deep and summon the powerful and ancient spirits from the depths of Peter Gerangelos' heart.

"May it please the court –"

Both of your housemates sigh in unison.

"Mate, that's it. You're OUT. Pack your shit and go – and not one f*cken word about your goddamn equitable rights."

As they usher you out of the house, Tom places a sympathetic hand on your shoulder, thereby viciously assaulting and battering you. Reeling from the implications of his behaviour, you barely hear his next words.

"Before you go – just wanted to say thanks for the rec the other day. That carbolic smoke ball really did help my asthma."

Disoriented, you wander onto Glebe Point Road, forgetting that the pedestrian crossings here are merely decorative. As you reflect on how to best profit from your sudden transition from tenant in common to tenant with nothing in common, a high powered advertising executive hits you with her Audi TT.

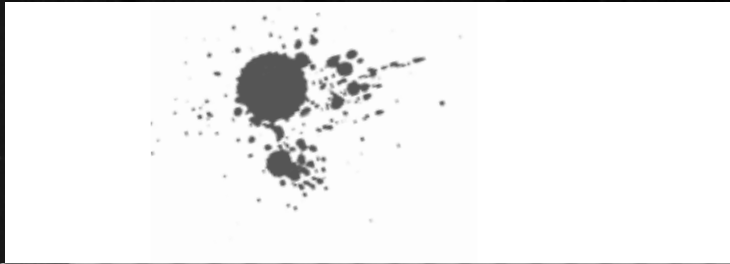
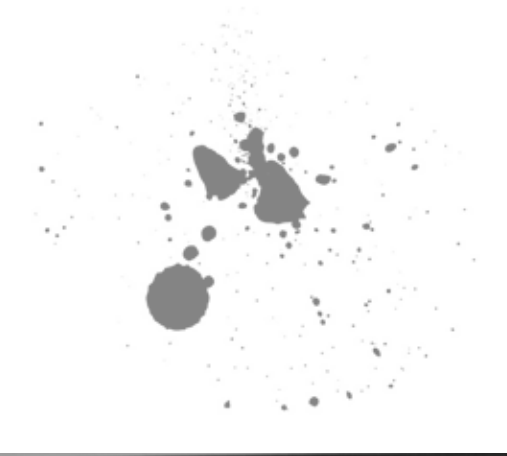
As she rushes out of the car to ensure her bumper remains undamaged, you feel nothing but the rush of knowing that you now have an unassailable claim for victim's compensation under the NSW scheme, even though your options for a tortious claim have been limited by the CLA. The statutes and provisions start to swim up into your vision – neg driving, GBH, tortious liability through an insurer – and, as your vision fades to black, negligent driving occasioning death, manslaughter, perhaps even murder....

"Don't let my..." you wheeze, as the light fades from your eyes. The driver clutches your hand, straining to hear your final words. "Don't let my estate settle with your insurer out of court."

With one final sigh, your day, and your degree, are finally over.

^[1] Evidence Act 1995 (NSW) s 59.





How to Survive Sydney Law School as a Conservative

David Hogan

A practical guide to surviving Australia's most infamously left wing Law School while retaining a sense of decency and an understanding of basic economics.

1. Choose your electives wisely. Veer away from social justice units and stick to Banking Law: jobs and growth is a numbers game.
2. Don't wear a Make America Great Again hat to Law Ball. It may be tempting, but if Tom Ford didn't design it, you shouldn't be wearing it.
3. Go big on the champagne – Sydney Law School is full of champagne socialists.
4. Avoid wearing boat shoes or RM's to class – they're an easy give away for someone hailing from a safe Liberal seat.
5. Remember that it's okay to cry about Malcolm; although was he conservative anyway? ScoMo is Daddy now!
6. Constantly bring up the fact that John Howard and Tony Abbott are alumni of Sydney Law School, and try to ignore the fact that so are Gough Whitlam and Dr H.V. Evatt.
7. Traditional family values! Taxation is theft! Freedom of speech is the basis of any free society! As long as that speech isn't coming from a social justice warrior!
8. Always take on the Socialist Alternative. Provide a Socialist Alternative Alternative!
9. If you get bored of your law readings, read Edmund Burke. There's nothing like a refreshing dose of Burkean conservatism to go with a chai latte (thank you, British Empire)!
10. Donate to the fund to hang a large portrait of John Howard inside the Law School – a portrait of Kirby made it, so why not good ol' Johnny?
11. Join the Liberal Club. And the Conservative Club. And the Breakfast Club.
12. At the end of your Sydney Law School experience remember that some of your peers may have been your ideological foes in class, but in a few years they'll be corporate lawyers and they will end up in the Liberal Party anyway!





Law Ball







Farewell Address

Dr Fady Aoun

To the Graduating Class of 2018,

I have been asked to offer a few words on the occasion of your impending graduation. The first, and arguably most fitting word is Congratulations! When the time comes, you will undoubtedly have good cause to celebrate your fine achievements with your families, friends, and loved ones. (But hopefully in a more subdued way than some professional footballers.)

Many know, but few will truly understand, the deep sacrifices required to make it this far: the persistent toiling over (at first) seemingly interminable and indecipherable readings, often into the wee hours of the morning; the cancelled social engagements; the periodic excessive caffeine consumption, and the gnawing uncertainty as to whether you had 'done enough' by way of preparation for final exams. Rest assured, you have now all done enough. This fact deserves much recognition and attendant merriment. In this connection, those of you who are the first in family to attend university, hail from regional Australia, or are international students who have travelled far and wide to study at Sydney Law School warrant special acknowledgement. No doubt your undertaking here was at times quite burdensome. Whatever your journey, I doff my proverbial hat to you all.

Some of you have a clear-cut view of your career trajectory. That is commendable. Others, however, may be less certain as to the next phase of your professional life. That too is fine. In either case, I trust that you will be able to draw comfort from the fact that you have—perhaps unknowingly—cultivated many virtues in the course of completing your law degree: discipline, perseverance, resilience, creativity, and humility (the latter typically materialising first in *Contract Law* or *Corporations Law*, if not sooner.)

These virtues, particularly humility, are in short supply in the modern social media obsessed world. This, I think, is quite regrettable as pretentiousness invariably forecloses further learning opportunities. Indeed, Winston Churchill spoke of his 'wholesome diet' consisting of eating his own words from time to time. I am reminded also of the prescient words of Robert Louis Stevenson in his wonderful novel, *Kidnapped* (1886, Ch 16): "There are two things that [we] should never weary of, goodness and humility; we get none too much of them in this rough world among cold, proud people."

In the current international political climate and as the fallout of the Banking Royal Commission is sure to continue, perhaps Stevenson's noble words may well resonate for some time to come. It is plainly true that the world can sometimes appear to be a cold, heartless place full of conceited individuals. Moreover, you will all, at one point or another in your careers, even come across malicious and destructive individuals. But you must strive not to lower your standards here and react acrimoniously to any perceived grievance. In short, there is much to be said for goodness and humility. As graduands of this Law School, I hope that you are able to live these noble virtues and be kind to one another, and most importantly, to yourselves.

I wish you every success in your lives and hope that you do fantastic things with your legal education. Godspeed on your journey.

Final Year Dinner Address

Editor's Note: in the absence of a copy of our own 2018 Final Year Dinner address, we thought it a fitting tribute to include Professor McDonald's speech delivered at the 2017 Final Year Dinner in its stead.

This is a memorable night for all of you. It's a great feeling to be near the end of your studies and about to launch on the world. Next time perhaps that you will be in this Great Hall, it will, subject to any outstanding Real Property exams, be as newly minted law graduates. And actually, if you do still have a Real Property exam ahead, you should probably leave now, lest you end up here same time again next year. (Or worse, like former Speaker and Minister for Helicopters Bronwyn Bishop, be destined never to graduate at all...)

I am going to be a bit circumspect tonight. A couple of years ago, I was giving a speech here. I told a few war stories about my early days as a young lawyer working in litigation and how I sometimes wanted to throttle the lawyer who was acting on the other side of the *Hospital Products* case and used to issue ultimatums several times a day. How was I know to know his son was in the audience and would go home and tell dad? Who just happens to be one of Australia's leading defamation lawyers...

Never mind- we sorted it out by an amicable exchange of emails the next day.

That last occasion was just as law alumnus Malcolm Turnbull had become PM. Honi Soit celebrated the occasion with a cartoon cover of all the cats in popular culture... but if you don't get the joke I am not going to tell you. The Law Revue quickly saw similarities with the House of Cards... But: Malcolm is hanging on. At that time there were great hopes for what he might achieve- if not a republic, then at least marriage equality, some action on renewable energy, and a decent policy on refugees. Two years on, things are not looking much better. It was Frank Underwood who said that friends make the worst enemies – Who needs enemies when you have mad monks in your party room doing their very destructive best? Today Cabinet dumped a renewable energy target. Peter Dutton is calling lawyers "Unaustralian" for acting for refugees. And he is still in the job. The US and North Korea despots are having a slanging match. Can things get worse? Well I suppose they can if the US can't introduce its latest defence strategy – shooting down Trump's tweets before they even launch.

At least let's hope Australians show our commitment to a fair go and show a resounding Yes vote when the polls close in November. Then you will be able to remember your final year at law school as the year Australia finally caught up with marriage equality.

Turnbull would have fitted in well as a student these days: he rarely attended lectures, instead getting a good friend to take notes for him. Now of course there are recordings of lectures and I fear that it won't be too long before the University tries to save even more money by only providing lecture recordings- so it can pay its bureaucrats enough so that they don't go off looking for other jobs to supplement their pay – poor things, only half a mill or so, plus bonuses. Some of them really do take that old Business School marketing mantra – "Me first" – a bit too literally.

But back to lectures. Nice to recognize some of you. Well done for those of you who turned up. Remember: the world is decided by those who turn up. Will the University do a time and motion study and realize that it doesn't need to provide lectures every year or any lectures in person – convert them all to podcasts and online testing – "flexible learning" they call it.

The University is currently telling you to unlearn everything. Great timing. They don't seem to be asking you to join the Flat Earth Society, although I suppose Tony might be pleased – I think it's just their catchy new way of talking about life-long learning. Certainly, we can hope that one thing you will have when you emerge from law school is a critical ear and a critical eye. You will have learnt that there are at least two sides to every story. That you have to see things from other perspectives. That rules are rarely black and white. That often the key to a problem is asking the right questions. That some conduct can be explained but that some is inexcusable.

And this brings me to the challenge that you are all said to be facing; the rise of robots and the disappearance of legal jobs. Well good riddance to document discovery I say. What a tedious occupation that is. But seriously- when I was at the Australian Law Reform Commission, one thing that struck me as we did our consultations with industry bodies and government departments and individuals was just how many law graduates are spokespeople or policy officers for new industries. Law has shown you how our society is organized – in so many ways. You can use that learning: in so many ways.

On Q and A recently, host Tony Jones asked what Sydney Law School was doing to advise an apprehensive young student who feared for her future in law because of the rise of artificial intelligence? I pondered that and I think I can say what we have done is train you to ask the right questions... We have nurtured your ability to search, to explain, to argue, and most importantly, to represent others. Robots don't know what to ask until they are told. You do.

And in direct contrast to the professed mantra of the business school, I hope we have engendered in you a different mantra: "Others first."

I'm told it is now customary to end this speech with some quote from popular culture. Rather than make a pathetic attempt to show myself familiar with the finer details of 2017 popular culture, I think I will finish with a Beatles song. I think it reflects how I look back at my final year dinner in the Holme Building all those years ago. I hope one day you can look back and feel the same thing.

It's "In my life" – what John Lennon describes as his first real major piece of work:

*There are places I'll remember
All my life though some have changed
Some forever not for better
Some have gone and some remain
All these places had their moments
With lovers and friends I still can recall
Some are dead and some are living
In my life I've loved them all*

Look around you tonight and treasure this moment with lovers and friends. You will remember it.

Good luck.













This noble sea bird is in honour of everyone who bravely withstood my "contributions" in class. May the soothing calls of seagulls remind you of the good old days of mandatory participation.

- Olivia Irvine



Personal Profiles

A - Z

Karnik Aggarwal



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be you did Engineering?

If I hadn't studied law, I would have graduated sooner.

After I graduate I will be working and doing more travelling!

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Highway to Hell - AC/DC.

My favourite memory from law school is the quotes from my favourite lecturers: "...confront your Balrog and you'll become Gandalf the White" - Peter Gerangelos

and "Oooh" *raises hands* - Ross Anderson

My biggest regret from law school is not mooting! :(

What got me through Law School was NOT coffee.

As a fellow civil engineering/law student, Karnik was always there to talk about construction (of a building or of a contract). Best of luck for the future! - Chathurika Ravindra

Paarth Arora



[LLB]

After I graduate I will be travelling for three months and reading for leisure again.

My biggest regret from law school is delaying Real Property to final year.

Alisha Arora



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be coffee ... more coffee.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be I'm Still Standing - Elton John.

One of the most genuine, kind and crazy smart people I know - so lucky to call you my friend. X - Liz Sheahan

It has been amazing having you as a support network in my final year of law - you are an absolute gem and a great friend - Samantha Ryu

Miriam Asar



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have married an investment banker.

After I graduate I will be belatedly relieving Conrad von Hötzenhof's troops at Przemyśl.

My biggest regret from law school is not reading the Personal Property Securities Act until ten minutes before the Real Property final.

What got me through Law School was the cohort's cheesy in-jokes about ginger beer, snails, carbolic smoke balls, and ominous bunches of grapes on supermarket floors.

A genuine person who is respected by all. – Patrick Schwaiger

Kind, organised and has the best sense of humour across the seven seas. – Tiffany Wu

Blade Atton



[LLB]

What got me through Law School was probably the time Jamie Glistler married me in Equity. Equity regards as done that which ought to be done and all that.

My favourite memory from law school is Nicholas Poon napping in any lecture scheduled before midday. My favourite times were when he would snore so

loudly he'd wake himself up, attracting the ire of many a professor.

He who knows I am hardly awake during 9am classes and sends me illegible handwritten notes after x – Nicholas Poon

It's hard to find a better friend than this one, or one with a more distinctive laugh. You've kept me sane through it all, thank you! – Matthew de Pree

Blade, you are an amazing addition to my law school career and life generally. I look forward to bearing witness to your bright future. – Bianca Lucia Tini Brunozzi

INGS may have stolen our arts degrees, but it's okay because we have each other for great philosophical conversations and to go to Danish film festivals! – Samantha Lawford

Spyridon Augustinos



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Stirrer of Pots.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have become a Classics teacher.

After I graduate I will be travelling, completing College of Law and then commencing a placement with Teach for Australia.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I made it through Private International Law A. That is all.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Gladiator Film Score - Strength and Honour.

My biggest regret from law school is not doing more mootng.

What got me through Law School was the great group of friends I had around me, the many late night bowls of Katsu Curry that were enjoyed during nights of study at the library and inspirational lecturers such as Professor Peter Gerangelos.

My favourite memory from law school is having to pull an all-nighter in the Law Library with the rest of the cohort in order to complete the Legal Profession take home exam. As Gerangelos so spoke, abyss had to be stared down, but we all got the job done and the hilarity of that night shall not be forgotten. Of particular note was the 4:30 am Maccas run that was pulled and the sleep-deprived debate that was had shortly after regarding whether lighting an office on fire as an act of revenge against a former boss was a severe enough offence to get a solicitor struck off the roll.

Don't know where I'd be without you picking me up for class with coffee before morning lectures, embarrassing me while you do push-ups in libraries, and being "Dr. Spyro" when I needed to vent. Thank you for all the memorable drives from lawbry to CP, for confiding in me and always supporting me! (P.S. Sorry I didn't know you were doing law until 4th year.) - Diana Lee

Spyro is the master of the 'less is more' approach to law. He is the undisputed king of public law, and fuels his Adonis-like physique with souvla, 'V', cappuccinos and green goblins. He is always willing to set aside time for a chat and deserves all the best for the future! - James Palmer

Spyro, you have been a rock through turbulent times. I'm glad to have friends like you, with whom we can be real, open and honest. Let's keep fighting the good fight brother. - Matthew Shim

HUGE!! - Theo Magdas

Joshua Avedillo



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be real, raw, and roaring.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have tried to be comedian, mostly just to make myself laugh.

After I graduate I will be going around more.

My biggest regret from law school is trying to do everything as if there is no tomorrow, because let's face it there is.

What got me through Law School was Coke Zero, Spaghetti and constant validation.

Ferdous Bahar



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be gorgeous, multi-talented, humble.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have probably kept trying to get into law because I've known for a very long time that it was exactly what I wanted to study at university. SO CHEESEY I KNOW, and not the answer you

want. If I honestly didn't want to study law I would have likely still studied Media and Communications, majoring in English. Otherwise, I think I might have studied Education/Arts (English) and worked towards becoming a high school English teacher.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be 'Mercy' - Shawn Mendes and 'Almost There' - Princess and the Frog.

What got me through Law School was 'my incomparable mentor, life-coach, biggest fan and best critic, if-you-don't-sleep-I'm-going-to-stay-up-with-you-until-you-finish-your-assessment mumma. Love you ammu!

Ferdi is the first and best person I met in this degree. She has been a constant throughout this journey and a source of such inspiration, wisdom and support. - Nina Newcombe

Ferdous is a caring friend who is genuinely passionate about social justice. I am proud to have seen her grow in law school and would not have made it through the last few years of law without her! - Chathurika Ravindra

Genuinely one of the most wholesome and caring individuals I've ever met. Especially for showing me your favourite Thai place. - Jeremy Chan

Eduard Barskyi



[JD]

After I graduate I will be living in Melbourne and London.

My biggest regret from law school is thinking I can learn 12 weeks of material 1 week prior to the exams.

My favourite memory from law school is passing the evidence exam.

One of the nicest and most genuine people I met at law school, congrats on finishing! can't wait to come and stay in your Ukrainian palace! - Kate Cameron

Only with this guy I had a 100% pick up rate at Sidebar - Matthew Cheong

Among all the useless nothingness law school has given me, it was all worth it for it gave me a dear friend like you. - Lee Chen

Always down for a 10\$ steak, rosé at any time, tennis and going on holiday mid-semester. A great friend, couldn't have done it without his ear to complain to. - Harrison Custance

Bharty Baskaran



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be petite, bubbly, ambitious.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have become a yoga instructor ... who regretted not studying law.

After I graduate I will be spending more time with friends and family.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Work - Rihanna feat. Drake

My biggest regret from law school is making my own notes.

What got me through Law School was caffeine, athletic wear and never-ending love/support from friends and family.

My favourite memory from law school is law lawn lunches and Thursday night drinks.

Alessandra Bianco



[LLB]

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I'm currently working on a journal article for publication about Italy's international law obligations to the Mediterranean refugee crisis.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be a mix of ABBA and Shania Twain.

My favourite memory from law school is Advanced Public International Law.

I'm so glad we had each other's backs from the very beginning. Can't wait to see all the amazing things that you accomplish in the future! – Madelyn Smith

George Bishop



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Christian. Character. Conviction.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have still studied my partner degree, Economics. I am really interested in and enjoy both disciplines.

After I graduate I will be seeking to use my position, education and influence in whatever context I find myself to make a difference in society for good. For the foreseeable future I expect this will be through the practice of law but with an openness to other avenues.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Tchaikovsky's 5th: epic, at times serene, at times frenetic, with an overall sense and purpose, and thoroughly enjoyable.

My biggest regret from law school is not spending more time drawing on the wisdom, experience and insight of members of the Faculty. This Law School has many pre-eminent members of the academy and I am very grateful for the time, knowledge and effort which they put into teaching me.

What got me through Law School was my faith, my friends (particularly the community of the Evangelical Union law faculty) and my family. Without their support, the trials of Law School would have proved far more burdensome.

My favourite memory from law school is a toss up between mootng the Whitlam Dismissal in Advanced Constitutional Law and that moment of joy after completing second semester of Penultimate year law.

My best mate from virtually day 1 at this law school. George was always there to debate the finer intricacies of cases or statutes, to have a laugh with and to commiserate a rough exam. – Timothy Cargill

George is one of the nicest and most intelligent people you will ever meet at Sydney Law School, this is only enhanced by the fact that he is a solid Tory. George will no doubt ascend to the bench one day and defend our freedoms from encroaching socialist legislation. – Dimitry Palmer

Jack Bliss



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be eat, pray, love.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have started a male stripping company.

After I graduate I will be broke.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Echo 360.

My biggest regret from law school is not starting an Elite Singles dating app for the Law School.

What got me through Law School was collusion.

My favourite memory from law school is making mates 4 lyfe.

Blissy, you are fit, fun and flirty. Never change xoxo. – Nicole Burger

Can't wait to graduate and join you in Azeroth – Matthew Cheong

I'm proud of you blissy. So damn proud. – Lee Chen

Jack has come so far. – Gab Royle

Tiffany Britchford



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have continued being a penniless musician and author.

After I graduate I will be working at Allens Linklaters.

Always loved your real take on life... 1st become a rock star 2nd become a legal super star. ... why not? Can't wait to see you in action! – Sophie Fletcher Watson

Rebecca Brown



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have gone into the one job there is for linguistics graduates: academia.

After I graduate I will be pursuing a highly successful career in commercial law at an international firm... just kidding; I'm doing a masters.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? My ability to sense free seats in the law library.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be the slight buzz on Echo360 recordings.

What got me through law school was Fisher Coffee Cart's 10pm close and 24hr library access.

My favourite memory from law school is Jessup, in its entirety. The debates over a single word in a single Article of UNCLOS, the (university funded) week in Washington DC – even the late and sleepless nights spent in the Judge's Retiring Room go towards the best few months of my life.

Our love is like a lettuce sandwich with Helgas bread, and by that I mean we hung out in the beginning and at the end (awesome) but not in the middle (not awesome). Am I hamfisting an analogy in here for no apparent reason? Maybe so. Is it effective? 110% – Nina Mao

Nicole Burger



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a yarnbomber.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? My ability to calculate damages.

My biggest regret from law school is enrolling.

What got me through Law School was R.M.'s notes.

My favourite memory from law school is Wednesdays at the Royal.

Nicole had all the mental breakdowns for me, so I didn't have to deal with that stress. Who could've known in 2014 we'd end up such good mates in 2018. – Jack Bliss

Elle Woods irl. – Tiffany Wu

You'll find no better burger in this world than the one and only Nicole Burger and if you say otherwise, you're wrong. – Lee Chen

Step 1: Open Thesaurus. Step 2: Search Superhuman. Step 3: Find Nicole Burger as a synonym. Seriously though, Nicole is not normal. She is a master of juggling 3 jobs at the same time, exercising regularly, being on the law society, making time for her friends, drinking wine, having brunch, drinking wine and sometimes even a little bit of studying on a full course load (by her pool). How does she do it? Nobody knows, but it's provocative. – Sam Dyna (Frouhar)

Nicole is simply the best. I couldn't ask for a more supportive friend. – Gab Royle

"Marriage proposals exchanged while highly intoxicated at house parties in Darlinghurst are good contractual consideration." – an eminent Family Law Judge in 10 years. – Gaston Gratton

Fit, fresh and flawless. Nic is #goals - she lives her life fabulously and unapologetically. – Nina Newcombe

Priscilla Calabria



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be kind, perfectionist and crazy.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have some of my sanity still intact.

After I graduate I will be a successful criminal lawyer.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I'm amazing haha.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Never enough - Eminem

My biggest regret from law school is worrying way too much about my marks.

What got me through Law School was my family, friends and coffee!

My favourite memory from law school is summer and winter schools - where the real friendships are made.

So nice to have you as a good friend in life to share happiness and sadness. It was so impressive how you well handled such a busy schedule. So sweet how four of us support each other in study and life. – Charmaine Qucan He

Priscilla, you're a powerhouse of determination, a constant reminder to work hard and never give up. I can only hope some of your work ethic has finally rubbed off on me <3 – Isabel Hernandez

Kate Cameron



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have emotional stability (maybe).

After I graduate I will be starting a masters of international law and continuing to advocate for people with an intellectual disability.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be White Flag – Dido.

What got me through Law School was friends and the free coffee in the postgrad tea room.

My favourite memory from law school is swimming in the Melamchi river during the Himalayan Field School.

Thanks for being the most beautiful friend, all of me adores you except for my lungs xx – Rajiv Chandrasena

Timothy Cargill



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be disciplined, analytical, larrikin.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have worked as a defence analyst or strategic planner.

After I graduate I will be partner or barrister.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Lose yourself – Eminem.

What got me through Law School was my friends in EU Law.

My favourite memory from law school is Professor Gerangelos playing a clip from 'A Man for All Seasons' and the importance of the law being available to the devil himself for our own safety's sake. And pretty much every other insight about the importance of law and democracy for human flourishing.

Tim is such a champion and I am thankful for his care, kindness, trustworthiness and friendship throughout these years. A fiercely intelligent person with the world as his oyster. – George Bishop

Lauren M. Carr



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be passionate, adventurous, tenacious.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have studied medicine or cinematography.

After I graduate I will be practising family law.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? surviving 6 years of university and staying relatively sane.

What got me through Law School was chocolate, coffee, and my ability to survive on 2 hours of sleep.

My favourite memory from law school is walking through the quadrangle on my first day of law school.

Angela Cartwright



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have had more free time.

After I graduate I will be enjoying my final few months of uni holidays.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be lecture recordings on double speed.

What got me through Law School was my amazing friends and family.

Jeremy Chan



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be wanna get food?

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a bellboy.

After I graduate I will be considering more viable career options, like being a bellboy.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Inception – sounds cool and quite repetitive, but everyone has very little idea of what's going on.

What got me through Law School was the law lounge water tap.

My favourite memory from law school is all the people I've been able to meet.

Jeremy is a beautiful soul. You rarely find a person that is wholly good but somehow Jeremy manages. He will attempt to change your world views and tell you that things have been pre-determined, he will try to make the best of every situation, he will indulge your ridiculous whims, and most of all he will be there for you. – May Yang

Despite his sincere wish for me to give my neighbours respite from the dense fog of cigar smoke that I often conjure up, he has never said anything to me on the topic. That's either a sign of his friendship and loyalty, or his cowardice. – Nicholas Yuen

If it weren't for his swoll arms that landed him on USyd Love Letters multiple times, I wouldn't know who he is. Kind of quiet and indecisive, he doesn't get involved much or leave an impression. "How is your friend...Jesse?" - my parents. – Dharmita Padhi

To the person I rib the most about not hanging out with me, Jeremy has been a constant throughout law school for me - a friend who's always there, always supportive, keen to have a stupid laugh with, to have ramen with, to run with, and the friend who's constantly inspiring me with the 1000 things he manages to do. – Gina Yeung

A better law student than tennis player. – Patrick Schwaiger

Jeremy is a ray of sunshine. He's always down for a feed, can get around any type of humour, and makes metaphysics at 8pm on a Tuesday night bearable. He's also like, lowkey the hardest working person I know. Love your work Mr President - have a not soul-crushing term in office x – Nina Newcombe

The advanced negotiator with blooming voice that you can hear 2 levels below law school. Thank you for your devotion to comps and being the money man. – Cosmos Liu

Exceptionally annoying, because his 'average' is equivalent to what most people consider to be a special level of talent; but I have no doubt he will use his abilities to make the world a better place. – Madelyn Smith

Jeremy is one of the busiest people I know and also one of the most present – always ready to help out in times of need or raise your spirits if you're feeling low. I'm going to miss our conversations in the office about travel, faith, free will, the future and everything in between! Please never change and stay in touch!! – Ferdous Bahar

Rajiv Chandrasena



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be drama, drama, drama.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been significantly happier.

After I graduate I will be struggling in the real world.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? nothing besides my Contracts and Equity marks.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Losing It – Fisher.

My biggest regret from law school is spending way too much time on the library steps.

What got me through Law School was strictly having two benders during each semester.

My favourite memory from law school is first year law ball.

Couldn't have made it through without ya. Much love, ket x. – Kate Cameron

The man, the myth, the legend! An absolute pleasure to not only survive an Economics, but also a Law degree with you! Golf soon! – David Hogan

The Blair to my Serena. Cannot imagine the last 6 years without your face. You know you love him, xoxo gossip girl. – Aleksandra Jez

Zachary Chang



[LLB]

After I graduate I will be spending 2019 travelling the world, then coming back and working outside the legal profession.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I like to think I left a small part of myself in Lawbrary.

My biggest regret from law school is actually doing Foundies readings, not discovering the city campus earlier, and not doing a full semester exchange.

What got me through Law School was the comforting sound of 'I haven't

started yet either', the Level 0 toilets, and MJC/IL/B/Fayzan.

My favourite memory from law school is law lawn lunches, exploring the sketchy parts of Tokyo during Japanese Law, and meeting lifelong friends for the first time.

Thank you for showing me just how far the phrase 'I work better under pressure anyway' can truly be stretched. Big up J MD H. – Morgan Clune

Meeting Zack has probably taken 5 points off my WAM over the last 5 years, but it's all been worth it in the end. You made law school that much more bearable. – Arun Lertsumitkul

Jenny Chen



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have more years left in my life expectancy.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "Survivor" by Destiny's Child.

My biggest regret from law school is buying the legal research textbook in my first year. No, seriously. It's still collecting dust in my room.

What got me through Law School was coffee, my fear of failure and

knowing that I had sacrificed too many hours of blood, sweat and tears to drop out.

My favourite memory from law school is the great friendships I've developed from classes and mutual suffering.

Even when life got you down, you could always rely on Jenny coming to class looking fabulous in heels & having some form of stationery from Kikki K. The best partner in crime a guy could ask for. – Jonathan Tan

Can always count on my home gurl to shut me down whenever I make a lame joke. Thank you for your brutality and honesty, and no I am not marking your name off in class anymore. – Dawen Lin

Lee Chen



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be above the law.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have a soul.

After I graduate I will be livin'!!

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Two things: I can hold a 5c coin in my dimple and I can lick my elbow. Sadly, neither talent is helpful for getting a job.

What got me through Law School was copious amounts of gin.

My favourite memory from law school is celebrations at The Royal after every exam.

Bad bish. Always kept it real, made me laugh. You a good egg. – Jack Bliss

Lee, my rosé partner in crime, thank you for all the good times and classic hits. – Nicole Burger

What could of been hey? – Matthew Cheong

I could always rely on Lee to help me out when things were tough. She had a special talent for knowing the best happy hours spots in Sydney. Her supply of Eclipse Mints for breakfast in Philosophy of Law Berlin may have got me through that week. – Harrison Custance

Encouraged me to back my own intelligence and drink between classes without worrying about not doing readings. – Alex Dale

Lee has the sexiest voice. If only I had met her in first year so I could get her to read all my law readings to me. – Gaston Gratton

Matthew Cheong



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be actor, producer and screenwriter.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a janitor at Harvard. Answering impossible math equations that professors leave on their blackboards. Likely be seeing a therapist.

After I graduate I will be hopefully recruited into a secret CIA black ops unit, get amnesia, and then violently confront my past.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Ben Affleck is my best friend.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Scotty Doesn't Know – Lustra.

My biggest regret from law school is getting caught behind enemy lines and having a platoon of United States Army Rangers saving me. Omaha beach was a mess.

What got me through Law School was George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Don Cheadle, Bernie Mac, Scott Cann, Casey Affleck, Elliot Gould, Shaobo Qin, Carl Reiner, Eddie Jemison.

My favourite memory from law school is being stranded on mars after my crew left me for dead in the wake of a violent dust storm. Faced with dwindling rations I used my skills in botany and engineering know-how, plus my own waste, to improvise a potato farm on Martian ground.

It's never too late – Lee Chen

"Sup mama" Good-looking AND smart. Thank you for being there for me. – Maggie Farahbakht

Morgan Clune



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been significantly healthier.

After I graduate I will be travelling around the world pretending I don't have a monumentally large HECS debt to repay some day.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I once spotted Arun Lertsumitkul in class before week 7. Impressive I know.

What got me through Law School was the combination of unhealthy doses of caffeine and exceptional sets of notes authored by those far smarter than me. Love your work MJC.

My favourite memory from law school is witnessing Luke Nottage glide out of the Law building on a razor scooter then proceed to cut swathes through crowds of pedestrians whilst tearing down Eastern Avenue towards City Road. So majestic yet so terrifying.

Would highly recommend taking Morgan with you when travelling in Asia, as we never had to ask for an English menu. – Zachary Chang

You actually did your readings, but I won't hold it against you. Thanks for being there to answer my questions from Week 2 to the day before my exams. – Arun Lertsumitkul

Your sarcastic remarks about law school and life always made my day. Never change. – Karnik Aggarwal

James Crosby



[JD]

What got me through Law School was reading weeks.

My favourite memory from law school is rum jugs at The Royal after final exams.

Shout outs to Hamez Crosbee also. You have so many looks, such style. 10/10. – Jack Bliss

Scooby you are a pioneer of the scatter gun approach to law and life. Thank you for the fashun advice. – Nicole Burger

Never forget first year SULTS informal, Crosby nailing it on the d-floor chuggin' a bottle of champagne - may all our future celebrations be as glorious as this moment – Lee Chen

Harrison Custance



[JD]

After I graduate I will be moving to New York.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Passing Real Property.

My biggest regret from law school is turning up to the Real Property exam 45 minutes late.

The future is called "perhaps", which is the only possible thing to call the future. And the only important thing is not to allow that to scare you. All the best for the exciting times ahead. Though, one thing is certain - we'll always be enjoying a gin martini or two when we meet again. – Lee Chen

Where to begin... although I definitely underappreciated you back in your mullet days you're hands down one of my closest mates now. I am a hundred per cent confident that you will kill it in New York next year. I'm sure we will have many more memories together. – Eduard Barskyi

Alex Dale



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be very good c***.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been gainfully employed by now.

After I graduate I will be happy I don't have to listen to any of your stupid opinions anymore.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I am pretty handy at ping pong.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Baby One More Time - Queen Britney.

My biggest regret from law school is I attended far too many classes.

What got me through Law School was not attending one single university event and doing absolutely no 'networking'.

My favourite memory from law school is repressed.

*Here's to you and here's to me, and here's to friends we'll always be, but if by chance you disagree, then f*** you and here's to me! – Lee Chen*

Christina Dang



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have probably pursued a career in Health.

What got me through Law School was Coffee from Taste, those therapy dogs that visit uni during STUVAC, and of course, all the wonderful and supportive friends I've met along the way.

My favourite memory from law school is there are so many memorable moments - from hanging with friends between classes, to Shanghai Winter School, and celebrating the end of exams every semester.

We've known each other since our earliest law school days but I feel like we've grown closer in recent years. I've had an amazing time getting to know the kind, lovely person that you are and I really appreciate your friendship. You have the sweetest laugh and smile and thanks for always laughing at my jokes (even the most terrible ones). Here's to many more fun times and good memories in the future. - Lisa Jiang

Matthew de Pree



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be charismatic, creative and driven.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be I'm Like A Lawyer With The Way I'm Always Trying To Get You Off (Me & You) - Fall Out Boy.

What got me through Law School was my amazing group of friends.

After I graduate I will be able to afford more coffee.

You are the pierogi to my dumpling. - Blade Atton

Matt, you bring imagination to the grey; you are as authentic as they come. - Bianca Lucia Tini Brunozzi

I will never forget our drive to Silverwater and how you encouraged me after our Crim presentation! You are a cool poet and amazing friend - let's stay in touch! - Nicholas Poon

Ariane Demetris



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have had a decent amount of sleep each night.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Oops...! I did it [left my assignment to the last minute] again' - Britney Spears.

What got me through Law School was coffee!

After I graduate I will be employed hopefully.

My biggest regret from law school is the substantial amount of parking fines I received.

My favourite memory from law school is Professor Gergangelos' inspirational words in Fed Con.

I couldn't have made it through law school without her! - Juliana Hasham

'Thinks she's funny...' - Theo Magdas

Sarah Drummond



[LLB]

After I graduate I will be crying that three month long summers are gone.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Winning Kahoot in seminar 1 of Olivia Dixon's Corps law (peaked too early though) and somehow receiving zero parking fines after five years of Catherine parking.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "Hit me baby one more time" ~ on unenrolling from Evidence on the census date three semesters in a row (still yet to complete RIP).

My biggest regret from law school is discovering the max x2.2 speed on Echo360 so late in my degree.

What got me through Law School was friends who loved the law lawns and always reminded me to attend more, post exam euphoria and forever planning the next exchange/holiday.

My favourite memory from law school is abovementioned law lawns, post exam celebrations and exchanges.

Sam Dyna (Frouhar)



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be Take Olivia Dixon for Corps.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have become a Sydney Uni library security guard, denying access to non-law students to the law library (not all heroes wear capes).

After I graduate I will be learning CCP again.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be the sound of my own voice complaining about people who leave their stuff on desks overnight to secure a seat for the following morning.

My biggest regret from law school is a mix between the following: doing the optional midterm, drinking Fisher Coffee Cart coffee that one time, not doing the optional midterm, 2016 Semester 1 Contract Law final exam

question 2 (how many repudiations can you possibly have in one PQ?), not choosing a Uni with good food options on campus, comparing answers after exams, getting the ACCESS card, Legal Prof, 2018 Semester 1 Tax Law final exam and the ATM in Ralphs Café.

My favourite memory from law school is drinking beverages in the SULLS office at all times of the day/night.

Responsible for introducing fuhhhh, black out, and MCGILL to my vocabulary, Sam is the brightest of sparks. PEAS don't ever change. – Emily Shen

You want him at every party. His anecdotes are endless, hilarious and unbelievable. He is undoubtedly charismatic. He will always be my dude. – Gaston Gratton

Sam is the greatest. – Nina Newcombe

Sam is a lovely person. He will try to convince you otherwise, but don't let that fool you. He will attempt comprehend your nonsensical sentences (and complain about it at a later date), he will indulge your midnight cravings for Mr Crackles (and double the order), and he will be there when you need a friend. – May Yang

Aggressively loyal and incredible human being who will not back down until everyone has a great time at the party. Also mentions McGill a lot. – Tiffany Wu

SUPERLATIVES – George Napier

I am forever in your debt for Ross St dumplings. Please keep coming to visit me and Scout. – Sophie Peach

The most personable and genuine guy you could meet, full of life and with zero pretence. Thank you for teaching me Equity until 2am the day of our exam. You are a gentleman and a scholar. – Madelyn Smith

'Good ol' buddy' - Jasmine Hamade

Maggie Shahpar Farahbakht



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be bubbly, open-minded and warm.

After I graduate I will be a happy lawyer, helping people :)

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I was in the law revue... once.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be The Sound of Silence - Simon & Garfunkel.

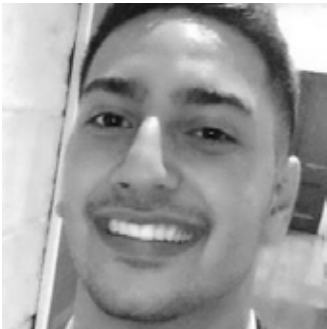
What got me through Law School was my supportive family and friends (snakes). Shoutout to Dr Crossley and Professor Loughnan - thank you.

My favourite memory from law school is 2 weeks into Torts - one student

had not prepared an answer to a problem question. Dr Penny Crossley asked the student to come back to her next class when he had written an answer. The student got up, swore in a foreign language and left the room. As soon as the door shut, Penny said: "Well, I hope he knows that I understood he swore at me". #dontcrosscrossley

I honestly wouldn't be here still if it wasn't for you. - Matthew Cheong

Johnny Farhart



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be just good bant.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been on that business ting.

After I graduate I will be giving it my all on and off the field, full credit to the boys.

Is there anything you would like to

boast about here? Nah nah not boast, just proud of the team.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "Another Semester Ends" - Henry Lin.

My biggest regret from law school is not being in SULLS lol jks nah no regrets that's negative energy man next question.

What got me through Law School was the admin staff on level 3.

My favourite memory from law school is saying "lets catch up soon" to all the people you have no intention to catch up with.

Mastered the art of the pointless small-talk. Good vibes only. - Peter Gullotta

Hilarious, hard-working and brilliant and if anyone deserves to flash their top-tier business card around, it is most certainly you. - Arun Lertsumitkul

ABE!!! - Dawen Lin

The Man, The Myth, The Legend. Johnny is a funny guy. - Melissa Martin

Having classes with Johnny is often the highlight of my uni days. He's both fun to be around and funny to listen to, especially during our post-theories of justice discussions on the law lawns. I'll definitely miss those! - Jessica Joseph

The hardest worker I have ever met. - George Napier

Johnny, or John as he was affectionately known, was always the life of the party at Law School. Without fail before every exam, Johnny would remind us all that we were silly to study Law. It was an honour to be in the Sydney Law School trenches with you Law School Bae. - Dimitry Palmer

Hamza Faridy



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be lithe, studious, countercultural.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have followed in the footsteps of my idol Nick Horgan and started a Triple J approved band.

After I graduate I will be just another cog in the corporate machine.

Hamza has great shoes, great pants, great shirts and a great head. – Nicholas Horgan

The boy will disappear for a semester and flake on you, but he is a seriously loyal, kind, and considerate friend. He will always be there to lend a hand, a shoulder, or trash talk someone with you. – May Yang

Has anyone moved quite so sartorially through the Law School? The biggest fella of all, I am so lucky to call Hamza one of my oldest law pals. – Emily Shen

The person you can count on to add spontaneity, adventurousness and fun to any situation, party or festival. Your epic face full of glitter has been an inspiration to us all. – Madelyn Smith

Phenomenal taste in music and fashion. To those who saw him recreate the rainbow fish at Falls 2017 he has obtained a god-like status. – Gaston Gratton

Sophie Fletcher Watson



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be adventurous, worldly, divertida...

If I hadn't studied law, I would have stayed living in New York.

After I graduate I will be inseparable from the beach.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? About 100 years ago my grandma graduated from USyd. Pioneer!

The soundtrack to my law journey would be 'Crazy' - Gnarles Barkley.

My biggest regret from law school is ...sacrificing so much sleep!

What got me through Law School was all the tacky answers. All that is truly beautiful & meaningful in this world... family, friends, dancing & coffee!

My favourite memory from law school is being on 180 Degrees Consulting Exec and GLT... you can't go past the lethal combination of friends, consulting, law, socials, projects and... a social purpose.

Grace Franki



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a disappointment to my parents.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? First year moot runner up 2014.

My biggest regret from law school is student politics.

What got me through Law School was student politics.

Truly, my favourite cuck. – Kishor Napier-Raman

From the early peak in our joint mooting career to our tremendously funny exam study sessions, we've made some great memories and developed a friendship which will last a lifetime. – Nick Smith

James Fyfe



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be laconic, wry, larrikin.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have never learnt how to get away with murder.

After I graduate I will be luxuriating in the judgment of my peers.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I always got the meat dish at law ball.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "I Wanna be Sedated" – Ramones.

My biggest regret from law school is not getting a selfie with Gummow J after his Real Prop stint.

What got me through Law School was instant oats and Sam's notes.

My favourite memory from law school is playing drums in the Law Revue.

James Fyfe (top bloke and drummer) and was super fun to hang out with until he got a girlfriend, and now he's even MORE fun to hang out with! Love coffees / gigs / study sessions with you and ya missus bro :) – Nicholas Horgan

Alana Galasso



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have still been a fan of ginger beer.

After I graduate I will be living every day like Elle Woods after Warner told her she wasn't smart enough for law school.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Stayin' Alive - Bee Gees.

Friends by default, best friends by stress snacking in the library past midnight. – Anthony Makragelidis

Girl, I'm sure that people will continue to get us confused well into our respective legal careers. You've always been my fellow #legally blonde bandit. You're just a really chill mate who I can always rely on. You're so intelligent and insightful, and I'm excited to see where your bright future takes you. – Aleksandra Pasternacki

Your bag of candy always made the day go faster and I appreciate your support and love for wearing activewear to class. – Cleo Ioannou

To the real legally blonde, thank you for being by my side through this law degree... I couldn't have done it without you! – Lia Georgantis

Lia Georgantis



[LLB]

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Started from the Bottom – Drake.

What got me through Law School was Nexus Notes.

My favourite memory from law school is studying at Cambridge.

Girl, you really are a Gem. Thanks for all the laughs, the support, and for keeping me sane through it all. We made it! – Alana Galasso

Studies law only to break it in Mykonos. – Anthony Makragelidis

Tim Gollan



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been happier?

After I graduate I will be out of here as soon as possible.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I think I somehow actually managed to understand equity.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Terre Thaemlitz.

What got me through Law School was having friends to remind me everything would be OK.

My favourite memory from law school is listening to Professor Gummow trying to explain who Rihanna is.

Peter Gullotta



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Law School Transfer.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been single.

After I graduate I will be unqualified to practice law and going into finance.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Getting a high class participation mark in Contracts without speaking once all semester.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Mi Gna - Mr Super Sako.

My biggest regret from law school is being pressured into attending SULLS events.

What got me through Law School was my exceptionally detailed notes (from others).

My favourite memory from law school is the morning drives to class with two distinguished law school legends.

Peter is my inspiration. He's the only person I know who can start and finish entire seasons of tv shows during stuvac and still manage to smash his exams. He's also a decent friend too I guess. - Jessica Joseph

Extremely high value, one of the most efficient operators per unit of effort put in, and a loyal dude - even coming back for an extra semester to spend it with the boys. - Johnny Farhart

So glad you saw the light and transferred over from UTS, and I'm sure you are more than glad too. It's been a pleasure getting through law with you. - Arun Lertsumitkul

It was great meeting you! Keep up the good work. - Melissa Martin

The G Wizard was an expert at open book exams, this earned him the nickname 'Trolley-load Litigator'. He was incredibly sneaky, which earned him the nickname 'Sneaky Pete'. Peter had many nicknames - he truly is a man of many talents and names, but an even better friend. - Dimitry Palmer

PITA!!! - Dawen Lin

Jasmin Jade Hamade



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be 'she's always overdressed'.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have become a dentist.

After I graduate I will be pursuing a career in corporate law (original, right!?).

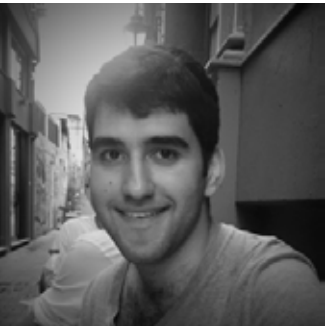
The soundtrack to my law journey would be 'Big Girls Don't Cry' by Fergie.

My biggest regret from law school is persuading myself that it will be perfectly okay to timetable class 9am to 9pm back-to-back.

What got me through Law School was the good banter on the regular, long law lawn lunches, all-nighters, lawbry study dates and a two-day timetable.

If your wardrobe went to court it would be setting fashion precedent. – Anthony Makragelidis

Arin Harman



[LLB]

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Having a hashtag dedicated to how unphotogenic I can be, and a change.org petition to change my Facebook profile picture.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be the soothing sound of printers breaking 1 hour before the deadline.

What got me through Law School was things and people. Things: Brennan J's judgments, Petit Biscuit, and quality gin. Best served with 3 parts gin, 2 parts Brennan J, and 1 part Petit Biscuit. People: Friends and family. Shout out to the DT's, Nicholas Vlatko, Hair Dude, that one person I consistently saw in the library who motivated me to actually study (thank you).

My favourite memory from law school is studying and learning with a fantastic range of people. I particularly appreciate the early mornings, late nights, and phone calls at stupid hours to clarify technicalities that were never examined.

Thanks for the pre-exam breakfasts, your Milsons Point hospitality, your lovely family and Japan Horse Racing memories.
– Longen Lan

Best part about going to uni was meeting people like Arin Harman. Great at finding niche study spots on campus, compiling legislation, linking high quality articles and memes and being one of the nicest people you'll ever meet. Count yourself lucky if you ever get to see the shirt unbutton and the chest emerge on the dancefloor. Please become PM and save Australian politics. – Ruben Robertson

My Turkish Delight. – Kishor Napier-Raman

Shakira Harrison



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have fled to Vienna with my schnauzer and opened a patisserie.

After I graduate I will be trying to make it through the 9 - 5 (or is that 5 - 9?).

My biggest regret from law school is continuing to buy soy chai lattes from Taste despite being disappointed every time.

What got me through Law School was the endless support of friends and the inspiring words of Gerangelos.

I actually can't recall how our friendship began, but I'm glad it did. You are a beautiful person, inside and out, and I love being around your bubbly, warm and calming energy. I'm excited for our future of movie dates and inner-west brunches.

– Aleksandra Pasternacki

A gorgeous woman with a heart of gold who is going fabulous places. – Madelyn Smith

One of the loveliest, brightest people I've met in Law School <3 – Tiffany Wu

Juliana Hasham



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be USYD's cramming champion.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have had a life.

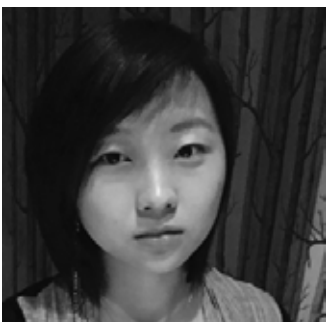
My biggest regret from law school is studying law.

What got me through Law School was caffeine (and friendships!).

My favourite memory from law school is law lawn lunches!

I don't think I could have survived law school without Juliana constantly gracing me with her words 'I haven't started either'. It was music to my ears even though she had 25 weddings each weekend as an excuse and I had nothing. – Ariane Demetriou

Charmaine Gucan He



[JD]

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Unforgettable memory of endless struggle before exams. Insane amounts of pages to recite before closed book exams.

My biggest regret from law school is too many things happened, not study hard enough.

What got me through Law School was kindness received from friends and lots of videochat with my dog lol.

My favourite memory from law school is how friends support each other through words and how we suffer together from law school.

You've been a friendly face from day one and a constant source of reassurance and encouragement. Best of luck with your travels, and hope to see you in Australia soon! Congratulations on all you've achieved <3 – Isabel Hernandez

You have been so helpful and kind, i can't thank you enough for being there. Four women wolf pack represent! Haha xx – Priscilla Calabria

Brett He



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be let's get beers.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have enjoyed my life a lot more.

After I graduate I will be confused as to what trickery enabled me to graduate in the first place.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be How Did I Get Here – ODESZA.

My biggest regret from law school is buying the two textbooks I ever did.

What got me through Law School was my friends marking me off in class.

My favourite memory from law school is cramming 7 people into a 4 person Uber after watching the 2018 World Cup Final in Indonesia on an offshore law unit.

'Remember that time you said you promised to mark my name off 3 weeks in a row and I was marked absent for 3 weeks in a row?' – Jasmin Hamade

I will miss the mechanical clicking of your keyboard in the library and the seething anger of those in its immediate vicinity.
– Adam Simpson

We'll always have that night in New York :) – Ronnie Taneja

Isabel Hernandez



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have continued my life as an early childhood teacher in blissful ignorance of the AGLC.

What got me through Law School was tea, snacks, and facebook group chats.

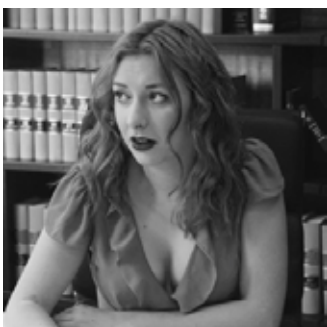
My favourite memory from law school is Anne Twomey reading Dr Seuss. I wish I also remembered what she was teaching us at the time but I guess we can't have everything.

Thank you for all the kindness and help. The best thing happened to me in that summer school class was sitting next to you and getting to know you more. Looking forward to more group gatherings and more interesting conversations in the future.
– Charmaine Qucan He

Law School angel, knower of all graduate application deadlines. Thank you for being the guiding light of a sometimes frantic group chat. – Gabrielle Sterrey

Isabel is amazing, from day in criminal law she has been such a friendly and kind person! Thank you for getting me through law school! Four women wolf pack represent! Haha xx – Priscilla Calabria

Carla Higgins



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be bubbly, outgoing and resounding.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Law Revue. My profile picture is a still from a shoot in the 2017 Production: "Law Law Land". The opportunity

to get involved in a creative space and satirise the current climate helped alleviate the high intensity associated with Law School.

The only person who arrived at USyd as a wine snob and left as a goon slob. – James Fyfe

David Hogan



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be ambitious, political, tall.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have would have tried to get into Parliament #hacklife

After I graduate I will be taking a holiday and hopefully working on a business!

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Shout out to Vinny, Rajiv, AJ and Ed + the many others that made Law School worthwhile!

The soundtrack to my law journey would be 'Run To Paradise' - The Choirboys.

My biggest regret from law school is taking some things too seriously and stressing myself out (especially about jobs). If it is meant to be, it is meant to be!

What got me through Law School was my friends (thanks for the scaffolds Vinny you legend) and the Brennan Maccallum Learning Hub- it was such a good secret study spot!

My favourite memory from law school is wearing a Make America Great Again to the Public International Law exam (which happened to be on the day of the 2016 U.S. Election), completing an exam which had a problem question that mocked Trump, coming out of the exam, checking my phone and finding out that Trump beat Hillary and was now President!

Scomo out, Hogan in! – Rajiv Chandrasena

The man, the myth, the future prime minister. – Aleksandra Jez

David, I don't think anyone would every contradict me when I say you're a truly unique person. I've always respected you for staying true to your convictions and the pursuit of yours dreams and sought-after future. I have no doubt that with your determination and indefatigable spirit, you will go on to live out all your dreams. – Aleksandra Pasternacki

Nicholas Darcy Horgan



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Determination, Pluck, And.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have attended Wingham University (it's an abattoir).

After I graduate I will be completing a PhD in Mathematics at Oxford University.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Constantly eating hot chips in Federal Constitutional Law.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be the first movement of Moonlight Sonata on repeat forever (bliss).

My biggest regret from law school is getting too high marks and alienating all my friends from how smart I am :(

What got me through Law School was my good mates Mark and Jez - shout out to original El Dude Brothers: AAAARRRHH.

My favourite memory from law school is getting my highest ever mark of 67 in Equity :)

The inspirational story of a boy who went from cow tipping to latte sipping. – James Fyfe

Nick hails from the small country town of Wingham and is my convenient "go-to" when I stake my vicarious claim as a "true blue" Australian. That claim is now futile as years of law school and life in the Inner West has turned Nick into a denim wearing, bass strumming, piccolo sipping hippy. – Nicholas Yuen

Nick is a good egg. – Hamza Faridy

Hands-down the funniest person in our cohort since the bus to law camp in '14. The signature Nick Horgan brand of humour became a Sydney Law School staple as hordes of friends adopted his mannerisms like wildfire. I hear he's in a band!!! – Madelyn Smith

You supported me when I was nothing but an arts major. Best of luck with all your future endeavours. – Olivia Irvine

Jessica Horn



[JD]

Jess thank you for being such a kind and caring influence over the past three years. In particular, thank you for teaching me TC2. I probably would have failed if it weren't for you! - Grace Lovell-Davis

Bruce Huang



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been happy and healthy.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Young Dumb & Broke.

What got me through Law School was knowing that I wasn't at UNSW instead.

Good chats, best judgements... - Theo Magdas

Zhi Lin Huang



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have probably been just as lost as I am now.

What got me through Law School was living by the motto "p's get degrees".

My favourite memory from law school is being responsible for losing the punting stick in the River Cam after reassuring everyone "I've got this".

My biggest regret from law school is not going on exchange.

Thanks for being the best loris. Looking forward to many more spicy meals together. - Christie Wilson

Cleo Joannou



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a chef and eaten my way to an early grave.

After I graduate I will be in debt to the Commonwealth Govt.

What got me through Law School was Taste brownies and sausage rolls.

My favourite memory from law school is celebrating birthdays on the law lawns with lots of friends and giant cakes.

Cleo has been there for me since day one of law school and I couldn't be more grateful. She's always amazing to bounce ideas off for assignments but even more amazing to hang out with or get low on the dance floor with! - Jessica Joseph

The one who kept me sane and wholesome from all the food she would feed us in class. Thank you. - Melissa Martin

Summer Irvin



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be Elle Woods Wannabe.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have probably needed botox a lot later in life...

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? No thanks, Usyd law

students already do enough of that! I'll save it for the overachiever on the next page.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "I will survive".

My biggest regret from law school is doubting myself.

What got me through Law School was coffee... and my amazing friends, family & partner.

My favourite memory from law school is taking a summer class at the University of Cambridge!

Olivia Irvine



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Lord Denning fan.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have accepted my fate as a brilliant English scholar.

After I graduate I will be taking a nap and checking my emails.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? The seagull - hopefully somewhere in this publication. I drew that on MS Paint - given the limits of the medium, you should be 100% impressed.

My biggest regret from law school is I didn't get to have an Elle Woods court scene - what was the point of going to

law school if I didn't get to defend a murder suspect in open court?

What got me through Law School was my bound edition of the AGLC - a true enemy.

My favourite memory from law school is I accidentally won a corporations text book. It didn't save my mark in that subject though.

Olivia is a good egg - witty, smart and quietly enigmatic. I have full faith that she will obtain gainful employment soon after graduation, and if not could always just be a debating coach for life. - Nicholas Darcy Horgan

Connor Jarvis



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Contra Bonos Mores.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have taken 2 shots off my golf game.

After I graduate I will be at Manning.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I've been playing 4D chess this entire time.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be NO.SLEEP -Odesza.

What got me through Law School was caffeine and dulcet tones of Prof. Gerangelos.

Congratulations, you are an excellent chess player. You also made the most of your physics degree with your head calculations of the trajectory of a lemon wedge. I'm still impressed. - Arin Harman

Connor is a legend, he was always there when he bothered to show up to class. Connor and I met at Law Camp and since then he was always up for a good yarn and a great laugh. He is the kind of person you become life-long mates with quickly! - Dimitry Palmer

Once called Connor to ask how he was answering a certain part of the assignment due the next day and got the reply "what assignment?" After primary school, high school and a science degree, it's been an honour to share this one with you too, can't imagine it without ya. Keen for the next chapter bro. - Ruben Robertson

You Dirty Dog. - Kishor Napier-Raman

A truly great individual with a strong sense of direction, love of learning and lust for life. - Patrick Schwaiger

Michelle Jayasena



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be nice and plump.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have had a much less interesting uni experience.

After I graduate I will be catching up on three years of sleep.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be I'm Still Standing - Elton John.

What got me through Law School was my cats.

My favourite memory from law school is a quote from torts in first year; "and upon their return to shore, our cannibalistic castaways were prosecuted for murder".

Ramen rules. - Cosmos Liu

Arthurshen Jeyakumaran



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be derp, derp and derp.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have enjoyed uni.

After I graduate I will be no idea.

My biggest regret from law school is studying law.

What got me through Law School was my frands.

My favourite memory from law school is Gerangelos.

Thank you for making me snort with laughter during class with your messages and always being there for those rants/goss sessions. - Emily Mo

The best Sri Lankan Auntie a gal could ever ask for. - Christie Wilson

Aleksandra Jey



[JD]

My biggest regret from law school is #noragrets.

What got me through Law School was great friends, coffee and UniBros snack-packs.

My favourite memory from law school is creating friendships that will last a lifetime.

Shout out to my bestie by default <3 – Sophie Peach

I normally have trust issues with people who say "you don't need to drink to have fun", but Aleks is genuinely the warmest, funnest, sweetest, most trustworthy person I've ever met. She is the type of person you can call/text at any time of the day and she will literally be there for you 'no questions asked'. – Sam Dyna (Frouhar)

Always the best dressed at Law School and up for great chats! – David Hogan

I'm sorry I put vodka in your pink lemonade that one time. – Rajiv Chandrasena

Lisa Jiang



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have kept my other degree (film studies) but also studied media comms, which could have opened doors to a lucrative career in screenwriting and film reviewing. That, or probably running a successful tutoring college complete with 'HSC scaling seminars'.

After I graduate I will be working as a graduate in commercial law.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I can moonwalk pretty well.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "Livin' on a Prayer" – Bon Jovi.

What got me through Law School was copious amounts of tea, metal/hard rock music and the support of all the amazing people I'm blessed to have in my life. Also an obligatory shout-out to

Professor Gerangelos for being an inspiration and absolute legend of the Sydney Law School.

My favourite memory from law school is too many to choose from, but probably a night amongst many of karaoke and izakaya adventures joined by local students during the Japanese Law unit which began in Shinjuku and ended at the Tsukiji Fish Market the following morning.

Lisa, you are an all-round wonderful person and I am so glad to have gone through law school with you. Thanks for all your support throughout the years! – Christina Dang

Lisa for the love of god if you don't write something about me I will LOSE IT, and I'm putting myself out on a limb here by dedicating this note expressly to this, but also by writing about it I'm making it a joke because then this becomes a meta-note, so two negatives cancel out and I'm Cool. – Nina Mao

The best thing to come out of CCP was getting to know you - thanks for everything over the last four years. – Christie Wilson

Jessica Joseph



[LLB]

The soundtrack to my law journey would be I'm Upset – Drake.

My biggest regret from law school is spending a small fortune on textbooks which still remain in their original packaging.

What got me through Law School was a lot of red bull, minimal readings (and sleep) and some really great friends.

Thank God for Jessica's ability to type notes word for word in lectures because, without her, I don't think I would have passed FedCon or PIL A. That, and her positive energy, selflessness and honesty, got me through law school. – Jonathan Tan

Sassy and smart. The killer lass hailing from Quakers Hill!! – Melissa Martin

An angel who not only supported but encouraged my eating of taste sausage rolls and brownies in mid class breaks. Thank you for increasing my cholesterol levels. – Cleo Ioannou

True OG, reppin the hood the best way she knows how; positive energy always, all bout them good vibes. – Johnny Farhart

Stop being so nice boo boo. – Dawen Lin

Incredibly versatile! For example, she is simultaneously one of the kindest people I know but can also deliver the most savage hits to your ego. – Dharmita Padhi

Richard Karaba



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be another Negroni please.

My fate was sealed before I even had a chance to outline my submissions.

My favourite memory from law school is taking David Rolph's Comparative Media Law unit in Cambridge.

My biggest regret from law school is mishearing Basten JA's question to me in the opening minute of the 2017 FedCon moot finals.

What got me through Law School was telling myself that stress was a condition precedent to productivity.

To my darling Richard, the apple of my eye – I will always be grateful for our dear friendship, the greatest benefit than ran with the all the burdens of law school. – Lee Chen

The most dedicated and supportive friend (and colleague) who steadfastly helped me get through law school's final act. Thank you Porchie! – Matthew Yeldham

Alice Kary



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have studied honours in socio-legal studies under my arts degree.

What got me through Law School was coffee and lecture notes.

My favourite memory from law school is attending Professor Mary Crock's classes.

Sarfraz Khan



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Single. Stubborn. Straightforward.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have eventually studied Law because one does not simply choose Law, the Law life chooses you. And sadly it chose me!

After I graduate I will be dating. To qualify as a date, you must be, without limitation, a reasonable person who is adequately attractive, funny, genuine,

gritty and hard-working. You may submit expressions of interest through LinkedIn.^[1]

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? The innumerable rejections that I have received for job applications.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Good Old Days – Macklemore feat. Kesha.

My biggest regret from law school is not failing enough.

What got me through Law School was prima facie, my overwhelming Band 5 ATAR and plenty of coffee thereafter.

My favourite memory from law school is not having a memory during each and every examination.

^[1]LinkedIn, Sarfraz Khan
<<https://au.linkedin.com/in/sarfrazkhan94>>

Sarfraz has done everything required to be a lawyer except finding a woman. – Muhammad Akiful Islam.

Sarfraz is a great listener who always has something to say about everything in life, which shows how mature he is! But his mouth can be his weapon too – very sharp and straightforward. You won't find the word 'sugarcoat' in his dictionary.
– Adi Sala Takiveikata.

Sarfraz has demonstrated an aptitude for not following instructions and being stubborn. Sarfraz has also been in the law library so long that he can probably assert his claim for title to the desk seated directly opposite to the library ladies. He's currently accepting payments of rent. – Kenny Wu.

William Khun



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have probably a healthier work/life balance.

After I graduate I will be continuing my quest to find new and exciting ends of the metaphoric candle to burn.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be an invigilator saying "you may begin writing", immediately followed by a fire alarm.

What got me through Law School was caffeine, workaholism, obstinacy, two years of Moot Court access, the love and support of my family, and the amazing companionship of my law school peers. I'm incredibly grateful for and honoured by their friendship, acceptance, advice, and gifts of alcohol.

I also couldn't have gotten through Law School without the endless and

unqualified support of Steph Rowland - thank you for always having my back, and being there when I needed it most.

My favourite memory from law school is doing Jessup with the team. Whether doing alignment quizzes, enjoying the delights of Ultra Bar, or developing incredibly, incredibly niche jokes about aquifers and cultural property, you taught me so much, and I treasure my memories of our time together.

Will delights to do justice with clean hands, will take jurisdiction to preserve equality, will not let trust fail, will not let wrongs occur, and will follow the law unless equity prevails. Despite all the sass, he is a genuinely lovely, wholesome, and kind human being. – May Yang

Will is exceedingly delightful and insanely intelligent, so if you get him started on equity, consider it a victory if you understand even a third of what is being said. – Madelyn Smith

Ho Yan Ko



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be always bring snacks.

What got me through Law School was knowing that there will always be someone who's more last minute than I am - it offers the littlest bit of comfort in desperate times!

My favourite memory from law school is being so nervous before the torts moot that I misplaced my laptop. Classic.

An indispensable part of my law school journey, whether it be in her capacity as the smarter friend, source of emergency snacks or Instagram hand model. - Jie Yu

Roman Konig



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a lot less stressed, and a whole lot more relaxed over the last three years.

After I graduate I will be finally doing some long-awaited travelling, before diving into full-time work in the world of commercial law.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be No Tears Left To Cry - Ariana Grande.

My biggest regret from law school is buying all those bulky textbooks in first year, but then never ending up reading or using them.

What got me through Law School was all the notes handed down to me from other students, seriously such a lifesaver. That, and developing a heavy reliance on coffee to survive class/exams.

My favourite memory from law school is attending the Shanghai Winter School in 2016, where I made some of my closest friends from law school. Surviving the intense ticket buying experience and then being able to go to law ball each year was also a definite highlight!

All the best to your future. Wish you get whatever you want in life. BTW I will be waiting for you to find me in LinkedIn and hire me in the future :p. - Charmaine Qucan He

Thanks for the laughs and copious snacks. Always a treat learning all things prid pro quo. - Ksenia Malkina

Longen Lan



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be human shiba inu.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have a higher WAM.

After I graduate I will be finally realising my aspirations of growing out a fully-fledged man bun that I've repeatedly had to put on hold due to job interviews... for a few months anyway before work starts.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Being able to date the smokin' hot 2017 SALS Vice-President (Careers). The secret? Opening our first conversation at Law Camp talking about Physics.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be (1) Hardhome, (2) Hold the Door, and (3) Against All Odds by Ramin Djawadi, Game of Thrones Seasons 5, 6, and 7 soundtracks respectively.

My biggest regret from law school is worrying too much about what others think.

What got me through Law School was Oporto, my Penny board, Macquarie Uni Library, ABS, Lawbrary, the Forest app, memes, my daily exam period Instagram polls, Ogalo, two FIFA World Cups, The Dumpling Trashers especially Nicholas Vlatko, and worrying less about what others think.

My favourite memory from law school is the Dunkaroo.

I think the first thing he said to me when we first met at First Year Law Camp was "Did you know that Alpha Centauri is the second closest star to Earth?" An all-round intelligent, supportive and witty human albeit with disappointing football team preferences (Arsenal). – Tiffany Wu

I know Longen (Lange Test) is one of my best friends because he is the person I verbally abuse the most via Facebook voicenotes, text messages and snapchats. In my books, there is no higher honour. MCGEELL. – Sam Dyna (Frouhar)

He's a gentleman. He's a person you can confide in. He's a soft-spoken, humble genius who rides a skateboard! The only treasurer I've treasured being in my life. – Gaston Gratton

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate. Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And summer's lease hath all too short a date. – Grace Franki

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate. Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And summer's lease hath all too short a date. – Kishor Napier-Raman

Austin J Landgraf



[JD]

Emily Lau



[LLB]

Samantha Lawford



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be answers tutor's questions.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have become a historian on Ancient Rome.

After I graduate I will be no idea because I'm not technically graduating for another year... probably unemployed and trying to learn French.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Survivor - Destiny's Child.

My biggest regret from law school is buying so many baguettes from Taste and boycotting law revue because I didn't make the cut in 2015.

What got me through Law School was the amazing people, lots of tea and never doing any of the optional exams.

My favourite memory from law school is sunny picnics on the law lawns with friends.

Sam, you are truly a gift to this world. - Bianca Lucia Tini Brunozzi

Always a ray of sunshine in the law school. - Madelyn Smith

Discussing Judaism over some non-kosher dumplings, followed by the realisation that our mums were best mates in university and we had no idea, remains one of the strangest and loveliest moments of law school. Thank you for your friendship, and I look forward to many more years of it to come! - Adam Waldman

Jae Ho Lee



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Egg Tart Enthusiast.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have become the President of JAEHOvah's Witnesses.

After I graduate I will be online.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I've been named

as the sole beneficiary in a Nigerian prince's will, and will be inheriting at least \$10 million.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be I Gave You All - Mumford & Sons.

My biggest regret from law school is See We're the Millers. Dir. Rawson M. Thurber. Warner Bros, 2013. Film.,

at [1:22:04].

What got me through Law School was Taste, Fisher Coffee Cart, Ralph's Cafe, Courtyard, Cafe Azzuri, and Parma Cucina. Oh and UniBros of course.

My favourite memory from law school is See Thurber, above n 6, at [1:37:12].

Always reassuring to know someone else is having their birthday during STUVAC and that I can always confirm the exam venue with you because you'll most likely be sitting in front of me! Is Lee^2 still happening? (Just remember: TSGH) - Diana Lee

Diana Lee



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be just woke up.

My biggest regret from law school is not selling all my textbooks before they became outdated.

What got me through Law School was Ubereats, late-night catch-ups in the lawbry, SULS happy hours, and spontaneously flying out every chance possible after completing an exam or submitting an assignment.

Thank you so much for putting up with my craziness over the years. You are the Blair to my Serena and I know we will always remain friends <3 – Samantha Ryu

Diana, you are one of the smartest, and yet most humble people I know. I'm glad I met you in that first Foundies class, even though you thought I was Vietnamese for the first few weeks. – Matthew Shim

Diana Lee and her endless supply of Chobani ensured that I made it through my final two years of Law School. Her kind company and limitless capacity to pull late night study sessions at the Lawbry are of conspicuous merit. A friend who always went the extra mile. – Spyridon Augoustinos

Kind-hearted and goal-driven - 100% Lee & Lee partner material. - Jae Ho Lee

Sophie Leitch



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be awkward, tall, banal.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Finding the secret law bathrooms that don't smell. Game changer.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be the theme song of 'So Little Time' (Mary-Kate and Ashley).

After I graduate I will be adrift.

My biggest regret from law school is not being more involved.

You have a beautiful soul and I am so glad to have met you. – Samantha Ryu

Guy Lemmon



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be In forma pauperis.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Don't Stop Me Now – Queen.

What got me through Law School was Wikipedia and Red Bull.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have less knowledge of pretentious Latin terms.

My biggest regret from law school is buying textbooks.

My favourite memory from law school is Peter Gerangelos and his voice of caramelised honey.

After I graduate I will be a lawyer at Allens.

Arun Lertsumitkul



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have disappointed my parents.

After I graduate I will be eat-praying around Europe and South America.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "I Didn't Know You Were In This Seminar" - Classmate in Week 10.

My biggest regret from law school is trying to learn directors duties the morning of the Corps exam and chundering in the toilets mid-seminar in Tokyo during the summer Japanese Law course after staying out til 5am the night before.

What got me through Law School was notes courtesy of MC, Fayzan and SHOare.

My favourite memory from law school is attending every class.

I met Arun during 0-week, and it's been a pleasure attending class with him ever since. – Zachary Chang

The most efficient operator in the game, submitted more special cons than assignments, a true inspiration to all those in their final hours before a deadline. Whenever you face a struggle, always think, what would Arun do? – Johnny Farhart

Truly one of the greats, whose greatness extended beyond special consideration. – Peter Gullotta

Arun strived to achieve a perfect non-attendance, sadly this was tarnished due to the goodwill of his mates who always signed in for him. Despite this, he managed to pull off HDs with little to no study – a man too smart for his own good. A great friend that was always there for you when he decided to rock up to class. – Dimitry Palmer

Lucy Lester



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have likely been employable and personally fulfilled. But at least I'm across directors' duties for when I'm chairing the boards of multiple Fortune 500 companies.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be I've Never Been To Me

- Charlene, or for a more uplifting track, Bastille's 'Oblivion'.

My biggest regret from law school is hating Tom Davidson McLeod for two years. Should have stuck at it for the full six.

What got me through Law School was the steadily declining academic standards.

My favourite memory from law school is hearing people laugh at the first joke on Law Revue's opening night each year, second only to reading Project Blue Sky.

Elijah Lim



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been an anarchist, probably.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Strauss's Alpine Symphony. It depicts the climbing of an Alpine

mountain, starting in darkness just before daybreak, then ending again in darkness after nightfall.

My biggest regret from law school is all the unnecessary printing.

What got me through Law School was level 0 bathrooms.

My favourite memory from law school is The wisdom of Professor Gerangelos.

Dawen Lin



[LLB]

After I graduate I will be a graduate.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Lost in Japan.

My biggest regret from law school is studying too much.

What got me through Law School was friends.

My favourite memory from law school is that one time at band camp.

For someone who only came to 10% of his classes, Dawen always managed to ace all his classes #bitterAF. But in all seriousness, one of the most amazing and loyal guys I know. – Jonathan Tan

DAAAAAWWWEEEN – Adam Simpson

Even though I spent most of last sem marking Dawen off the roll, what he lacked in physical presence at uni, he made up for in listening skills whenever I had to complain. Yes ladies, he is indeed single and a great guy (if you can look past the lame jokes). – Jenny Chen

Stole my name in a Corporations Law Kahoot Quiz and made me famous - forever indebted to you. – Tiffany Wu

Cosmos Liu



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be genuine; tired; whatever.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a food critic #cosmoseatery.

After I graduate I will be getting a law job, if not, honestly considering becoming a food critic.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Moot court access plus keys.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Attention.

My biggest regret from law school is not being game enough to moot.

What got me through Law School was food remedy and treats I brought for myself for the entire degree.

My favourite memory from law school is when the lecturer automatically gave you an extension to the assignment.

For someone who's such a mum, I should have known you also make Sydney's best sushi. – Jeremy Chan

Cosmos has such a sweet disposition, and is somehow cheerful and lovely even while stranded in a broken down car on a highway, begging Ubers to drive twenty minutes to pick us up. – Madelyn Smith

Grace Lovell-Davis



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have much better eyesight and probably less frown lines.

After I graduate I will be getting out of Sydney as quickly as I can and then working out what I want to be when I grow up.

My biggest regret from law school is not doing an overseas unit!

What got me through Law School was my friends, fear of failure and copious amounts of coffee.

My favourite memory from law school is that incredibly intoxicating feeling after you walk out of your last exam, not even caring about how it went, just knowing that you don't have to wake up at some ungodly hour the next morning to study, that you're free (until next semester).

Emily Ma



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have better eyesight.

After I graduate I will be ready to change the world.

What got me through Law School was the wise words of the lecturers, my friends and coffee.

My favourite memory from law school is the amazing overseas study experiences with my friends.

I am grateful to have gone through five years of law school with such an incredibly kind and supportive friend. Emily, thanks for all the memories - from first year classes, to Shanghai and everything in between! - Christina Dang

You're one of the first friends I made at uni and I'm so lucky to have spent my 5 years of law school with your friendship. You're such a thoughtful, calm and well-mannered person and I sometimes wonder how you've managed to deal with my uncouth ways. I admire how respectful you are, your love for your family, and I also find endearing your love of cute things. We should go watch a cute movie like the Minions together again after we graduate from law school. - Lisa Jiang

James Madden



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be meticulous, bubbly, caffeinated.

After I graduate I will be selling out to the corporate world until I can start my own brewery in the French Riviera.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "I get knocked down (but I get up again)" - Chumbawamba.

What got me through Law School was the fatal combination of Hey You,

an access card and the proximity of Taste's highly effective coffee.

My favourite memory from law school is meeting so many smart, enthusiastic and genuine people!

"One cannot escape understanding basic principles of equity in Australian law" - Equity Exam v Madden (No 1) [2017] per Glister J at [1].

James was a suspiciously close friend and excellent partner in crime. Mostly professional in his role as my secretary other than that one time he messed up resulting in us doing the legal profession essay in 10 hours. - Adam Simpson

James was a reliable friend who was always there to sign me off in class. Except that one time he forgot to for 3 weeks in a row and I almost failed Legal Prof. - Ronnie Taneja

Most likely to be LinkedIn stalked by both female and male colleagues for his DP and work experience. - Tiffany Wu

James is my favourite homeless/Tarzan-looking surfer dude banker with a GREAT laugh you can recognize from a mile away. - Sam Dyna (Frouhar)

Theo Magdas



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be I hate uni.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been useful.

After I graduate I will be useless.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Not really...

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Twinkle Twinkle I am a star!

My biggest regret from law school is enrolment.

What got me through Law School was Fox Sports News.

My favourite memory from law school is leaving....

Theo was the ultimate righty amongst so many lefties and for this, we thank you! – Ariane Demetriou

Theo's notes saved my WAM, saved me from buying textbooks and saved me from listening in class. Didn't save me from the glare of lecturers when we were caught talking though. – Sean Molina

Elle Makeig



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be really rather concise.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have performed poorly.

My favourite memory from law school is long term.

A brilliant mind and a brilliant human. – Gab Royle

Anthony Makragelidis



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Novus Actus Interveniens.

After I graduate I will be admitting myself to the (nearest) Bar.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "The Climb" – Miley Cyrus.

My biggest regret from law school is not getting on a first-name basis with the barista from Taste.

What got me through Law School was past notes? No chance. I'm an independent studious boy.

You light up my world. – Samantha Ryu

To the greatest stress eating, exam cramming, jet setting buddy a girl could ask for. Thanks for the good times default friend.
– Alana Galasso

You will always be my Actus Reus. We're the dynamic duo- this is undeniable. I'm so glad I have someone to suffer through salads with every lunchtime. If it wasn't for you, I'd probably get more work done in the lawbry, but because of you, I've had the funniest, most hilarious and ridiculous study sessions possible. – Aleksandra Pasternacki

There's no day in the library without a little drama from Anthony Maka. – Lia Georgantis

'Remember that time you established your very own pantry with disposable cups and teabags hidden inside the bookshelves of Lawbry?' – Jasmin Hamade

The self-proclaimed "Sex God Sent from the Heavens", Anthony is really one of a kind. One of my first friends at uni - thanks for all the memories Antonio! X – Elizabeth (Liz) Sheahan

The BachelAW of our hearts. Yes I WILL accept your clerkship. Anthony is the hilarious and wonderful human you can always look to for good cheer, great fun, and the very best attitude to life. May our stash of tea and cookies live on in the Lawbry forevermore. – Madelyn Smith

Ksenia Malkina



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have become a crazy dog lady.

After I graduate I will be wishing I was still at uni reeling in the student discounts.

What got me through Law School was snacks & Netflix.

My favourite memory from law school is apart from finishing Law School, any subject taught by Penny Crossley- an absolute hero of our time.

Thank you for always having the ability to answer any and all questions the night before every law exam I ever took and for slogging through those 9 - 6 days with me in second year. – Roman Konig

Megh Mankad



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been teaching my dog tricks, and not sitting in Lawbry.

My biggest regret from law school is buying brand new textbooks in first year.

What got me through Law School was a Google Drive of shared study notes.

My favourite memory from law school is FedCon with Professor Gerangelos.

Natalie Mankarious



[LLB]

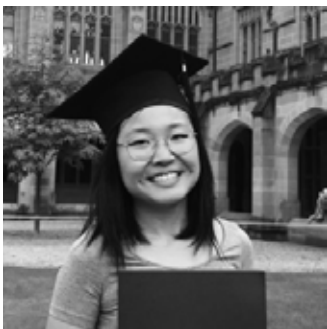
Three words which describe me would be wild, free & loving.

After I graduate I will be a yogi, entrepreneur and activist.

Exemplary law student. The pinnacle of academic virtue. – Zachary Chang

Listening to the adventures of Nat Mank were what got me through law school. – Ariane Demetriou

Nina Mao



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have MORE HOBBIES.

After I graduate I will be still trying to make it big in the secondhand textbook market.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? You're welcome.

What got me through Law School was the people along the way... no joke, full cheese.

Nina, you are, and will forever be, brilliant! – Bianca Lucia Tini Brunozzi

Baby you're a firework. – Blade Atton

YASSSSS NINA – Samantha Lawford

Marekret Markos



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be I'm always late.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a lot more mentally stable.

After I graduate I will be in so much debt.

My biggest regret from law school is choosing Sydney Uni.

Melissa Martin



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be bubbly, loud, cool.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have finished uni earlier.

After I graduate I will be free.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Western Sydney Represent ~ 2766 ~

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Green Day - Wake Me Up When September (Semester) Ends.

My biggest regret from law school is not eating more of the rosemary and cheese baguettes from Taste.

What got me through Law School was my friends.

My favourite memory from law school is closed book exams!!!

Your ability to write every word the lecturers said down meant I didn't have to, for that my notes are truly grateful.
- Cleo Ioannou

Mel is such a fun person to be around in and outside of uni. She's always there for you (even with transcribing lectures word-for-word), is super organised but most importantly is a blast to be around! - Jessica Joseph

It was great meeting you! Keep up the good work dude! - Peter Gullotta

True OG, reppin the hood the best way she knows how; positive energy always, all bout them good vibes. - Johnny Farhart

Despite her height, Mel was always the life of the party and had the most upbeat personality which made uni so much more enjoyable #SoyMilkBuddies - Jonathan Tan

Samantha McDonald



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been an economist.

After I graduate I will be a corporate lawyer.

What got me through Law School was coffee with friends.

My favourite memory from law school is meeting interesting people.

Rose McEvoy



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be outgoing, dedicated and honest (sometimes too honest).

If I hadn't studied law, I would have become a sommelier.

After I graduate I will be selling my soul to a commercial firm!

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I made it through

law school without having a mental breakdown!

The soundtrack to my law journey would be 'Tubthumping' - Chumbawamba.

My biggest regret from law school is strangely no regrets, which makes me think I shouldn't have made such 'mature' choices...?!

What got me through Law School was chocolate, lots of chocolate. Oh, and COFFEE!!!

My favourite memory from law school is definitely studying media law at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge University! Amazing experience with a phenomenal bunch of students!

Very grateful to have been able to travel through the second half of my degree alongside such a charismatic, intelligent and supportive friend. - Nick Smith

Lizzie Miller



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a museum curator.

After I graduate I will be relaxing and catching up on sleep.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "Survivor" by Destiny's Child.

What got me through Law School was my friends, food and... BarNet Jade.

Genuine and loyal. One of the nicest people you will ever meet. - Maggie Shahpar Farahbakht

Emily Mo



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have better eyesight.

After I graduate I will be far, far away from the law building and its toilets.

What got me through Law School was vietnamese pork baguettes @Taste, Jason's selfless distribution of notes and Le Corg's reassuring pat pats.

My favourite memory from law school is punting down the river in Cambridge...then realising we're missing our punting pole.

Thanks for sending all the many, many naked mole rat pictures in class - I wouldn't have made it through Income Tax without them. - Christie Wilson

You won't find a more bubbly human than Em Mo in law school. I still remember our Washington DC and Chicago travels together - definitely a highlight of my uni! - Tiffany Wu

Lucas Moctezuma



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be no longer studying.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have probably been arrested that one time.

After I graduate I will be either fighting for justice with an iron sword, or lining up at Centrelink. One of the two.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Not really.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be definitely 'The Lincoln Lawyer' soundtrack - "Reasonable doubt for a reasonable fee. Crooks getting off and the reason is me. I am the judge, jury and the bailiff, back seat of a Lincoln, taking out the plaintiffs..."

My biggest regret from law school is not jumping on the table and screaming

"Objection!" when exam time was up before I finished writing.

What got me through Law School was Money and privilege. Not gonna lie.

My favourite memory from law school is Gerangelos' inspiring words. That way when I go to Centrelink and am looking into the abyss, I will find my character.

Pedram Mohseni



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be jaded, cynical, ogre.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have had a chance at happiness.

After I graduate I will be a blight on humanity, just like the rest of the legal profession.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I can still string a sentence together.

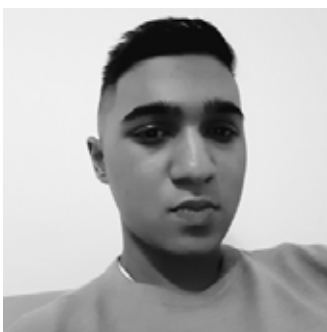
The soundtrack to my law journey would be the sound of silence. I am not referring to the song by Simon and Garfunkel. In fact, this is altogether incorrect, because people in the Law Library just won't shut the f*** up.

My biggest regret from law school is about forty thousand cigarettes.

What got me through Law School was about forty thousand cigarettes.

My favourite memory from law school is I laughed at something once. I can't remember what though.

Sean Molina



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have not had to spend so much time considering what a "reasonable person" would do, and had more time to do more unreasonable things myself, like go on unplanned holidays.

After I graduate I will be forgetting what little I learnt, except for the Carbolic Smoke Ball case.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Survived Law School without a MacBook.

My biggest regret from law school is buying textbooks in first year.

What got me through Law School was endless amounts of coffee. Streaming NBA League Pass and procrastinating in every other way imaginable.

Almost as lazy as me... - Theo Magdas

Ta-Seen Mongzoi



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be usually wearing pink.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been able to maintain snapchat streaks.

After I graduate I will be working on the follow up to my toast photo series on Instagram.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Blank Space - Taylor Swift.

My biggest regret from law school is my coffee addiction.

What got me through Law School was Instagram, online shopping and my friends.

My favourite memory from law school is Law Ball !!!!

Thank you for being there for me... still can't believe you use Bing. - Crystal Yang

Alexandra Moore



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have always wished I had.

After I graduate I will be reading books of my own choosing and enjoying weekends.

What got me through Law School was my family, friends, coffee and a sense of humour.

George Napier

[JD]

Three words which describe me would be efficient.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have less mental health issues.

After I graduate I will be a corporate lawyer (better than a banker at least) and a barrister some day.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I am a Sydney University student, but I don't want to reinforce the stereotype, so no.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be silence, I wore ear plugs in exams.

My biggest regret from law school is not getting into UNSW with Commonwealth Supported funding (still salty).

What got me through Law School was showing up?

My favourite memory from law school is Ben Chen.

The nicest guy I've ever met. - Johnny Farhar

I don't normally associate with people who are fans of Boston sports teams, but because George knows THE FRANK PROVOST he gets a pass. The guy can also pull off a Canadian tuxedo like nobody I know. - Sam Dyna (Frouhar)

Kishor Napier-Raman



[LLB]

After I graduate I will be spending more quality time with Nicholas Vlatko, and likely never using this degree.

My biggest regret from law school is that instead of turning my Blackacre profile into a pithy statement about how Sydney Law is a sometimes

cruel and unforgiving place, where a culture of performative hyper-competitiveness and a fetishisation of the Big 6 can lead to anxiety, alienation and existential angst, I decided to just make jokes about Nicholas Vlatko.

What got me through Law School was Kanye, secondhand notes from students infinitely more dedicated than myself, random sightings of the mysterious 'Hair Dude', and Nicholas Vlatko.

My favourite memory from law school is meeting Nicholas Vlatko.

I appreciate that you can see all the contradictions, my favourite Clarence. – Arin Harman

Give it a couple of years and Kishor's going to be writing the news, so I wouldn't advising burning this bridge. The fountain of pithy observations such as "PEXA is a cult" and "fuck the cap", Kishor can most often be found railing against affirmative-action for non-traditional debating universities. A truly committed trasher at home and abroad. – Ruben Robertson

Incorruptible. – Patrick Schwaiger

Nina Newcombe



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be sorry I'm late.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have become your friendly neighbourhood GP.

After I graduate I will be gleefully heading off to my corporate ivory

tower with a FWC-size pitstop along the way.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be like the sound of six years on that planet with the screaming sun in Rick and Morty...

My biggest regret from law school is opening the floodgates to my boyfriend getting a snake while I was cramming for Equity. I now live with five pythons.

Still mad that we met so late in our law school journeys but forever grateful for all of the laughter, support and Nina's unending willingness to help me with attendance. Sending my love to the (literal) snakes, thank you delightful human. – Emily Shen

For someone who is so wholesome, caring and endlessly devoted to improving the lives and wellbeing of others, you sure do own a lot of snakes. Looking forward to more kebabs, Thai and no free will in the future. – Jeremy Chan

Such a gorgeous, sunshiney soul! Having known her for six years, I can vouch for the fact that she is the real deal – hard-working, super intelligent, and so incredibly loving. A GEM OF A HUMAN BEING. – Ferdous Bahar

Nina is one of the first (and coolest) people I met at law camp back in first year. Thanks for the great memories and friendship through law school. – Chathurika Ravindra

I thought of Nina every single day for the whole semester I did IPCL. I even changed the word "bailor" to "Nina" in my scaffolds. But seriously, Nina is easily the nicest person in this law school. It's not even a competition. Retire her jersey already. – Sam Dyna (Frouhar)

About as likely to show up to your house party as your grandmother! Nevertheless her friends love her dearly. She is quick to laugh and has a heart of gold. – Gaston Gratton

Rémy J. H. Numa



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be bad at word limits.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have regretted it.

After I graduate I will be free!

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I've worked in New York. No big deal. I try not to talk about it.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be a compilation of Gerangelos life lessons.

My biggest regret from law school is assuming I didn't need notes in my first open book exam.

What got me through Law School was Cooper, Alison, and those rare all-day parking spots.

My favourite memory from law school is walking in to Foundies to the Suits theme song.

Dharmita Padhi



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Goddess of Harvest.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have never been driven to drinking.

After I graduate I will be armed with a law degree that makes me employable but unemployed.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be 'Wasting My Young Years' - London Grammar.

My biggest regret from law school is not being best friends with Emily Crawford or adopted by Peter Gerangelos.

What got me through Law School was Barbara pointing out the irony of the death occurring by a man named Hearse in *Chapman v Hearse*.

My favourite memory from law school is any time involving AGLC referencing.

Through Dharmita's weekly dilemmas, blue hair, blonde hair, black hair, I'm glad I've been there through it all. I may encourage all the bad ideas she has in her mind, but she is more sensible than me despite being so much younger than me. Thanks for being a law-lawn-loser with me. - Gina Yeung

Thanks for being my friend boo. Couldn't do it without you. - Jeremy Chan

Gurl, you are my #westside sista, and you definitely have the best hair on campus. You're a sassy pants, but underneath that sass you are a wise owl with an amazing ability to keep everyone around you grounded. The world is definitely a better place with you in it. - Aleksandra Pasternacki

Sydney Law School's own Goddess of the Harvest gives joy, love and insight to her friends like flowers from a cornucopia. - Madelyn Smith

James Palmer



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be that tall bloke.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have stayed in Spain to try to play pro tennis.

After I graduate I will be attempting to pursue a career in criminal law.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Surely the highest mark to study ratio in history.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "Through Years of Oppression" - Shining.

My biggest regret from law school is not doing moot. It seemed like too much of a time commitment but would have been a unique and helpful experience.

What got me through Law School was beer, banter and study notes from previous years!

My favourite memory from law school is battling through endless all-nighters against all odds with good mates.

From spontaneous Salisbury nights, 21st season, frothing over Butt's Land Law, classical conditioning you with Chobani, pulling lawbry all-nighters, justifying eating at Goku Ramen every day to 'practice' for Japanese Law, and crashing a random house party in Melbourne - there's never been a dull moment! - Diana Lee

Dimitry Palmer



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be student politician, conservative, skier.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have only graduated with an Arts Degree.

After I graduate I will be a man with a Law Degree and an Arts Degree.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Being a Young Liberal at Sydney Law School isn't as easy as I made it look! To me, being a Liberal means respecting those that came before us and being thankful for

the opportunities we've been given. I am incredibly thankful for the opportunities given to me as a result of my family's sacrifices, and in particular for the sacrifices of my grandfather, Oleg Maksymow. I hope I've made him proud.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Mi Gna by Super Sako featuring Spitakci Hayko -Johnny Farhart Remix.

My biggest regret from law school is There's probably two: 1) Not missing more classes to go skiing; 2) Not doing any of the assigned readings - actually no, I don't regret that...sorry Professors.

What got me through Law School was the pearls of wisdom from Professor Peter Gerangelos, particularly: "You're an elite. Don't be ashamed of it." and "When you look into the abyss, ladies and gentlemen, that is when you find your character."

My favourite memory from law school is the drive in to uni with Johnny Farhart and Peter Gullotta, especially before an exam. The DJ sessions, the attempt at podcasting our experience for public release, the pre-exam nerves and cramming. If it wasn't for those drives in none of us would have made it to class, exams or graduation, both literally and figuratively.

Law school's finest conservative commentator, a man true to his word and a fine leader. Operates a great shuttle bus service too, playing the freshest domestic and international hits. - Johnny Farhart

A superb friend and an even better Liberal hack. Please remember me I asked for tax immunity when you're Prime Minister. - Arun Lertsumitkul

Dimitry is a great person of principle, conviction and belief. Someone who I had the pleasure of knowing in the later years of uni, I wish we were well-acquainted sooner. - George Bishop

A true voice and man of the people, he's my Caucasian. - Peter Gullotta

Yang Pan



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have studied STEM.

What got me through Law School was lots of caffeine and an unhealthy fear of failure.

Aleksandra Pasternacki



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Coffee. Coffee. Coffee.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been an English Literature Professor... or a rapper.

After I graduate I will be able to have access to cleaner bathroom facilities.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? My ability to memorise ridiculous amounts of content the night before an exam.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Eye of the Tiger.

My biggest regret from law school is not realising at the time that this was the best time in my life.

What got me through Law School was Taste Cafe. My mates. Words of wisdom from Professor Gerangelos.

My lawless partner-in-crime from day one - we did it! Despite our less-than-auspicious start, I cannot imagine law school without Aleks and cannot wait to watch her stylishly take over the world. - Emily Shen

Aleks is a woman who proves that you don't have to sacrifice love and kindness to be the author of your success in a tough world. A true friend, she will listen to you, laugh with you, and selflessly care for you. She is an inspiration. I hope I am always blessed with her friendship over the course of our lives. - Madelyn Smith

I look forward to sharing our caffeine addiction for many years to come. - Alana Galasso

Aleks is an inspiring multi-tasking mastermind always happy to lend an ear and unpack your worries about law school and the lack of eligible Sydney bachelors. - Shakira Harrison

Olenka, you're the mens rea to my actus reus. - Anthony Makragelidis

Having hijacked her phone, handbag and textbooks on a regular basis, I've learned and been inspired by Aleks' formula for success: 25% smarts and hard work, and 75% Taste orders. - Dharmita Padhi

Sass queen, awesome Tax buddy and founding member of the Ryan Gosling Appreciation Society. - Elizabeth (Liz) Sheahan

You're a great friend that always impressed me with your ability to do something that I could never do - textbook readings (I love scaffolds)! - David Hogan

Sophie Peach



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be "I don't understand."

If I hadn't studied law, I would have a far smaller HECS debt.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "Future me hates me" - The Beths.

My biggest regret from law school is buying the textbooks.

What got me through Law School was other people's notes, coffee and wine.

The person you can count on when you need a friend, a laugh or some Scout photos to get you through law school.

– Aleksandra Jez

Why I love Sophie: 1. Scout (her pupper) 2. Her mom is a legend 3. Sophie loves dumplings as much as I do 4. Sophie gets stressed about law school as much (if not more) than I do 5. Every time I get evicted from one house, she's always there to drive me to the next one 6. Her ability to black out and black back in is truly impressive 7. She loves Olivia Dixon as much as I do. – Sam Dyna (Frouhar)

Tahlia Peterson



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have avoided developing a severe addiction to cappuccinos.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be 'One More Cup of Coffee' by Bob Dylan.

What got me through Law School was the generosity of those who signed me off the attendance roll (countless times), comprehensive hand-me-down notes from peers with superior minds and great friendships.

My favourite memory from law school is the incredible experience of the Himalayan Field School in Nepal. I will never forget how the group bonded over the struggle of trekking at dusk through rural Nepal when our trusty yellow school bus got bogged in the mud and half of us had contracted severe food poisoning.

Tahlia is an absolute delight! She will be there when you're up, be there when you're down, be there with a glass of rosé, be there with a mug of tea – she will be there for you, whatever the occasion. – May Yang

A rosé amongst chardonnays. – Emily Shen

The social butterfly and wine connoisseur we all need. – Madelyn Smith

Two of my favourite things in this world are sweet and bubbly. One of them is sparkling wine, and the other is Tahlia. – Gaston Gratton

Thomas Poberezny-Lynch

[JD]

After I graduate I will be see, for example, *Jarvis v Swans Tours* [1973] QB 233.

My favourite memory from law school is see, for example, *Jarvis v Swans Tours* [1973] QB 233.

Nicholas Poon



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be stressed. Very stressed.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been joining others complaining about law students on Usyd rants.

What got me through Law School was stress.

Nick, you are insightful, driven and light-hearted. I look forward to watching your international jet-setting career.

– Bianca Lucia Tini Brunozzi

Amazingly smart and the glue of our group. Thank you Nick for always being there and being vigilant - even during our speech!!

– Matthew de Pree

Nicholas, you are the most delightfully odd creature I know. We wouldn't have you any other way. – Blade Atton

Luka Popovic



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Vodka Red Bull.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? How humble I am.

What got me through Law School was every girl checking me out when I walked into class.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been the 4th member of Migos.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Gucci Gang - Lil Pump.

My favourite memory from law school is when I corrected Gummow in class and he then said I'm the true authority on Equity.

After I graduate I will be a graduate.

My biggest regret from law school is no regrets.

A true Bengoshi, loves cheap sushi and Migos. – Johnny Farhart

Courtney Raad



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be I am vegan.

After I graduate I will be adequate.

My favourite memory from law school is meeting my future husband (TLP Guy).

If I hadn't studied law, I would have disappointed my parents.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be The Affections, starring Greg Tolhurst.

I still can't believe she agreed to date me. – Nick Schaefer

Rosalinda Raiti



[LLB]

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Spotify's discover weekly.

What got me through Law School was incredible friends, Professor Gerangelos' lectures, reading weeks and empty classrooms to study in.

My favourite memory from law school is sitting on the law lawns eating lunch with fantastic company!

Rosalinda is an incredibly bright, positive person who is always willing to help others. She has been a wonderful friend to me for so many years. Thank you for everything, Rozie! – Angela Cartwright

You'll be hard pressed to find a nicer or more genuine friend! – Juliana Hasham

Perfect person to bake giraffe cookies with. Would also pick up avo toast when I was running late - immensely appreciated. – Arin Harman

Chathurika Ravindra



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have become an engineer and never learned the joy of using the AGLC.

What got me through Law School was friendships, inspiring professors and a lot of optimism.

My favourite memory from law school is making new friends at law camp!

After I graduate I will be learning what I 'unlearned' at Usyd (in corporate law).

Efficient degree choice, excellent level of risk tolerance! – Devpaal Singh

Chat, there aren't really words to describe how special you are to me! So thankful to have known you throughout high school and to have our beautiful friendship and sisterhood blossom still further throughout law school. Love you sidey! – Ferdous Bahar

Josh Reisler

[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have continued traveling.

My biggest regret from law school is being unable to find any late night food beyond the library vending machines.

My favourite memory from law school is when I took a subject on drones and the law school gave me 6 credits for it.

After I graduate I will be happy to stop roaming the uni libraries for a vacant seat.

What got me through Law School was the essays and exams. Couldn't get enough of them.

Ruben Robertson



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be eating in class.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been basking in the beauty of mathematics.

After I graduate I will be relearning healthy life habits, rediscovering reading for fun and just maybe trying to do some good with this degree.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? How good is seeing people leave the lawbry at night and still being there when they arrive the next morning because you should've started the assignment earlier? (It's terrible.)

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Lord Of The Rings - Soundtrack HD Complete (with links); Echo360 on at least 1.5x speed; and announcements about the information desk closing. Not frequent enough I reckon.

My biggest regret from law school is nerdy af but only realising how interesting a subject was about two days before the final exam and not being able to engage with all the nuances.

What got me through Law School was shitloads of C8H10N4O2. Also Nick Vlatko saving me seats in every class.

My favourite memory from law school is first meeting my girlfriend at the SULS cruise and her forgetting the conversation ever happened; distracting a bouncer by citing *Rixon v Star City* (with all the arrogance of a first year law student) so that a friend could sneak back into a party; mooting in front of brilliant judges; and the taste of the first schooner after every exam period. Glorious.

Simply the best. – Patrick Schwaiger

Ruben's best quote: "Can I buy your textbooks of you? I know they'll be untouched." – Ronnie Taneja

Gab Royle



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have better eyesight.

After I graduate I will be living my life!

What got me through Law School was a sense of humour, my phenomenal friends and supportive family.

My favourite memory from law school is when Fady asked our Foundations class the ratio of the case and I answered 4:3. Luckily for me, Richard Lyons jumped in and started speaking about the origin of the word 'ratio'.

AKA Mum. Kept me on the straight and narrow, moral compass is a bit more centred now thanks to her. – Jack Bliss

The only reason I made it through 1095 days of JD induced mental breakdowns. – Nicole Burger

You think the royals have it all? Meet Gab Royle, sophisticated, stylish and all class. The crown jewel of my life - and as they say, diamonds are a girl's best friend. – Lee Chen

Gab is somewhat of a hero to me. She's a born leader in and out of the classroom, shows poise in every aspect of her life, is brilliant, has great banter, doesn't take shit from anybody, she loves French cats and I've never heard anyone say a bad thing about her. I have so much to learn from you. – Sam Dyna (Frouhar)

Gab is like the red gummy bear. Sweet and definitely everyone's favourite. – Gaston Gration

Samantha Ryu



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be where's the alcohol.

What got me through Law School was four years of Law Revue!

My favourite memory from law school is going to Berlin for Philosophy of Law! Also, I will never forget pulling an all nighter in the Lawbry the night

before the Legal Profession take-home was due, and the delirious 4:30AM Maccas run...

We're not friends because we're alcoholics, we're alcoholics because we're friends. – Anthony Makragelidis

Such a funny and warm gal pal, it's been a joy doing law with you! – Elizabeth (Liz) Sheahan

Sam taught me what a double renvoi was when no one else could. A scholar and a genius. – Spyridon Augoustinos

Best study partner! It's a shame we didn't become close until our last year but so glad we had our final few subjects together! – Alisha Arora

Thanks for always being a supportive friend and always reminding me there's worse things that can happen in life, like leaving out a whole question in a Fed Con exam. – Anji Sivakumar

The coolest, craziest & cleverest person I know! I won't miss your 'WHERE U', 'I'M SCREWED' messages before exams and assignments – but I will miss you randomly calling me up in the library for happy hour drinks/dinner and spontaneous d&ms (we better keep it a regular thing)! – Diana Lee

Firstly, she's the most melodramatic person I've ever met, which explains why she's excelled at Law Revue. Secondly, because of Law Revue (and her addiction to The Sims), she cannot go a semester without cramming. Thirdly, she has the most malleable surname, which lends itself to low-hanging puns like Law Ryu-vue and Ryu-al Commission. She's filled my time at law school with tear-inducing laughter, and for this, I am immensely grateful. – Eric Gonzales

Sam is like play-doh. Malleable, colourful, and hours playing with her and you still won't get bored. She is my most versatile friend; you can take her anywhere (except places where making large sudden movements and loud noises is frowned upon). She has been my rock during law school - studying till late in the law library, doing cartwheels and backward tumbles in the law lounge, gossiping in the Taste Baguette line. It's the mundane moments with Sam that I love most, when we're both tired or sad or stressed, she makes a black and white life colourful. I will miss not being able to breathe from uncontrollable laughter in the law school corridors because of something absurd she did or said. 2017 revue choreys for life. – Margery Ai

Ishaa Sandhu



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be Basic. Banter. Blessed.

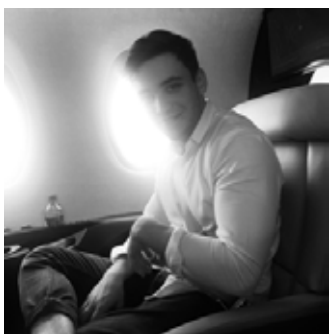
If I hadn't studied law, I would have auditioned to be a Kardashian sister's

best friend.

After I graduate I will be detoxing from Coles Cookies for life.

What got me through Law School was some amazing teachers who made going to class a memorable experience, groups that shared notes, and friends who provided the laughs when most needed.

Nick Schaefer



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be happy, sad, bipolar.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have broken it.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I co-founded a failed startup.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Jaws Theme.

My biggest regret from law school is becoming a corporate shill.

What got me through Law School was Peter Gerangelos.

My favourite memory from law school is Peter Gerangelos.

I love you more than coffee. – Courtney Raad

Du skrattar, du förlorar (you laugh, you lose). – Devpaal Singh

Patrick Schwaiger



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Eat Sleep Repeat.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have conquered the Carpathian Mountains in cardboard-soled shoes.

What got me through Law School was caffeinated bisterbility.

My favourite memory from law school is consorting with my fellow learned law students such as Nicholas Vlatko et al.

Hello, I like you. – Abbey Wiseman

Patrick is the best person to go for long walks on the beach with, especially when you're carrying a broken esky and being followed by a dingo. – Arin Harman

It's been an absolute pleasure to watch Patrick blossom while at university. From the kid in our Foundies tute who didn't go to law camp cause the assignment was due the week after - to the 5th year who rocks up to class after having "only one jug at Manning". Pat is a great housemate and even better bloke. – Ruben Robertson

You might be good at law but you're shit at tennis. – Jeremy Chan

Elizabeth (Liz) Sheahan



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be that 'SULS' girl.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have probably never applied my high school Latin skills.

After I graduate I will be having a few months off, hopefully travelling, before I brave the grown-up world of full-time work and 'adult' Opal card fares.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? The Facebook event descriptions by Tiff and me as campus

cohort reps in 2015, especially "Let's CCP! (Consume Countless Pizzas)".

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor.

My biggest regret from law school is trying to curl my uncurlable hair for three consecutive law balls and failing.

What got me through Law School was my wonderful friends, leftover Ralph's sandwiches from presentations in the

law foyer/lounge, and the lecturers who made our courses memorable (shout-out to Peter Gerangelos and his sage life advice, and Ross Anderson's infectious love of the rule in *Philips v Eyre*).

My favourite memory from law school is showing up to Foundies on the Monday after law camp and feeling like I was now mates with a good chunk of my cohort (and still am!!)

Liz is an absolute legend! Always there for a bit of support (and HD notes) when the late nights began piling up <3
- Alisha Arora

Liz, I still remember the fateful nights in Tax Law where our friendship rekindled. Those evenings taught me that you have an amazing ability to stay awake from 6-9pm for class, but more than that, your constant cheer, intelligence and humour was one of the reasons I enjoyed coming to class. I'll miss our lunch time dates at Taste, and I hope that we'll make the time to spend lunchtimes together after Law School. Love you Lizard. - Aleksandra Pasternacki

You bit my lip at first year camp and I've been scared of lizards ever since. - Anthony Makragelidis

Still proud of the "Law and Order: Pizza" cohort event we organised in second year <3 - Tiffany Wu

An all around fabulous human being and one of the best people to find yourself talking to at a party. Her laugh is as infectious as the flu she is currently encumbered by. Get well soon Liz! - Gaston Gratton

I've always admired your drive and intelligence ever since first year - it has been a pleasure going through these painful five years together <3 - Samantha Ryu

A truly lovely presence in the Law School and a treasured friend. - Madelyn Smith



[LLB]

The soundtrack to my law journey would be It's Nice To Be Alive - Ball Park Music.

My biggest regret from law school is not starting a law school gossip column

called Hearsay. Conversely, I am also grateful to have denied myself/friends the opportunity of putting David Rolph's defamation classes to practice.

What got me through Law School was WellCo (RIP), the SULS crewneck, and some of the greatest mates in the world. Thank you.

I don't even know who I would be without Em Shen. She is the funniest, warmest and most sartorially-inspiring superwoman you'll ever meet. - Nina Newcombe

To have her support is a balm. To have her companionship is vital. And to hear her laugh is joy. Simply put, Emily is the very (very) best. - Gaston Gratton

I still haven't forgiven you for that time you beat me in that English assessment (and I never will), but you have been the one constant through these 6 years of change. I look forward to our #lawless future together, and to be your no. 1 fan as you continue to do great things with your life. - Aleksandra Pasternacki

Em has always been my go-to person whenever I need to justify an unnecessary purchase. Her skills of persuasion will serve her well in her future legal career. - Hamza Faridy

I am constantly impressed by the way Em effortlessly fits so many commitments into her schedule and still manages to make time for a quality laugh over wine. I am forever grateful for our mutually symbiotic roll-forging relationship and your consistently on-point banter. - Tahlia Peterson

If ever I'm Senior Partner at Zane Specter Litt and you need to dig up dirt on me to blackmail me, look no further, Em Shen is your gal! She knows way too much about my shenanigans, probably more than she wants to know to be honest...love you Em! - Sam Dyna (Frouhar)

The gal who has been there through thick and thin for literally everyone. Beautifully warm and understanding, she is Sydney Law School's Superwoman and a truly wonderful friend. - Madelyn Smith



Matthew Shim



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be a civil liability.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have better eyesight.

After I graduate I will be turning the corner into my quarter-life crisis.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I am but a humble man.

My biggest regret from law school is wearing a SULLS jumper into uni.

What got me through Law School was my Faith, Family and Friends - shout

out to Palmy boy and Spyro for the bants and late night rants that edged us through.

My favourite memory from law school is ditching the books to get beers at taste and complain about law school.

Frequently says "guys, we should do x", where x is a really niche, dumb idea. As such, Matt is a true ideas man. Much love and good luck for the future mate! - James Palmer

This legend of a bloke ensured I passed PRIL A by singlehandedly teaching me the last two topics of the course outside Fisher Library the night before our exam. I am forever in his debt. A true gentleman and a scholar of utmost renown. - Spyridon Augoustinos

Matt was my rock & saviour during every finals period. I don't even want to think about all the money we spent on UberEats but it was worth it. - Jonathan Tan

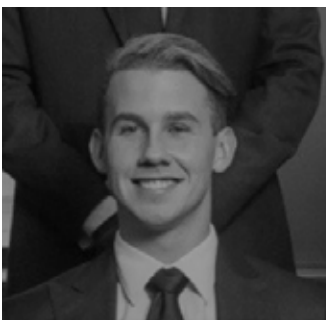
Sorry for the essay bombs, mistaking you for an international student on the first day of Foundies, forgetting you wore glasses, calling you at 4 am AEST to ask if you wanted the QC35s, almost dropping you while belaying, making your text to Hongdam sound too girly, and third wheeling you & Palmer during every trip we went on. Here's to many more adventures & memories! - Diana Lee

My life was less good "hitherto" the point I came to know Matt. - Elizabeth (Liz) Sheahan

The most fashionable human that has ever set foot in the Law School - sorry Margaret Zhang. - Tiffany Wu

Solidarity in dealing with both the ups and downs of Law School and Arsenal FC. - Longen Lan

Adam Simpson



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be fun, easy-going, firetruck.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have disappointed my parents.

After I graduate I will be doing something entirely unrelated to law. Woohoo!

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "I've Got Tears in My Ears from Lying on My Back in My Bed While I Cry Over You" - Homer and Jethro.

My biggest regret from law school is ever buying any of those damn textbooks.

What got me through Law School was self-hatred and Red Bull.

My favourite memory from law school is mucking about with so many fun, like-minded people when I really should've been doing something more productive.

*The highlight of law school with Simmo: "What do you mean our legal prof essay is due tomorrow!?! You've really f**ked me over here, James." - James Madden*

Simmo's best quote: "24 hours is a lot of time to do an assignment if you don't sleep" - Ronnie Taneja

SIMM000000000000 - Dawen Lin

Simmo looks like Johnny Bravo, cracks jokes like Sterling Archer, yet is one of the smartest and kindest humans I've met and has a diet of habitually gorging himself on chocolates and lollies like a 5 year old. - Tiffany Wu

Devpaal Singh



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be This Is Sparta!

If I hadn't studied law, I would have studied engineering. Oh wait...

After I graduate I will be paid to opine.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? See appendix C for full list.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be God's Plan by Drake.

What got me through Law School was a substandard appreciation for fine coffee.

My favourite memory from law school is the Dean's opening lecture!

Dev is a fantastic listener, the best motivator, skillful strategist and a kind friend. Thank you for your encouragement over all these years of engineering and law, and always being there to provide advice when I needed it! – Chathurika Ravindra

The David Attenborough of my world. – George Napier

Dev was always a great guy to chill out with when everything got a bit too stressful. – Tim Gollan

Anjali Sivakumar



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be over the law.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have probably retained my sanity.

What got me through Law School was friends, taste coffees and Mitch Cleaver's notes (you the real MVP).

My favourite memory from law school is currently being on exchange in Copenhagen.

Our friendship has been such an integral part of my law school experience and I couldn't have made it this far without you! – Samantha Ryu

Nick Smith



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been able to spend less time studying!

Nick was the sole reason I passed any of my exams for many years. He is also the most constant friend I could wish for. – Grace Franki

Thank you for your endless support, for answering every ridiculous question of mine, and most importantly, for buying me coffee!! Would not have survived Law School without you!! – Rose McEvoy

Madelyn Smith



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be a reasonable person.

After I graduate I will be finally on the road to recovery.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be "It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine)" R.E.M.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Yes: editing Blackacre was a pleasure. Thank you.

My biggest regret from law school is "a 100% closed book final exam is doable, right?"

What got me through Law School was obstinacy.

My favourite memory from law school is not a single moment, but rather the experience of growing so much as a result of the wonderfully inspiring and incredibly talented people I've had the fortune to meet along the way. I'm so grateful you have been part of my journey, and I'm so blessed to have been part of yours.

Have you ever met sunshine in human form? – Emily Shen

You are honestly a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day spent studying in the lawbry. I cannot thank you enough for your constant kindness, love, and the overwhelming joy you bring not only to me, but to all the people around you. – Aleksandra Pasternacki

Madame Maddy Judy de Pompadour will always be there to drink tea with you and hug you, help you with your star chart, tell you about your future, start a party, and love you unconditionally. – May Yang

Maddy has done what no other law student has. She has achieved perfect nirvana with the aid of silly crystals, questionable horoscopes, and a regime of "mental mindfulness". – Nicholas Yuen

Your infectious joy never failed to bring a smile to my face (or anyone around you), and the conviction behind your optimistic view of the world may have actually convinced me we can make it better. – Adam Waldman

Wonder Woman doesn't exist, but Madelyn Smith does. – Samantha Lawford

Gives such sage advice, including purifying your house with white sage leaves. – Jeremy Chan

Endlessly appreciated for her encouragement, uni insta shots and good vibes. – Shakira Harrison

I know our star signs aren't compatible but I don't play by the rules. – Anthony Makragelidis

She will use her crystals to send you positive energy instead of putting a hex on you. – Dharmita Padhi

I've never met someone who can learn a whole subject in 48 hours (it is truly impressive) and who is genuinely willing to put others ahead of herself and legitimately not expect anything in return. Keep kicking ass. – Sam Dyna

Madelyn is an enabler. She will enable you to enjoy the little moments, to be your best self, and to lust for life. That she is inimitably kind is well known. But her greatest talent remains her conviction to being herself and only herself. In other words, there are few things greater in life than knowing Madelyn Smith. – Gaston Gration

Gabrielle Sterrey



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be permanently exhausted pigeon.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have gotten more sleep.

After I graduate I will be forced into the real world.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Gangsta's Paradise – Coolio.

My biggest regret from law school is not starting my assignments earlier.

What got me through Law School was gin, carbohydrates and group chats.

Arielle Stone



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have had a lot more free time.

What got me through Law School was highlighters and cafes

My favourite memory from law school is studying on exchange in Copenhagen.

Jonathan Tan



[LLB]

The soundtrack to my law journey would be No Tears Left to Cry - Ariana Grande.

What got me through Law School was Coffee & notes from people I have never met before in my life (thank the lord for Dropbox).

Jono is one of those law students who will be so dramatic after coming out of an exam but ends up getting a HD anyway. Classic Jono. – Melissa Martin

Without Jono I don't know how I would've survived law school. Not just for the notes (thanks Jono) but more importantly for how fun he made every single day of uni! – Jessica Joseph

Always good vibes, beaming personality and great to be around. – Johnny Farhart

Although his Snapchat and Instagram stories last longer than a lecture, Jono's party animal nature was the only reason why I went out to socialise from time to time. He would also force me to start my assignments or study for my exams before I failed and for that I am forever grateful. – Jenny Chen

Shoutout to Jonah for carrying me through my law studies, I would still be stuck in Foundies without chu. Also, stop dogging da boiz. – Dawen Lin

Thanks for keeping us well-fed in the Law Library during exam season. – Longen Lan

Jono, I have spent way too much time with you, but I don't regret any of it. Thanks for being the resident Lawbry UberEats DADDY, and for interspersing my study with fun times and good chats. – Matthew Shim

Willkie Tan



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be innocent till proven.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have more personality.

After I graduate I will be a pleb on Phillip Street.

Is there anything you would like to

boast about here? One time in my equity tute Justice Leeming asked for the court's ruling in *Nelson v Nelson* to which I gave an answer so wrong that he had never heard it in his 16 years teaching.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be I Dreamed a Dream – Susan Boyle studio version.

My biggest regret from law school is actually going to classes.

What got me through Law School was my family, friends and foes.

My favourite memory from law school is post-exam sessions at The Royal.

Rex Tan



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be flat awkward silly.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a sailor.

After I graduate I will be a lawyer.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I always gave fake names to the baristas at Carslaw café.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Shooting Stars - Bag Raiders.

My biggest regret from law school is failing to profess my love to my crushes.

What got me through Law School was motivation from the slick lawyers from American TV.

My favourite memory from law school is not enough.

Ronnie Taneja



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be fun, laidback and absent-minded.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a productive member of society.

After I graduate I will be not doing law.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Brett He furiously typing on his mechanical keyboard.

My biggest regret from law school is attending class.

What got me through Law School was a crippling fear of disappointing my parents.

My favourite memory from law school is meeting Nick Vlatko.

Ronnie's intelligence is only rivalled by his fashion sense. – Adam Simpson

Ronnie's the annoying kid who won't bother getting admitted but got the marks that everyone trying to be a lawyer wants without ever reading a case. I asked Ronnie to borrow a book at the library in 5th year and he didn't know how. Thanks for convincing me to go to SUBSKI the weekend before we had 3 law assessments in 5 days, the week we spent living together in the upper cone was a great taster for the real deal the year after. It's been a pleasure mate. Best quote: "Look it doesn't matter if your tutor is bad when you don't go to class." – Ruben Robertson

Not sure if human or unfeeling, unsleeping banter machine. – Tiffany Wu

Bianca Lucia Tini Brunozzi



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be ambitious, blessed and considerate.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a migration agent.

After I graduate I will be working as a Graduate Lawyer at Visa Lawyers Australia.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I achieved my goal

of two degrees by twenty-three and securing a career in migration law.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be High Focus Music by Kelly Howell (on repeat).

My biggest regret from law school is instances of losing my grounding, although that was all part of the process.

What got me through Law School was my support network. Thank you to my family and friends, especially my mother; my partner James Tsaousidis; and, my mentors Professor Mary Crock and Emeritus Professor Ron McCallum AO.

My favourite memory from law school is participating as a witness to the Joint Standing Committee on Migration.

Floss still asks when we're getting married. – Blade Atton

Beautiful, intelligent and the honourary girl in our group – thank you for slapping me when I needed it and for telling me to study and running to greet me whenever you saw me. – Matthew de Pree

Thanks for the memories with labour law! The only time I actually liked working together on a grp assignment x
– Nicholas Poon

Dancing queen, super woman, makes the best damn pancakes I've ever eaten – you will go far and I can't wait to see what you do with all of your love and passion. – Samantha Lawford

Bianca, we're all thinking it so I'm just going to say it, your LinkedIn success is because of YOUR PHOTO is because of ME. Just a sec - @nina for online profile photos \$99.95/photo. Put Your Best Self Forward! Ok done. Love you Bianca B. – Nina Mao

A woman who effortlessly inspires others to do good. – Madelyn Smith

Anh Tran



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been the same person as I was three years ago.

After I graduate I will be hopefully practicing in an area of law I love and playing the piano again.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I scraped through the 100% Evidence exam.

My biggest regret from law school is no regrets.

What got me through Law School was my favourite song playlist, my dear family and friends and incredible teachers.

My favourite memory from law school is doing a placement at Redfern Legal Centre as part of Social Justice Legal Clinic A.

Aleisha Amarah Vinoly



[JD]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been a veterinarian.

What got me through Law School was caffeine, friends, and family.

Adam Waldman



[LLB]

What got me through Law School was the asides in lectures that you can't help bursting out laughing at (PPSA saved my marriage comes to mind), the passion and energy of magnificent academics, practitioners and judges who I was privileged to have as teachers, and the love and support of my family and friends (who have all been

subjected to more attempts at explaining miscellaneous doctrines and principles of the common law than I would wish upon my worst enemy, but have stuck around anyway).

My favourite memory from law school is an anonymous friend saying minutes prior to the Real Property exam: 'I didn't get up to studying leases, so if it

comes up in the exam I have someone else's notes and will just learn it as I go.' Also, Professor Gerangelos speaking for 10 minutes in the first federal constitutional law lecture about how really what we are studying is all about Lord Of The Rings; we knew it was going to be an excellent semester.

I confess I am the anonymous friend. To that end, Adam can always be counted on to figure out the answers with incisive brilliance, share his knowledge with characteristic selflessness, and then throw the best dinner party you've ever attended. He is guaranteed to be surrounded by friends, success, and happiness wherever he goes. – Madelyn Smith

It is truly special to go to law school and rediscover a childhood friend – you still owe me an amazing Chinese feast but I'll forgive you because I could not have passed IPCL without all of our Skype conversations. Thank you for always being there. – Samantha Lawford

Christie Wilson



[LLB]

After I graduate I will be not a human rights lawyer.

What got me through Law School was the best friends anyone could ever ask for (and many seasons of Keeping Up With the Kardashians).

You are the best Le Corg a Dober could've asked for, couldn't have done law school without you. – Emily Mo

I'm so glad the timetable gods put us together in CCP in 2nd year. You're such a beautiful, intelligent and amazing friend and thank you for always being so kind and patient with me. I'm especially sorry for all those times I've been late to seminars and you've had to tell people that the seat next to you is already saved. Remember that if things ever seem like they won't work out, I'll always be there for you and we can open that gluten free noodle bar and you can have the best noodle bowls in the world. – Lisa Jiang

Abbey Wiseman



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have enjoyed my life.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be highway to hell.

My biggest regret from law school is trying.

What got me through Law School was wine.

Driven, compassionate, with a heart of gold. – Patrick Schwaiger

Better than the best hummus you've ever had. – Madelyn Smith

Benedict Wong



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be Crazy [REDACTED] Asian.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have not gotten so much practice making macarons while procrastinating study and assignments.

After I graduate I will be wait what?

We have to think about this?

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Wake Me Up When September Ends.

My biggest regret from law school is choosing to finish this degree on time instead of going to the Hague to work

at the Peace Palace.

What got me through Law School was deadline induced panics, five years in a row.

My favourite memory from law school is an amazing two tutes with [REDACTED].

Will sass you to no end, will judge you a little, but will be there for you on any and every occasion. – May Yang

Smart and driven, actually inspired me to do so much at law school. I loved our conversations about politics and how to be a good vegan- thank you for always staying true!! – Matthew de Pree



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be not practising law.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have brought dishonour upon my family.

After I graduate I will be able to watch the World Cup without the distraction of having to study for my law exams.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I was skilled enough to catch the flu a full five times in 4th year law (despite having gotten the flu shot) during one of the worst/deadliest flu seasons in history. I had a real sick time.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Peter Gerangelos' uplifting motivational speeches, which were segmented in-between every 20 minutes of his Federal Constitutional Law lectures and made sitting on the hard Carslaw benches 300x more bearable.

My biggest regret from law school is coming back from a two week International Real Estate Competition in New York and going straight into two 100% final exams for Equity and Evidence while I was sick from a fresh

bout of the flu. The exams were only 20 hours apart and one of them was closed-book... The competition was so worth it in the end but also I'm glad I'm still alive.

What got me through Law School was my friends, fam, Instagram and believing in the heart of the cards <3 Love y'all long time!!!

My favourite memory from law school is not realising I was being hit on with a physics pick up line at First Year Law Camp (by my future boyfriend).

As inspirational as you are passionate, you were always there when it mattered the most. – Longen Lan

Has the uncanny quality of being smart, considerate, fun to be around and humble, even with achieving so much over the past 5 years. Very glad to be roommates in both first year law camp and final semester exchange! – Sharon Yin

One of the wittiest people I've ever met. So thankful for your sage wisdom throughout this 5 year journey, whether that's over a deep dish Chicago pizza or on a yellow bus. This girl will go far. – Emily Mo

Tiff has the work-ethic and gusto of superman with the immune system of Steven Hawking. – Adam Simpson

My partner in crime for a good chunk of my law school life <3 – Elizabeth (Liz) Sheahan

What I will always remember you for is your passion for 'tasting blood', and your face when you realised we turned your birthday speeches into one of the best boozy games ever made. Please don't forget about me when you're a fat cat banker. – Sam Dyna (Frouhar)

Simultaneously intimidatingly impressive and wonderfully kind, Tiff is the only human who could be a flawless Vice President while suffering from 137 consecutive bouts of the flu. – Madelyn Smith

Tiff represents the best of our generation: compassionate, thoughtful, joyous, hard working and with a fundamental kindness that warms the soul. She will do great things. – Gaston Gratton



May Yang



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be bubbly, perceptive, and sassy. If this were a five word answer, it would be bubbly, perceptive, slightly dark, and sassy.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have spent more time out in the sun.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Definitely my ability to inhale hot caffeine then promptly napping after.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Les Misérables– slightly dark and depressing but with uplifting and inspirational moments.

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, wine, and case summaries.

My favourite memory from law school is there are just too many to name – the first time I met the people I spent my law school years with, the feeling of accomplishment after handing in an assignment after an all nighter, drinking with friends, having spirited discussions in the moot court, laughing over judgments, bonding over mutual sufferings - basically any memory with the people I love.

The closest that Sydney Law School has to an angel. We have been blessed with your disposition, charm, and beautiful soul. – Madelyn Smith

Thank you for your friendship, endless debates over whether constitutional law or equity was a more worthwhile pursuit, and shared unabashed love of the Veronicas. You've made law school, and my life, better by your presence. – William Khun

May and I shared an evening in Paris once. We wined, dined, and strolled (some say "rolled") down the Champs Elysees. To this day, people still labour under the misapprehension that we are dating. I wonder why... - Nicholas Yuen

It's not often you get to meet someone who's willing to look after you at your absolute worst and still want to be friends with you. Fortunately for me that someone is May Yang and I couldn't be happier that I've been able to meet a person who is so undeniably caring as to be that someone for me. – Jeremy Chan

The kindest and most considerate friend that will also make the most unexpectedly sassy and harsh comments on the odd occasion that she is actually present at events. – Hamza Faridy

May is the sunshine that brightens up the darkest of law school days. – Tahlia Peterson

Crystal Yang



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have had better skin.

After I graduate I will be freeeeee!!! until I start full time work in 2019.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Running Up That Hill by Kate Bush... or anything new wave really.

My biggest regret from law school is not discovering the USyd city campus sooner.

What got me through Law School was Taste rice paper rolls, Diet Coke and B.

My favourite memory from law school is Law Ball! Every single one.

Thank you for the memories. You know way too much about me... – Ta-Seen Monzoor

Crystal is the sort of gal who always has a song in her heart, a smile on her face, and an egg in her handbag. – Nicholas Darcy Horgan

Sydney Law School's best dressed AND most sophisticated. – Madelyn Smith

Jason Ye



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been less stressed and achieved better marks.

After I graduate I will be travelling and taking a break.

My biggest regret from law school is buying new textbooks.

What got me through Law School was study notes from friends in the years above.

My favourite memory from law school is Professor Gerangelos's classes.

Thank you for saving my exams with those notes, I am your number 1 supporter for your 2020 Presidential Campaign.
- Emily Mo

Matthew Yeldham



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be FINALLY finished LLB.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have gone to the Con.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? "Queries for the Queer Officer" - a cute but impactful

SULS initiative I established in 2013 that launched many years of work in the LGBTIQ space.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be I Will Survive - Extended Edition.

What got me through Law School was why do a five-year degree in five years when you can do it in seven?

My favourite memory from law school is Michael Kirby's guest lecture in Foundations of Law, and Death Law with Cameron Stewart gave me life.

My dearest darling Dennis, I will forever be glad that we experienced this wild ride together. - Richard Karaba

Gina Yeung



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be I'm a transfer.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have more hobbies and more friends who didn't study law.

After I graduate I will be sippin' margaritas and pina colodas every day.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be In Da Club - 50 Cent.

My biggest regret from law school is not starting my 6,000 word essay earlier...oh wait, that's every assignment.

What got me through Law School was being able to complain to everyone around me in Law School without judgment.

Her winged eyeliner isn't the only reason she will fly into success. She has the patience of a Year 6 audience member waiting for Troy and Gabriella to finally kiss. One day I will grow up to be an adult like Gina. - Dharmita Padhi

For someone so humble, Gina is truly an incredible human being. There's very few people that I can say have been my friend since 1st year. But since discovering Gina's incredible talent for Trivia at first year law camp, she's always been the rock of support and reason for 5 years now. Thank you for always being there for me, even when things have been all over the place
- Jeremy Chan

A smile that lights up the whole room. - Madelyn Smith

Sharon Yin



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have less prominent eyebags.

After I graduate I will be hoping I made the right career choice, trying to figure my life out.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be missed morning phone alarms and asking to sign the roll

during class breaks.

My biggest regret from law school is desperate cramming before exams, and subsequent lack of long-term legal memory.

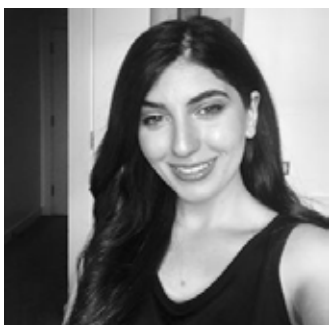
What got me through Law School was the wonderful friends I met from first

year camp, societies and otherwise. Also that the LLB was a combined degree for three years.

My favourite memory from law school is celebratory post-assignment/finals dinners and being able to go overseas to 'compete' and 'study' on exchange.

One of the best and most cultured Hamburg Law Exchange housemates a girl could wish for <3 - Tiffany Wu

Lidia Yousif



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be loud, enthusiastic, persistent.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have never learned how to use the AGLC.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Don't Stop Believin'.

My biggest regret from law school is leaving my readings too late in the semester.

What got me through Law School was friends, coffee and knowing that if Elle Woods could do it then so could I.

My favourite memory from law school is hearing Professor Gerangelos' words of wisdom.

Jie Yu



[JD]

Three words which describe me would be Yu-Jie, not Eugene.

What got me through Law School was the classic combination of a lot of caffeine, procrastination and the unfailing support of infinitely more brilliant friends.

My favourite memory from law school is going on exchange and making new friends, then coming home to finish the journey with old ones.

Thank you for trembling with me as we attempted to moot! Always around for a good rant and free brie :) - Ho Yan Ko

Nicholas Yuen



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be whisky, women, cigars.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have tried far harder at bagging a rich husband.

After I graduate I will be broke and in serious debt.

My biggest regret from law school is my failure to re-enact "The Castle" in the Constitutional Law Moot.

What got me through Law School was the band of border-line alcoholics that I found along the way.

He is the love of my life, the bane of my existence, a genuinely lovely human being, and someone I'm incredibly lucky to have as a friend. – May Yang

You may well say God save the Queen, because nothing will save Nicholas Yuen. Nick is our cohort's Gough Whitlam: may not be around long, may not do much while he's here, but man - you'll remember the inflation. – Nicholas Darcy Horgan

If law doesn't work out, at least you'll have plenty of experience at online poker. – Jeremy Chan

Ineffably impressive and the closest answer Sydney Law School has to Sir David Tang. – Madelyn Smith

Tim Lak



[LLB]

Three words which describe me would be mediocre at best.

If I hadn't studied law, I would have been at peace.

After I graduate I will be employed, hopefully.

Is there anything you would like to boast about here? I read every case and wrote my own notes all the time.

The soundtrack to my law journey would be Hurt - Johnny Cash.

My biggest regret from law school is not asking more people to sign the roll for me.

What got me through Law School was iced long blacks.

A fine Bengoshi, loves kick-ons and Irish pubs. – Johnny Farhart

Jennifer Zhan



[LLB]

If I hadn't studied law, I would have better eyesight and more sleep.

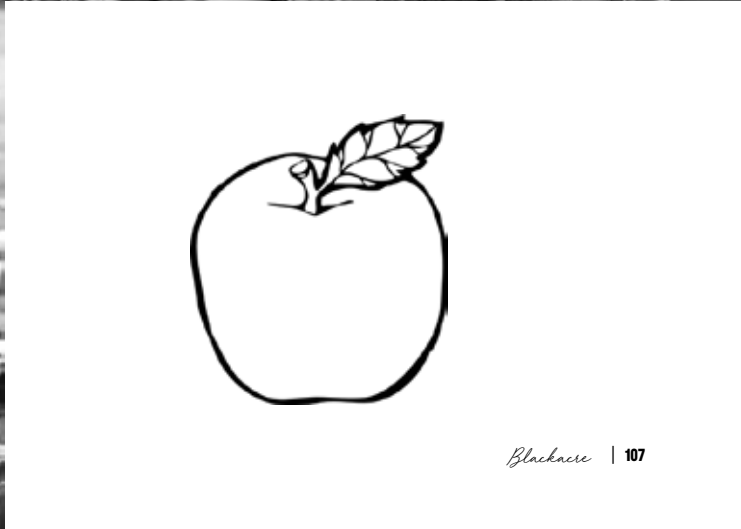
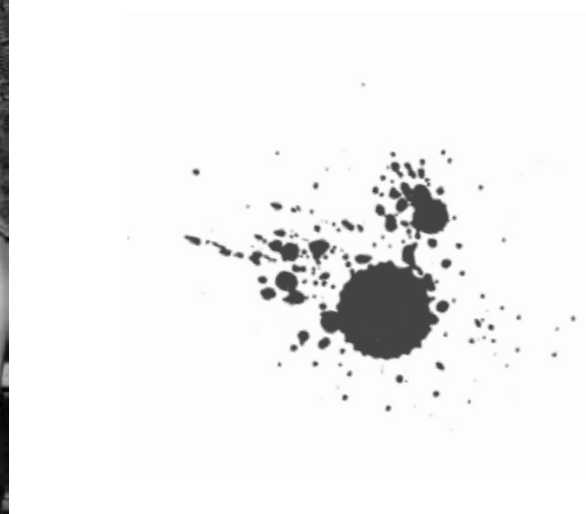
Is there anything you would like to boast about here? Not pulling a single all-nighter! (No, those 1 hour nap nights don't count.)

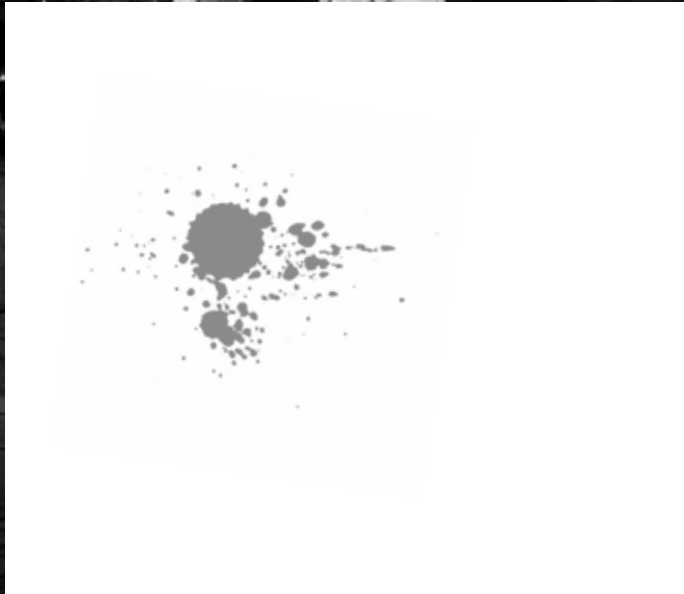
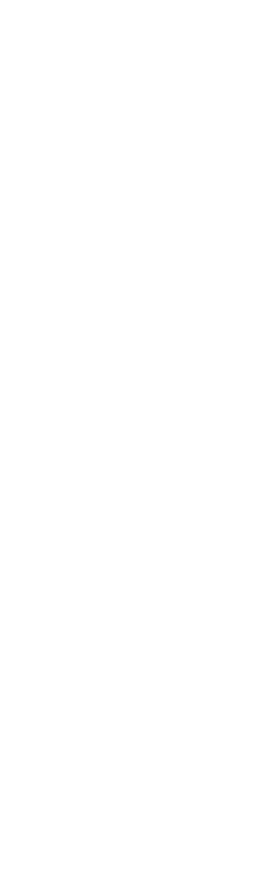
My biggest regret from law school is not doing any of the optional mid-semester exams in 4th year semester 2.

What got me through Law School was Taste rice paper rolls and caffeinated coconut water.

My favourite memory from law school is getting to spend time with all the amazing people I met along the way!

Jen's joy, laughter and New Zealander accent is infectious. – Tiffany Wu



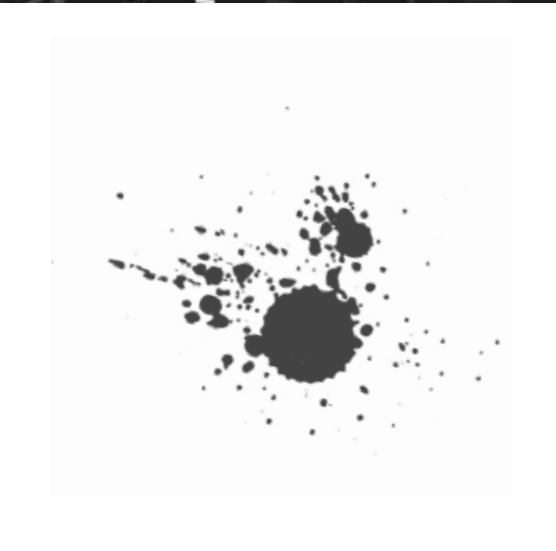








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Ode to P.A.G.

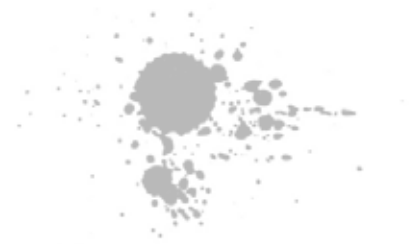
The Imperial Colossus strides into the theatre
And a hush fills the room as we strain to hear clearer
The pure legal gold which pours fourth from his brain
And those nuggets of wisdom which perk up our days

For in no other class are we inspired to see
Those lessons and morals beyond our degrees
Whether bankers or lawyers or judges, defenders,
The warnings of P.A.G. may we always remember

by a fan.

Further Odes to P.A.G. from your comments:

'Deadset, best lecturer this whole university has produced.'
'With your words, I feel like I can challenge the State.'
'Inspiration for many, teacher to all.'





Farewell Message to the Graduating Class of 2018

Professor Peter Gerangelos

I thank the editors for the invitation to provide a farewell message. That part of the invitation which calls for words of farewell can be fulfilled quite spontaneously: I extend to you, as I am sure do all my colleagues, my sincerest and heartiest congratulations and best wishes on completing your degree, no doubt after much toil, heartache, tribulation, and, I trust, some very positive experiences along the way. It is indeed a very significant achievement and we hope that it has provided you with an excellent preparation and stepping stone to your future careers. Congratulations!

The other part of the invitation – to provide a few words of advice – has proved more difficult. The problem is that it is not always possible to avoid a moralising tone. While this might be fine in doses – the odd *ad hoc* aside in a lecture – when speaking to young people more generally it tends to be off-putting; although this may depend on the mood one is in. Besides, there is always the not inconsiderable risk of being discovered as one who falls short of one's own advice. It would be better therefore if what follows is taken more as a comparing of notes based on personal experience.

The other difficulty of course is that the world into which I graduated in the 1980s is not the same world into which you are graduating. Nor are aspects of the legal profession. Some things are of course better, others worse. Many assumptions have changed or are changing. How relevant, or indeed accurate, would be any advice that might be given? There is a sense in which aspects of the legal profession are being seen increasingly in a corporatized way, as opposed to being seen in all things as principally the learned (dare I say noble) profession which it has always aspired to be. Being one of the great foundational liberal professions, its maintenance in its form as a liberal and learned *profession* – and not just another business – is not only essential for its own maintenance. It is also a critical foundation for the maintenance of ordered liberty in a society, for the protection of those civil liberties which are the key to the enjoyment of the fruits of civilised life, for the maintenance of an ethos in society which maintains that the law and the State exist not for their own sake, but in order to ensure human flourishing: No person is ever to be regarded as a means to an end, but an end in themselves for which the law and the State exist. It is not the reverse. This is stated without denying the personal and social obligations of the individual to the community.

You may have realised also that the way to overcome the generational problem indicated above – the differences between the world of the 1980s and the world of the second decade of the 21st century – is to appeal to principles of more universal application, valid equally then (and before) as now. It is a groundless assertion to state that something ought to change, or something ought to be done or done away with, simply because “we are living in 2018!” and not some previous age, or “the olden days”. Besides, those who are unthinkingly simply “children of their age”, or who, for various reasons – a desire to fit in, the pressure of the peer group, or the “in crowd” – are doomed to be forever children, never to grow up. Is it not therefore better to test ideas, principles or advice pursuant to broader, more universal and ageless, criteria?

Nevertheless, giving some acknowledgement to the fact that perspectives may differ based on age, to soften any didactic tone, and perhaps to make this farewell more relevant, an attempt will be made to share with you my thoughts as a student at this Law School over thirty years (plus) ago.

This is possible as a result of the belated discovery in the home attic of a notebook of quotations maintained while I was a law student, quotations which had left an impression; at least sufficiently to warrant their being recorded at a time when I was approximately your age. These may assist you on the cusp of your entry into the legal profession – a rather daunting proposition as I recall. Because they are a selection of random quotations, you may notice that there is a lack of unifying theme. The quotations are placed in italics.

To begin, here is one quote upon which are based those reflections relating to the worth of the individual, that no person must be treated as a means to an end, that governments exist for the sake of human flourishing, not the reverse:

The State exists simply to promote and to protect the ordinary happiness of human beings in this life. A husband and wife chatting over a fire, a couple of friends having a game of darts in a pub, a man reading a book in his own room or digging in his garden - that is what the State is there for. And unless they are helping to increase and prolong and protect such moments all the laws, parliaments, armies, courts, police, economics etc. are simply a waste of time. - written in the 1950s by the Professor of Medieval and Renaissance Literature, Cambridge University.

Perhaps this was a throwaway line, but the sentiments it represents are worthy of recall at all times when a person is engaged in any sort of public endeavour. There is often the danger of getting so caught up in it that one loses sight of the ultimate purpose: the protection of the simple, humble, innocent and wholesome pursuits in which human beings engage. To this list may be added even more profound life moments – exercising a right to develop one's own view on things, giving free expression to considered views, enjoying profound cultural and artistic moments, deciding about one's political, economic, philosophical and religious views and being allowed to act upon these (if they don't threaten the same rights of others) cultivating friendships, freely associating with others in political, social, charitable, cultural and artistic activities as one chooses, or simply being left alone. This list is far from exhaustive.

Then there is the following quote from the first edition of Professor Anson's *Law of Contract*: *There can hardly be a healthier mental exercise than to watch the mode in which a judicial mind of high order applies legal principles to complicated groups of facts.* You will have plenty of opportunity to see that in practice, and I trust you will see it as worthy of emulation. It also reinforces the intellectual worth of legal reasoning. This, it is to be hoped, will be carried with you in all your work, whether or not it be in the law: precision, objectivity, rigour, rationality coupled with reflections upon, and allowances made for, human nature, considering each individual case on its merits.

There is noted the traditional oath taken by judges: *I will do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of this realm, without fear or favour, affection or ill will.* This speaks for itself. It emphasises the importance of the rule of law, of fearlessly avoiding personal preference and prejudice, indeed avoiding all forms of corruption and unfairness, whether blatant or subtle; even if it means we suffer for it. The law is no respecter of persons – do right “to all manner of people” – and nor should its practitioners be. The mere fact that we all take an oath, or make an affirmation, before the Chief Justice and other judges of the Supreme Court when we are admitted as lawyers is itself very significant. For we are putting up as surety our inner being, our soul, to maintain such high standards. It is no light matter: *For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul.* Although its origins are from within the religious tradition, this quote has a profound, ageless, universal importance and application, capable of interpretation to inform our particular decisions and our overall outlook as desired, irrespective of our religious views. Speaking of oaths, perhaps lawyers, especially new and inexperienced ones, should also be required to take the first line of the Hippocratic oath: “First, do no harm.”

It is of basic importance for law students to appreciate the bedrock need for the lawyer to be fiercely independent, no matter the personal cost, in order to achieve the high aims of our profession: not only independent of peer group pressure, “group think”, of the untested assumptions of any particular “tribe” to which we may belong, of narrow ideology, but also independent of the powerful and wealthy, of government and powerful interest. We must see what other people do not see, calling out the Emperor who has no clothes, seeing through the marketing and the spin. *Smell out the the Caesars and the taxes.* The motto of the NSW Bar encapsulates this rather well. *Servants of all and yet of none.* This uncompromising, fierce, independence to uphold the right and the rule of law is at the core of our profession, its most fundamental and enduring service to the commonwealth. For we practice law to serve, not to enrich ourselves purely materially.

Some of you may entertain doubts about being lawyers, even now. This is not uncommon, especially if you prefer other, more liberal, less arid, forms of intellectual engagement. Sir Owen Dixon, no less, wanted to be a classicist, having read classics at Melbourne University for his first

degree. But difficult family circumstances required him to undertake a career which provided a more certain future for himself and his family. Classics' loss was the law's gain, although he never ceased to read Aeschylus, inter alia, for pleasure – in the original – for the rest of his life. Being exposed to such high literary art no doubt had something to do with the quality of his judgments, not just on the legal issues. (As an aside, may I encourage you to read the *Iliad*, the first line of which is an appeal to the Muses to inspire a poem about an injustice, to celebrate a protest. The DNA of any liberal, democratic polity is manifest in the very first lines of our great literature. While at it, it is no bad thing for you to read *The Trial and Death of Socrates*, Plato's record of a terrible judicial murder and also at least one Platonic Dialogue – *The Symposium* is not a bad one to start with, although you should also have a look at *The Republic*. The dialogues are a model of how civilised discourse ought to be conducted. It also celebrates the need to test everything, and affirms that the wisest people are the ones who know that they do not know it all. Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* is also apposite.) That this will improve your facility with legal writing is evident in the quality of the writing of many of our most eminent jurists.

You will have heard many promises made to you about "work/life balance", promises upon which you may have relied to choose your employer from amongst the legal firms. This would mean that it is important to be able to have the time to engage in other such pursuits. Might I suggest you keep them to their promise. Sir Owen Dixon also set us an example of wide erudition beyond the law, and I have often found that there has tended to be a great correlation between the degree of general erudition and that of excellence as a lawyer and judge: *What do they know of the law who only the laws know?* appeared in the notebook. Again and again this has been borne out by encounters in my legal and academic career. One need only peer a little deeper into the lives of the great lawyers, including academic lawyers, to see this borne out. I name only one from many: Lord Sumption, one of Britain's leading silks and presently on the UK's Supreme Court Bench, has written a five-volume historical work, *The Hundred Years War* which some have compared to Gibbon. Closer to home, I found this extraordinary erudition amongst those constitutional lawyers who have contributed so much to constitutional law scholarship, my own field, and indeed in their general contribution to the Commonwealth, and with whom I had more than a passing acquaintance: George Winterton and Leslie Zines to name only two. It was also evident in many of those who taught at the law school in those days: W L Morison, "Meagher, Gummow and Lehane" plus J D Heydon – who can forget their lectures on *Maitland's Essays on Equity?* – P H Lane, Alice Tay, Ross Anderson, Leroy Certoma, and others. You ought not to let work become so relentless that you have no time for those other pursuits which refresh you and restore the soul.

This tension between duty and personal preference, the hard life of the law and the gentler life of private pursuits away from the vicissitudes of public life and human conflict, has been a perennial dilemma of thoughtful people throughout the centuries. Here is one quotation from late Graeco-Roman antiquity: *In view of the darkness attending the life of human society, will our wise man take his seat on the judge's bench, or will he not have the heart to do it? Obviously he will sit; for the claims of human society constrain him and draw him to his duty, and it is unthinkable that he should not do it – St Augustine. And, we may not at our pleasure go to heaven in feather beds: it is not the way – Sir Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England.*

Actually, it is especially those who have these doubts, those who do it as a duty, as dedicated professionals, and do not actually crave high judicial office, who are not concerned with the gaudy (and very fleeting) baubles of worldly fame, who aspire to doing the best job they can for any person they have the privilege to represent, that are not only best suited to such positions, but are actually those who are the best candidates and who often are chosen for high office. The principle of *nolo episcopari* ought always be kept in mind. Moreover, do not think that only the "high flyers" alone are what make up the contribution of the legal profession. *They also serve who only stand and wait* appears in the notebook: a quote from Sir Owen Dixon in *Automatic Fire Sprinklers v Watson* (1946) 72 CLR 435 at 466.

Speaking of Dixon CJ, another note which you may find useful comes from Sir Ninian Stephen's book on Dixon. This one is for those students for whom, sincerely, I have the utmost admiration: the ones not necessarily in the top academic echelon in their law classes, not necessarily as gifted as some others, not necessarily the prize-winners, not necessarily in the SALS committee or on *Sydney Law Review*, not necessarily the ones who scored the summer clerkship (always a bit of a lottery these days); but rather the ones who, despite all this, doing what they could generally to contribute, lending a helping hand to fellow students, going about their study conscientiously, quietly, sincerely striving to improve their knowledge and learning to think like a lawyer and to take in the ethos and ethics of the law, always attempting their hand at mootings although never quite making it beyond the quarter-finals, barely scoring much above a Credit, but never complaining, never giving up, who kept picking themselves up, dusting themselves off, never succumbing to envy and never behaving in a way that could be called "common or mean". There are such students. And it is strange that it is the names of those students that are the easiest to recall over the years. They tend never to be forgotten. If marks were awarded for this, then it must be High Distinction.

For such students will have learnt through practice and experience the fundamental secret to success in legal practice: quiet perseverance, pursuing learning for its own sake and not for the glory of prizes and recognition, learning to overcome disappointment and discouragement, how to “stay calm and carry on”, knowing that achieving one’s personal best is good enough, that serving the true ideals of the profession is what provides ultimate success in one’s career and personal life, fulfilment and satisfaction: not necessarily being appointed partner, Senior Counsel, Professor of Law, or to the High Court. Strangely enough – although when you think about it, it is not so strange – it is those people who put these first things first that end up being the most successful as lawyers and as human beings and are the most likely to achieve these milestones, even though they do not really mind if they do not. If you put second things (personal ambition, wealth, glory, recognition etc) first, you will end up losing both first and second things. Here is the quote: *It was in practice at the Bar rather than his studies at the University that his [Dixon’s] great intellect became clearly manifest. Three years of Classics and two of Law gained him a very respectable BA, LLB, and MA, but his results did nothing to mark him as destined for the immense stature which he attained both at the Bar and on the Bench.*

I note the increasing sole emphasis, bordering on hysteria, which law students place on marks. Where does this come from? I thought we had all left this behind at school, if we ever had it in the first place. You see, again based on experience, it is more often the case that those students who conscientiously read their allotted cases and readings, delve into them deeply, patiently rather than skimming through to get to “the bottom line” – even though not necessarily reflected in their marks – who have achieved such a high level of understanding that when they attempt the real examination in the actual practice of the law, who will have their real ability and worth made manifest to all. Do not let your marks necessarily reflect your view of your potential as a lawyer. What if, eg, Dixon as a student had been infected by this exaggerated emphasis on marks and decided to give it up? He did not and, in practice at the Bar, his true colours came shining through. I am confident that this will happen to the conscientious student referred to above: never give up. And do not let the naysaying, or any general, petty nastiness – I regret to say – of others you may come across, undermine your confidence. Instead, turn it into a stepping stone for the long ascent. Of course, constructive and valid criticism should always be factored in. It is gratuitous negativity that is being referred to, whether it comes from others or indeed yourself. There are very many, more than you realise, who did not necessarily shine at Law School, but who excel in practice, surpassing even the most successful at Law School. A caveat: this is not in any way to discount the achievement of those who have achieved great success at Law School. Rather it is to put things in perspective and assist you all. Unfortunately, this is a lesson that many do not heed. From my experience, *in the long run*, “nice guys” finish first. It is indeed the case that *the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.*

There is also a lot to be said for attention to detail, for striving for perfection: Here is a quote concerning Sir Richard Muir, one of the most famous of criminal advocates and public prosecutors: In a book called *First Steps to Advocacy*, it was said of him: *He was always polishing and rounding off and revising his cases, and even if a case should be postponed or adjourned over the weekend, the same process would continue. He always wanted to go a little better.* This brings to mind the story of arguably the most outstanding cellist of the 20th Century, Pablo Casals. At the age of 93 he continued to practice the cello for three hours a day! When asked why he did so, he replied, “I am beginning to notice some improvement.”

Which brings me to the fellowship of the profession, to the need to cultivate a mentoring spirit, and indeed of friendship and courtesy toward our colleagues, and to avoid the corrosive spirit of an unhealthy and brash competitiveness, that vulgar single-mindedness to win at all costs. Herewith another note from a famous essay on “Friendship”: *It is easy to see why Authority frowns on Friendship. Every real Friendship is a sort of secession, even a rebellion. It may be a rebellion of serious thinkers against accepted clap-trap or of faddists against accepted good sense; or real artists against popular ugliness or of charlatans against civilised taste, of good men against the badness of society or of bad men against goodness. Whichever it is, it will be unwelcome to the Top People. In each knot of Friends there is a sectional “public opinion” which fortifies its members against the public opinion or the community in general. Each therefore is a pocket of potential resistance. Men who have real friends are less easy to manage or ‘get at’; harder for good Authorities to correct or for bad Authorities to corrupt.* The real trick of course is to choose wisely as to which type of friendship group you belong to; one hopes the good, not the scoundrels. In any event, pure, innocent friendship is one of the greatest blessings in life.

And here is another about the benefit of legal academic training from the Challis Professor of Jurisprudence at the Law School, Alice Tay, during the period I was a student. It will appeal to those who, like me, find it very uncomfortable when someone refers to a particular institution or environment or set of ideas as “vibrant” and as a particular person or groups as “passionate” – in the cliched sense of those words I stress. For the lawyer, “measured”, “objective” and “sober”, even “dull” is better than “vibrant”; “having gravitas” and “being reasonable and rational” is better than “passionate”. I like “passionate” more than “vibrant”. One would not be quite human unless there were some things at least that one was passionate (in the sense of “really cared”) about, some things, some values, which were not negotiable, not for sale. Now, the quote: *There is something very tiresome about black and white thinking and its vulgarity and unintelligence...It is one of the virtues of legal training that it knocks this sort of*

nonsense out of one's head; that is why so many people want to change the character of legal training. But those who take society and people seriously know that there are no panaceas, or abstract principles which, by themselves, without knowledge or care or regard for the specific situation, will give us the "right" solution. ... For all our pretensions we can tinker with but not design human societies. – Professor Alice Tay.

One of my lecturers in Succession – then a compulsory subject – Mr Leroy Certoma, stated in a lecture: *Law School is not realism*. This was probably just a quip and not meant too seriously. But even as a student I protested. It reminds me of those who dismiss their time at Law School, or who wish it to end quickly so that they can go out "into the real world", those students who place their studies down on their list of other priorities and in between their other commitments, be it work, sport, socialising and other things. They never give the law the attention it deserves and they will regret it. Of course, the importance of other pursuits is not being discounted, especially recreational and charitable ones. It is a reminder that, while you are a student at law, and later when you are a lawyer, your cultivation of legal knowledge should be toward the top of your priorities. At Law School you are preparing yourselves to be accredited by the Supreme Court of NSW as a legal practitioner, fit to represent members of the public in legal matters which are always of enormous significance to them. Would not all of us want that person representing us on serious charges, or standing up for us against overbearing forces of wealth and power, or even in relation to more mundane matters, to have been that type of student who placed their studies first, in the same way that we would expect a medical practitioner treating us for a life-threatening disease to have prioritised his or her medical studies in order to provide us with the best of care? How then is the Law School not realism, not "the real world"? The law is not purely an abstract study. Its precepts are based on real circumstances. The cases we read are all about real people, real problems, real crises. When one reads about murder cases, horrible cases of injuries due to negligence, people suffering loss due to breach of contract, the appalling consequences of fraud and corruption, of people on trial for their life, of false imprisonment, of people fleeing persecution to seek asylum as refugees, of landmark cases in constitutional law such as the *Communist Party* case and the *Bank Nationalisation* case, of *Mabo*, of administrative law cases dealing with people oppressed by bad decision-making by government administrators, of cases where equity, the conscience of the law, intervenes to ameliorate the rigours of the common law, how can one say this is not realism? Actually, you may find that, when compared with what you may confront in "the real world" – the spin, the lies, the deception, sometimes sheer wickedness and greed, and other such negative attributes of the "the real world" (there are many positives of course) – that, actually, true and deep academic study is more real, more true.

As you are transitioning from "the real world" to "the real world", I hope that some of what has been written above, reflecting that which made an impression on a law student of the 1980's, may resonate with the graduating class of 2018. Having mentioned law school days, it would be remiss of me not to mention, by way of belated public thanks, those teachers of the era who did so much, without realising it and without receiving due recognition, to assist generations of students to learn the law. Some of these I have mentioned above. Many of them are no longer with us, although not forgotten. And of course, there are others not mentioned simply because I may not have been taught by them. Of all of these, however, the one who left the most lasting impression was Mr Ross Anderson, a graduate of this Law School, then a young man; not only for his absolute mastery of the material and his meticulous preparation for class, but also his understated yet obvious courtesy and generosity of spirit, – one of nature's gentlemen – his clear and careful exposition of the cases, his combination of earnestness and irony, his humour, and for the respect he showed us as students. Many of you will have been taught by him yourselves and so there is no need to say more, except one final thing at the risk of embarrassing him – for I know I will. For this I am sorry, but it has to be said: Apart from the fact that he is our longest continuously serving academic lawyer at the Law School, "the elder statesman", if anyone is the model of the teacher of the law – certainly the model and prototype for me – it is, with respect, Mr Ross Anderson: *Esse quam videre*.

One final note: despite what many of us might think, from experience, the best lawyers in the long run are the understated, the humble, the modest, the gentle and compassionate. And, after all, it is worth remembering that *Hubris is always hunted down and caught by Nemesis, sooner or later*.

The selection of quotations above is not exhaustive. It has been necessary to be selective. I trust they will be of some use. And when you do encounter trouble, *for when sorrows come, they come ... in battalions, I have always found the following useful: Affliction is the good man's shining time. – Abigail Adams*.

Thank you, good luck and sincerest best wishes.

"Good morning to you all ..."

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