

Holdsworth

An annual publication from Birmingham Law School

20 Years of the Graduate Diploma in Law



Students graduating from the programme last summer

Celebrating 20 years of the law conversion course at Birmingham. See pages 6–7

Memo from the Head of School

Welcome to the latest edition of Holdsworth. It's a particularly great pleasure for me to introduce this as the new Head of the School. For not only did I, in August 2010, have the honour of being appointed Head after just seven months in post, but also I returned to the University having lectured here for many years up to 1992. I did not imagine in 1992 that I would return at all, let alone become Head of the School.

I came back to find many things had changed. As readers of past alumni magazines will know, the School has been very successful in recent years in the Research Assessment Exercise and the National Student Survey. I found that the majority of colleagues here do not regard research and teaching as activities that compete with each other. Instead, they are rightly seen as complementary activities: the pursuit of one enhances the excellence of the other. And colleagues are doing so much

to enhance the 'student experience' outside the formal curriculum as well, by building links with firms and supporting the pro bono clinic highlighted in last year's edition.

There have been huge changes among the staff. Out of over 30 'regular' academic staff in 1992, only four remain in post. However, several who were in post before I first arrived in 1978 still teach part-time and are fully involved in many of the other activities of the School. In fact I don't know how we'll manage if George Appleby, Keith Uff, or Gordon Woodman ever lay down their chalk. Sadly, Peter Moodie finished teaching at the end of last year, and Sue Bandalli will finish at the end of this year. Of the support staff here in 1992, only Sharon Jones remains. I shall be ordering a chain to make sure she never leaves!

But we should not spend too much time looking back. We have a young, energetic and committed staff. The University recognises the strengths of the School and its central role in helping the University maintain its position as a leading University that is equally committed to excellence in teaching and in research

and to playing a full role in the community. To this end, we have appointed several young lecturers to start in September (two of whom were PhD students here) and two new professors, and we also hope to appoint two teaching fellows. Higher Education is facing unprecedented change. We do not know how the School will be affected. But I am confident that the essential values with which you will all be familiar will be preserved and strengthened in the coming years.

Professor Andrew Sanders



The Holdsworth Club

2011 Holdsworth Presidential Address

Since it was formed in 1928 the Holdsworth Club has been fortunate to have as its annual President some of the most distinguished judges and academics in the United Kingdom and the common law world. Past Presidents have included the Lord Chief Justices, Masters of the Rolls (Lord Denning no fewer than three times) many Law Lords and more recently members of the UK's Supreme Court.

The President of the Holdsworth Club for 2010–11 was Sir Christopher Greenwood, Professor of International Law (LSE) and since



Back Row L–R: Mr George Applebey, Ellie Boyd, Martin Tynan, Andy Swarbrick, Alex Weedon, Nick Bamber, James Tryfonos, James Frost. Front Row L–R: Samm Lewis, Marie Ellis, Sir Christopher Greenwood, Corinna Thompson, Jenna Richardson

November 2008 the British judge at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

Sir Christopher Greenwood's Presidential Address on the 18 March 2011 was entitled 'The International Courts and the Changing Face of International Law'. The lecture reviewed the spectrum of international courts and the range of issues facing the three International

Courts of Justice, including the work of the International Criminal Court. The final text of the Presidential Address should be available in print and on our website later this year. The Holdsworth President for 2011–12 will be Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, the Master of the Rolls

Sir Christopher also judged the Camm Cup Mooting Competition which was won this year by Anna Peaston, see page 11.

The Holdsworth year

March was a month to remember for the Holdsworth rugby team. In their first competitive season, our team took the cup in extra time against old rivals, the Medical School. It was a 100 minute thriller. Initially behind, Law fought back to finish normal time level on 17 points. In the face of a hostile crowd, Man of the Match Huw Thomas held his nerve to slot a perfect drop goal with the final play of the game. Needless to say the

Med School supporters were left speechless. Law took the glory – cue wild celebrations and the Law Ball.

The Law Ball took place in the glorious Great Hall in the Aston Webb Building on 12 March. The theme this year was 'Chicago' sponsored by Herbert Smith and the College of Law. Staff and students came in a wide variety of period costume along with the usual formal attire.

Starting with a champagne reception, there was then a three-course meal and dance.

As usual, the Club worked with law firms to put on a series of career and networking events, including dinners, a trip to the Inner Temple, and some nights out. We also attempted to put on a Christmas trip to Berlin, which was foiled by the extreme weather that shut down the UK's airports for a week.



News

First A2B Law scholars graduate

In 2007 we brought you a story about alumna Diane Benussi's (LLB 1974) support for the first A2B (Access to Birmingham) scholarships. Explaining why she chose to support A2B at the time Diane said: 'I was lucky enough to be awarded a place at the University of Birmingham. I then benefited from a scholarship to pay my fees. Without that help I could not have embarked upon the career which has given me much success and reward.'

The scholarship donated by Diane was awarded to Sophia Khan, with a further award donated by Sarah Lee (LLB 1987) going to Kimberley Anderson. Last summer saw a proud moment for Sophia and Kimberley's families as they became the first A2B Law scholars to graduate.

The A2B programme has gone from strength to strength with alumni and supporters committing over £1million to scholarships since 2007. At present some 217 students across the University receive A2B scholarships, 15 of them in the Law School.

The Access to Birmingham Scheme provides support to students whose families or communities have little or no experience of higher education who might otherwise be dissuaded from applying to university by their social or economic position. A2B takes promising students, in key communities, and helps prepare them for their A-levels and university life through a rigorous tutoring regime. The University makes them an offer based on lower A-level scores that reflect their personal circumstances. Those students who exceed their personal offer and achieve the standard entry grades for their course are offered a scholarship to help support them in their studies. We are delighted that Law alumni have been generous in their support for the scheme with a total of 21 Law alumni supporting A2B scholarships in part or in full.

As more A2B scholars graduate this summer we wish them well for the future and look forward to welcoming a new cohort of the brightest and best students this autumn including, of course, our new A2B scholars. For further information contact Philip Addy, tel: 0121 414 8641.

Could you provide a life-changing opportunity?

Scholarships at all levels are essential. They attract the very best students to Birmingham from the city, the UK and overseas, and contribute to the University's thriving, diverse and intellectually stimulating community.

Could you provide a life-changing opportunity for someone like Sophia or Kimberley? Access to Birmingham (A2B) Scholarships – help those students on the scheme who meet our stringent standard entry requirements to receive an A2B Scholarship and ease the financial impact of University.

Excellence Scholarships – invest in attracting the brightest and best students in the sciences to study at Birmingham.

Postgraduate Scholarships – your gift can make Birmingham the destination of choice for the best young researchers in the world.

To find out more about how you can make a real difference visit: www.alumni.bham.ac.uk/circlesofinfluence/leaders

Head of School's Award for Excellence in Teaching or Supporting Student Learning

Every year the Law School invites students to nominate members of staff for the Head of School's Award for Excellence in Teaching or Supporting Student Learning. The award is intended to reward staff and raise the profile of learning and teaching activity throughout the University.

Nominations can be made for anyone in the School who supports student learning, not just academic staff, and the winner receives a prize of £500, for either personal use or to pay for conference attendance and CPD activity.

The winner of the 2010–11 award is Lisa Anderson, Subject Advisor for Law and part

of our Library team. Lisa has been based in the Law School for the last seven years and works with students, staff, and the Harding Law Library to make sure that our students have access to all of the material they need for their studies. She takes classes at the beginning of each programme to ensure students know how to use both the Harding Law Library and the electronic resources that are so important to legal study in the 21st century.

Lisa said, 'It was lovely to receive this award especially as it was awarded by students. It makes all of the hard work of improving the services that the Library offers the Law students worthwhile.'



Academic profile: Dr Marianne Wade

Marianne Wade was educated in Norway, the UK and Germany and has worked for the Department of Criminology at the University of Göttingen and then the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law. She joined Birmingham Law School in January 2011 and is about to take over as Director of our Institute of Judicial Administration from Dr Kate Doolin.

Why did you choose to join Birmingham Law School?

Birmingham is a university that prioritises the study of Europe and that was extremely attractive. As someone specialising in an exotic field such as European criminal law, I was keen to work in that field in an academic context. Birmingham also has a strong tradition of research in criminal law and criminology and the international profile of the School meant I felt I would fit right in.

How are you enjoying it so far?

I'm enjoying it very much, although it has also been challenging. I arrived in the middle of a teaching year and have had to adjust to a new institution, in a new country, and this meant I had to learn a lot, quickly. The final year students have been keeping me on my toes! The faculty have been very supportive and the students communicative so I have felt very welcome and useful, even if not quite up to speed on everything.

Tell us about the research you're currently engaged in

My major focus is in European criminal justice. Last year I completed an empirical study trying to determine the need for and the needs of a European criminal justice system

by interviewing prosecutors and defence lawyers across 19 member states as well as practitioners in European agencies. The report I wrote is currently being reviewed by the European Commission as they prepare their communication on criminal justice relating to the potential European public prosecutor (EPP). I am curious to see what they make of the report as I myself integrate it into my legal research in preparation for publication. There are also many individual fields to be addressed; I recently looked at the viability of prosecuting trafficking human beings offences and the inter-play of EU and domestic institutions in anti-terrorism is a topic we will be looking at for years to come, I suspect.

Why are you keen to take on the Institute of Judicial Administration?

How on earth could I not want to? The IJA has a formidable place in criminal justice history, having produced research which remains relevant even decades later. I am honoured to have been entrusted with the task of ensuring that tradition continues and with the support I have received so far, particularly from the outgoing Director, Dr Kate Doolin, and former Director, Professor John Baldwin, I am confident I can play a part in doing so.



What are your plans for the future?

We are formulating a broad research agenda for the IJA which will accommodate many different strands of research. Judicial administration is impacted upon by both civil and criminal law and the IJA will host a number of researchers exploring these topics in the coming years.

My personal research agenda is to amalgamate the empirical and more legal philosophical work I have been doing to take a closer look at the legitimate bounds of European criminal law and justice. This will hopefully be an IJA project which will provide scope for interaction with other researchers in related fields.

On the teaching front, European and trans-national criminal law should be making a mark on the Birmingham LLM programme from next year and the colleagues involved are curious to see what students will make of it.



Holdsworth drama

The Holdsworth Law drama society is one of the few societies of its kind anywhere in the UK. It allows our students to unleash their creative side, while coordinating their activities around their essay and exam deadlines. Following a remarkable performance of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night last year, this year the society put on Agatha Christie's legal thriller Witness for the Prosecution. Performed in the Birmingham Hippodrome's St Patrick's Theatre, the play was a huge triumph that kept the audience on the edge of their seats. The cast was made up newcomers and veterans from all years of our programmes. We look forward to seeing what play they choose next year!

News

It's good to talk:

the College of Arts and Law launches free speaker service for the city



In March the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Councillor Len Gregory, hosted a special event at the Council House to mark the launch of the Birmingham Speakers Programme (BSP).

The College of Arts and Law is brimming with new ideas, research and discoveries. For example, you might remember in the summer of 2010 a new henge being discovered just down the road from the renowned Stonehenge.

By inviting academics to their meetings, alumni groups, community groups, organisations, charities and schools are able to access the men and women behind the headlines and discover their incredible knowledge and cutting edge developments. The service is free of

charge and allows diverse groups the opportunity to enhance their learning, interests or even professional development.

Ten members of the Law School staff have volunteered a variety of topics as speakers on the programme. First to receive an invitation was Graham Gee who has been invited by the Birmingham Consular Association to give an address *The Rule of Law or the Rule of Judges?* in which he examines why some of the ways in which the judicial role has changed over the last fifty years imperils democratic politics.

Introducing the programme, Professor Michael Whitby, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Arts and Law, said: 'Access to the discoveries and innovations made by the University is vital to nurturing and maintaining

interest and enthusiasm for education and the arts, whether you are five or 65.'

'Subjects can be brought alive with exciting accounts of lost worlds under the sea; groups can debate the 'art' of minting coins; you can hear why Shakespeare is still as relevant as ever, or even the real history behind Britain and the USA's 'special relationship'. Culture in all its diverse forms is central to the civic health and prosperity of Birmingham, and the Birmingham Speaker Programme ensures our University remains a civic institution, serving its community by sharing the global research produced for the benefit of all.'

For further information visit:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/speakersprogramme

Lonbay in Africa

Julian Lonbay travelled to East Africa in late January 2011 for Birmingham Law School. Whilst visiting local academic lawyers in Nairobi he met up with two alumna of Birmingham Law School.

He met Dr Ambreena Manji (PhD 2000 'Aids, Women and Land Law In East Africa') who is currently the Director of the British Institute in East Africa (BIEA). The BIEA has regular research posts open called *graduate attachés* and is involved with local law academics in promoting their research and scholarship. Ambreena shares an interest in 'legal education' with Julian and they had fruitful discussions on developments in Kenya but also more widely in the East African Community (EAC) which is in the process of researching possible free movement of lawyers between the five member states of the EAC and the mutual recognition of their professional qualifications. This is a matter

that chimes with Dr Lonbay's research work on similar developments in Europe.

On giving a series of law lectures at Kenyatta University he also discovered that the Dean of the Law School, Dr Linda Musumba, was an alumna of Birmingham Law School (PhD 2007 on 'Law in Kenya as a regulator of the state: An evaluation of its efficacy, through an examination of the constitutional review process'), again much discussion ensued about Birmingham matters and once more further news was gleaned about EAC developments and issues of legal education in Kenya. In particular Dr Musumba put Julian on track to find the African Centre for Legal Excellence in Kampala, Uganda which is carrying out the (yet to be published) research for the EAC.

Julian said: 'Alumni across the world are a fantastic resource and a delight to meet.



I would encourage all Birmingham staff travelling overseas to see if there are alumni that they could meet at their destinations. One never knows what doors such meetings might open and alumni really appreciate the opportunity to catch up with the latest news from "their" university.'

Feature



2008 Graduates



2009 Graduates

20 years of the Graduate Diploma in Law

Birmingham has taught the one-year law 'conversion' programme, the Graduate Diploma in Law, aka the Common Professional Exam, for the last 20 years. The programme allows graduate students to complete the academic stage of legal education in one year.

Mr Keith Uff

The first director of the programme was Mr Keith Uff. Keith will be a familiar face to every alumnus, alumna and student at Birmingham, which he joined in 1972 as a lecturer. He was educated at Lincoln College, Oxford and was then called to the Bar by Gray's Inn. He practised at the Bar until joining Birmingham, and has continued to teach here to this very day as a visiting lecturer in residence. Many former students will remember his Contract Law, Civil Procedure and Evidence, and Agency and Sale of Goods lectures.

Why did Birmingham launch the programme?

The idea of offering the CPE was that of Professor Ian Scott. He wanted to broaden the range of programmes offered by the Law

Faculty but did not want to do the professional courses (in those days these were the Law Society Final and the Bar Final) because that would have involved recruiting a new, specialised, group of teachers.

Can you remember the first year of the programme? Did everything go smoothly?

I remember the first year very well. The dominant feature of CPE courses in those days was the very high demand for places. As soon as it became known that we were offering the course my phone did not stop ringing. Since we were only trying to recruit a small number of students (about 25 in the first year), selection was difficult. (There was no centralisation of applications for several years after we started to offer the course, so every candidate applied individually to every institution by which they

wished to be considered). The first group was a very good one and got the programme off to a good start. Julia Kerr and I had a lot of fun putting together the materials for the first Induction Course, some of which I still use.

Do you enjoy teaching on the programme?

It cannot be said to have done anything for my research output, except make it worse, but it has been a very good programme to teach. Its very intensive nature raises serious challenges for the people who teach on it.

It would be nice if the late Julia Kerr, who was my chief collaborator in the early days, could be mentioned, and also Mrs Denise Lees, who was the course secretary for several years. Both were critical to the success of the programme.





Dr Julian Lonbay

Julian Lonbay is the latest Director of the programme, now titled the Graduate Diploma in Law. Dr Lonbay studied for his law degree in Scotland at Dundee University and undertook his doctoral studies in Fiesole at the European University Institute. He has been based at Birmingham Law School since 1979. He teaches all aspects of European Law on both the LLB and LLM programmes. His research centres on the law relating to legal education; lawyers and other professionals; and cross-border practice and the rules affecting such practice.

Why did you take over as Programme Director?

It was a job that needed doing! The previous Director, Mr Jeremy McBride, left to join the Bar in 2006 and the post of GDL Director needed filling.

How has running and teaching on the GDL programme enhanced your research, teaching, and legal work?

In giving talks and seminars about legal education in the UK to non-UK legal organisations it is always a point of interest to explain how the academic stage can be completed in England and Wales in one year. This is guaranteed to provoke a reaction from both academic and professional audiences. Teaching GDL students is nearly always a pleasure as they are generally very motivated and interested to learn.



Rachel Slater, GDL alumna (2009), current Birmingham doctoral student

'The Law Conversion Course at Birmingham was the beginning of a career in legal academia for me. The research-informed teaching awoke a real interest in further study of the law and the friendly atmosphere at the Law School meant I did not really consider going elsewhere to research for my PhD. The expert teaching on the GDL also inspired me to go into teaching law myself; I am now a Teaching Assistant in the Law School, using the information and skills gained during the GDL to teach on undergraduate law modules.'

Jonathan Dugdale, current GDL student

'One thing I can be sure about is that the GDL has helped me develop my skills to succeed as a modern lawyer and not just somebody who arbitrarily applies law to facts; it has taught me to appreciate the different conceptual elements of our legal system, and I am indebted to the University for giving me such an in-depth and adaptable understanding of the law.'

Professor Arnall gives evidence to House of Lords

Professor Anthony Arnall, Barber Professor of Jurisprudence at Birmingham Law School, appeared before the Justice and Institutions Sub-Committee of the House of Lords EU Committee on 13 October 2010 to assist it with its enquiry into the working of the European Court of Justice.

In a meeting lasting over an hour, Professor Arnall discussed with the Sub-Committee a range of issues including filtering cases, the future of the preliminary rulings procedure, dealing with intellectual property cases, the language regime and case management.

Birmingham student wins Inner Temple Moot

The Inner Temple's annual internal moot, the Lawson Moot, culminated in a dramatic final on 18 March 2011. This year's was the biggest and most ambitious to date: 100 of the Inner Temple's Student Members participated in the first round; and, the final moot problem was more challenging than in previous competitions.

Over 120 guests filled the Inner Temple to watch the final moot and were treated to an evening of fine mooting, wine and live music. Master Stanley Brodie QC, former Treasurer of the Inner Temple, judged the final. Master Brodie's judicial interventions were challenging, thought provoking and much enjoyed by the audience. After hearing the finalist's submissions the judge rose to consider his judgement. Master Brodie was impressed with the quality of all of the finalist's preparation and mooting abilities.

The winner of the Lawson Moot 2011 was Birmingham GDL student Richard Gibbs. Mr Gibbs, who is actively applying for pupillage, impressed the judges throughout the competition and was praised for his performance at the final.

Learn more www.birmingham.ac.uk/GDL

News

650 years of Magistracy in England and Wales

On 25 May our Institute of Judicial Administration hosted (together with Birmingham and Sutton Coldfield Magistrates Association) an anniversary lecture to celebrate 650 years since the establishment of the Magistracy in England and Wales.

The speaker for this prestigious event was Dr Becky Milne, Reader in Forensic Psychology at the Institute of Criminal Justice Studies, University of Portsmouth. The lecture was entitled 'Witness Evidence – Fact or Fiction' and discussed the difficulties in collecting witness and identification evidence. The lecture took place in the University's Aston Webb building.

The lecture was very well attended, with local magistrates, and Birmingham staff and students joining dignitaries such as Mr John Thornhill JP, Chairman of the Magistrates Association, Dr Robert Hawker JP, Chairman of the Bench, Professor John Baldwin, former Director of the Institute of Judicial Administration, and Professor Andrew Sanders, current Head of Birmingham Law School. A reception was held after the lecture in the Law School.

The Institute of Judicial Administration is a research institute based in Birmingham Law School dedicated to research into the realities of our criminal and civil justice system. Research undertaken by the Institute has helped shape the British justice system over the last 42 years. This summer it will launch a new website and Dr Marianne Wade will take over as Director from Dr Kate Doolin.

'The lecture discussed the issues surrounding the reliability of witness evidence and did much to explain the discrepancies in evidence presented to Justices and Judges in court. Collaboration between the local practitioners of law and Law schools is essential in order that current issues and further research areas can be identified and results disseminated. We hope that this lecture will lead to further interactions with the Law School.' Dr Robert J. Hawker, Chairman of the Bench, Birmingham.

BIICL Names Birmingham academic new Director of Investment Treaty Forum

Birmingham lecturer N Jansen Calamita was recently seconded to the BIICL. He talked to us about this new position:



'The British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) is an independent legal research organisation located in London (www.biicl.org). It continues a mission first begun in 1895: to advance the understanding of international and comparative law; to promote the rule of law in international affairs; and to promote their application through research, publications and public discussion. The BIICL is one of the leading think tanks in the world on international and comparative law issues. Its patrons are among the leading decision-makers and thinkers around the world on international legal topics.

'My background is particularly well-suited to a position which bridges the academic with the practical. Before beginning my academic career I served in the Office of the Legal Adviser in the US Department of State and in the Office of Legal Affairs at the United Nations in Vienna (in addition to spending time in private practice in New York.)'

What does the Investment Treaty Forum do?

'The Forum builds upon BIICL's expertise in public international law and international commercial arbitration for the purpose of conducting research and facilitating serious debate in a rapidly expanding field of law which is in need of authoritative comment. My role as

Director is to work with the Forum's Advisory Board, comprised of specialist practitioners and academics, to facilitate the research work of the Institute on international investment law issues and to work with the Forum's Members (representatives of leading law firms, intergovernmental organisations, non-governmental organisations and academia) to coordinate the Forum's seminars and meetings.'

Has your secondment enhanced your research?

'Being in contact with so many of the key participants in international investment law around the world – government officials, practising lawyers, policy advocates, academics – not only enriches my understanding of the field but also increases the impact of my own research. International investment law is a subject that cannot be adequately researched in a library. It is a dynamic and fluid field and one in which practitioners and other stakeholders are as active in the production of literature and research as academics. As a result, given its focus on bringing research together with practice, the Investment Treaty Forum is an ideal base for my work.'

How do you balance your duties in London with your teaching at Birmingham?

'I enjoy teaching a great deal and I especially enjoy teaching on the LLM. Birmingham attracts a diverse group of LLM students from all over the world. International investment law is a global subject; there are approximately 2,800 bilateral investment treaties in force around the world and very few countries that are not party to at least a few. This role puts me in a position to know what is going on in the field worldwide. This enhances my teaching because I am able to share with students not just my thoughts about doctrine and black-letter law but also my understanding of international investment law as a socio-legal dynamic.'

Alumni profile

Julz Adeniran's 2012 Olympic Dream

Rising star Julz Adeniran could be a name to look out for in the 2012 London Olympics. Graduating in Law LLB in 2010 and then serving an elected Sabbatical Officer term, as the University of Birmingham Guild of Students' current Vice President (Sport), Julz is now planning to put all of his energy and focus into athletics full-time from this summer.



'It was a calculated decision to complete my law studies as opposed to adopting the "Wayne Rooney route" and leaving school to train full-time, and with that I appreciated that swapping the gym and track for the Law library for the best part of three years would have the effect of delaying my development in the sport.'

A late starter to the sport, Julz was spotted back in 2005 running at a schools sports gala in Bromsgrove, ending up with him competing at the English School Championships. Taking to the sprint hurdles discipline like a duck to water he achieved his first international representative vest in his very first season in the sport; before going on to represent Great Britain at World and European U20 Championships, twice in his first three years of hurdling. Since his admission to the Law School, the University of Birmingham Sports Scholar has experienced continued success at HE level and this year has won British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) Indoor and Outdoor Championship Gold, in 60m hurdles and 110m hurdles respectively. Now free from academic commitments, Julz has his sights set on representing the University and Great Britain at August's World Student Games in Shenzhen, China.

Throughout his studies, the knowledge that the 2012 Olympics would take place in London lingered at the back of Julz's mind. Julz talks

about how he balanced his Law degree alongside the gruelling 6-day a week training regime required to realise his Olympic dream, he says: 'It was a calculated decision to complete my law studies as opposed to adopting the "Wayne Rooney route" and leaving school to train full-time, and with that I appreciated that swapping the gym and track for the Law library for the best part of three years would have the effect of delaying my development in the sport. However I've always thought that any sporting career can be fickle and does not last forever, so if you can it is best to get a good degree in your back pocket first. The juggling act at times was very difficult and frustrating as both sides were compromised throughout, but my studies imparted a lot and with discipline, good time management and a little sacrifice I was very pleased to graduate from such a fantastic and well respected Law School.'

In February this year Julz made his international Grand Prix debut when he was invited to

compete at the Aviva Indoor Grand Prix event at Birmingham's NIA, donning his University of Birmingham vest for the BBC cameras. His outdoor season has started off in a similar vein, with recent selection to represent British Universities at the prestigious Loughborough International resulting in an impressive victory and new personal best time. However in order to keep his Olympic ambitions alive, Julz now faces the formidable task securing private backing to help fund the heavy financial burden of the full-time training that will allow him to exploit his talent to full potential. Julz has recently entered a national sponsorship competition with the 'Bring on Tomorrow Foundation' that is looking to help support young athletes in their London 2012 and Rio de Janeiro 2016 journeys.

For further details on how you can support Julz's Olympic journey or to vote for him in the competition, please contact the Law School or visit: www.bringontomorrowfoundation.com/final.php?id=58

Research

Recently published at Birmingham Law School

Dr Celine Tan

Governance through Development: Poverty Reduction Strategies, International Law and the Disciplining of Third World States (Routledge)

The book centres on the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) framework which replaced structural adjustment programmes as the primary mechanism through which official development financing (aid and debt relief) is disbursed to low-income countries. The book locates the PRSP framework within the legacy of postcolonial international law and relations and demonstrates how state formation in the postcolonial world continues to be influenced by external imperatives and power relations inherent in their engagements with the exterior.

Dr Marianne Wade

A War on Terror? The European Stance on a New Threat, Changing Laws and Human Rights Implications, editor (with Almir Maljević) (Springer)

The editors of this book set out to establish a European point of view of the war on terror. This book explores anti-terrorism from various national perspectives in terms of policy shifts and human rights implications. It also explores the roles of the UN and the EU as anti-terrorist actors, as well as particular aspects such as cyber-terrorism and the effect on minority communities in the UK written by experts in the respective field.

Mr James Lee

From House of Lords to Supreme Court (Hart Publishing)

Mr James Lee is the editor of, and Professor Arnall is a contributor to, a collection comprising the papers presented at the Centenary Seminar of the Society of Legal Scholars, which was organised by the Law School in November 2009. The Seminar celebrated both the Society's Centenary and the transition from the Judicial House of Lords to the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. The essays examine judicial reasoning and the interaction between judges, academics and the professions in their shared task of the interpretative development of the law.

Professor Nelson Enonchong

The Independence Principle of Letters of Credit and Demand Guarantees (OUP)

The book examines the nature and scope of the cardinal principle of autonomy of both letters of credit and demand guarantees. It considers the challenges presented by this principle and explores the extent to which it is necessary or desirable to recognise exceptions to the principle in order to prevent abusive demands for payment.

Dr Kate Doolin (editor)

Whose Criminal Justice?

State or Community? (Waterside Press)

The volume is the first publication of the University of Birmingham Community and Criminal Justice Group (BCCJ Group). Drawing on the different disciplines of law, criminology, forensic psychology, social work and public management, the collection explores the shifts and progress made in criminal justice in England and Wales over the past two decades and highlights the possibilities and pitfalls under the current coalition government.

Alexander Orakhelashvili

Collective Security (OUP)

This is the first comprehensive analysis of collective security, covering all relevant institutions including the UN, the League of Nations, and regional organisations. It focuses on how the relationships between various collective security institutions operate in practice. The book covers regional collective security institutions in Africa, Asia, and Europe that have been underanalysed in scholarship relating to this area.

New book honours distinguished EU lawyer

Professor Anthony Arnall, Barber Professor of Jurisprudence at Birmingham Law School, is among the editors of (and contributors to), *A Constitutional Order of States?*, a collection of essays recently published by Hart Publishing to celebrate the career of Professor Alan Dashwood CBE QC. The collection takes as its starting point Professor Dashwood's vivid description of the European Union as a 'constitutional order of states'. They consider the foundations, strengths, implications and shortcomings of this conceptual framework in various fields of EU law and policy.



AHRC award for Birmingham academic

Birmingham Law lecturer Dr Luca Rubini has been awarded an Arts and Humanities Research Council Fellowship of £63,280 to support his research on the regulation of legitimate subsidies in the World Trade Organisation.

Dr Rubini's research explores the case and challenges of a new regulation recognising the autonomy, or policy space, of countries to adopt certain subsidies for certain legitimate policy objectives, for example environmental protection and climate change fight. This is a topical issue which is increasingly debated in academic and policy circles and raises core questions on the governance of subsidies in an international and multi-level context. Ultimately, it touches on key questions about what the WTO is for in the 21st century.

This is the second grant for this research project: a British Academy Small Research Grant of £7,406 supported a research visit to the Institute of International Economic Law of Georgetown University last autumn. The results of the project will be mainly disseminated through the publication of a monograph for CUP in 2013.

Wellcome Trust awards conference grant to Birmingham Law School

Birmingham Law School's Professor of Health Care Law, Professor Jean McHale, and Dr Nicola Gale, Research Fellow in Medical Sociology in the Department of Primary Care Clinical Sciences, received a grant from the Wellcome Trust to hold a conference on 'Regulation and professionalisation in complementary medicine: historical perspectives and contemporary concerns'. The conference was held in Birmingham in May 2011.

News

Mooting

It has been another excellent year for Mooting at Birmingham. GDL student Richard Gibbs won the Inner Temple's Lawson Moot, and two more of our students, Jennifer Kay (LLM) and Hannah Fountain (3rd yr LLB), reached the finals of the Inner Temple Inter-Varsity Cup.

The quality of our internal competitions has also been excellent, with the Camm Cup, judged by Sir Christopher Greenwood, Birmingham's Mr James Lee and Gareth Evans QC, and the final of the Postgraduate Cup particular highlights.



Anna Peaston with the Camm Cup

Anna Peaston (2nd yr LLB Law with French) won the Camm Cup; Zoe Smith (1st yr LLB) the Allen & Overy First Year Cup; Richard Gibbs (GDL) won the Postgraduate Cup.

Mr Martin George was the academic lead for Mooting this year, but special thanks must go to our student mooted committee, who organised, clerked and cleared up after moots every single week during Autumn Term. They are: Harriet Drury, Michael Young, Nivedita S, and Natalie Hearn.

This summer our Moot Room is being refurbished into a state-of-the-art court room, complete with audio-visual equipment for recording our moots. To make use of these facilities we are introducing an additional internal mooted competition for students to enter next year, and making the Mooting competitions formally part of the Holdsworth Club.

Harriet Drury, Mistress of the Moots, said, 'Being Mistress of the Moots for 2010–11 has been both challenging and rewarding. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the moots and receptions, from the heats through to the finals. This year has been a resounding success with the standard judged to be at an all time high. Mooting continues to be a valuable part of what Birmingham Law School is, reflecting the quality and positive attitude of our law students.'

Birmingham law student wins Ince & Co Tort Prize

On Wednesday 22 September, Jyoti Ahuja, a final year student on our LLB for Graduates programme, attended a prize evening at the London office of the international law firm, Ince & Co. Jyoti was awarded a prize for her exceptional performance in the Obligations B (Tort) module last year.

Jyoti thanked the firm: 'The prize is a reflection of the fact that I've really enjoyed my first year of legal studies, for which I must thank our lecturers at the Birmingham Law School – the lectures and seminars have often been extraordinarily stimulating and interesting. Winning this for something I've so enjoyed doing feels a bit like a bonus. It has, of course, also involved hard work, so it's a big boost to

receive the prize. Many thanks to Ince & Co for this, and for the lovely evening at their offices, which was a great opportunity to meet them all.'

As well as sponsoring the prize, Ince & Co is one of the Law School's partners in the Law in Practice seminar series, which enables students to understand their curricular subjects in their commercial context.



Funding for judicial independence project

Together with colleagues from UCL and Queen Mary, Birmingham lecturer Graham Gee has been awarded AHRC Large Grant funding for a three-year project on 'The Politics of Judicial Independence in Britain's Changing Constitution'.

Britain's constitution is changing. It is changing from 'a political constitution' (where those who exercise power are held to account mainly through political processes and in political institutions) towards 'a legal constitution' (where they are increasingly held to account by courts largely through judicial review). One consequence has been to heighten tensions between politicians and judges. This, in turn, has enlivened debate about judicial independence in Britain; and greater judicial power has triggered a debate about judicial accountability. This project explores the meanings of and relationships between judicial independence and judicial accountability in Britain's changing constitution. The inaugural project event was a lecture on February 8th by Lord Phillips, President of the Supreme Court. As widely reported in the national media, Lord Phillips argued that the existing funding arrangements for the new UK Supreme Court do not adequately guarantee its independence.

Graham said, 'It's very exciting to be working on a project that explores the complex and changing relationships between politicians and judges. Lord Phillips's lecture was a fantastic start to the project and a timely reminder of the need to explore more closely the meaning and content of judicial independence in Britain's changing constitution'.

News in brief

Birmingham alumnus awarded honorary degree

When Law students graduate this July they will be joined by The Hon Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma (LLB Law, 1977), who will be returning to the University to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Like all of our alumni we have been following Geoffrey Ma's achievements with interest and many of you will remember that we featured Geoffrey in the Spring 2008 edition of Holdsworth – since then he has gone on to secure the highest legal position in Hong Kong. It is thirty-four years since Geoffrey Ma first graduated from the University and we look forward to welcoming him back to celebrate his success on a day that will see us welcome the class of 2011 to our alumni family alongside him.

Mr James Lee elected Fellow of Inner Temple

James Lee, Lecturer in Birmingham Law School, has been elected as an Academic Fellow of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple. Alongside colleagues from Keele, Cambridge and Leeds, James is one of the first academics to be elected to this honorary three-year post.

The Academic Fellowship Scheme recognises the outstanding contribution of legal teaching and research of early to mid-career academics to the Bar of England and Wales. It also aims to support their research and to build stronger ties between barristers and legal academia. As part of the scheme, James will give two lectures, one at the Inn and one at the Law School.

James is the School's Director of Careers and his research focuses upon jurisprudence and the law of obligations. The principal theme of his research is the examination of judicial reasoning in superior appellate courts, focusing in particular on the House of Lords and the new Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.

Birmingham Law staff dye hair for Cancer Research UK



L-R: Rachel Slater, Yue Ang, Dr Gavin Byrne, Martin George, Dr Stephen Smith and Professor Rob Cryer

The dark November days were brightened by the appearance of members of our teaching staff with outlandish hair.

Lecturers Dr Stephen Smith, Professor Rob Cryer, Mr Martin George, Dr Gavin Byrne, and Postgraduate Teaching Assistants Yue Ang, Theresa Lynch and Rachel Slater dyed their hair bright colours for the entire month of November to support Cancer Research UK.

Karina Quiney retires

Former staff and students will recall Karina Quiney, who was our School Manager for a long time, and more recently our Operations Manager within the College of Arts and Law. Karina retired this year after eleven years with the School. A reception was held to thank her for all of her work, where she revealed she hoped to spend more time working on her golfing prowess!

Keep in touch

If you would like to find out more about volunteering in the Law School, or any other part of the College, would like to share some news about yourself, make suggestions about the content of the newsletter or receive further information about alumni benefits we would love to hear from you.

To stay in touch and receive regular information about events please make sure

'Members of the Birmingham Law School have been affected by cancer. Some of us are friends of those who have had cancer, some have had family members, some have counselled students who have either had or known someone who has had cancer. As a result, we decided to do what we can to help. We first decided to use our strengths but there was unfortunately no one to actually sue. So, we turned to our other strength – making ourselves look ridiculous.' Dr Stephen Smith.

People were able to vote during October from a range of colours for each member of staff by donating £2 per vote. The team raised over £1500.

More recently, a team of 'Birmingham Law Ladies', comprising Kelly Chilton-Davies, Sharon Jones, Yue Ang, Lisa Anderson, Theresa Lynch, Claire McIvor, Kate Doolin, Katharina Möser ran the Race for Life for Cancer Research UK.

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