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Welcome to the inaugural IPLS newsletter. This newsletter is to keep you up to date with what is happening at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies.

We welcome your input and feedback. Feedback equates to action and there are a number of exciting developments in IPLS which are the result of feedback we have received. As a result of overwhelming demand we now offer Summer Schools in all centres and in the next newsletter we will outline some exciting course developments.

Bernadette Wilson
National Director

Remaining Course Dates For 2007

Online Course Available in all centres
Intake 4D 6 August 2007 to 15 December 2007

Onsite Course Available Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington and Christchurch
Intake 3 3 September 2007 to 30 November 2007

Hooray! It's Summer School!



Online Course Available in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington and Christchurch
Intake 5D 3 December 2007 to 26 April 2008

Onsite Course Available in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington and Christchurch
Intake 4 3 December 2007 to 14 March 2008
(Available in Dunedin 26 November 2007 to 7 March 2008)

Hot Off The Press – Dates For 2008

Online Courses (19 weeks) Available in all centres
Intake 1D 21 January 2008 to 31 May 2008
Intake 2D 3 March 2008 to 12 July 2008
Intake 3D 7 April 2008 to 16 August 2008
Intake 4D 19 May 2008 to 27 September 2008
Intake 5D 4 August 2008 to 13 December 2008
Intake 6D 8 December 2008 to 2 May 2009 (Summer School)

Onsite Courses (13 weeks)
Intake 1 17 March 2008 to 19 June 2008 Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch
Intake 2 4 August 2008 to 31 October 2008 Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch
Intake 3 1 December 2008 to 13 March 2009 Available in all centres (Summer School)

Go to www.ipls.org.nz for full details



Staff Profile: HEATHER MURDOCH

Heather Murdoch was this year appointed in the newly created national role of Communications Manager. Heather has been a litigation instructor since 1993 and has also been involved in course design. She was previously branch manager in Christchurch. Heather strongly values professional legal training and welcomes input from law students and the profession. This year she attended all of the University Career Fairs and reflects that *“one of the unexpected highlights that I have experienced in my role as National Communications Manager is the pleasure I have had meeting with law students from all five law schools”*. Heather is extremely approachable and is more than happy to have a chat with you about your career. She also encourages law firms to contact her to discuss the development of their junior practitioners.

Where can you find us next...

SOULS Law Careers Evening Otago University, 6 August 2007, 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Main Common Room Uni Union

IPLS Information Evening Auckland University Law School, 14 August 2007, 5:00pm to 6:00pm, Algie Lecture Theatre

ADLS Developing Junior Practitioners Seminar, 6 September 2007, 4:00pm to 6:00pm, Stamford Plaza, Auckland

IPLS Legal Careers Panel, Waikato University, S Block, S1.03, 8 August, 1:00pm, discussing career options

Jobs Galore

If you are looking for work check out our website: Job seekers link: www.ipls.org.nz

For employers we offer free advertising. Just send your job ad to: h.murdoch@ipls.org.nz

New Instructors

We have a number of new instructors who we would like to introduce and express a warm welcome to...

Auckland: Giselle McLachlan (Litigation)

Hamilton: Linda Hughes (Legal Practice)

Grant Wilkin (Litigation)

Wellington: Deborah Martin (Litigation and Legal Practice)

Tim Blake (Litigation and Legal Practice)

Christchurch: Madeleine Hawkesby-Browne (Litigation and Marketing)

Craig Ruane (Litigation)



Student Profile: GREG MARTIN

What University did you attend?

University of Wales, Cardiff.

Did you complete a straight LL.B or a double degree?

LLB (Hons). Also ICSA qualified with CSNZ.

What other career did you have prior to studying law?

Chartered Company Secretary.

Why did you choose to study law and practice law?

Because it's a professional career. Law is also an integral part of society and the work is challenging and interesting.

Why did you choose to study the IPLS onsite course?

I wanted to get the most out of Professionals. IPLS is the established provider and was more competitively priced which, being an overseas student, was an important consideration.

Where are you currently working, and what areas are you practising in?

Argyle Welsh Finnigan, Ashburton. Property, Rural, Trusts, Commercial.

Where do you see yourself in five years' time?

Enjoying being a lawyer in New Zealand with Argyle Welsh Finnigan.

Any words of wisdom for other university graduates completing their Professionals?

If you take it seriously, you'll find it rewarding and fun.

When I am not working you will find me...

In a Cafe in Methven sipping on a cappuccino planning a High Country fishing trip.

Postscript – email from Greg

Hi Heather – my practicing certificate arrived today, and I promptly marched off to Court to make a plea in mitigation which went very well indeed.

Once again I am struck by how much of what I learned at IPLS I use everyday!! Couldn't be doing this without you lot.

Thanks again to you, Madeleine and Janet. Pop in if ever you are passing through Ashvegas

Best wishes Greg

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