

**Careful Where You Tread!  
Expanding the Scholarship Footprint  
at The College of Law**

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# The Project

- **The reasons prompting the change**
- **The challenges**
- **The strategies**
- **The progress**

# The Reasons

- **To improve the body of scholarship upon which each Program is based**
- **To expand opportunities for staff and make their work more interesting**
- **To improve the standing of the institution itself; and**
- **Because we have to.**

# TEQSA Threshold Standards

- *Provider Course Accreditation Standards*
- **1.3 – The content of the course of study is drawn from a substantial, coherent and current body of knowledge and scholarship in one or more academic disciplines and includes the study of relevant theoretical frameworks and research findings.**

# Extant Scholarship

- **College of Law Practice Papers**
- **Rileys Solicitors Manual**
- **CLE Seminar Papers**
- **Journal of Professional Legal Education**
- **APLEC Papers**
- **LawAsia; IBA; CLEAA**
- **Resilience@Law**
- **Other ad hoc projects**
- **Personal Scholarship**



# The Challenges

- **Staff profile**
- **The nature of the PLT program**
- **Management expectation**

# The Strategies

- **Research and scholarship committee and coordinator**
- **Research interest groups**
- **Newsletter**
- **Yammer**
- **Research and scholarship information hub**
- **Major research project**

# Research Interest Groups

## Research interest groups:

- Professional responsibility, and legal ethics
- Resilience for students and legal practitioners
- Using technology, including social media, in learning and teaching
- The use of reflective practices in learning and teaching
- Mediation
- Diversity



# The Newsletter



## Research & Scholarship News

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### College major research project

Welcome to the third edition of Research and Scholarship News. As many of you will be aware, we have decided to initiate a College wide major research project to begin in 2014. To help determine what the focus of that project should be, we are seeking ideas from the whole College community to identify a research study that will be useful, engaging, interesting and will require participation from many members of staff. We have set up a College wide group to select the most appropriate topic. Please follow this link to find out more. [Major Research Project](#)

### Conference news

Several staff members attended conferences and seminars in the last few weeks. You will find details of these attendances in the staff activities information sheet. [Staff Activities](#) Elsewhere in this newsletter, we have included further information about some of the conferences and seminars that colleagues have recently attended. Here are details of some forthcoming conferences that may be of interest to you. [Forthcoming conferences](#)

### Staff publications

Richard Williams, a member of the Queensland bar and an adjunct ALP Lecturer published a paper entitled "Undue influence in will making - Is it now easier to prove?" It was published in the Retirement and Estate Planning Bulletin 2013 Vol 16 No 1, 12.

### Library News

In this edition, Pat Skelton begins a series on how to carry out a literature review before embarking on a research project. Here is a link to the information. [Literature Reviews](#)

### Research Seminar at Sydney University

Judy Bourke, Michael Joyce and Michael Appleby attended a seminar at Sydney University Law School held on Thursday 5 September entitled

### News from the Resilience Interest Group

You will find the latest news (provided by Michael Appleby) from the Resilience Interest Group here. [Report](#) On Thursday 12 September 2013, Geoff Nicholson and Elspeth McNeil attended the launch of *Wellbeing and the Law Foundation*, an initiative of the Law Institute of Victoria and the Victorian Bar to support the mental health and wellbeing of lawyers. Elspeth has provided a summary of the event here. [Wellbeing initiative](#)

### News from the Technology and Social Media Interest Group

The LearnX Asia Pacific Conference was held on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September at Sydney. Katherine Mulcahy, Alison Betts and Jalpa Dattani attended. Here is Alison's report on the conference. [LearnX Asia Pacific](#)

### Research Seminar at QUT

Ann-Maree David attended a seminar at QUT on Friday 20 September 2013, conducted by Professor Barbara Pocock who established and leads the Centre for Work + Life at the University of South Australia. Professor Pocock led a discussion about what makes a good research centre, and what needs to be in place to ensure a productive, creative research environment that is both sustainable and a decent place to work. Here are Ann-Maree's notes about the session. [Professor Pocock seminar](#)

### News from the Reflective Practices Interest Group

Jacqui Lynagh has written a helpful summary of one of the sessions she attended at the IJCLE conference in Brisbane in July, presented by Professor Neil Gold. Follow this link to read the report. [IJCLE Report](#)

### News from the Diversity Interest Group

The Diversity Interest Group has set up a Yammer site and over the last few weeks members have posted a number of interesting articles prompting some discussion. You can access the Yammer Diversity Group site here. [Diversity](#)



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# Major Research Project

## Advantages:

- **Involvement of wide range of staff**
- **Vehicle for staff development and research experience**
- **Cooperation across Colleges**
- **Improve research profile**

# Progress

- **Increase in levels of interest in research and scholarship activity**
- **Increase in attendance at conferences**
- **Better awareness of staff activities and achievements**

# Practical Applications

- **Academic Equivalence Policy**
- **COLAA Prize**

