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Dear Members,

Welcome to the latest edition of the International Law Committee's Newsletter. As always, if you have any suggestions for future issues (including articles, news items, events, cases and the like), please email me at intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au.

Regards

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2011 Patron and Charity

The Vice President of Young Lawyers, Daniel Petrushnko, is calling for suggestions in relation to the 2011 Young Lawyers Patron and the Charity.

Voting will take place at the Mid Year Assembly and the results will be announced at the Annual Assembly. Daniel has kindly provided the following details to assist in the nomination process:

> ***Who is the Patron?***
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> *Each year NSWYL chooses a person within the Legal Profession of great repute and standing to be its Patron. Our previous patrons include Justice Kirby, Justice McColl and Justice Perram. This year we have Justice Bergin.*
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> ***What do we look for in a Patron?***
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> *We look for a person of high repute and standing within profession with a commitment to the development and success of young lawyers and interested in issues we and our members are passionate about. The Patron does not have to be a judge, but has to be a leader in the legal profession.*
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> ***What does the Patron do?***
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> *Our Patron is usually requested to perform certain official tasks throughout their year such as speaking at our assemblies, giving the State of the Profession Address and judging the Golden Gavel.*

How is the 2011 Patron going to be chosen?

The ultimate decision of who is going to be our Patron will be made the delegates at the Mid Year Assembly. This decision will be made from a short-list of candidates put together according to the following process:

Chairs, Vice Chairs and members of the Executive Council nominate individuals for this position by:

1. *Sending their name and relevant contact details to Daniel by 5 April 2010;*
2. *Sending a short statement about why the nominee should be the Patron and including any necessary supporting materials by that date.*
3. *The nominations will be sent to the Executive Council by the April meeting.*
4. *Council will discuss the list of nominees and will create a short-list of 5 individuals at its April meeting.*
5. *The short-list will be presented to the MYA delegates, who vote for the person they want to have as Patron.*
6. *The individuals will be given a ranking of 1-5 according to the number of votes they receive and are contacted to ascertain their availability.*

The Charity
There are no specific guidelines in relation to the Charity but the process will be the same as the Patron. Previous Charities include The Fred Hollows Foundation, Starlight and The Black Dog Institute.

Please email any suggestions for the 2011 Patron and Charity to Daniel (vicepresident@younglawyers.com.au) by close of business, **5 April 2010**.

CLE Training

Pouyan Afshar, President of Young Lawyers, has extended an invitation to all Committee members to attend a CLE training session on **Tuesday, 13 April 2010**. Pouyan has provided the following information about the session:

I highly recommend this for anyone who is interested in being involved in our CLE program but isn't sure what to do or would just like more information. Feel free to come and ask questions or just watch and listen. A light dinner and refreshments will be provided.

The draft agenda for the session is as follows:

Agenda

- *Introduction – our general program, scheduling, timing*
- *Brochures and marketing*
- *Speakers - how to and pick and approach them?*
- *Deadlines*
- *Chairing a CLE*
- *One Day CLEs*
- *Precedents*
- *Questions*

Session Details

***Time**: 6.00pm - 7.15 pm*

***Date**: Tuesday, 13 April 2010*

***Location**: Law Society, Phillip Street*

***RSVP**: to the NSW Young Lawyers Office (poppy.drekis@lawsociety.com.au) by **Thursday 8 April 2010** for catering purposes.*

Feel free to contact Faraz (CLE Committee Chair) at maghami@stjames.net.au or JY (CLE Vice Chair) at juyoung.lee@nortonrose.com if you have any questions.

UTS Student Competitions – Judges Required

The UTS Law Students Society has commenced Senior Competitions for this semester and is looking for judges from amongst members of YL's Committees. Although some of the sessions have now commenced, there is still time to get involved in the remaining sessions.

The dates for the Competitions are as follows:

Mooting (Monday from 12pm - 8pm):
March 22
March 29
April 12
May 3
May 10

Witness Examination (Tuesday 12pm - 8pm):
March 23
March 30
April 6
April 13
May 4

Senior Negotiation (Wednesday from 12pm - 8pm):
March 24
March 31
April 7
April 14
May 5

Senior Client Interviewing (Thursday from 12pm - 8pm):
March 25
April 1
April 8
April 15
May 6

Each session runs for approximately 1 hour so the judge is only required for one hour any time between 12pm - 8pm on the specified days. All competitions are held at the UTS Haymarket Campus.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these Competitions as a judge, please contact the UTS Law Student Society liaison with your contact details, the competition that you would like to judge and the date when you are available.

Law Week: 17 – 22 May 2010

I have received the following joint email from Carmel Lee, Executive Councillor and Secretary of the Criminal Law Committee and Pouyan Afshar, NSWYL President:

> *Law Week is between **17-22 May**. This year marks a movement to all states hosting a **National Law Week** at the same time. The goal of the week is to promote greater understanding by the public of the law, legal system and the legal profession. As it is, NSW Young Lawyers traditionally hosts the Golden Gavel competition as an event of this week, however there is potential for the organisation to be more far more involved in the week beyond this event.*
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> *We encourage the Committees through their chairs to use this opportunity to promote themselves and their current projects through Law Week. The week offers an ideal platform for committees to promote themselves and their activities to the broader public. There is potential to plan events as part of Law Week and receive assistance for publicity of these events if committees are interested. For example, arrangements are currently being made to promote the week and its events in major newspapers and radio broadcasts and on the Law Week website in the lead up to and during the week.*
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> *In addition to the opportunity to host events during this week, NSW Young Lawyers will have a stall in a Law Week expo in Martin Place on Monday 17 May from 7am-4pm. The expo will include pro-bono legal advice booths hosted by Legal Aid and the New South Wales Bar Association, a general information and referral booth by Law Access, services of JPs, and stalls representing the NSW Trustee and Guardian, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, NSW Police and the Motor Accident Authority. This is a fantastic opportunity for committees to promote themselves or their projects or publications through the NSW Young Lawyers stall to the public.*
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> *Carmel is meeting with the Law Week planning committee twice a month between now and May. If Chairs have ideas/proposals/publications or events to promote that they would like listed as part of Law Week or can assist in staffing or providing materials for the stall please have them contact her by telephone on: 0401 219 201 or by email (carmel.lee@gmail.com).*
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> *We encourage you to put your ideas to your Committees at your March/April meetings and get involved in our Law Week program!*
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> *Yours sincerely,*
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> *Carmel and Pouyan*

If you would like to assist with the Law Week activities, please contact Carmel at the above email address. Otherwise, if you have any ideas on how to promote the activities of the ILC during Law Week, please feel free to send me an email.

Reminder - SIEL essay competition on international economic law

Sohrab Irannejad recently posted details to the list about the SIEL essay competition on international economic law. The competition is open to all current graduate and undergraduate students, and to those who have graduated no earlier than five years before the submission deadline. The submission deadline is **30 September 2010**. Please click on the following link for further information:

http://www.sielnet.org/essayprize

UWS Open forum – Can we Trust Generation Y with our Future?

Details on an open forum at UWS on 8 April 2010 are attached for interested members. Please RSVP directly to UWS (details are contained in the attached flyer).