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**INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER
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Dear Members,

Welcome to the latest edition of the International Law Committee's Newsletter. As always, if you have any feedback or 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, Tom Levi and Pouyan Afshar for contributing to this week's newsletter.

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Reminder - CLE Training Session

See below for an email from Pouyan Afshar regarding the upcoming CLE training session on **Tuesday, 13 April 2010**. I encourage all interested members to attend. Please note that the RSVP date is **TODAY, Thursday, 8 April 2010**.

Dear Members

I hope you are having a great shorter-than-normal week!

*On behalf of the Chair and Vice Chair of the CLE Committee, I would like to invite you and your Committees' members to attend a **CLE training session on Tuesday, 13 April 2010**. I know some of you may have already received this invitation through your email lists, so I apologise in advance for sending it to you again. Having said that, I would like to highlight the importance of our CLE program to the continuing vibrancy and financial health of our organisation and invite you to attend this meeting!*

Please RSVP using the details below for catering purposes if you would like to attend!

I highly recommend this for anyone who is interested in being involved in our CLE program. Feel free to come and ask questions or just watch and listen. 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 (subject to confirmation on Monday, 12 April 2010)

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

Feel free to contact [Faraz](mailto:maghami@stjames.net.au) (CLE Committee Chair - maghami@stjames.net.au) or [JY](mailto:jyoung@nortonrose.com) (CLE Vice Chair - [jyoung.lee@nortonrose.com](mailto:jyoung@nortonrose.com)) if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Regards

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CLE Dates for the ILC

Our Committee has been allocated the following CLE dates for 2010:

1. 7 July 2010
2. 11 August 2010 (joint CLE with the CET Committee on intellectual property law in the international and domestic arenas)
3. 13 October 2010

Although details are yet to be finalised, it is hoped that the remaining two sessions will focus on the following:

- international dispute resolution (including international arbitration) to complement the opening of the new arbitration centre in Sydney (see below); and
- the use of international law before Australian courts to complement *The Practitioner's Guide to International Law*.

Further details will be provided in future editions of the newsletter.

If you have any ideas for additional CLEs, please feel free to email me at intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au.

2010 Golden Gavel Competition



Four Seasons Hotel
Friday 21 May 2010
7.30am - 9.00am

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Golden Gavel
COMPETITION

\$450 table of 10
\$49 per person

PREVIOUS TOPICS

Why you should never play spin the bottle with a lawyer.

Why lawyers with harbour views are the lucky ones.

To depose or decompose: What to do with troublesome witnesses.

Work Choices for Lawyers - more hours, same money or more hours and same money.

Who nicked my lunch? And other important issues bringing top tier firms to their knees.

NSW Young Lawyers invites you to the 2010 Golden Gavel Competition.

Part of Law Week, this annual public-speaking event is a chance for young lawyers to showcase their advocacy skills, arguing the case on whatever far-fetched topic they've been assigned. The results are usually insightful, brilliant, humorous and always entertaining.

Justice Patricia Bergin of the Supreme Court of NSW will adjudicate the Competition and present the winner with the coveted Golden Gavel Trophy.

When: 7.30am - 9.00am, Friday 21 May

Where: Grand Ballroom, Four Seasons Hotel, 199 George Street Sydney 2000

How much: \$49 per person; \$450 for a table of 10.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Competition, including how young lawyers can enter, visit www.lawsociety.com.au/goldengavel.

BOOKINGS

Purchase individual tickets [online](#) with your credit card.

For other payment options, or to book a table of ten, complete the [booking form](#). Bookings close 14 May 2010.

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The annual Golden Gavel is on again! Please email me at intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au if you are interested in forming a table for the ILC.

Article in the *Law Society Journal* - "Surveying the broad scope of International Law"

Anne Susskind has written an article for *LSJ* in relation to *The Practitioner's Guide to International Law* and its launch on 19 February 2010. The article is printed on pages 30 and 31 of the current issue of the *LSJ*. It is also available via the following link (you will be required to use your Law Society login to access the article online):

<http://www.lawsociety.com.au/resources/journal/latestissue/index.htm>

Well done to Stephen Tully for his input in relation to the article.

Next ILC Meeting

A reminder that the next meeting of the ILC will be held at 6:00pm on **Thursday, 29 April 2010**. All members are welcome to attend.

Other Events

International Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution - Book Launch

Details of the following book launch were published in the latest edition of the Law Society's *Monday Briefs*. Please contact Adam Bratt directly on the email address supplied below if you are interested in attending.

This book of papers and proceedings from the Conference of the same title held at the Federal Court, Sydney in November 2009 will be launched by the Court's Chief Justice, the Hon Justice Patrick Keane at 5.30pm on Monday 19 April 2010.

The launch will take place on the mezzanine level, Court 1, Federal Court of Australia, Level 22, Law Courts building, Queen's Square, Sydney.

For catering purposes please RSVP your attendance to Adam Bratt at adam.bratt@sydney.edu.au, Phone 9351 0358, Fax 9351 0200.

Lachs Space Law Moot

The following email has been brought to my attention for circulation to ILC members. Please contact Dr. Ricky J. Lee on the email address below if you are interested in assisting.

We are looking for people who may be interested in helping us out in doing some judging in the Lachs Space Law Moot this year (for more information about this great moot, go to www.spacemoot.org). This year, our Asia Pacific Regional Rounds have attracted 29 teams from Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan and Singapore in what promises to be an exciting competition to keep the World Finals trophy in this region.

The preliminary rounds will be held next week on Wednesday, 14 April 2010 and Thursday, 15 April 2010 and we need judges for the following times:

Wednesday

9:00 am, 11:00 am, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm at Allens Arthur Robinson, Cnr Hunter & Phillip Streets
10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm at Sparke Helmore, 321 Kent Street

Thursday

9:00 am, 11:00 am, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm at Allens Arthur Robinson
10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm at Sparke Helmore

Please let me know if you are able to help us out in one or more sessions and please feel free to forward this to anyone that you believe may be interested in helping us out.

Look forward to hearing from you and I hope to see you next week!

Regards

MANFRED LACHS SPACE LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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Law Council of Australia

Events recently promoted by the LCA that may interest our members include:

- The International Council of Advocates and Barristers will hold their Fifth World Bar Conference in Sydney from 1 to 4 April 2010.
- The roundtable discussion on Civil Justice Reform with Professor Dame Hazel Genn will be held at the Law Council Secretariat in Canberra on 6 April 2010 hosted by the European Focus Group of the International Law Section of the LCA (see www.lawcouncil.asn.au/sections/international-law for more information).

See generally <http://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/news-article.cfm?article=AC223DD7-1E4F-17FA-D2B6-5724A4C497C7> for details.

News, Views & Articles

Going to China

The following article deals with the challenges companies face in expanding into China. This is particularly relevant in view of recent issues surrounding Rio Tinto executive Stern Hu and Google.

<http://www.mayerbrown.com/publications/article.asp?id=8566&nid=6>

Law Council of Australia March 2010 newsletter

The following articles from the Law Council of Australia's recent email newsletter may be of interest to members:

"Death penalty decision applauded"

<http://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/news-article.cfm?article=AC1AB698-1E4F-17FA-D208-8D86CAB16332>

"LCA welcomes dispute resolution centre"

<http://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/news-article.cfm?article=AC1D3B6E-1E4F-17FA-D273-2A9020571052>

"Iraq delegation attend LCA human rights session"

<http://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/media/news-article.cfm?article=AC2156C3-1E4F-17FA-D211-1BD852D30A46>

AHRCentre's March 2010 e-Bulletin

The March 2010 edition of the Australian Human Rights Centre's e-Bulletin is **attached** as a separate document.

Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Congratulations to the members of the ANU team who recently took first place in the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition held in Washington. For details, see the recent article published in *Lawyers Weekly*:

http://www.lawyersweekly.com.au/blogs/top_stories/archive/2010/03/30/anu-students-win-world-moot-competition.aspx

Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Congratulations to the members of The University of New South Wales team who took out two major awards at the Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna over the weekend. For details, see the recent article published in *Lawyers Weekly*:

http://www.lawyersweekly.com.au/blogs/top_stories/archive/2010/04/05/unsw-victorious-in-vienna.aspx