

Holdsworth

An annual publication from Birmingham Law School

80 Years of Law at Birmingham



2008 is the 80th anniversary of the creation of the Law department in 1928. To mark this auspicious birthday we're inviting our alumni to join us at a black-tie dinner in the University Great Hall on Friday 24 October. See page 9 for details.



Memo from the Head of School

The last twelve months have been unusually eventful. The University is undergoing a major reorganisation designed to enhance its capacity to compete in the contemporary higher education environment. As a result, the School is to join a new College of Arts and Law, though we will retain our name and distinct personality. We have an established record of working with other disciplines and are keen to exploit the synergies which the reorganisation will unleash.

It was in the context of the reorganisation that we decided to change our name to Birmingham Law School, a change approved by the University last May. We feel that the new name clearly and concisely shows our disciplinary and institutional links while at the same time underlining our undisputed status as the premier law school in the city.

Our submission to the national Research Assessment Exercise was signed off at the end of 2007. The results will be published at the end of 2008 and will have a big impact on funding as well as the sense of self-esteem of those involved.

This year sees the School's 80th anniversary as well as the 40th anniversary of our Institute of Judicial Administration. Do keep an eye on our website for up-to-date details of how we intend to commemorate these milestones and other events. I hope they will tempt many of you to come back and visit us.

Anthony Arnall

Professor Anthony Arnall

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The Holdsworth Club: promoting a healthy extra-curricular experience

By Jason Druker (Chair) and Crister Dalen (Publicity officer)

Once again the Holdsworth Club is building on the successes of previous years in bringing to law students a list of activities longer than any Blackstone's statute book. There is no better way for students from all years to enjoy themselves and make valuable friends for the future.

In addition to Sir Francis Jacobs, the Club was honoured by Mr Justice William Gummow, long serving judge of the High Court of Australia, who gave a talk in January on '80 years of Anglo-Australian Law'.

The year kicked off with a big bang at the Freshers evenings and easy-Sundays. Throughout the year, an array of themed nights out prevented students from gathering dust. At Halloween, the Club hosted a chilling evening of thrills and (fake) blood spills at Alton Towers. With the entire park lavishly decorated at dusk with scary sights and sounds, smoke rolling over the ground and fireworks lighting the sky from above, there were more breath-taking adventures to go with the rocketing rides.

The annual Holdsworth Ball, set to be held at the University's Great Hall on 8 March 2008, will provide the climax of a year of hard work. This year's theme of 'The Midas Touch Grecian Ball' will turn the Great Hall into a dazzling golden palace, where students, staff and alumni will eat, drink and eventually dance the night away.

In April our Drama Society is staging the tragedy of Romeo and Juliet at the Old Joint Stock Theatre on Temple Row. It promises to be an unforgettable three-night run with elaborate period costumes and a cast of energetic and charismatic law students.

Student life at Birmingham Law School would not be the same without Sir William Holdsworth's initiative in 1927. Alumni are encouraged to get back involved with the Club, and remember, membership is for life, not just for your LLB days!

To get back in touch, contact Emer McKernan, details on page 12



Satellite tracking report published

Since 2004 Birmingham Law School's Professor Stephen Shute has been carrying out a project on the Evaluation of Satellite Tracking for the Home Office and Ministry of Justice. The report was published in August on the Ministry of Justice website.

This report evaluates the satellite tracking pilots that took place between September 2004 and June 2006 in three areas in England and Wales. The results describe the implementation of the pilots, the offenders who were satellite tracked, and experience of criminal justice practitioners involved in the pilot.

Read the report online: www.justice.gov.uk/publications/research020807a.htm

University restructuring

In 2008 the University of Birmingham will undertake an ambitious programme of organisational change that aims to put academic endeavour at the heart of strategic decision-making, reduce bureaucracy and enable the University to grasp opportunities more quickly. The current structure of academic schools will be replaced by five colleges.

'Moving from 19 individual academic schools to five unified Colleges will give greater power to those closest to our core business, and enable the University to achieve its ambitious forward vision' says Professor Michael Sterling, the University's Vice Chancellor.

Birmingham Law School will join the School of Historical Studies and the School of Humanities in the new College of Arts and Law. Unlike Heads of School, College Heads will sit at the top decision-making table with the Vice Chancellor.

Professor Anne Pauwels is to become the Head of College of Arts and Law. She is currently Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Western Australia. Anne is a Professor of Linguistics and has held senior posts at Monash University and the Universities of New England and Wollongong. Her research examines the relationship between language, society, identity and culture, and she is currently Project Director for a large Australia-wide study aimed at strengthening the position of foreign language study in higher education.

Anne said: 'My vision for the College is to build upon the current strengths to achieve international excellence and recognition for its commitment to innovative and high quality approaches to student learning, for its groundbreaking research that enhances our understanding of the human condition and society, and for its global outlook.'

The European Union and the Rule of Law



Sir Francis Jacobs with Lord Justice Latham, Mr Justice Lloyd-Jones, Professor Anthony Arnall and the members of the Holdsworth Club committee

The rule of law requires that the exercise of power should be subject to review by the courts. That was the message delivered by Sir Francis Jacobs in an address on the European Union and the rule of law given at Birmingham Law School on 9 November.

The UK Advocate General at the European Court of Justice from 1988 to 2006, Sir Francis is the latest in a long line of eminent jurists going back to the 1920s to hold the office of President of the Law School's Holdsworth Club.

Sir Francis explained the importance of the rule of law in the European Union and the principle's relationship with democracy and national sovereignty to a packed lecture hall. Among those present were Lord Justice Latham and Mr Justice Lloyd-Jones, who earlier in the week had been sitting in Birmingham in the Criminal Division of the Court of Appeal.

Professor Tony Arnall, the Head of the Law School, said: 'The Holdsworth Club Presidential Address is one of the highlights of our year. We were delighted to welcome as this year's President a lawyer of Sir Francis' distinction and to hear his views on such an important topic at a time when reform of the European Union is at the top of the political agenda.' The Holdsworth lecture will be published later this year. If you would like a copy, contact Emer McKernan. Details on page 12.

Student profile: Jack Tsen-Ta Lee

Postgraduate research student and teaching assistant

Jack Lee graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1995 and qualified as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore the following year.

After six years with a Singapore law firm, he studied for an LLM at University College London. He then returned to Singapore and worked as the Assistant Director (Publications) for the Singapore Academy of Law. In 2005 he began doctoral studies at the University of Birmingham and has been a postgraduate teaching assistant since 2006. Jack's research is a comparative law perspective on the interpretation of bills of rights.

In addition to teaching Public Law on the LLB degree, Jack found time to be a member of Birmingham's team in the 2007–2008 season of University Challenge. The team played three matches. Despite losing valiantly to St Andrews in the first round, Birmingham qualified for the next by virtue of being one of the highest-scoring losers. They beat Lancaster by the fantastic margin of 315 to 50, and made it into the next round

where they met Magdalen College, Oxford. Unfortunately, they lost by just 10 points – 210 to 200 – and so didn't qualify for the quarter-finals.

We asked Jack how he got involved

'I was very surprised and thrilled to be told that I would be one of the four members on the Birmingham team. To be honest, I didn't think I would be much help to the team – I'd watched University Challenge on TV before and found many of the questions tough – so I was happy to have known the answers to some of the questions. I was able to identify the artists of some famous paintings, and pan-pipe and classical-music versions of pop songs!

'I've enjoyed being here very much. I accepted Birmingham's place to study my PhD without having first visited the university or the city,



so I was quite relieved to discover that the place was not as industrial or bleak as some friends and relatives had made it out to be! (When I told an aunt of mine, who is English, that I would be coming to Birmingham, she literally made a face and said, 'Why?') The building of the Bullring Shopping Centre has rejuvenated the city centre. On Saturdays, I enjoy sitting in a coffee house with a caffe latte, a slice of cake, and the Daily Telegraph crossword.

'It's been great getting to know the academic staff and fellow students – they are all fun, friendly people. Teaching Public Law supervisions to undergraduates is time-consuming (and occasionally frustrating when students haven't done their reading), but a good experience as I intend to become a law lecturer.'

Academic profile:

Professor Robert Cryer

LLB (Hons), LLM, PhD Professor of International and Criminal Law

Rob Cryer obtained his undergraduate degree at Cardiff Law School and his LLM and PhD at the University of Nottingham. Previously a lecturer at the University of Manchester and then the University of Nottingham, he took up a chair in International and Criminal Law at Birmingham Law School in April 2007

He is the author of *Prosecuting International Crimes: Selectivity and the International Criminal Law Regime* (2005) and co-author of *An Introduction to International Criminal Law and Procedure* (2007).

He has just finished writing (with Neil Boister) *The Tokyo International Military Tribunal: A Reappraisal* which will be published by Oxford University Press in 2008.

You've been here since April, but you were at Nottingham for six years. Why move?

'I have friends in Birmingham, both the city and the university, and it's an excellent law school with a real sense of its own history. Traditions like the Holdsworth Presidential address and the Holdsworth Club are something that really make the School stand out. I also think there's a genuine sense of

community among the academic staff: I enjoy meeting my colleagues every day for coffee in the Senior Common Room.

You've just finished a major new work on the Tokyo International Military Tribunal. How did you become interested in this field?

'This goes right back to my doctorate. I found when I was studying for my doctorate that, while there was a wealth of material on the Nuremberg trials, there was a dearth of satisfactory material available on the Tokyo tribunals. So in a sense I've tried to write the book that I wanted to read. After I finished my last book I was looking for my next project, and it felt like providence when Neil Boister contacted me from Christchurch, New Zealand, and told me about the archive of original documents housed there. The Tokyo



International Military Tribunal prosecuted high-ranking leaders in Japan after WW2 yet it is almost forgotten today, despite the fascinating interplay of law, politics, history and culture that it involved. My book includes some of the private opinions of the judges, which were only available in these original archives. My research took three years and involved 3 research trips to Christchurch, as well as periods in Charlottesville, Virginia and at the War Memorial in Australia.

And dare I ask what's next?

'I'm currently editing an edition of the Tribunal Judgment for publication. It's over half a million words long and has always been difficult for scholars to obtain. After that I want to write about the application of general international law by international criminal tribunals.'

Alumni offer careers advice

Some of our most successful graduates currently working in the legal profession returned to the School on Wednesday 21 March to participate in a careers event aimed at providing students with information, guidance and advice about a career in the law.

The session included presentations from James Tindal, a barrister at St Philips Chambers (1997 LLB), Diane Benussi, a Senior Partner at Benussi & Co. (1974 LLB), Matthew Townsend, a Partner at Allen & Overy (1992) and Monica Aggarwal, (2001), an in-house solicitor at the Home Office.

The presentations gave our current students an invaluable insight into the opportunities within the legal profession and included advice on how to achieve their professional goals - whether as a solicitor or barrister. Students then had the chance to ask questions of our guests

The evening concluded with a drinks reception and buffet in the Senior Common



Diane Beaussi with our current students

Room which was attended by academic staff, alumni and students. The event was such a success that the Law School plan to make this an annual event. If you feel that current students could benefit from your experience and success we would be happy to hear from you, please contact Emer McKernan. Details on page 12.

Overseas news

Interview with alumnus Mr Justice Geoffrey Ma Tao-Li



What made you choose the University of Birmingham?

Although born in Hong Kong, much of my schooling was in England, near Manchester. Like many teenagers, I did not know what I wanted to do when I left school. My older brother suggested law, and I spoke to various people about where to study. Obviously, Oxbridge and London were mentioned, but other recommended law schools were Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool. Of these, Birmingham had the best reputation.

Which memories of Birmingham really stand out?

Lots of things are still fresh in my mind, not least the sheer quality of the teachers. They made the study and discipline of law interesting, and instilled in me a keenness that has never left. From my first year, I remember Gordon Borrie, then Dean of the Faculty (1974–76), and Ian Scott – both for their clarity. In my second year, Bryn Perrins stood out for his Equity lectures. In my final year, my subjects included Family Law, Jurisprudence, Revenue Law and Company Law.

Did your studies shape the direction of your legal career?

My time at Birmingham stimulated my interest in the law and provided a professional stepping

stone. To be a good barrister, you need to know the law well, ideally through three years of full-time law study.

Tell us about the earlier part of your career after graduating in 1977?

Purely by chance, I joined Gray's Inn in my third year, after a fellow student needed another person for a moot competition. After graduating, I attended the one-year bar course at the College of Law in Chancery Lane, but I learned more law at Birmingham than I did for my Bar Finals.

In 1979 I started pupillage at what is now Essex Court Chambers, moving to what is now Brick Court Chambers for my second six months. I returned to Hong Kong in 1980 and undertook a further three months' pupillage. I was called to the Hong Kong Bar in March 1980, obtaining my first brief the very next day! I later moved to Temple Chambers at Pacific Place where I remained (and became Head of Chambers) until I became a judge.

My practice in my first year was both civil and criminal. In my second, and particularly third, year I began to concentrate purely on my civil (especially commercial) practice. From 1990 onwards I practised in Singapore until I was

appointed a judge in Hong Kong. When I took silk (as a QC) in 1993, my practice remained mainly in civil law with a commercial focus.

Could you explain your current role as Chief Judge of the Hong Kong High Court and how you were appointed?

I became a Recorder in 2000 and was elevated to the Court of First Instance in 2001. I was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2002 and on 14 July 2003 was appointed Chief Judge of the High Court. In judicial terms, I am President of the Court of Appeal, although I spend less than 50% of my time in court. Much of my time is concerned with the High Court administration. At the moment, I am heavily engaged in the reform of the Hong Kong Civil Justice system. I have never worked harder but I feel privileged to do my job.

If you still had your career ahead of you, would you do anything differently?

Birmingham gave me my start in law and a keenness for it, which was the most important thing. I am happy with what I have done and with what I now do. If I had my life again, I would want my family for sure and most probably the law too.

Tell us what you are up to by using the form that came with this newsletter.

Birmingham and Mauritius

by Gavin Byrne,
CSET Lecturer in Property Law

I visited Mauritius twice in 2007 on recruitment activity. I was delighted to find that the University of Birmingham, and Birmingham Law School in particular, enjoys an enviable reputation in Mauritius. There are a number of historical reasons for this high esteem. We count some very prestigious figures among our alumni, such as the current solicitor-general, Mr DK Dabee, and Dr Daniel Fok Kan, a former head of the Law school at the University of Mauritius. Our strong ties with the University of Mauritius and our practice

of sending members of Birmingham Law School to teach there in the past mean that a large number of practicing lawyers in Mauritius have been taught by current and former members of our academic staff. Mauritian lawyers that I met spoke very fondly of being taught by people such as Neville Brown, Gordon Woodman, John Baldwin, Jeremy MacBride, Ray Hodgkin and Frank Meisel. We are very fortunate that we attract high quality students from Mauritius onto our law programmes and hopefully they will speak as glowingly of their memories of being taught by Birmingham Law School academics in the future. As the Mauritian economy diversifies there is even greater need for good lawyers in this beautiful and colourful country. It is hoped that we will be

part of this exiting future by continuing to receive applications to study at Birmingham Law School from Mauritian students. I am very much looking forward to returning for the Careers Fair in May 2008!



80 Years of the Law School

Foundations

The University of Birmingham was founded in 1900 but its first steps in law teaching weren't taken until 1904, with the appointment of F.W. Tillyard (1865–1961) as a lecturer in commercial law in the Faculty of Commerce – the first such Faculty in the UK – and subsequently Professor of Commercial Law between 1913–30. He received a knighthood in 1945 in recognition of his work in connection with courts of referees and wages councils. Sir Frank was a man of strong social conscience. For many years he was involved in campaigns to improve housing conditions in Birmingham.

From Department of Legal Studies to Faculty of Law

In 1923, the Department of Legal Studies was established. In the new Department, Frank Tillyard was joined by Charles Smalley-Baker, a young Canadian lawyer, who was appointed as the first Barber Professor of Law (a chair established with funds of £20,000 provided by Sir Henry Barber).

In 1928, the Faculty of Law was created – an event marked on 30 June 1928 by a special congregation in the Great Hall at which honorary degrees were conferred on some of the leading lawyers of the age – Lord Hewart (the Lord Chief Justice), Lord Atkin of Aberdovey (the Australian-born Law Lord who was to create the modern law of negligence in *Donoghue v. Stevenson* in 1932), Mr Justice McCardie, Professor Sir William Holdsworth and Sir Richard Pinsent (a Birmingham solicitor and former President of the Law Society).

The 1930s and 40s

Professor Smalley-Baker served as Dean of the Faculty from 1928 to 1949. He came to Europe to fight in the Great War with the Canadian Overseas Military Forces and after sustaining injuries in active service, he set up the 'Khaki University of Canada', a Canadian army educational scheme in London, where he met Sir William Holdsworth (1871–1944), the celebrated legal historian and Oxford academic. Even though Smalley-Baker was thought by some 'to dress and look more like

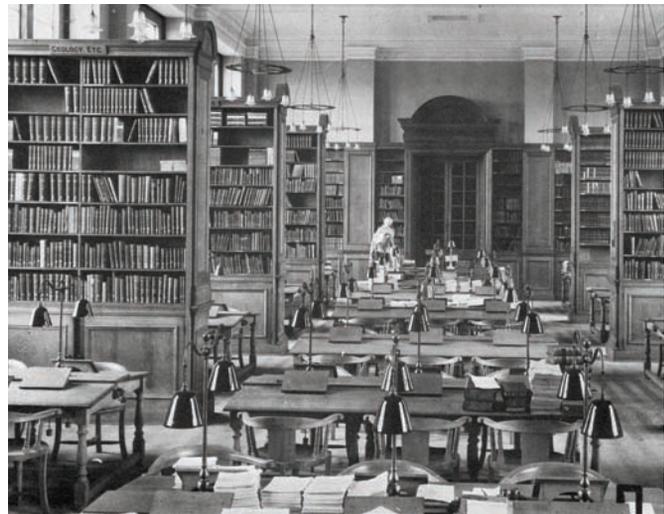
a bookmaker than a professor', his leadership and ability to raise funds for the Faculty secured its future. Smalley-Baker loved tradition and ritual, and he was able to indulge this at the annual dinners of the Holdsworth Club, the student law society named in honour of his mentor and the Faculty's first external examiner.

Lady Barber was a generous benefactor to the Faculty, providing funds to establish the Barber Chair of Jurisprudence in 1935 and £1,000 for the purchase of books for the law library. She also took a personal interest in the LLB students and wrote personal letters of congratulations to students when they passed important exams.

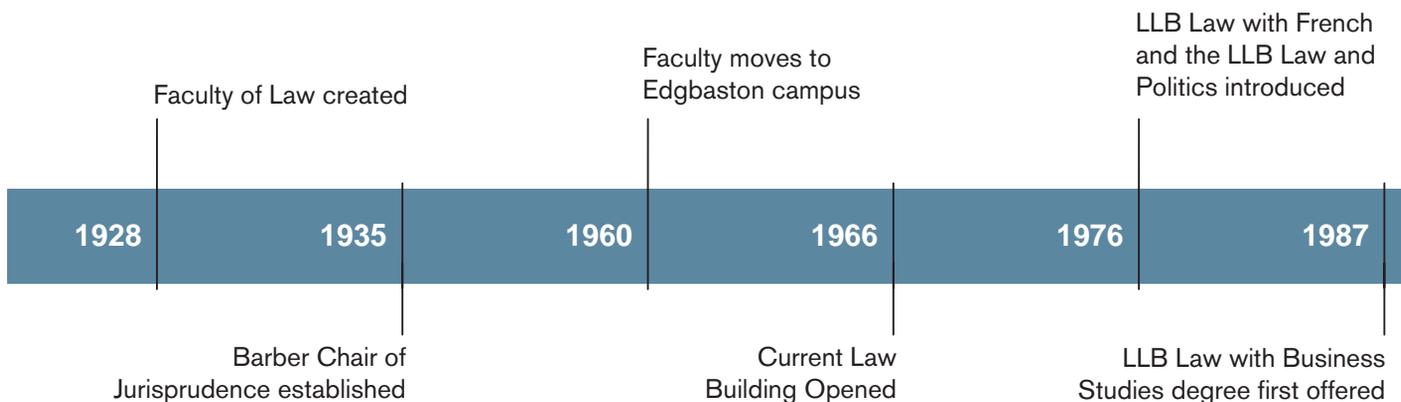
During the war years of 1940–45, the teaching staff of the Faculty was reduced from four to two. Almost all students had their LLB studies interrupted by war service of various kinds. One (JP Varley) continued his studies while interned in a prisoner-of-war camp, and had his degree conferred in absentia in July 1944.



The Faculty was housed in the premises of the former Mason College, Edmund Street, in Birmingham City centre



The Harding Law Library



The 1950s and 60s

This was a period of great expansion not only for the Faculty of Law, but for British universities generally. Student numbers rose from 58 in 1950 to 329 in 1970. The five full-time academic posts in 1949 increased to 16 by 1968, including five professors.

Professor Owen Hood Phillips (1907–86) was Barber Professor of Jurisprudence and Dean for over 20 years. In contrast to the flamboyant Smalley-Baker, Hood Phillips ‘appeared an austere, almost ascetic man.’

The increase in student numbers led to the relocation of the Faculty to the Edgbaston campus in 1960, and in 1966 Sir Leslie Scarman formally opened the current Faculty building.

In 1968, the Institute of Judicial Administration was established and it rapidly earned a reputation for its innovative research. It has gone on to carry out well over fifty large-scale research projects concerned with different aspects of judicial administration. Members of the Institute have never shied away from tackling sensitive and controversial issues, and on several occasions they have incurred the wrath of the legal profession and of the legal establishment as a result of doing so. Projects conducted over the past 30 years include studies of the jury system, prosecution processes, the rights of criminal suspects, police interrogation practices, the negotiation of guilty pleas in the criminal courts, sentencing, tribunal adjudication, small claims, the enforcement of judgments and the provision of legal aid.

The 1970s to 2000s

The 1970s saw continued expansion, not only in student numbers but also in the range of degrees on offer. In 1976, the first of the Faculty’s joint degrees was introduced – the LLB Law with French and the LLB Law and Politics. The LLB Law with Business Studies degree was first offered in 1987 and the LLB Law with German in the 1990s.

The expansion of the Law School continues to this day: our Masters programmes now includes LLMs in Commercial Law, European Law, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice and International Criminal Law; our Graduate-Entry programmes now include the two-year LLB for Graduates as well as the Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies (formerly the CPE). The research output of all universities in the country has been assessed by HEFCE, with ratings ranging from 1 to 5*, according to how much of the work is judged to be of national or international excellence. In 2001 the School received a 5 rating, recognising the genuinely international reputation of our research. The 2008 Research Assessment Exercise is currently underway, and like all law schools, we are holding our breath.

This short account draws on John Bosworth, *The Birmingham Law Faculty: the First Sixty Years* (Birmingham 1987). Copies were reprinted recently and are available from the Law Office.

‘I have worked in the Law School for over 30 years and I am very pleased to have stayed put. I believe that the School is not only one of the country’s very best academic law schools but that it is a particularly civilised environment in which to work. It is a genuine community of scholars and all colleagues are encouraged to give of their best.’

*Professor John Baldwin,
Head of School 2003–06*



The Harding Law Library today

First Postgraduate Teaching Assistant. Dr Adrian Hunt still teaches in the Law School

Faculties abolished
School of Law established

Institute of Medical Law founded

1989

1989

1997-8

2001

2004

2008

Institute of European Law founded

School receives 5 rating in the Research Assessment Exercise

Birmingham Law School established in College of Arts and Law

Conferences and events

The Law School continues to thrive and its extensive programme of events is one of the ways in which alumni can get involved in School activity. Other events are still in the planning stages, and details will follow as the year progresses. To find out more and keep track of upcoming events, keep an eye on the Law School website www.law.bham.ac.uk or contact Emer McKernan: e.mckernan@bham.ac.uk or Telephone: 0121 414 6285

Institute of Medical Law

■ Wednesday, 7 May

Dr Caroline Jones (School of Law, University of Southampton) 'If two heads are better than one, what might five-hundred plus achieve? Exploring the routes from consultation to informing public policy'

■ Wednesday, 4 June

Dr Stephen Smith (Birmingham Law School) 'Valuing Life'

■ Thursday, 26 June

Professor Jean McHale (Faculty of Law, University of Leicester) 'Medical Research and adults lacking mental capacity: is the Mental Capacity Act 2005 fit for purpose?'

■ Monday 8 September

IML Annual Conference: Transformation/Transgression: A symposium on the legal, medical and cultural regulation of the body

Learn more

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Applicant Visit Days

The Law School value its graduates and would like to welcome them back to campus to speak to prospective students at Applicant Visit Days and Open Days. If you would be interested in coming along to speak to applicants about your time at Birmingham and about what you are doing now please contact Emer McKernan

Institute of European Law events

■ 14 March, 2.00pm

EC Microsoft Case Research Workshop: Innovation, Competition, Consumer Welfare in the IT Sector. Online booking now available at www.iel.bham.ac.uk

■ 16 April 2008, 3.00pm

Public Procurement Initiative Seminar: Martin Trybus 'Public Procurement Review and Remedies in the Member States of the EU'

■ 16 May 2008, 4.30pm

The Microsoft Case: The IT Industry and the Future of EC Competition Law Online booking now available at www.iel.bham.ac.uk

■ 3–4 July 2008

The Next 50 Years: The Future of European Law and Policy Conference on European Law and Policy in Context

Learn more

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Other events

■ Wednesday 19 March, 5pm

Issues in Criminal Justice: Ms Shami Chakrabarti CBE, Director of Liberty 'Human Rights in a Time of Terror'

■ Wednesday 30 April

Mr Bill Blair QC: Lecture, Title to be confirmed.

■ 19 September 2008

Herbert Smith, London 'The Rome I Regulation: New Choice of law Rules in Contract.'

The conference is a collaboration between Herbert Smith and the Journal of Private International Law (of which Professor Jonathan Harris is the co-editor)

Alumni Events

■ 16 May 2008, 7pm–10.30pm Bright Lights and Black Tie at Tower Bridge

Enjoy stunning views of HMS Belfast, St Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London from the Tower Bridge walkways. Wine and canapés will be served as you meet friends, find out the latest news from the University and play for prizes in the fun casino. Tickets cost £35 each and can be booked online.

■ 7 June 2008 – all day

Anniversary reunions for Classes of 1958, 1973, 1983 and 1998

Celebrate the anniversary of your graduation with a visit back to campus. Meet up with friends, take a tour of campus and enjoy a reunion lunch before visiting the Law School for a tour followed by tea and cakes with current academic staff and students. Make the day extra special by organising a group of friends for lunch; contact the Alumni Office for help getting in touch with friends or classmates.

■ 17 October 2008, 6.30pm–8.30pm House of Lords Reception

Join 300 fellow alumni at this popular reception. Tickets go on sale in the summer, early booking is advised.

Make sure you never miss an event or your copy of Holdsworth by updating your details online at www.alumni.bham.ac.uk/update or email alumnioffice@contacts.bham.ac.uk

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Birmingham Law School invites you to a black-tie dinner.

To celebrate our 80th Anniversary, on Friday 24 October 2008, in the Great Hall, University of Birmingham.

The President of the Holdsworth Club for 2008-09, the Right Hon the Lord Walker of Gestingthorpe will attend and deliver the after-dinner speech.

Further information, and online booking, will be available soon at www.law.bham.ac.uk/alumni/

Law alumni celebrate anniversaries

On 30 June 2007 alumni from the Law School attended reunions for students who graduated 10, 25 and 50 years ago.



Alumni were welcomed at the Law School by our Director of Alumni Relations, Sonia Harris-Short, and members of the current Holdsworth Club committee. They were given a guided tour of the building where they had the opportunity to view new facilities such as the newly refurbished Reception area, Lecture Rooms and computer clusters, as well as old haunts like the Junior Common Room and the Harding Law Library.

This was followed by tea and cakes in the Senior Common Room, where they had a chance to catch up with old class mates

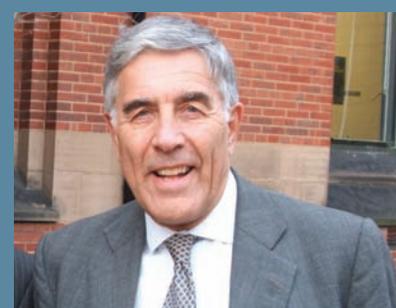
and chat to academics (including Dr Adrian Hunt, also an alumnus of the School and our first Postgraduate Teaching Assistant (PTA) in 1982), current Holdsworth members and the Head of School. The Head of School, Professor Anthony Arnull rounded off the afternoon with a speech thanking alumni for their support and for attending the event and also briefly talking about developments in the School since 1982.

We look forward to welcoming as many alumni as possible to next year's event. Alumni celebrating the 10th, 25th, 35th and 50th anniversary in 2008 are invited to join staff from the School at their anniversary reunions on 7 June. Alumni interested in getting together their old Law class are encouraged to contact the Alumni office.

Learn more

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Lord Chief Justice causes national controversy



The seventh Issues in Criminal Justice lecture series provoked furious debate and press coverage when Britain's most senior judge, the Rt Hon Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, made a speech on the theme of murder in March 2007. Lord Phillips said murderers should not always be given life sentences as, in 30 year's time, prisons risk being 'full of geriatric lifers'. Lord Phillips' remarks made headline news on television, on the radio, and in the print-based media where his speech was covered by the broadsheets, the tabloid press and scores of local newspapers.

Learn more
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New appointments



Professor Martin Trybus
Professor of European Law and Policy
Professor Martin Trybus joined Birmingham from

the University of Sheffield in 2007. He has been a visiting scholar at George Washington University, Washington DC (2003), at the University of Cape Town (2004), and visiting fellow at the University of Utrecht (2004). He was seconded in 2006 as Senior Adviser to the SIGMA programme of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris where he coordinated a number of major studies on public procurement in Europe financed by the European Commission.

His research contributes to the understanding and development of the Law of the European Union, especially its economic and constitutional aspects. His aim is to establish 'European Union Defence and Security Law' as a separate legal subject, and to contribute to the understanding and development of European Union Public Procurement Law. Professor Trybus is the author of *European Defence Procurement Law* (1999) and *European Union Law and Defence Integration* (2005). He co-edited (with Sue Arrowsmith) *Public Procurement: The Continuing Revolution*, and (with Nigel White) *European Security Law* (2007).

Professor Trybus is the Director of the Institute of European Law
www.iel.bham.ac.uk



Dr Martin Borowski
Senior Lecturer
Dr Martin Borowski joined Birmingham Law School in September 2007 from Westminster University in London.

He has received a Feodor-Lynen research fellowship from the Alexander-von-Humboldt-Foundation (Germany) for a research project on constitutional review, and is a fellow of the Whitney R Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. His main area of research is fundamental human rights, with a special emphasis on jurisprudential foundations of fundamental rights and freedom of religion and conscience. He has published widely in this field. Dr Borowski is also conducting research on legal theory and legal philosophy, constitutional review, aspects of comparative constitutional law, and on European Union Law.

At Birmingham Law School he is director of the LLB Law with German programme and teaches Jurisprudence, EU law, and German Law.



Dr Luca Rubini
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Dr Luca Rubini joined Birmingham Law School in the Summer of 2007. Previously, he was lecturer at the

University of Leicester (2005–2007) and legal secretary to Advocate General Francis Jacobs at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg (2002–2003). He has been Visiting Researcher to the Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC, and Visiting Professorial Fellow at the Institute of International Economic Law (Fall 2007).

At Birmingham Dr Rubini teaches WTO law, EU law, EC competition law and Intellectual Property law. His current research interests include the regulation of the State intervention in the market, particularly the control of public subsidies, international trade law, law and development, the interface between competition and IP law, and parallels between EC/WTO law. He has published various works in the areas of international economic law, competition law and EC law, and is currently writing a monograph on the international regulation of public subsidies in the EC and in the WTO for Oxford University Press (forthcoming in 2008).

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A new chapter for Sheila

Sheila McDougall has played a special part in the life of the Harding Law Library and of the Law School for over 35 years.

She joined Mary Blake in the Harding in 1960 and, apart from a break in the 70s to start a family, worked there until her retirement in November 2007. Sheila has had a tremendous influence on the character and development of the Harding. For instance, she helped to choose the décor; expanded the library to the top reading room and worked on the project computerising the card catalogue. Sheila's cheerful disposition, natural kindness and quiet efficiency will be remembered by generations of staff and students alike. For many years she helped to organise the Holdsworth Dinners and, together with Mary Blake, helped run our own local Careers Service. The School celebrated Sheila's retirement with a special ceremony and gift. Sheila was the winner in the Lifetime Achievement category of a Corporate Services BUAFTA (Birmingham University Award for Tremendous Achievement).



Legally wed

Birmingham Law School lecturer Sarah Green married Alan Bogg, fellow of Hertford College, Oxford.



Twenty-year sentence!

Pictured here with Professor Arnall, Sharon Jones, stalwart of the Law School Admin Team, celebrated 20 years working for Law in October. She joined the then – Faculty of Law in October 1987.



Golden wedding anniversary

Emeritus Professor Neville Brown celebrated his golden wedding anniversary in December. Pictured here on his wedding day, Neville married Mary on 28 December 1957.



Obituary: Julia Kerr



Julia came to the Faculty of Law as a Lecturer in 1977. She was born in Bristol, but when she was 11 her family moved to Cambridge where her father was a headmaster. Julia was a pupil at the Perse Girls' School in Cambridge where she developed a strong interest in natural sciences, which continued to be an interest throughout her life. Having married early and had two daughters, she studied law as a mature student at the University of Warwick, graduating with First Class Honours, and then worked as a Tax Inspector before coming to the University of Birmingham as a Lecturer. She took over most of the teaching of the Law of Taxation and also did a significant amount of teaching in Land Law, Equity and Trusts and the CPE Induction Course. She was a teacher of tireless dedication, devoting enormous time both to the preparation of her teaching and

(above all) the welfare of her students. Many of her students have gone on to distinguished careers in the legal profession. With David Salter, she edited the second edition of Easson's Cases and Materials on Revenue Law.

In 1998 Julia took early retirement on health grounds. It was later discovered that she was suffering from early-onset Alzheimer's disease, and sadly soon lost her formidable mental powers almost completely. She died on 9 June 2007 at the age of 63 from a stroke, having been devotedly cared for by John and a team of professional carers. She is buried, as she would have wished, in Cornwall in a cemetery at Perranuthnoe overlooking Mount's Bay. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



First ever CBA Spring conference held at Birmingham

The Criminal Bar Association (CBA) held its inaugural Spring Conference at the University in association with the Birmingham Law School.

The prestigious conference was organised after an invitation from Professor Stephen Shute to alumnus and the then Chair of the CBA, Andrew Hall (LLB Law, 1974), and included keynote addresses by the Attorney-General and Shadow Attorney-General.

Other high-profile speakers over the weekend included Director of the Prison Reform Trust, Juliet Lyon, and Lord Justice Anthony Hughes, a judge in the Court of Appeal. More than 200 legal professionals attended and watched presentations on topics including the sentencing and parole of dangerous and prolific offenders and post-conviction ASBOs.

14th international youth leadership conference, Prague

Students and young people from all over the world were brought together last summer to debate current global issues and participate in mock legal and diplomatic activities to further their knowledge and understanding. Following a Birmingham Law School-sponsored trip, student and attendee Jennifer Cooper has written a full report about the conference and what she learned.

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Postgraduate student poster event



Rhoda Hodson and Gulara Guliyeva with Professor Stephen Shute, Dean of Arts and Social Sciences

An innovative poster competition for law postgraduate research students was held in the School in June 2007. Twenty five research students took part. Each student created a poster that summarised their research project. The competition was judged by Professor John Bell from the University of Cambridge and Professor Adrian Randall from Birmingham.

The winners, were

- **1st prize** Gulara Guliyeva, 'The Rights of National Minorities in the European Union'
- **2nd prize** Kuldip Kaur, 'Intellectual Property and Freedom of Expression: The Case of Parody'
- **3rd prize** Rhoda Hodson, 'Colonial Policing in Malta'

Fred Hartley memorial bursary

Law Alumnus Matthew Hartley (1989) donated funds for a student bursary and the award was granted for the first time in October 2006 and is tenable for three years.

International event draws crowds

More than 200 senior criminal justice professionals and academics attended a major international conference at the University to mark the 10th anniversary of the Criminal Cases Review Commission.

Entitled *Miscarriages of Justice: Causes and Remedies*, the event was a collaboration between the Criminal Cases Review Commission and the Birmingham Law School's Institute of Judicial Administration. Speakers included Director of Public Prosecutions, Sir Ken MacDonald, and Professor Barry Scheck, defence lawyer for OJ Simpson and Louise Woodward.



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We try to keep our alumni up-to-date with activities and the latest news from the School in this annual newsletter. Contributions from our alumni are always welcome, so whether you would like to share some news about yourself or even make suggestions about the content we would be thrilled to hear from you.

We are also planning to launch an email newsletter in the autumn. If you would like to receive it, please make sure we have your current email address.

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