

# LAW AND LEGAL SERVICES



## OUR VISION

Victoria University's vision for Law and Legal is to be the most comprehensive provider of legal, paralegal, conveyancing and migration law in Victoria. We aim to prepare highly desirable graduates by combining theoretical education in the classroom and learning in the workplace and community. We are committed to high quality education and research that supports learning and contributes to the profession and administration of justice.

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# EXPERTISE IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

## HISTORY OF LAW AND LEGAL

Law and Legal has more than a decade of experience in teaching, research and community service in:

- community legal education
- courts and justice administration
- criminal justice
- immigration law
- private and public legal practice

## LAW & LEGAL STRENGTHS

Law and Legal strengths in education and research include:

- corporate law
- courts and justice
- governance
- international law
- paralegal studies

## LAW AND LEGAL STUDENTS

Approximately 58% of Law and Legal students are female and 42% are male.

Approximately 34% of local students live in the Western region of Melbourne, and 30% of local students speak languages other than English.

## LAW AND LEGAL COURSES

Law and Legal offered 25 courses in 2009. Courses with the greatest number of enrolments included Legal Practice, Legal Services, Criminal Justice Studies, Conveyancing, and a range of Bachelor of Law courses.

The majority of Law and Legal courses are delivered by the following schools:

- Victoria Law School
- School of Social Sciences and Psychology
- School of Enterprise

The Sir Zelman Cowen Centre in the Victoria Law School offers a comprehensive Immigration Law program. The Victoria Law School is incorporated into Law and Legal with a dedicated teaching team that includes experienced barristers and solicitors with specialist expertise in Immigration Law.

The Sir Harry Gibbs National Moot Competition is proudly supported by the Victoria Law School Moot Court Society. This Victoria University student body promotes excellence in written and oral advocacy. Under academic supervision, the Moot Court pursues this objective and continues the well-established tradition of the student-run Moot Court within leading Australian law schools.

The Sir Harry Gibbs National Moot Competition continues to be sponsored by the Australian Association of Constitutional Law and Clayton Utz Lawyers.

## LAW AND LEGAL CAREER PATHWAYS

We offer learning pathways to enable students to design their own career. Students can move from secondary school to courses at a Certificate level to Diplomas and Degrees through to PhD.

Pathways include transitions from the Advanced Diploma of Business (Legal Practice) to the Bachelor of Legal Practice Management.

## LAW AND LEGAL RESEARCH

Law and Legal research is committed to self-generated and collaborative research that solves community issues. Law and Legal undertakes research projects with clients ranging from small businesses and community organisations, through to larger organisations and government agencies. Law and Legal research includes:

- building ethical standards into corporate governance
- courts and the administration of justice
- development of software tools to support negotiated decision making
- studying the impact of Work Choices legislation on Victorian workers

## LAW AND LEGAL PARTNERS

Law and Legal has partnerships and cooperative arrangements with industry and various professional organisations. These partnerships provide opportunities for learning in the workplace and have been developed around research projects that deliver real benefits to industry and the broader community.

Current industry partners include:

- Australian Association of Constitutional Law
- Clayton Utz Lawyers
- Institute of Legal Executives
- Law Institute of Victoria
- Migration Institute
- State Government Departments
- Victoria Legal Aid
- Western Suburbs Law Association

## LAW AND LEGAL INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES

Law and Legal has linkages with overseas institutions such as:

- Chinese University of Political Science and Law
- International Islamic University of Malaysia
- University of California, Los Angeles Law School
- University of Cambridge's Institute of Continuing Education

International student exchange programs allow Victoria University Law and Legal students to undertake some units overseas.

## LAW AND LEGAL FACILITIES

The Sir Zelman Cowen Centre in the Victoria Law School hosts an eMoot Court facility, and high-tech courtroom used by legal practitioners, judges and professionals. The eMoot Court uses the latest hardware and software for managing evidence, transcript, and court management and presentation systems.

## CAMPUSES FOR LAW AND LEGAL

Campuses which deliver these courses are located at Footscray Park, Footscray Nicholson and St Albans, and in the Melbourne CBD in King Street (City King), Queen Street (City Queen) and in Flinders Street (City Flinders).

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