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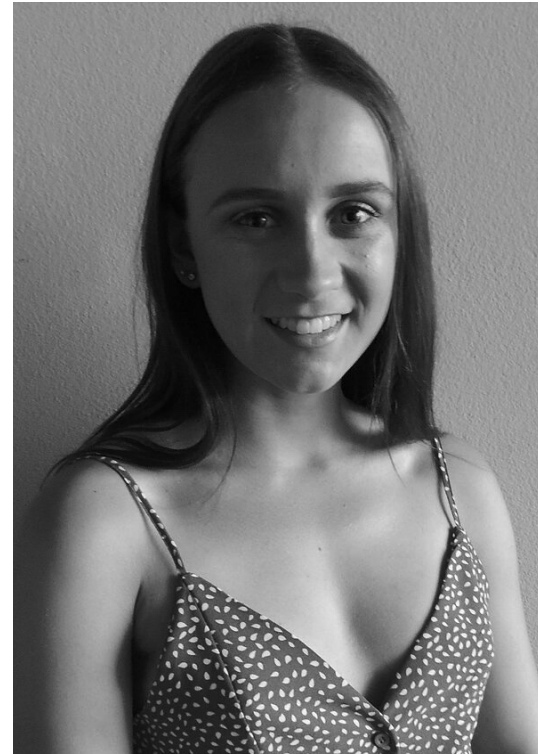
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Preface: A quick word from Publications...

Will Cusack



Hello law school! Hopefully everyone is in good health and not being driven up the wall too badly by isolation and online learning. I just wanted to briefly preface this issue of the Sundry Crimes by outlining what is different about this issue, in both substance and intent.

This year's volume (of which there are 4 issues) of the SC is more informal and casual. I have sought to make the SC a forum where there is back-and-forth between the Committee, the students and the staff of the law school, rather than just having the Committee and sponsors contribute to the SC's content.

I've introduced a few new segments to the SC that you will see for the first time in this issue. We've now got a Letters to the Editor section, where students (and staff!) can pass comment on anything they wish (law school related or otherwise). Also, look out for the first instalment of 'Getting Weird with AJ', a regular segment where AJ has freedom to write on whatever he's been dwelling on for the past few weeks. I've also decided to collate all the great content provided to us from our amazing sponsoring firms in one place in the SC (definitely worth checking out, there is some golden tips and advice about clerkships, applications and all that fun stuff).

As this format of the SC is very much in its infancy, I welcome, and actively encourage, any and all feedback, comments and contributions. I have set up a simple comment box on the NDLSS' website (link below) where you can leave your feedback. This is also the same place where you can contribute to the Letters to the Editor section of the SC which will appear in all of this year's issues (and hopefully in following volumes as well).

LINK: <https://www.ndlss.org/contribute-to-the-sundry-crimes> OR go to the NDLSS website, navigate to the 'More' tab, and you'll find 'Contribute to the Sundry Crimes'

I hope you enjoy the read, and I wish everyone all the best for upcoming assessments and (not)exams in a few weeks!

Cheers,
Will



President's Report

Siobhan Blake



I think it is safe to say that 2020 hasn't quite been the year we expected... Before the coronavirus came along and cancelled everything that we looked forward to each day (can you tell I'm salty about the cocktail not going ahead?), 2020 was shaping up to be a ripper of a year. Now it all just feels a bit... bleh. Never fear! The NDLSS are here to provide you with some momentary respite in the form of the Sundry Crimes, Volume 15. This year, our publications representative Will Cusack has been working tirelessly to bring you some quality content. Within this issue, you'll find letters to the editor, a column from Law School Legend Adam Jardine, along with what the NDLSS has been up to over the last few months. It ain't much, but it's honest work.

Before you flick the page to indulge in some cheeky law school material, here is a quick update on the Notre Dame Law Students' Society.

The Committee has been working to ensure that students have a smooth transition to working from home, and are continuously trying to think up new ways to support the student body. I'd like to thank each and every one of our committee members for the work they have done over this time.

The commencement of our #LearningTogether mentor program has been a great success! With over 45 participants, the program is enabling active knowledge sharing between students and those in the legal profession. In the coming months, we are looking to facilitate a number of online peer-mentoring workshops to ensure students are staying connected with their classmates.

Throughout the year, the NDLSS would usually facilitate face-to-face career sessions with a number of law firms. These events are integral to the



President's Report Continued...

professional development of our students, especially in the lead up to clerkship season. As such, we are now migrating these sessions online. You can find out more about our online career sessions this within this issue.

On a different note - I've had approximately no one, except my three cats, and my mum, to talk to for the last eight weeks. I thought I'd share what I've been up to over this period of isolation (riveting, I know):

1. It turns out that even when I have all the time in the world, I will still make any excuse to not do my set readings.
2. I love my family, but I didn't anticipate moving back in with them at this stage in my life... According to my mother, it's not 'socially acceptable' to have a 6 hour nap in the middle of the day. Shocked and confused.
3. I'm pretty sure I've just gained the same amount of weight in the last 4 weeks of isolation that I did in my first year of Law school.
4. Something about this whole debacle has made me want to spend an unnecessary amount of money on fancy skincare products.
5. It's now also quite apparent that I have no hobbies apart from going out to eat, and spending money.
6. Yup, it happened. 3 weeks into isolation I dyed my hair pink. Don't pretend you haven't thought about doing the same. Unsure what I'm going to do about this when I have to go back to the office...
7. I miss Craven Law Library. There, I said it.



President's Report Continued...

8. There was recently one day that I spent NINE HOURS on Tik Tok. I've never spent nine hours on anything (except that maybe that Contract assignment I thought I was capable of leaving until the night before it was due.)

9. I somehow can't get to the end of a single to-do list. Apparently I have the attention span of a goldfish.

10. Carol Baskin killed her husband – you can't convince me that it didn't happen.

We hope the following edition of the Sundry Crimes can make you laugh in a time of uncertainty.

If you have any suggestions of ways we can support students during this time, or if you have any question or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via president.ndlss@nd.edu.au or on 0458 424 897.

I'll see you all soon.

Siobhan



Social Vice President's Report

Tayla Ward



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As all of you are aware we unfortunately have had to postpone our annual Semester 1 Cocktail Party due to the COVID-19 developments. I want to personally thank The Flour Factory and our sponsor Leo-Cussen for their commitment and understanding during this time. A lot of effort went into planning the cocktail party although it did not go ahead. I also want to thank everyone for their understanding and enthusiasm leading up to and after the postponement of the event. Everyone who purchased a ticket has been refunded and we look forward to hosting this event in the future.

As for the ball which is currently scheduled for Saturday the 5th of September, we have communicated with the Westin and with high hopes and extreme optimism this event, as of today, is still going ahead.

Our theme for the ball is 60s Spring Fling and we hope this event can mark the end of COVID-19 and celebrate the year in all its glory.

We hope to be hosting virtual social events in the near future so keep an eye out on socials and your email.

As for now, that's all from me.

I wish you all the very best during this difficult time. Please don't hesitate to contact me even if it's for a virtual wine and chat or any ideas for future social events.

Tayla



First Year Representative's Report

Eli McKenzie



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The beginning of 2020 for first year law students was very successful. I was able to first meet most on Orientation Day which saw to a great turn out of people. So far this semester, we have also had the success of the First Year Mixer, a small sausage sizzle in Malloy Courtyard. Seeing so many people attend, it was a great opportunity to meet more first year law students and see to how they were settling into university life. Whilst the semester took an unprecedented turn, we have all still kept in touch via our Facebook page in which weekly study tips and tricks are posted.

My time as First Year Representative is soon coming to an end as we now embark on looking for someone to take over my position.

Are you interested in expanding your extra-curricular activities, or are you simply wanting to place yourself in a new and exciting purpose? Whatever your interests are, the Notre Dame Law Students' Society is the perfect opportunity to have your voice heard and develop a broad range of skills. The Notre Dame Law Students' Society is looking for the newest First Year Representative which will be in charge of the first year cohort from Semester 2 2020 to Semester 1 2021. This position is a great start for those law students who hope to be involved in the NDLSS in the future. All that is required is your attendance, ideas and event planning. As the First Year Representative, it is encouraged that you plan a first-year mixer, which you are given pretty much a free reign to decide (as long as it meets a certain budget).



First Year Representative's Report Continued...

If this interests you, send a 150-word explanation about why you think you should be the First Year Representative for 2020/2021. This explanation can include anything that you believe shows that you are the best person, whether that be any achievements, or simply a taste of your sense of humour. As well as this explanation, can you please attach a recent photo of yourself, so just in case your fellow students have simply forgotten what your beautiful faces look like, they can be reminded.

These documents are to be sent to the Secretary, Olivia Hoyne via her email: secretary.ndlss@nd.edu.au.

Applications close on the Friday 16th May at 4:00pm.

Good luck!!!

Eli



Mature Age Representative's Report

Souzi Clifford



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As a Mature age student, we hear a lot about work-life balance. Yet finding this elusive balance between study, full or part time work, family and personal commitments, can seem overwhelming at times. Whatever your view is on this, it can be hard to deny that ‘finding balance’ amid the new landscape of Covid-19 online learning comes with new sets of challenges. As a current Post Graduate Laws student, whether you’re like me setting a new direction in your career, or simply upskilling, this commitment has to be compelling enough to keep you focused and motivated on the “why” you have decided to study and equally on the “what” that balance looks like for you.

So here are my 4 useful tips to help you along this journey:

1. Your Network (a.k.a Tribe) is Key

Develop nurturing friendships at law is the key to survival (or at least it is for me). It’s also helpful to share your experiences with your partner, family and friends on your assignment- exam schedules which keeps them fully informed. In doing so, they are more likely to feel part of the process and will be in a better position to support you.

2. Plan your time

Time management can be tricky at the best of times. Even more so for mature age students who are often juggling study with work and family commitments. I find a timetable both in digital form and handwritten form, can help better track time. Listing daily and weekly tasks, can help keep you on track to complete them. Also think about what times you learn best. Do you like me, work best early in the morning, or is later at night a better option for? Whatever works best, be realistic about your time, in order to prioritise the workload.



Mature Age Representative's Report Continued...

3. Stay Focused

Returning to study a little late in life is a great opportunity. Yet we need to be realistic about what you expect of yourself and others within the transition of adjusting to university life. You may also consider touching up on your academic skills in order to best adjust to the new discipline. Yet in saying that, try not to feel too overwhelmed with the all workload! We have all been there and it does get better.

4. Mindfulness - stress management techniques to get you through the tough times.

When you're feeling distracted, practising mindfulness is a great way to improve your headspace. Here are a few key benefits of mindfulness:

Take a few minutes from your day to focus on your breathing.

It's important to remember that mindfulness isn't a once off kind of thing. It takes time and practice to develop it.

Take mini breaks throughout the day. If you're finding it difficult to be still, it's important to take time out of your day. Mindfulness can help you refocus your energy. **Create a journal.** Keeping a journal can be a great way to reflect on your thoughts and feelings in a completely private and safe way. You could consider a bullet journal or just write down how you're feeling each day.

Souzi



Jessup Moot Competition

Meg Symmonds & Lachlan Sudlow

Over the 2019/20 University summer break, students Meg Symmonds, Lachlan Sudlow Alex K-Bailey, David Baldwin and Mathew Matheson from Notre Dame competed in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Competition. The ‘Jessup’ competition is the world’s largest and most prestigious moot court competition with approximately 700 law schools competing globally.

For those of you who aren’t familiar with what a ‘moot’ is – a moot is an advocacy competition that involves a fictional scenario or dispute. Competitors are required to prepare written and oral submissions to present in a simulated court room environment. The Jessup competition involves a public international law dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice.

We spent our summer holidays researching issues of public international law, preparing written submissions and perfecting our oral advocacy skills. All of the hard work and dedication culminates in the week-long national rounds which are sponsored by DLA Piper and held in Canberra each year in February. The week is concluded with the Grand Final and Final Dinner which is held in the High Court. This year seventeen teams competed in the national rounds and the eventual winners were the University of Sydney.

The summer of 2019/20 was filled with long days and late nights. As the standard of Jessup mooters is so high and the question being long and complex, the preparation required to moot this question is extensive. The competition requires each team to submit a set of Applicant and Respondent submissions answering 4 distinct prayers for relief. As well as preparing 45-minute long oral submissions presented before a Judging bench.



Jessup Moot Continued...

At the conclusion of the Semester 2 exams, we began working around the clock preparing our written submissions. We spent weeks of reading, researching and by the end of December we had amassed our own personal public international law library, after pillaging the other Law School libraries around Perth. We submitted our written arguments and began preparation on our oral submissions. We quickly realised that preparing the oral arguments required an in depth and intricate understanding of the law we were discussing. We continued a gruelling training regime mooting twice a day in front of, essentially, anyone who would hear us. We were lucky enough to have the dedicated and formidable trio of Nicholas Summers, Lara Pratt and Final year student and former Jessup mooter, Tom Boyle to guide us. They listened, challenged and helped our arguments develop. Our confidence did get a little bruised and battered along the way however, particularly when we mooted before Senior Advocacy lecturer Tony Power.

We travelled to Canberra in the second week of February and faced 4 different teams in the initial general rounds. The standard of competing teams was very high. The real challenge of Jessup, however, is provided by the calibre of legal minds sitting on the Judges Benches. For instance, sitting on the bench for our second moot was a lawyer from the Australian Defence Force whose job it is to review the legality of new weapons which Australia possesses and acquires. If presenting oral submissions before an Army General was not difficult enough, the second ground of the question discussed the legality and review of an autonomous weapon being used by a nation's military. Our team stood up very well to the Judges' scrutiny and the experience was very rewarding.

We finished 10th in the general rounds and failed to qualify for the finals by half a point. We did not leave empty handed as Notre Dame received 3 awards at the Final Dinner. We received awards for Best Newcomer Team, Applicant written Submissions Runners-up and Respondent Written Submissions Third place.



Jessup Moot Continued...

The 2020 Jessup problem involved a dispute between fictional countries, the State of Adawa and Republic of Rasasa which are neighbouring countries in the region of Crosinia. The problem encompassed four controversial and topical aspects of public international law: the laws of state succession, legality of fully autonomous weapons, imposition of tariffs, and immunity of state officials. The question detailed the 100-year history between the parties which included a civil war, dissolution of states and creation of a multinational economic community for the fictitious Helian Hyacinth, a flowering spice native to the Crosinian region.

The dispute between Adawa and Rasasa arose over the Helian Hyacinth; when a catastrophic hurricane destroyed much of the region's economy and native Helian plant. Following the devastating hurricane, Adawan gangs, which later formed into organised militias, roamed the Rasasan countryside stealing Helian plant and committing various crimes. In a bid to salvage the remaining Helian plant and save the devastated economy, the Rasasan government-imposed tariffs on all trade of Helian and Helian related goods. To combat transborder crime, the Rasasan government authorised the development and deployment of the weaponised autonomous limitation wall ('WALL'). The WALL was a fully autonomous weapon system that operated independently of human control and judgement capable of firing on gangs crossing the Adawan-Rasasan boarder. Following these events, somewhat controversially the Rasasan Foreign Minister was detained in Adawa for her involvement in war crimes. This problem question was both incredibly challenging and interesting to moot, with extensive detail, open-ended issues and plenty of scope to get creative with the arguments.

We would like to thank all of those involved in the Jessup moot program for 2020. For those interested in mooting and competing in the Jessup moot in years to come feel free to contact either Megan or Lachlan to discuss the experience further.

Meg & Lachy

GETTING WERID WITH AJ

A brand new, regular segment of the Sundry Crimes, where we've got the man, the myth, the legend lecturer Adam Jardine to publish a piece about whatever is on his mind



Episode 1:

'We Are All Joe Exotic'



You guys have all seen that 'Tiger King' series on Netflix, right? If not, **stop what you're doing right now** and binge it. Trust me: you do not want me to spoil this for you. The show **tells** you where it's going in the first episode, and you **still** won't know where it's going until it's over.

All caught up? Awesome. 'Tiger King' has everything I look for in my entertainment: true crime, politics, polygamy, gun culture, a lady allegedly feeding her husband to a tiger ... and, of course, baby animals. **SO MANY** cute little cubs, with their cute little paws and cute little mewls doing cutie-pie things. It'd be a real good antidote to the general malaise of the quarantine if you ignored absolutely everything else in the doco.

Of course, there's a catch. One of the show's colourful characters has been accused of – trigger warning for non-psychopaths – euthanising healthy cubs. The reason is commercial. Cubs are profitable while you can still cuddle them, and have grandma nuzzle up to them for a photo. But they grow. And grow. And **GROW**. (Tigers are big kitties, man.) It's not long before they can do some damage. At that pint, they're just a mouth to feed: and it costs quite a bit to feed a tiger. A hard-headed man of commerce doesn't keep around a liability like that. That's just not good business.

Awful, right? Simba shouldn't have to die just so Doc Whatshisname can save a few bucks. (I know, I know, Simba's a lion ... look, you're missing the point.)

That's not the only animal welfare issue the series raises, either. Mr Exotic ran a zoo, albeit in a somewhat unorthodox way. (If you've ever wanted to see a liger drag a man around by the shoes, this is the show for you. No, that's not a typo: 'ligers' are a thing.) He had a **LOT** of big cats. In the wild, big cats have big territories. They roam those territories, prowling and hunting. They don't wait for someone to shove a bunch of rejected Walmart meat down a funnel for them. They're not biologically geared towards that kind of life. We've all felt the effects of the stay-at-home order: we can probably sympathise.

I like that this series is so popular right now. I like that it's inspiring a conversation about animal cruelty. We need more of those.

GETTING WERID WITH AJ

The thing is, though ... if you **REALLY** want to do this, you're going to have to face a hard truth. **You and Joe Exotic are the same person.**

Well, not exactly. Most of you probably never had two husbands simultaneously. Or ran for president. Or distributed condoms with your face printed on them as an election strategy. And I'm not saying you're as **bad** as Joe Exotic. If you've never taken out a hit on a rival, you're probably not as bad as Joe Exotic. (**ALLEGEDLY**. Don't sue me: I have no money.)

However, you, me, Joe Exotic, just about everyone else – we're guilty of profound hypocrisy. We love animals. In fact, we adore them. We think about how to make their lives better, and our happiness is tied up with theirs. We won't tolerate any sort of exploitation or abuse ...

right up to the point we find not tolerating it mildly inconvenient.

You get no prizes for pointing out hypocrisy in the animal rights field, but here's one example. In Australia, it's generally socially acceptable to eat pig, but not dog. (The people at my last barbecue were very upset.) Pigs are actually pretty cool critters. They're smart. They're sociable. They like human affection. You can even train them to walk on a lead. In other words, they're akin to dogs in a lot of ways you'd think are ethically significant. Why can you eat one and not the other?

Do you need to eat animals in the first place? Let me help you out: the answer is no. You can be perfectly healthy on a vegetarian diet. If you eat meat, more animals than you'd ever be able to count have been born, raised and slaughtered specifically so you could consume their flesh, **which you did not need to do**. Even in an idealised world, where those animals were raised in great conditions and didn't suffer from confinement, unhealthy feeding practices, or any other cruelty – that is, if we completely ignore the commercial realities of farming on a scale sufficient to satisfy global demand – the animals were born to die before their time, for the sake of your tastebuds. (I'm guilty of this too, by the way. I ate pig until a few years ago, so I will be haunted by the spirits of a thousand hogs when I get to Hell.)

Why stop there? Have you ever thought about whether it's right to keep pets – I mean, not a specific type of animal, but generally? Regardless of how well you treat your pets, a pet is your property – you can buy, sell or gift it. The entire institution of pethood is based on that fact. If they were considered people, pethood would be slavery. (This, by the way, is why the whole rhetoric of animal rights is a sham: **people** have rights, and non-human animals are **property**, in the law's eyes.) But a pet is also a sentient thing. It feels. It has its 'own mind'. It thinks (to a greater or lesser extent, depending on the species). Pethood is you having property rights over a feeling, thinking being. Sounds kind of gross when you put it like that. So we rarely do.

GETTING WEIRD WITH AJ

I'm not saying you shouldn't eat meat or keep pets. Those are ethical judgements you need to make for yourself, and reasonable people can differ. But this is the strange thing: ***you've probably never been asked to think that hard about it.*** You just learned, from the time you were a bub, that some animals are for cuddling, and some are for dinner. Some you can kill, because they're vermin, and some you can't, because they're your 'best friend'. You've never had to justify the distinctions you've made. **THAT** is the weird part: the 'pass' society gives us not to think.

Like I said: we are all Joe Exotic. **We don't do enough thinking.**

Let me end on another Netflix recommendation. It's called 'Beastars'. It's an anime about a world in which anthropomorphic carnivores live side-by-side with anthropomorphic herbivores. It focuses on a wolf struggling with conflicts between his natural instincts, his conscience, and social expectations. It's a simple premise: but if you trace out its moral implications, and think about how you'd feel if the lobster could scream when it hit the pot, it's an amazing thought experiment. If you don't think you can learn something from a show in which yakuza lions kidnap a dwarf bunny for some Hannibal Lecter action, you are wrong.

Until next time,
AJ



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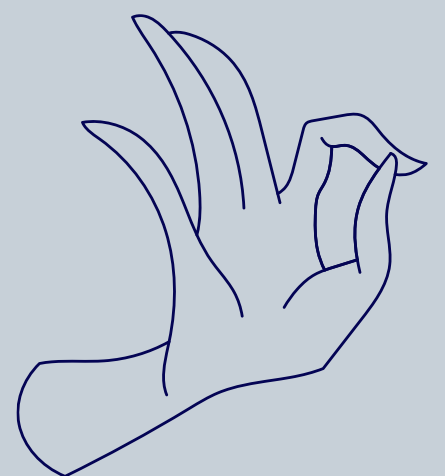
*The old 'Rona
hasn't been
stopping the
NDLSS*



Like most normally face-to-face meetings, the NDLSS has continued to meet through *Zoom*, continuing to keep the Committee being productive, and to make sure we are addressing any student concerns during these times.

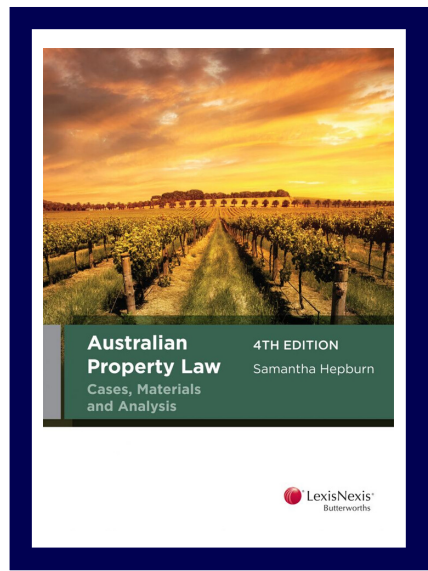


Jumpers!



We still have a jumpers left (in both navy and grey). Buy yours from the shop on the NDLSS website!
<https://www.ndlss.org/shop>





ISOLATION:

Expectation
vs.
Reality



Expectation

Reality

7:00AM

You wake up naturally from a solid, nine hours of blissful, uninterrupted sleep. You make your morning green tea and set up in the lounge room for a quick session of 'Zoom' Pilates.

It's going to be a *#blessed* day.

You snooze your alarm a minimum of 8 times.

What day is it?

9:00AM

Time for breakfast! Self-isolation has really given you a new passion for healthy eating. On today's menu is a poached egg on a bed of steamed asparagus, washed down with a cold pressed juice.

Delish!

Is this the third morning in a row you've eaten Nutella out of the jar for breakfast? That's one secret we'll never know.

xoxo gossipgirl

11:00AM

First lecture of the day is smooth sailing. It's so great having a seamless internet connection. The NBN has really made it seem as if your lecturer is in your bedroom with you. Wow actually, that's creepy, forget that last bit.

You're 15 minutes late to you lecture because your internet connection is about as stable as you are. Oh and also, you just forget you even had lecturers anymore.

While in isolation, you've kept up with your usual lecture schedule. That is, you spend the whole time online shopping, and have to teach yourself the content from the slides in three weeks time.

1:00PM

A 'lil snack never hurt anyone! You eat some hummus with carrot while flicking through your constitutional law textbook. The separation of powers really is fascinating!

You decide to reward yourself with a 'lil nap. This working from home stuff really takes it out of you!

Expectation

Reality

3:00PM

Even though it's only week 10, it's never too soon to start preparing your exam notes. These are the best ones you've done yet. HDs here you come!

A phone call from a uni friend wakes you up. They're asking for this morning's lecture notes. 'Oh uh, noting much really happened. I didn't really take any notes.'

5:00PM

Time for a quick jog around the park. It's actually quite amazing how you can FEEL the endorphins flowing through your body. When you get home, you stretch on your balcony while listening to your meditation podcast.

Five o'clock, you know what that means? Wine time! Recently you've been quite partial to an \$8 number from Uncle Dan's. You imagine that this is the feeling some people get from naturally produced serotonin. It also pairs well with the two-minute noodles you have planned for dinner.

7:00PM

After a light dinner of grilled fish and salad, you start your evening study period. Some light reading for your tutorial tomorrow, and revision of what you went over today in class.

Now might be the time to try get a bit of study done. You decide that you'll be far more comfortable working on your bed. You glance over your notes and decide you know the general gist of things.

Time for a short cat-nap.

9:00PM

You jump into bed and start your evening leisure reading. When the isolation period is over, you want to have read at LEAST 5 new books.

Ahhhh, time to scroll through the 'for you page' on Tik Tok. You consider trying to learn the renegade, have a flashback to the dancing incident at last year's law ball and quickly decide against learning the renegade.

11:00PM

Time for bed! You spray lavender on your pillow and drift off to sleep.

You know what? Now **IS** a good time to start watching Tiger King.

You deserve it.



The *Sundry Crimes*

Letters to the Editor

Textbooks...they're as useless a pen without ink. Yet, us law students continue to fall into the trap of buying them. It is no secret that most of us don't do the assigned 'weekly readings' that we are told constitute a matter of life or death (in other words, pass or fail) in the very first lecture of the very first week of law school!

Before I set out on my little 'rant' against the use of textbooks, I would like to acknowledge the textbook-lovers in our midst. I salute you, I really do. Reading those cheeky High Court of Australia case summaries takes time and effort, let alone pages upon pages of dry and dull content which, to be honest, make most law students want to start crying or guzzling red wine (for me it's usually the latter). So, for the minority who do your readings, just like a Kirby dissenting judgement, don't take these criticisms to heart...or at least to what is left of it after indulging in such a boring activity.

Without further ado, this is why I think textbooks serve no meaning other than to pay the wages of academics masquerading as entertaining writers:

1. Most textbooks, and I emphasise most here (Graw, Contract Law, you're an exception), don't actually provide anything but rehashed versions of court judgements and academic articles with accompanying footnotes. On the face of it, you'll scroll through a text and be caught up in the 'cute' little headings and summaries, but the reality is the content is just waffly language with a bit of artistic flare. In other words, it really isn't that helpful.
2. They don't help you in preparing study notes - there is no shame in admitting that most of us copy and paste (or in some cases simply print) lecture slide content into a word doc, chop and change a few things, add some highlights, a couple of our own pieces of "analysis," and wallah...we're set for the exam.
3. The price tag - law is an academically demanding area of study, there is no denying that. Then you throw in the financial blow inflicted by the price of textbooks, you quickly realise that there is certainly no such thing as a free lunch. \$250 for a Property Law textbook?!! If you hadn't become accustomed to the shock of law textbook prices quickly established in first year, you'd be wondering if the pages were dipped in gold! You know textbooks are expensive when parking in Freo is comparatively cheap. I propose a better alternative - spending the \$300 you'd normally allocate towards textbooks to a couple of bottles of good wine...they've got greater feasibility and will come in handy around exam time! (And no, I am not endorsing the excessive consumption of alcohol...but a few bottles won't hurt, right?)

With that being said, and my mini attack against the law textbook industry seemingly over, there is one bonus of owning a couple of law texts — it helps warm the fire for when winter hits!

- Hater of textbooks



The Sundry Crimes

Letters to the Editor

I can't be the only one who started first year with a bunch of private school girls who wanted to pursue a career in human rights law. Where did they all go?

- Aspiring corporate lawyer

I'm honestly still scarred from the time I was talking about how cute a certain lecturer (with obscenely long, skinny legs) was, while walking down the stairs of ND11. Turns out he was right behind me and heard EVERYTHING.

- 20-something year old anxious teen

When I left primary school, I thought I was finished with Kahoot3. I really thought I would never experience that sort of joy before. Turns out I was wrong about not doing Kahoot3 again, but right about them never being fun again. Oh

- Corporate Drone

2020 really hasn't been my year.

- Ex-optimist

For real though, the first week of isolation was pretty fun, maybe even the first 10 days. But the novelty has well and truly worn off now. I actually miss all the people in my cohort that I normally avoid talking to anyway.

- J

Seriously... Can someone please tell me the difference between A6LC3 and A6LC4? I've resisted the change for too long, and now I'm too afraid to ask why we're changing in the first place.

Surely there was nothing wrong with 3, and if it aint broke...

Money grabbing scheme if ya ask me.

- Someone who doesn't want to buy AGLC4

Idk about these 'take home assessments' instead of exams... I am having serious doubts about my ability to focus when there is no invigilators stopping me from panic-submitting a third of the way through and running the 18 steps from my desk to where I keep my booze.

- Not Alcoholic (maybe?)

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Clerkship programs	2 Summer & 1 Winter
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Clerkship Profile



DARCY HARWOOD

LAW GRADUATE
KING & WOOD MALLESONS

SUMMER CLERK INTAKE: 2018

AREAS OF ROTATION: Projects and Banking & Finance

UNIVERSITY: University of Notre Dame

DEGREE: Bachelor of Law (First Class Honours) & Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Journalism)

THE APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW PROCESS:

The clerkship application process firstly involved uploading your cover letter, resume and answering a few additional questions. You then had an interview which was extremely relaxed and conversational. I felt like the interviewers genuinely wanted to get to know me rather than it being an interrogation. There were a few events throughout the clerkship process which meant I had a good feel of the firm by the time clerkship offers day came round.

THE CULTURE:

The word 'culture' is thrown around so much throughout the clerkship process but often it is what differentiates firms. KWM has a friendly, inclusive and energetic culture where everyone is approachable, down-to-earth and hard working. It was the culture and people which made me choose KWM.

THE WORK:

KWM's client base means that the work is always interesting, engaging and relevant. I like that whatever matter I am working on will have some impact on the market or the broader community. The work at KWM makes you think of both legal and commercial solutions to your clients.

THE SUPPORT:

I always felt extremely supported throughout my clerkship and it is no different throughout the graduate program. Everyone, at all levels, are approachable and willing to take the time to invest in your development and learning. As KWM is an international firm, you have great access to resources, whether it be technology or research support.

PRO BONO AND COMMUNITY:

It was really important to me to join a firm which has a strong pro bono practice and is heavily involved in the community. In just a few months of being at KWM, I have already worked on numerous pro bono matters and will shortly commence a secondment to Street Law Centre WA. There are also opportunities to get involved in pro bono work during your clerkship.

THE SOCIAL LIFE:

There are always plenty of social events happening around the firm, including Friday Night Drinks, Chinese New Year, the End of Financial Year Party and the End of Year Party. A huge amount of time, resources and energy are put in to making every event different to the last.

WHY I CHOSE KING & WOOD MALLESONS:

I chose KWM because it is not only a firm which has a great reputation, involved in really interesting work and has high profile clients, I also felt comfortable during my clerkship and genuinely enjoyed spending time with everyone who worked there.

MY CLERKSHIP VS. MY EXPECTATIONS:

I found that the clerkship provided a very real insight into what day to day life at KWM is like. My perspective of the firm during my clerkship is not at all different to what my daily life as a graduate is like now.

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Advertorial - Corporate **Nancy Zheng**

I have recently settled as an Associate in the Corporate team after a two-year Graduate programme where I completed four six-month rotations through Financial Restructuring and Insolvency, Employment and Labour, Construction / Litigation and Corporate.

Diversity of work

Our team covers a broad spectrum of work which would fall under the general “Corporate” umbrella. As such, I get to work on all types of “Corporate” work. On any one day, I could be working on a front-end construction matter or negotiating contracts for a large-scale project or working on a merger or acquisition. Additionally, due to the dynamic make-up of the team, I’ve worked across a range of industries and on a mix of domestic and international matters. Each of these matters present their own challenges and learning opportunities. At the moment, I’m enjoying dipping my toes into the different pools of work across the spectrum until I figure out which area I want to specialise in.

Responsibility as a junior

Junior lawyers receive a lot of responsibility on a deal and are integral members of the transaction team. I usually take on project management role on a matter as well as I liaise with clients and other parties. Additionally, I usually get to draft the first cut of an agreement or advice and am in charge of making changes over the course of the negotiations.

For example, I have been working on an international acquisition which spans across four different jurisdictions. This falls on the “Mergers and Acquisitions” side of the Corporate spectrum. We have a core team of lawyers in London, Perth, Tokyo and Sao Paulo working on this matter along with local counsel in each of the jurisdictions of the target entities. Because of the cross-border nature of this team, we’re able to provide our client with a “follow the sun” approach, meaning that we have the ability to work around the clock to make the deal happen.

One aspect of my role is working with other juniors in the other jurisdictions to manage the Completion checklist and ensure that we satisfy all our obligations as and when required. To do this, the juniors need to understand what is happening across the entire matter, which can be difficult when there are multiple concurrent work streams and over 100 items on the

checklist. Managing the Completion checklist then becomes an integral role on the deal as the senior lawyers will rely on you to know exactly what’s going on. I really enjoy this responsibility as it means that I’m at the centre of all the action.

Providing strategic advice

The type of advice you give as a Corporate lawyer is much more commercial and strategic – which really appeals to me. In Corporate, you’re often helping your clients create commercial solutions within the ambit of the law or figuring out which legal alternative provides the best commercial outcome for the client. Our advice needs to be legally-sound but also strategically optimal – it really goes beyond providing legal advice in a commercial scenario.

For example, I have been working on creating what will become the biggest renewable energy facility in the world. This project is on the leading edge of green hydrogen technology, will be the first of its kind in Australia and will service the Asia-Pacific energy market. This matter falls on the “Projects” side of the Corporate spectrum. As the project is still in its inception phase, I have been heavily involved in its strategic development. Recently, the client asked our team to present to the board of investors about the next steps of the project. As part of our presentation, we canvassed an array of issues and solutions, ranging from whether the current legislative framework can support a project of this kind, to how our negotiations with the government could be affected by current political mandates and the upcoming election cycle.

Developing this type of strategic mindset has been, and will be, a steep learning curve, however, I believe it will be an incredibly valuable skillset to hone. This is the kind of stuff you don’t learn at Law School!

Generally, we follow the ups and downs of deals, however, because of the mix of work we do, there is always something interesting keeping me busy. We usually start the day with a team coffee run and you’ll often find a congregation of team members around the communal snack table in the afternoon. Work-life balance is a priority in our team as well as flexible working. The team itself is incredibly supportive of each other and my partners are invested and excited about my career development, which due to the nature of the work, can lend itself to opportunities in-house, abroad or even outside of the law in the future.



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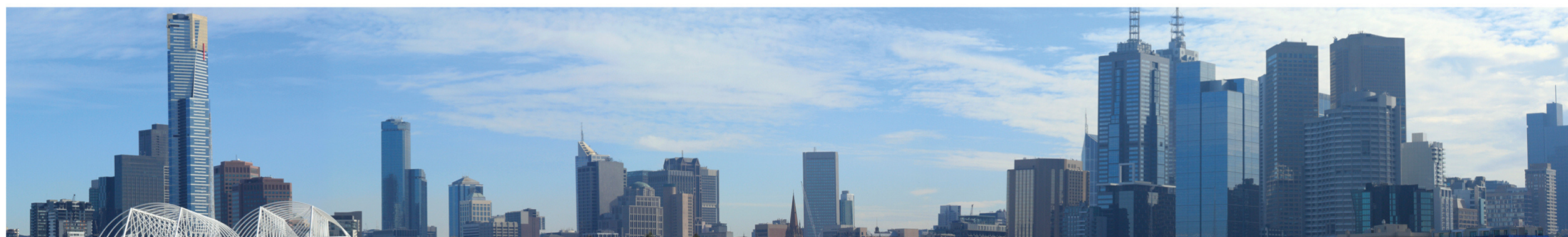
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