



The Annual Essay Prize

The President presented the Annual Essay Prize on Saturday afternoon, 7 December.

He was supported at the event by the Deputy President and by Board member, Mr Michael Murray. (The Chair of the Prizes Committee, Professor Bee Chen Goh, being overseas, apologized for her inability to attend).

As Fellows may recall from an earlier Newsletter, the winner was Dr Ellen Rock of the UTS School of Law.

Dr Rock was presented with the Academy's cheque for \$10,000 in a small ceremony held at UTS in conjunction with the Australia and New Zealand Law Honours Student Conference 2019 (see below).

Her essay on "Resolving Conflicts at the Interface between Public and Private Law", like previous winning essays, will be published by the *Australian Law Journal*.

Dr Rock was accompanied at the presentation by her husband, son and two-week old baby daughter—see the photograph below.



New Zealand come together at UTS to present to their peers and to at least one academic in the audience the gist of their Honours thesis. They are asked and answer questions arising out of their presentations.

This year there were 58 participants and those judged the best four gave three-minute summaries of their presentations in a "final" in a plenary session. They were judged by the Dean of the Faculty of Law at UTS and Academy Fellow, Professor Lesley Hitchens, AAL Director Mr Michael Murray, and the President and Deputy President, depicted with the winner in the photo below.



The winner was Kate Mani of Monash University, whose topic was "*Social Media Chatter, Googling Jurors and the Determined Searcher: How the Internet is Threatening the Efficacy of Suppression Orders*".

The Deputy President presented Ms Mani with the Academy's cheque for \$1,500—see the photograph below.

The Annual Prize for best presentation at the Australian and New Zealand law Honours Student Conference

This annual conference conceived and organised by staff at UTS is most impressive and it is good that the Academy is associated with it.

Law Honours students from around Australia and



State and Territory Events for 2020

The Northern Territory

I am delighted to announce that in 2020 the Austin Asche Oration in Law and Governance will be delivered by the Chief Justice of Australia, the Hon Susan Kiefel AC.

As usual, the event will take place in the Nitmiluk Lounge, Level 4, Parliament House, Darwin.

The date of the event is Friday 3 April 2020.

This annual event in Darwin, jointly sponsored by Charles Darwin University and the Academy, is a major event in the calendars of both institutions.

A flyer will issue in due course.

New South Wales

The New South Wales Organising Committee has planned to hold its first public event for the year on Wednesday 25 March at 5.00 pm at the Federal Court.

The topic will be “Whistleblowers” and will take the form of a panel discussion.

Those participating will be as follows:

Chair:

The Hon Julie Ward

Chief Judge in Equity, Supreme Court of New South Wales

Panellists:

Professor A J Brown

Professor of Public Policy & Law in the Centre for Governance & Public Policy, Griffith University

Professor Robert Deutsch

Senior Tax Counsel, Tax Institute and Professor of Law, University of New South Wales.

Ms Connie Carnabuci

General Counsel, Australian Broadcasting Commission.

The Hon Stephen Charles AO QC

Formerly a Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria

A flyer for the event will issue shortly.

New Fellows

I am sure that all Fellows join me in extending a warm welcome to the following distinguished lawyers who have accepted the Board’s invitation to become Fellows of the Academy since the last Newsletter.

Dr Elise Bant

Professor of Private Law & Commercial Regulation, University of Western Australia & Professorial Fellow, Melbourne Law School

Ms Jennifer Batrouney QC

Former President ABA, Victorian Bar, Tax Bar Association, Australian Women Lawyers and Member Legal Services Board (Vic)

Mr Graeme Hill

Barrister, Victorian Bar

Scientia Professor Jane McAdam

Professor of Law and Director of the Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, UNSW

Mr John McKenna QC

Barrister at Law, Queensland Bar

The Hon Justice Debra Mullins AO

Judge, Supreme Court of Queensland and, as recently announced, appointed to the Court of Appeal

Mr Mark Livesey QC

Barrister, Former President Australian and South Australian Bar Associations

Dr Benedict Sheehy

Head, University of Canberra Law School

The Hon Roger Gyles AO QC

Arbitrator & Mediator

Professor Colin Picker

Executive Dean, University of Wollongong, Law,
Humanities and the Arts

Closing for Christmas

The Secretariat will be on leave from 23 December 2019 to 16 January 2020.

I take this opportunity to thank her for her good work for the Academy over the last year and to wish all Fellows the Season's greetings



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Lindgren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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