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From the Head of School

Dear Students

I hope you have all settled into your studies for the year and are enjoying your units. Many of you will be working on assignments over the coming weeks.

This is therefore an opportune time to draw your attention to an important decision handed down by the Victorian Court of Appeal late last year: In the Matter of OG [2007] VSC 520. The case concerned a person who had been admitted to practice as a lawyer and one who was applying for admission. As students at a Victorian university, they had been penalised with a zero mark out of 20 in a marketing assignment for working together. The student seeking admission disclosed the matter but the one already admitted had not disclosed it. As you will learn when you study Legal Practice and Ethics, it is vital when you are seeking admission that you disclose any matter of relevance as to whether you are a fit and proper person. The result in the case was the person who had been admitted to practice was struck off the roll of practitioners. Separately his fellow student was not admitted to practice because of concerns about his candour before the Board of Examiners.

The case is a timely warning for all law students about plagiarism. Even though there had been no formal finding by the University, the fact of a penalty imposed in one unit was sufficient to raise concerns for the Board of Examiners. Deakin takes plagiarism very seriously and every unit guide contains warnings for you. Never be tempted to cheat, the implications for your future career may be dire.

Professor Anne Rees

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- Legal Work Experience in July 08

In July 2008 positions will be available at the Geelong, Dandenong and Ringwood offices of Victoria Legal Aid and the Office of Public Prosecutions. Students attend their agency on one day per week during normal office hours over a 12 week placement. They may be required to undergo a Police check and give undertakings re confidentiality.

Students selected will need to comply with Deakin professional experience procedures which are set out at: www.deakin.edu.au/buslaw/law/currentstudents/professional-exp.php.

Applications for the July 2008 intake should be emailed to Peter Wood, Senior Lecturer (Professional Development) at peterw@deakin.edu.au and must be received by 28 May 2008. Previous participants in this work experience program are free to reapply.

Applications should be brief but include the following details: Full Name, Student ID number, contact phone number(s), academic record, preferred workplaces in order ie VLA Geelong, Dandenong or Ringwood, OPP, day(s) of the week you are available

Events

- **Vienna VIS Moot & Hong Kong Moot (MLL355)**

Our VIS Moot team, accompanied by coach, Peter Kilduff, and assistant coach, Gaby Czarnota, competed in both Hong Kong and Vienna, performing creditably according to all reports. Nadi Mahanama received an oralist prize at the final banquet lunch in Hong Kong.

Deakin is one of the few Australian law schools to have competed in every Vienna Moot competition since its inception. We will be calling for expressions of interest later in the year from students interested in competing next year. A heavy time commitment throughout the summer break is required but VIS alumni say the rewards are worth it!

- **Europe Study Program - Applications close soon!**

Deakin University School of Law offers a three-week European study program in International Commercial Law 29 June-18 July 2008. In addition to an exciting cultural experience, students participating in the program will study International Commercial Law, combining an intensive series of lectures in France with formal visits to trade and legal organisations in Paris, Luxembourg and London. Applications close 11 April 2008. For more information contact margaret.broadway@deakin.edu.au Read more: www.deakin.edu.au/buslaw/law/europestudyprogram/index.php

- **A Sustainable World. Can you make it Happen?**

The next intake for the Future Sustainability Leaders program is happening now. The Future Sustainability Leaders Program 2008 Applications for this seven month sustainability leadership course are open to young professionals and university students. This course is scholarship based ^ there is only a token cost to take part. Training is held every Tuesday evening in the Melbourne CBD from May until November 2008. Applications close 30 March 2008. Apply at www.csl.org.au

- **TressCox Scholarship in Law 2008**

TressCox invites applications from students in their penultimate or third year of university who, because of either financial disadvantage or personal circumstances, are finding it difficult to continue their studies in law. By awarding scholarships to promising students, the firm assists those who may otherwise be denied the opportunity to pursue a legal career. Scholarship winners are also interviewed for a position in our summer and winter clerkship programs. Applications close 13 April 2008. Apply at www.tresscox.com.au/careers/scholarships.asp

General information

- **Online University Handbook**

The University Handbook is available online. Please refer to the online version for the most up-to-date information about units, pre-requisite unit changes and other enrolment information. www.deakin.edu.au/handbooks2008/ Avoid fees and missing due dates check out important dates listed at: www.deakin.edu.au/handbooks2008/introduction/important-dates.php.

- **Student Advisers**

Student Advisers are available in person at each Faculty Office or by email or phone to answer your course queries. Contact your campus office to make an appointment.

- **Burwood Campus**

Phone: 03 9244 6555
Email: enqblm@deakin.edu.au

- **Geelong Campus**

Phone: 03 5227 1277
Email: enqbuslaw-g@deakin.edu.au

- **Warrnambool Campus**

Phone: 03 5563 3510
Email: enqblw@deakin.edu.au

- **School of Law Website**

The School of Law website provides up-to-date information about how to obtain a Law Degree with Honours, course structures, positions available, mooting competitions, Law Clinic and much more! Check it out. www.deakin.edu.au/buslaw/law/.

- **Deakin Law Students' Society (DLSS)**

The semester is only just beginning to warm up for the DLSS and there is lots happening! Inclusive to all campuses is the Maddocks Paper and Oral Competition and the Grand Finals of the First Year, Junior and Senior Moots, plus don't forget to join our Facebook and buy a DLSS Card for only \$10. On Burwood Campus, the annual River Cruise takes place on 17 April 2008 and the next BBQ is on 11 April 2008. On the Geelong Campus, Cocktails on the Carousel takes place on 10 April 2008.

- **Cocktails @ the Carousel**

A fantastic night out at the Geelong Waterfront Carousel, enjoy a cocktail on arrival and all you can drink beer/wine/champagne. After party at Club4Play. Tickets: \$45 for DLSS Cardholders/\$55 DUSA members/\$65 non-members (includes membership).

- **Paper & Oral Presentation**

Dig up your best essay and try your luck in this competition. Registration opens 7 April 2008; submission deadline: 21 April 2008.

For information about all of this and more go to www.deakinlss.org (Burwood) and www.dlss.org.au (Geelong / Warrnambool).

The difference is **Deakin University.**