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**INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER
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Dear Members,

Welcome to the edition 6 of the International Law Committee's Newsletter. This edition focuses on the exciting events occurring during Law Week (17-21 May 2010), as well as other developments involving the ILC. 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. Thank you to Peter Anagnostou for contributing to this edition of the newsletter.

Regards

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NATIONAL LAW WEEK EVENTS

Please see the attached flyer for details of all events being organised by or in conjunction with NSW Young Lawyers for National Law Week 2010. The ILC has organised an exciting event which you are all encouraged to attend:

Panel Forum: Working in International Organisations - Internships and More!

Have you ever thought about a career in international law? Have you ever pondered what it would be like to work for an international organisation? Find out more at the NSW Young Lawyers International Law Committee's seminar, "Working in International Organisations – internships and more". Meet young lawyers who have done internships in international organisations and international legal practitioners.

When: 6.00pm for a 6.15 start. Until 7.30pm on Thursday, 20 May 2010

Where: Level 9, Law Society of NSW Building, 170 Phillip Street, Sydney

RSVP: RSVP to ylgeneral@younglawyers.com.au

Speakers: Our panellists, who between them have worked as interns in organisations such as the ICTY, the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the Human Rights Law Network, will be:

- Dr Natalie Klein, Associate Professor, Macquarie University;
- Laura Brown, Solicitor PILCH;
- Tom Levi, Graduate, Allens Arthur Robinson;
- Celia Barnett, Graduate, Allens Arthur Robinson; and
- Amy Ward, Solicitor Allens Arthur Robinson.

Chair: Diane Barker

Refreshments will be provided.

This event is likely to be very popular, so I would encourage you to email your RSVPs to ylgeneral@younglawyers.com.au as soon as possible to secure your place.

Golden Gavel Competition – 21 May 2010

Peter Anagnostou is organising an ILC table for the Golden Gavel Competition on 21 May 2010. If you are interested in attending, please email Peter at intlaw.vicechair@younglawyers.com.au for details.

Law Week Stall – Martin Place

Young Lawyers will have a stall in Martin Place during Law Week to promote its activities and events. Drop by to say hello or pick up a copy of one of the publications produced by NSW Young Lawyers including the ILC's *The Practitioner's Guide to International Law*.

ILC NEWS & UPDATES

The Sri Lanka Project

The ICJ recently issued a Press Release in relation to the Sri Lanka Project which is accessible via the following link:

<http://www.icj-aust.org.au/>

Furthermore, Radio Atticus, the legal affairs program on Radio 2SER, aired a story on the project on 3 May 2010 which is available to stream or download as a podcast via the following link:

<http://www.2ser.com/programs/shows/radioatticus>

Congratulations to the ILC's project coordinator, Anne-Marie Douiehy for her contribution to this important project and to all of our members who are also involved.

LinkedIn: An exciting new forum for international law!

As online networking gains momentum and is becoming increasingly trendy amongst our legal constituents, the ILC has taken a bold step forward by creating on a group discussion and news page on LinkedIn:

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&qid=3014631&trk=anet_uq_hm

This Group page will complement the ILC's revamped website:

<http://www.lawsociety.com.au/about/YoungLawyers/Committees/InternationalLaw/index.htm>,

and will provide an online forum to continue discussions from our monthly meetings and

initiate new discussion on recent international legal issues. The group page will also be updated with news and events pertaining to international law to keep our members informed of all developments as they happen.

Our Vice Chair, Peter Anagnostou, is the Administrator and will be sending a link to our member's list shortly. Please join this exciting new group and feel free to contribute to our online forum! Further details can be obtained by emailing Peter at intlaw.vicechair@younglawyers.com.au.

Reminder: ILC Election – International Environmental Law Stream Administrator

As notified in edition 5 of the Newsletter, the ILC's International Environmental Law Stream Administrator, Amy Ward, has indicated her intention to step down from the role to pursue further studies overseas.

As a result of Amy's resignation, the position of International Environmental Law Stream Administrator is vacant. If you are interested in nominating yourself for this position, please email me at intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au. If more than one person nominates for the position, an election will be held at the next meeting of the ILC on **Thursday, 27 May 2010** at **6:00pm**.

Clarification

It has been brought to our attention that comments made in the 5th edition of the ILC Newsletter regarding a symposium held at Sydney University last year, "WTO Litigation: Issues and Reforms", may have caused some confusion amongst our readers as to the content of the presentation by Claire Fearnley.

The comments provided by our Vice Chair, Peter Anagnostou, regarding the effect of the WTO decision were offered to provide context to the attached article and were in no way intended to be interpreted as a report on the panel presentation, which discussed recent Appellate Body jurisprudence concerning US/Canada – Continued Suspension of Obligations in the EC – Hormones Dispute.

We apologise for any confusion that these comments may have caused. The Young Lawyers International Law Committee seeks to promote informed discussion among our members, the profession and the broader community on international legal developments and we consider the accuracy of the items in our Newsletter to be of the utmost importance.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND TALKS

A Career at the Bar – Women Lawyers NSW Free Seminar

Topic: "Law as a Career-Coming to the Bar"
Date: Wednesday, 19 May 2010,
Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Location: Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts
Mitchell Theatre
Level 1, 280 Pitt St, Sydney NSW 2000

Speakers: The Hon. Catherine Branson QC, President Australian Human Rights Commission

Julia Baird SC, Barrister & President Women Barristers Forum
Amy Douglas-Baker, Barrister
RSVP: executive@womenlawyersnsw.org.au

The panel of guest speakers will share their experiences in their respective legal careers, coming to the bar, and directions their careers have taken. Light refreshments provided.

Sydney Law School Events

<http://sydneylaw.e-newsletter.com.au/link/id/43676714bdf5c9c8b765P15404954b569bab827c4/page.html>