

THE LAW SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
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**INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER  
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Dear Members,

Welcome to the International Law Committee's first Newsletter.

In an effort to reduce the number of emails you receive from the list, I am trialling a new system whereby general announcements are presented in a newsletter format. The ILC Newsletter will be emailed to members on an ad-hoc basis, as required. I would be grateful for your feedback on this approach.

**New email address**

I have recently experienced some difficulties with emails addressed to the Chair's email address being caught in my firm's spam filter. As a result, I have changed the linked email address for all ILC communications. You can continue to email me at [intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au) and all emails will be forwarded directly to my new address.

If you have sent me an email and I have not responded, it has probably been treated as spam at my end and you may wish to send it again. I apologise for any inconvenience.

**Launch of *The Practitioner's Guide to International Law***

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the launch of the Guide on 19 February 2010 and for those of you who were able to attend the launch. It was a great success.

Radio Atticus, the weekly legal affairs program on Radio 2SER, also covered the launch. Several members of the ILC and Young Lawyers were interviewed. The program can be accessed at <http://www.2ser.com/programs/shows/radioatticus> as a streamed audio or downloadable podcast. The story on the launch commences approximately 25 minutes into the program. I encourage you all to listen to the program, which has provided some great exposure for the Committee and Young Lawyers generally. There will also be a story in the April edition of the *Law Society Journal* regarding the launch.

The Guide is now available as a downloadable PDF on the Young Lawyers website (<http://www.lawsociety.com.au/about/YoungLawyers/Committees/InternationalLaw/Resources/index.htm>). I encourage you to promote the Guide amongst your colleagues and friends and to have a look at the publication if you have not yet had a chance to do so.

Finally, the Young Lawyers Office has also received hundreds of requests for hard copies of the Guide and we anticipate a second print run will be required. To ease the administrative burden on the office, I encourage you to draw your colleagues' attention to the online version.

## Change in Venue for Meetings

By now, you should have all received an email from Pouyan Afshar, NSW Young Lawyers President, with details of the change of venue for all YL meetings. Reproduced below is the latest information from Pouyan:

*Dear Members*

*As you may know, the Law Society has begun refurbishing its building at 170 Phillip Street. This program of refurbishment affects all of the NSW Young Lawyers Committees, because the meeting rooms on level 2 of that building will no longer be available. Instead, from now until further notice (unless it is expressly stated otherwise), all of the NSW Young Lawyers Committee meetings will take place at 55 Hunter Street, Sydney (click on this link for a map).*

*Our CLEs will continue to be staged on Level 9 of the old building.*

*This period is going to be one of change and disruptions for NSW Young Lawyers. On behalf of the organisation, I thank you for your understanding and apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused. The great thing about this project is that you can look forward to a great new venue for our meetings and events in not so distant a future!*

*For information regarding the refurbishment and the new premises, please head to the building refurbishment project information site.*

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the NSW Young Lawyers office on [ylgeneral@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:ylgeneral@younglawyers.com.au) or contact me on [President@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:President@younglawyers.com.au).*

*I look forward to seeing you at our meetings this year!*

*Regards and thanks*

*Pouyan*

I understand that the arrangements concerning meetings may change from day-to-day. Accordingly, our Secretary, Dora Chan, will check the meeting room location prior to every meeting. Dora will confirm details of our meeting room on the day of each meeting (being the last Thursday of each month). Please email me at [intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au) for any enquiries on the day

## Bushweb representative

I have received the following email from Rebecca Harper, the Chair of the Bushweb Committee. If anyone is interested in nominating for the position of Bushweb representative, please email me at [intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au).

*Dear Chairs*

*Can you please advise who is your current Bushweb representative so that I can ensure that they are all subscribed to the list.*

*As you are aware Bushweb is a committee of NSW Young Lawyers designed to provide an outreach to Regional and remote practitioners. These practitioners are often isolated and disconnected to our organisation. They require support and often need mentoring. Our regions desperately need to both attract and retain talented lawyers to the regions. To ensure that Lawyers remain where there is the greatest need, my committee attempts to provide some of the required support via the Bushweb that city central lawyers take for granted.*

*This can be in the form of important contacts, conversations with like minded lawyers, emotional and limited legal support in the form of mentoring and at times notifications of employment opportunities.*

*We can involve Regional and remote lawyers in our organisation by firstly joining them to Bushweb (this is my role) and then providing them with information as to the activities and projects of your committees. Regional and remote practitioners have a vast array of interests and their perspectives could greatly benefit your committees.*

*You should ensure that your representative is subscribed to Bushweb, and that they are actively posting to my committee about your committees activities. The benefit to your committee is that the activities and events of your committee reaches a greater audience of practitioners across the state and may also lead to Bushweb members interests being peaked and becoming a valuable member of your committee. There are often projects that predominantly require involvement via the internet and remote practitioners can be part of that input.*

*Please confirm the identity of your Bushweb representative, and encourage that committee member to be an active participant on Bushweb and post regular updates about the interesting activities of your committees.*

*We look forward to your committee's input.*

*Rebecca Harper | Executive Councillor | Bushweb Chair  
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## **Sovereign Immunity submission**

The Taxation Law Committee recently drafted a submission to Treasury in relation to Foreign Investments. Our Vice-Chair, Peter Anagnostou, contributed some material to the submission. The final submission is attached as a separate document for your information.

## **Debrief Lawyer in Focus**

Daniel Petrushnko, *Debrief* editor and Vice-President of Young Lawyers, is introducing a new section in *Debrief* called "Lawyer in Focus". Daniel is hoping to profile members of Young Lawyers who have made significant contributions to the profession. If you know of anyone who might be a suitable candidate for one of the monthly profiles, please email Daniel at [vicepresident@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:vicepresident@younglawyers.com.au). The deadline for submissions to *Debrief* is the second Friday of each month.

## New members

Welcome to all of our new student members who signed up during O-Week. The Committee is working on projects to encourage greater involvement by its student members, particularly because students often find it difficult to attend our monthly meetings in the City and may feel disconnected from the workings of the Committee. Further details of the relevant projects will be communicated throughout the year.

The Committee's student representative is Clementine Rendle who is doing a wonderful job liaising between students and the Committee's office bearers.

With our new student members, the Committee's membership has jumped to 430 individuals. Thank you all for your support of the Committee.

## Contributions

If you would like to contribute to the Newsletter, including information about relevant events, international legal developments and the like, please email me at [intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au).

Regards

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