

Student 2008

KLC is an entrenched and enduring part of the UNSW Law Faculty. Around 4,000 students have participated in a KLC elective course in that time and around 5200 students have experienced a brief interviewing clinical exposure experiences through Law, Lawyers and Society course. Many of those students hold the Centre in warm affection.

At KLC students experience clinical legal education, which is a methodology of teaching law, legal procedure and ethics where students are engaged in legal work for real clients and critically analyse this experience. They interview clients, draft letters, run legal cases, do law reform projects and present their understanding of the different areas of law and their role as a lawyer. From our humble beginnings in 1981 with one non-intensive course we have progressed to hosting seven courses in 2011.

The timeline for clinical legal education courses at KLC is:

- 1981 Non-intensive generalist course commences
- 1992 Intensive generalist course commences
- 1998 Law Lawyers and Society ethics course students attend KLC for an advice session
- 2000 Employment Law Clinic commences
- 2010 Family Law and Domestic Violence community legal education course commences
- 2010 Hong Kong Refugee Law Clinic commences.

The style of teaching at KLC is one of the distinctive features of the UNSW Law Faculty. Our alumni are one of our great strengths, and word of mouth about the course is our main promotional tool.

Teaching awards/recognition

teaching which they have pioneered and delivered over the years and are recognised nationally as leaders in clinical legal education theory and practice.

- 2000 KLC won the Vice-Chancellors Award for Teaching Excellence
- 2001 KLC won The Australian Award for University Teaching for Law and Legal Studies;
- 2001 Fran Gibson won Quality Teaching Award awarded by Australian College of Education;
- 2007

1995 – 1996 NIB health insurers Discrimination Matter; Solicitor – John Godwin

In 1995 the Equal Opportunity Tribunal held that NIB health insurers discriminated against a gay couple by not providing 'family' cover to them and their son. NIB appealed the Tribunal's decision to the

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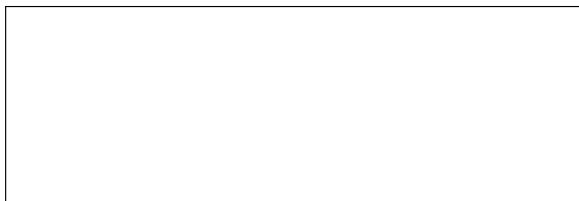
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Paddle



In 2010 we decided to extend our student paddle award to our volunteer solicitors. Di's Tuesday night volunteer, Danny Grynberg won for his bravery in dealing with a client who brought to his interview, material which he thought contained asbestos. After much fuss and some testing, we discovered it didn't – but it's all in a nights volunteering to Danny.

Danny Grynberg – proud recipient of the inaugural volunteer paddle award 2010

Law reform/policy and campaign work

Law reform/policy and campaign work are core to the work and objectives of KLC – every other part of our service feeds into and informs our actions around issues as diverse as burial plot allocation and housing for international students; FOI & police powers; commonwealth matters like stolen generation compensation to international UN treaty work. Below we highlight three different approaches to law reform and policy work of the Centre across three levels of government.

Local Issues/Casework Driven – Sustainable Burials in Sydney Greater Metropolitan Region Submission

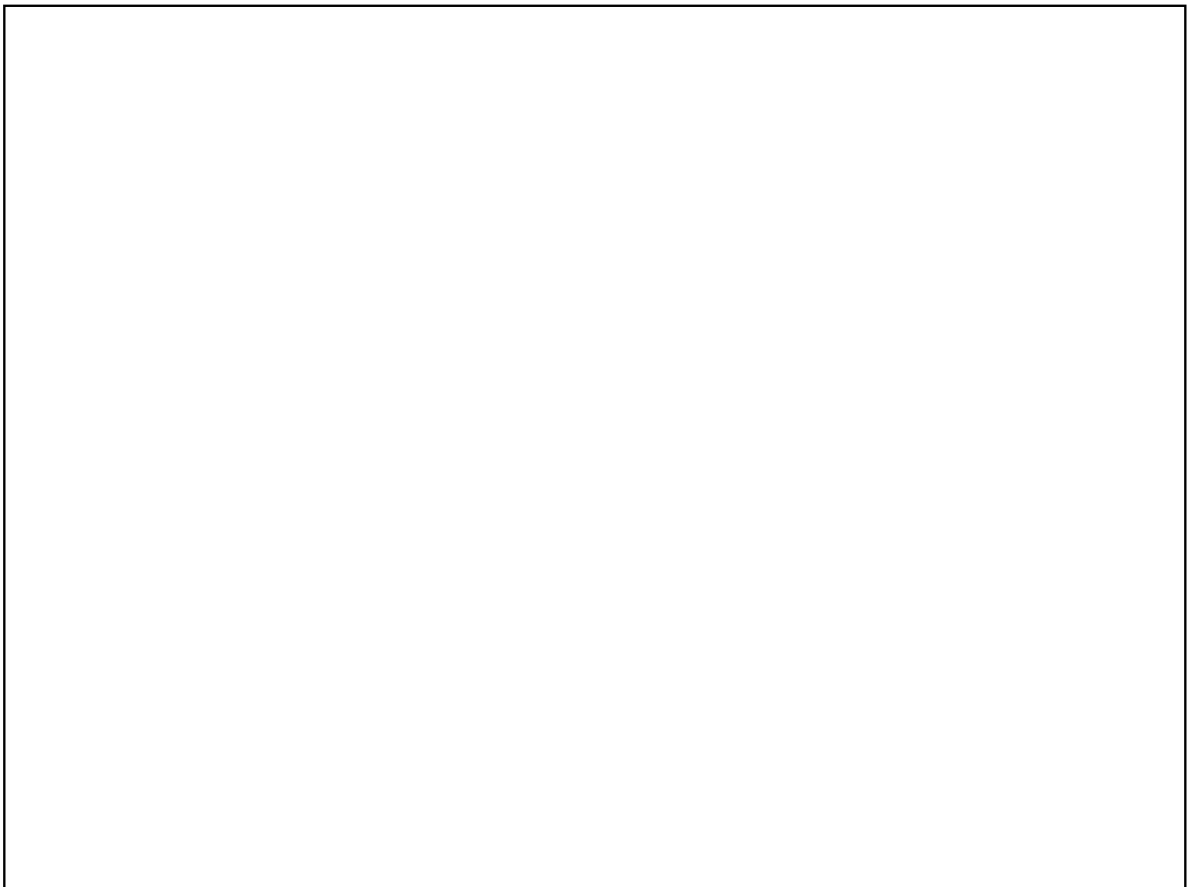
In June 2008, KLC did a submission to the Department of Lands on their paper on Sustainable Burials in the Sydney Greater Metropolitan Region. As a result of our experience with a client case relating to the Jewish section of our local Cemetary at Botany, we realised that the fact that demand far outstrips supply for burial sites in Sydney has put Cemeteries in very powerful positions. We submitted that it is important for these issues to be considered and consumers to be properly protected when the Department of Lands makes decisions about the future of the burial industry in New South Wales. This is an example of a submission to an enquiry which is of enormous importance to our community members, which has resulted from our casework.

Multi-pronged Campaign Work – Human Rights Protections in Australia

KLC used a whole of Centre, multi pronged approach in making a submission to the Brennan Committee, a national consultative committee commissioned by the Federal government on the need to address the concerns of our community. We attended knitting & other social groups, assisted people to produce their own submission, educated community groups about 'what are human rights' and assisted some to prepare their own submissions to the national consultation. KLC raised the issue at every forum possible – from community fairs, to shopping malls, mail outs, talking to our clients, resourcing our local groups.

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to the CEDAW Committee where representatives from all over Australia met to discuss the compiling of a community report as well as the parallel report. The NSW report was completed and published by NCOS and WRANA as 6 \ Y Y P N O [Z 6 \ Y] V P J L Z. KLC continued its involvement in CEDAW and reporting into 2010 where KLC Director, Anna Cody was chosen to be one of the representatives of the Australian NGO sector appearing before the Committee at the United Nations in New York. The CEDAW project is an example of extensive consultation and the development of a methodology to do ensure that the consultation is as wide as possible and that those members of our community who are disenfranchised were also heard. The project spans 6 years and continues to be a priority focus area for the Centre into the future.



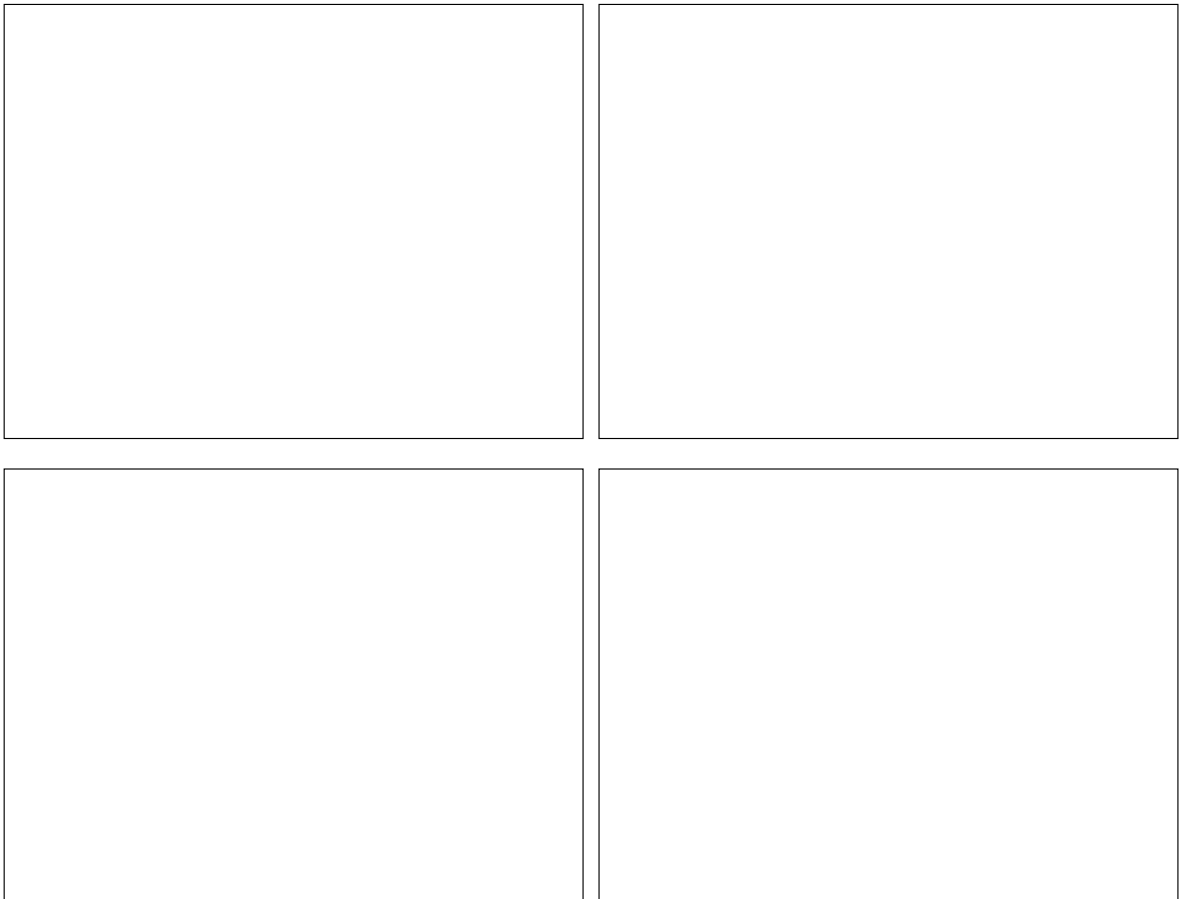
Engaging with our community

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persona in our local area so if anything community is happening, we are there! Students love doing it and
many of our alumni reading this today will have fond memories of the KLC stall (in its many incarnations).
While community work is often about getting information out to your community, more important still is just
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to the KLC stall, and all the lovely staff and students who have staffed it over the years.

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Local Community Campaign Work – Get On Board for Better Buses

In 1u33 two KLC Students, Anita Mani and Fabienne Metz were involved in the “Get on Board For Better Buses” campaign, an initiative of the South Maroubra Tenants Action Group. The campaign sought to improve bus services in the Maroubra area. The students were responsible for creating a campaign website. They also produced and distributed a petition to local businesses and assisted in the preparation of a response to the Ministerial Inquiry on public transport. This was an entirely student driven community development project which had a very positive impact on an issue of great importance to the local community. It is an example of the KLC and the UNSW sharing our resources with our local community to achieve a good outcome for all.



Community legal education

Empowering and equipping our local community to be able to deal with their own legal problems and which encompasses many different styles and types of delivery and content. For example over the past 30 years we have gone to the beach to talk about wave rage; gone to Bourke with our Discrimination Roadshow; gone to Timor Leste to deliver human rights training; developed the Discrimination Toolkit; appeared on radio programs; written plain English law articles for local community centres' newsletters; developed a guide to unfair dismissal laws; contributed chapters to the Law Handbook; sat down in out an ongoing series of seminars on different areas of the law for local community workers; presented seminars to welfare organisations, older people, CALD communities, local community groups on every conceivable area of the law and human rights. Since 2010 we have a Family Law/DV clinic which deals exclusively with community legal education. This list is not exhaustive. As you can clearly see from the and skills.

Partnerships

Kingsford Legal Centre has been very fortunate in establishing and keeping relationships with a wide range of organisations from all facets of the legal profession. KLC has been the recipient of support from many partnerships.

Freehills Seconded Program - Over 19 years of support to KLC

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connection. - Ex-KLC Director Simon Rice,
From the Roundabout to the Roundhouse*

In the early 1990s KLC Director, Simon Rice proposed an idea to Freehills partners Don Robinson and Keith Steele that was to have a profound and far reaching effect on KLC. Would Freehills consider providing KLC with a seconded solicitor? Freehills agreed and both parties have never looked back. For over 19 of our 30 years Freehills have been supporting the Kingsford Legal Centre by providing a seconded solicitor to us. This is an extraordinary connection. JVTTP[TLU[I` H ÄYT ^OPJO NP]LZ community in so many ways and we are all very grateful for their continued help. The quality of the ZLJVUKLL SH^`LYZ PZ ÄYZ[JSHZZ 100% to the Centre and participate in all areas of our service. Often, once they leave they join our volunteer ranks. Thanks Freehills for your continued

Pro-Bono Clinics 2011

KLC has had a number of pro-bono clinics over the 30 years – too many to list here. At present, we have two pro-bono clinics running; Employment Law Clinic which has now been running for around 10 years; and a brand new Power of Attorney Clinic which commenced in May 2011. Both clinics greatly increase our capacity to serve our community; therefore we are grateful to:

Employment Clinic - Bartier Perry Solicitors; Clayton Utz, Harmers Workplace Lawyers, Henry Davis York, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers

Power of Attorney/Enduring Guardianship Clinic - Clayton Utz

Legal Aid Commission

Of course, Legal Aid's support has been crucial to KLC's continued success. Over the years we have worked together on many projects and their continued funding of KLC is greatly appreciated. In 2011, our collaboration continues with 3 major projects:-

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This very popular publication is being updated for another print run – this has been a very successful collaboration between KLC, Legal Aid and Elizabeth Evatt CLC



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Funding has just been announced for this partnership with Legal Aid which will fund a series of 6 workshops at 3 of AWAW's branches. The funding will also allow us to develop CLE materials in community languages.

Visa Cancellation Clinic

Provides legal services to prisoners whose visas are going to be cancelled on character grounds. This clinic commenced in July 2011.

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- 2005 Developed Protocol for local youth centre the Shack on working with local police
Janet Loughman Acting Director during Anna Cody's maternity leave
- 2006 Move from 11 Rainbow Street to new Law Building on Kensington campus
Getting off the referral roundabout DVD launched (funded by Law and Justice Foundation)
First Allens Arthur Robinson secondee, Sonya Oberekar joins KLC for 6 months
Outreaches opened at SENC and Maroubra Uniting Church
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CLE series for community workers programme commenced
- 2007 Outreaches at Yarra Bay House and Junction Neighbourhood Centre commence
KLC celebrates 15 year partnership with Freehills
Pro-bono generalist clinic with Craddock Murray Neumann commences
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Anna Cody recipient of the Achievement Award by the Women Lawyers Association;
Volunteer Sue Mordaunt Highly Commended in the Combined Community Legal Centres Group
Award category of the NSW Law and Justice Foundation Justice Awards;
KLC staff awarded the 2007 UNSW Professional and Technical Recognition Award for Excellence
in Enhancing the Student Experience
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- 2009 Human Rights Chart consultation campaign
KLC Director, Anna Cody, wins the UNSW Vice-Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence
Long Bay Correctional Complex Outreach commences
KLC solicitor Teena Balgi coordinates sector ICESCR NGO Report and ICCPR Review
- 2010 Family Law & Domestic Violence CLE Clinic commences
Hong Kong Refugee Clinic commences
KLC team achieve the Australian Learning and Teaching Council citation for innovative clinical
legal education.
KLC shortlisted for the Australian Human Rights Commission's Human Rights Award in the Law
Category.
KLC in collaboration with other Australian NGOs prepare report on current state of human rights
in Australia for Universal Periodic Review by the Human Rights Council of the UN
Anna Cody represents NGOs before the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against
Women
New Family Law/DV CLE Clinic using funding from Federal Attorney General Department
- 2011 KLC staff win UNSW Excellence in Community Engagement Award
Commence new pro-bono clinic with Clayton Utz for Power of Attorney and Guardianship
matters
Receive funding from Legal Aid for new Visa Cancellation Clinic for prisoners & employment law
workshops with Asian Women at Work

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