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# DEAN'S FOREWORD

In 2009, Kingsford Legal Centre continued to provide quality clinical legal education for UNSW Law Faculty students. This was acknowledged with Anna Cody being awarded the UNSW Vice-Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence. Anna's leadership and expertise in clinical legal education has been a strength for the Centre and the Faculty.

The Law Faculty has a firm commitment to clinical legal education and works towards ensuring that all of our students have the opportunity to experience it. Late in 2009 it was announced that KLC had been successful in gaining some $40,000 in funds from the Federal Attorney General's Department to develop training workshops about Family Law and Domestic Violence. These workshops will be developed and delivered by students, under the supervision of a clinical supervisor/solicitor. This new clinic further enhances our commitment to our students.

The Centre continues to be the flagship for UNSW's commitment to 'giving back' to its local community. This is not only evidenced in the 1500+ advices delivered in 2009, but also in the Centre's community legal education program. The addition of Keith Ball as the Centre's Aboriginal Access Worker has borne fruit with an increase in access to the Centre by the local Indigenous community, the development of an active Aboriginal Advisory Committee and numerous community workshops and events.

The breadth and scope of KLC's law reform and policy work is also very pleasing, giving voice to the more disenfranchised members of our community.

In short, the Centre continues to flourish. On behalf of the Faculty of Law I wish KLC every success into 2010 and the future. The quality and quantity of contributions by KLC's small staff is extraordinary, and a great credit to all involved.

**Professor David Dixon**
Dean, Faculty of Law

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2009 proved a strong and productive year for Kingsford Legal Centre. I was thrilled to receive the UNSW Vice Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence – an award which I think reflects all of the Centre's work as a leading centre for clinical legal education programs.

Our students continue to be an asset to our Centre and our community. In 2009 over 350 UNSW Law Faculty students participated in one of our clinical programs and feedback from these students continues to be extremely positive. The energy, commitment and compassion that our students bring to our Centre is inspiring and demonstrates the strengths of clinical legal education.

KLC's Aboriginal Access worker, Keith Ball, has had a very positive impact on our Centre not only in terms of the percentage of Indigenous clients, but also for our students. The strength of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee as well as community engagements such as the Open Yarnin' session is very pleasing.

In law reform and policy work, KLC was prolific, with submissions to all levels of government, as well as internationally. Teena Balgi represented the Centre lobbying on key human rights issues to the United Nations Human Rights Committee in early 2009 and the Centre was key in developing the Australian non-governmental organisation report on women's rights under the Convention for the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and an update report on economic and social rights. The Centre also contributed actively in the national consultation around human rights in Australia.

Our Secondee programs with Freehills and Allens Arthur Robinson continue to be an asset to the Centre. The quality and commitment of the young lawyers who are seconded to the Centre for 6 months is impressive and the secondee programs increase our capacity to help our community. We are very grateful to both of these firms for their generosity and support of KLC and our clients.

Staffing at KLC remains stable with the notable exception of Solicitor/Clinical Supervisor, Teena Balgi, taking 12 months leave to take up a position as principal solicitor at the Top End Women's Legal Centre in Darwin. Whilst Teena has been sorely missed, her replacement, Emma Golledge, has proved to be a great addition to our staff.

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT cont'

Lastly, a heartfelt thanks to our wonderful volunteers – without whom the core business of our Centre would not be achieved.

2010 should be a year of growth and expansion for KLC. I look forward to continuing all of our partnerships to ensure the very best of outcomes for our clients and our students.

**Anna Cody**
Director

KLC staff

## The following values underpin all of the work of Kingsford Legal Centre:

- The value of clinical legal education as a means of educating law students. We will provide a positive learning environment for students, encouraging them to gain first hand experience of delivering legal services in a community setting;
- Providing the best quality service to our clients whilst encouraging them to do as much as they can in regard to their legal problems. We aim to empower our clients rather than adopt a paternalistic approach to advice and casework;
- Undertaking law reform work and advocating for the development of a fair and non-discriminatory legal justice system;
- Working with other relevant organisations, including the legal profession to provide a broader range and better quality of services to the community.
- Self determination, respect and privacy with regards to service provision;
- We recognise that many people are unable to gain access to justice due to discrimination and poverty. We are committed to providing legal services to people who would otherwise be unable to gain access to justice.
- Providing equal access to justice for everyone in our target community. We recognise that a positive, practical approach to access and equity issues is needed if the Centre is to fulfil its commitment to equality of opportunity. We actively encourage an access and equity approach to all aspects of our organisation including service delivery, communications, physical environment and human resources;
- Team based decision-making. We value the commitment and experience students, staff and volunteers bring to the Centre. We encourage positive criticism and ideas generated by all members of the Centre and our local community.

# AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To educate tomorrow's lawyers by:
   - giving students an opportunity in a clinical supervised setting to work for disadvantaged clients
   - developing student understanding of how the legal system works, and its impact upon disadvantaged clients
   - providing students with an opportunity to reflect upon social justice issues, the legal system and the role of lawyers within it, including the values and objectives underpinning the work of community legal centres
   - assisting students to understand the integral role that systemic advocacy and community legal education play in legal service provision.
2. To improve access to justice for residents of the Botany and Randwick areas by providing free legal advice and assistance including specialist employment advice
3. To reduce discrimination through the provision of specialist legal advice and representation on discrimination matters to residents of NSW and those who are discriminated against in NSW
4. To enhance people's knowledge of, and access to, appropriate legal services through the dissemination of information and by making and receiving referrals
5. To promote access and equity in all areas of the organisation including service delivery, legal education, community education and policy work.
6. To ensure Kingsford Legal Centre is respectful of Indigenous cultures and people
7. To improve the community's knowledge of the legal system and the capacity for people to enforce their legal rights, by delivering community legal education
8. To undertake systemic advocacy, including law reform, and to represent the interests of clients and the local community on social policy and administration of justice issues
9. To create partnerships with other community organisations on legal issues
10. To maintain an efficient infrastructure for the Centre to provide support for staff, volunteers and students and outcomes for clients

Clinical legal education is a methodology of teaching law, legal procedure and ethics. In Australia when we talk about clinical legal education we mean a style of teaching where students are engaged in legal work for real clients – often known as "live clients".

In the Clinical Legal Experience courses, the compulsory Law Lawyers and Society course, the clinical course in Employment Law and the Foundations Enrichment 2 course, students develop their understanding of issues of social justice as well as developing interviewing, negotiation, drafting, submission writing and advocacy skills. We introduce them to the fundamentals of office management and explore ethical issues such as how to select potential clients when demand for legal services far outstrips the Centre's ability to assist.

The objectives of the elective courses are:

1. To develop students' critical appreciation of the law and legal system in Australia through participation in a legal practice working for clients who are financially or otherwise disadvantaged.
2. To enhance students' contextual understanding of the law and legal process by exposing them to real clients with legal problems.
3. To provide students with a detailed understanding of the legal aid system and develop students' understanding of issues of access to the legal system for the Australian community.
4. To develop students' awareness of the role of lawyers in practice in the legal system.
5. To develop students' understanding of ethics and responsibility in a workplace setting.
6. To introduce students to the importance of developing basic lawyering skills to a high level of proficiency including communication, interviewing, drafting and negotiation.
7. To develop students' ability to see beyond a casework approach to legal problems by providing opportunities to participate in campaign and education work.
8. To encourage students to see the law as a vehicle which can be used to protect and develop human rights.

## Clinical Legal Experience (Intensive, Non-intensive and Employment)

The Clinical Legal Experience courses and the Employment Law Clinic are run over 3 sessions (Session 1, Session 2 and Summer Session) with a total of up to 30 students attending each session. Most students spend one and a half days per week at the Centre where they are responsible for client files (under solicitor supervision) and working on community legal education and law reform projects. They have a weekly seminar of 2 hours and daily tutorials of one hour. They also attend evening client interview sessions with the centre's volunteer lawyers.

# EDUCATING FOR JUSTICE cont'

The seminar program is co-ordinated and presented by Centre staff with contributions from guest speakers. In 2009 the subject matter of the seminars ranged from practical clinical skills such as such as pleamaking, interviewing, plain English legal writing and running conciliations in anti-discrimination law, to subjects focussed on key issues such as law reform, community legal education, human rights and working with Indigenous communities and clients. All of the seminars aim to encourage critical debate of the legal system and the role of lawyers within it. The style of teaching is based on a range of techniques using role plays, small group exercises, simulations as well as some lecturing.

All the work of the Centre is undertaken as part of the clinical program – and is outlined in more detail throughout this Report. Some of the highlights during 2009 were:

## Student Advocacy Program

During 2009, KLC students continued to appear before Waverley Local Magistrates Court as part of the Student Advocacy Program. The program allows clients who are pleading guilty to minor criminal charges, to be represented in Court. It is available to clients who would have difficulty representing themselves, cannot afford a private lawyer, and are not eligible for legal aid.

Four students participated in the Scheme during 2009. The sorts of cases in which pleas were entered for clients were minor drug offences and driving on suspended licence matters. Feedback from KLC students involved in the program has been very positive and KLC students consistently achieve good results for clients, frequently having convictions not recorded under section 10. Students enjoy the opportunity to stand on their feet and advocate for clients, frequently having to deal with Magistrates asking them questions and questioning their submissions. Big thanks to Linda Tucker for supervising the students in 2009.

## Law, Lawyers and Society: Classes and Interviewing Experience

Throughout the year KLC provides an experience of interviewing a real client to most Law, Lawyers and Society students. The Law, Lawyers and Society course is about the ethics of being a lawyer and the role of lawyers in society and it incorporates a class given by KLC staff to all students. The class is on the skill of interviewing. In preparing for the advice session, Law, Lawyers and Society students are also given a tutorial by the intensive clinical students about the Centre and aspects of interviewing.

UNSW is unique in being able to offer its students the opportunity of clinical legal education at a relatively early stage of their studies. Students who come to the Centre and who interview clients are generally inspired and awed by the importance of

the legal services provided by volunteers at KLC. Many comment on the importance of seeing law in practice, putting theory into use after time spent studying law.

Students were given the option of watching a DVD on interviewing developed by staff at the Centre. This DVD uses students at the Centre interviewing clients, played by actors, based on real clients. Students then reflect on the interviewing skills of the interviewer and critique it.

## KLC Director Anna Cody wins UNSW Vice Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence

Anna Cody's passion and commitment to teaching UNSW law students was recognised in being awarded the UNSW Vice Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence. Anna's teaching not only encompasses practical lawyering but also encourages students to analyse the impact of the law on the vulnerable and disadvantaged. She is committed to ensuring all law students have some clinical legal experience during their studies. Clinical legal education has long term implications beyond the semester students spend here, for example ex-KLC students can be found on many Community Legal Centres' volunteer lists.

## 10th Australian Clinical Legal Education Conference and 7th International Journal of Clinical Legal Education Conference

Anna Cody was asked to provide a key note address to this conference on "Teaching social justice to students". This included issues such as whether clinical legal education should teach social justice and some of the challenges in doing this. A lively panel and debate followed the key note address.

## Clinical Legal Education Guide – Guide to CLE Courses Offered by Australian Universities in 2009 and 2010

KLC published the ninth edition of the CLE Guide in July. This edition describes the variety of clinical legal education courses offered in Australian Universities and the addition of some new programs at established clinics. In this edition we included a section on research undertaken by clinicians in the past couple of years. The Guide is available on our website at:- http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/centres/klc/doc/CLE_GUIDE_09_10.pdf

# EDUCATING FOR JUSTICE cont'

## The Attorney General Rt Hon Robert McLelland Visits KLC

KLC was honoured to host the Federal Attorney General and his advisor Ms Elizabeth Brayshaw on Monday 24 August. Staff gave him a tour of the Centre and an overview of our work as a Community Legal Centre as well as the clinical legal education programs run by the Centre.

## Project on character evidence in criminal jury trials

During 2009 various KLC students worked on a study with Professor Jill Hunter and Dorne Boniface, Senior Lecturer from the School of Law at UNSW, to examine the impact of character evidence in criminal jury trials. The project is looking at how jurors actually use evidence of an accused's character and to what extent jurors understand the permissible use(s) of such evidence.

## Classes on domestic violence in Family Law

Staff presented 2 classes on the social and legal aspects of domestic violence in the subject Family Law throughout 2009.

## Indigenous Access Initiatives

During 2009 KLC continued to make a significant contribution to the Law Faculty's commitment to increasing the numbers of Indigenous students studying law. KLC is an active participant in the Indigenous Legal Education Committee.

### Classes on Working with Indigenous Clients and Communities

The seminar program for students has included a class on working with Indigenous clients and communities in order to provide greater insight and skill for students. This class was presented by KLC Aboriginal Access Worker, Keith Ball. The students found it challenging and interesting.

### Winter School for Indigenous high school students

KLC hosted Indigenous high school students during the Winter School program involving Year 10, 11 and 12 students. Approximately 20 students came to the Centre to learn a bit more about the law and what happens at law school. They enjoyed meeting other students and staff as well as puzzling over a legal problem.

### Indigenous Pre-Law visits

Kingsford Legal Centre hosted a visit by 20 pre-law Indigenous students during December. The students came from around Australia and were a mix of school leavers and mature age students. The pre-law program has grown and developed over the years. Nura Gili Centre is key to improving Indigenous access to, and retention in, tertiary studies in the University. The Faculty of Law pre-law program is a well developed program with an introduction to various areas of law and excursions to expose students to a wide variety of University activities. We enjoyed the visit and are delighted to be part of the program to increase Indigenous participation in law courses.

### Indigenous Students-Foundations Enrichment Course

In 2009 we ran for the seventh time the Foundations Enrichment course for first year Indigenous students.

The program is designed to assist first year Indigenous students to acclimatise to university studies and develop graduate attributes of oral and written communication skills in a legal setting. Through engaging law students in the day to day operation of the legal system and lawyering, the clinical placement bridges the gap between the theory and practice of the law. Students are given the opportunity to assist people in our community while simultaneously acquiring valuable communication skills.

The course was once again a success and the Centre enables these Indigenous students to not only feel a sense of achievement in interviewing real clients so early in their degree, but also further their sense of belonging in the Law School through making links with later year students.

### Survey of Indigenous Law Students

On behalf of the Indigenous Legal Education Committee, the Centre developed an online survey of past and present Indigenous students canvassing their opinions on the current programs run by the Law Faculty for Indigenous students. The survey will be used as a tool to assess current programs and to develop new ones. The Centre hopes to build further on this work in 2010.

2009 Winter School students

2009 Foundation Enrichment II students

# STATISTICS

## In 2009 Kingsford Legal Centre provided 1532 advices to the community.

**240 new cases were opened in 2009.**

### Number of Cases Opened per Area of Law

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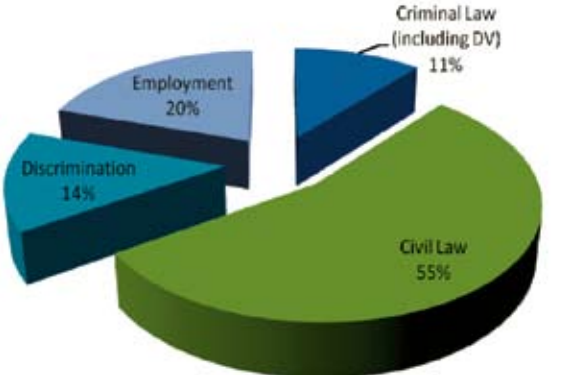
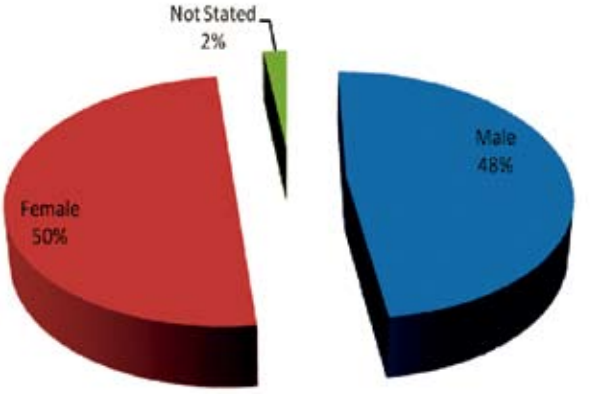
| Criminal Law (including DV) | 27 |
| Civil Law | 131 |
| Discrimination | 34 |
| Employment | 48 |




### Gender

Male 48%
Female 50%



## Age

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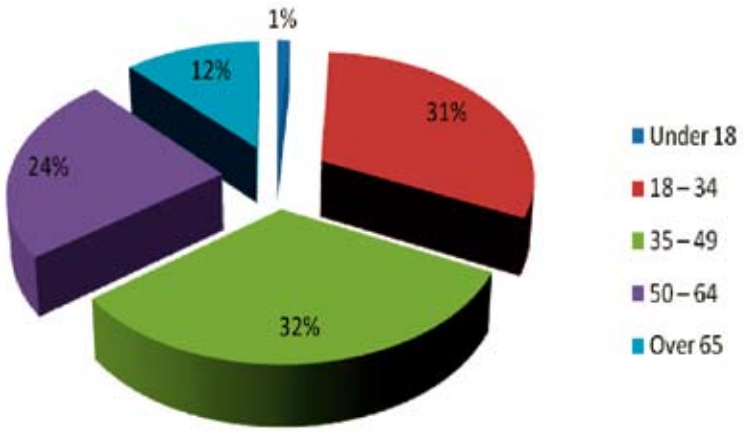
| Under 18 | 1% |
| 18 – 34 | 31% |
| 35 – 49 | 32% |
| 50 – 64 | 24% |
| Over 65 | 12% |




## Income Scale

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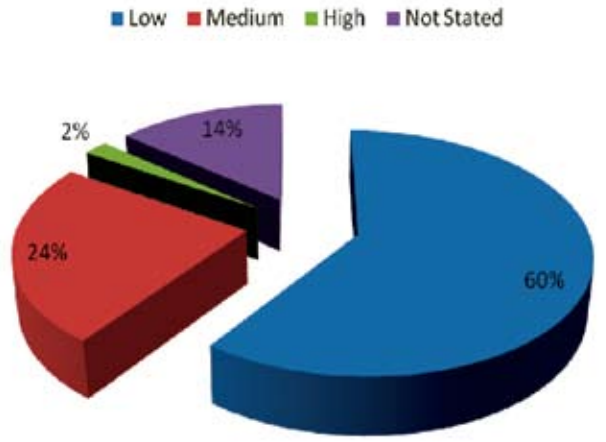
| Low | 60% |
| Medium | 24% |
| High | 2% |
| Not Stated | 14% |



# STATISTICS cont'

## Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Clients

6% of our clients identified themselves as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

### Country of Birth (Top 11)

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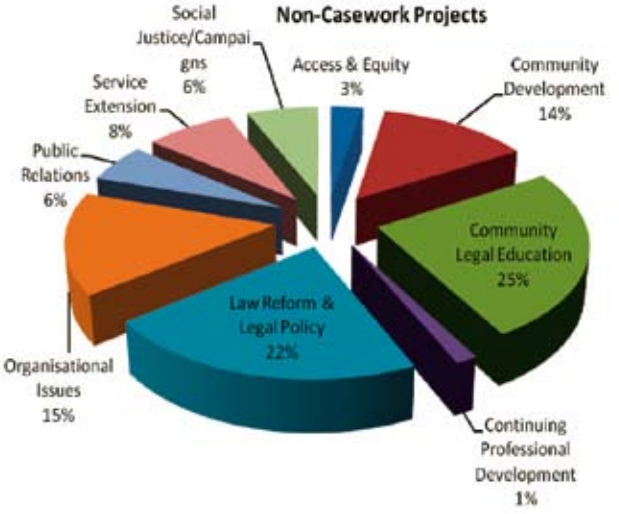
| Australia | 40% |
| China | 5% |
| England | 3.5% |
| Russian Federation | 2.25% |
| Hong Kong | 2% |
| Bangladesh | 2% |
| Egypt | 1.75% |
| Iran | 1.75% |
| New Zealand | 1.75% |
| India | 1.5% |
| Vietnam | 1.5% |

## Non-Casework Projects

In 2009 Kingsford Legal Centre opened 139 non-casework projects.

### Non-Casework Files

| | |
|---|---|
| Access & Equity | 4 |
| Community Development | 19 |
| Community Legal Education | 35 |
| Continuing Professional Development | 2 |
| Law Reform & Legal Policy | 30 |
| Organisational Management/Support | 21 |
| Public Relations | 8 |
| Service Extension & Development | 11 |
| Social Justice/Campaigns | 9 |



KLC casework for 2009 was again busy – we opened 240 files. The largest single area of casework advice was in employment law with 48 cases, followed by discrimination at 34 cases, credit and debt at 31 cases and motor vehicle offences at 17 cases.

The following snapshot of the 2009 casework provides an outline of some of the cases we worked on this year and some of the major issues affecting our clients.

## Fines for people experiencing mental illness

Our client had a schizoaffective disorder, which was left untreated for a number of years. During periods of illness he had accrued a number of parking and speeding fines, which had progressed to enforcement orders. He had paid them, borrowing money from family and friends, but as he was unemployed due to his illness, he couldn't pay the money back and it was hindering his health. He has been getting regular treatment and support for the past year and could demonstrate improvements in his behaviour and an understanding of his actions.

KLC applied for the fines to be annulled. Three of the fines were withdrawn entirely, and four were sent back to court for hearing. We appeared for the client in court, successfully had three of the fines waived and had one reduced to $70, under s32 of the *Mental Health (Criminal Procedure) Act*. As he had already paid the fines, the SDRO then sent the money back to the client which made him very happy with the outcome!

## Unfair contracts

Our clients, who were from a non-English speaking background, purchased maths tutoring software for their children. They believed they were entering into a "lay-by" arrangement for the program. When they began to have problems with the tutoring program they sought assistance from KLC.
KLC examined the agreement and realised that there were in fact three separate companies involved and that the clients had not simply purchased the program but had entered into a complex loan agreement with a fringe lender - which was not explained to the clients at the time they entered the agreement. KLC made an application to the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal on our client's behalf and successfully resolved the matter in their favour. Complaints were also made to the Office of Fair Trading and ASIC.

## Race Discrimination Settled in Favour of KLC client

KLC represented a client at the Anti-Discrimination Board in a race discrimination complaint against his employer. Our client alleged that over many years he had been subject to racist abuse and behaviour. His complaints to management went nowhere and he was disadvantaged in his work role because he had made complaints. Our client also alleged

that he had been victimised for complaining about this behaviour. As a result of the stress from the treatment, our client left his position and has not worked since.

Our client was able to enter into a settlement with his previous employer. Of most concern to our client was that the company improve their anti-discrimination processes and training. The settlement required the company to develop anti-discrimination policies and training which were approved by the client on KLC's advice. The client also received a significant financial settlement.

## Helping clients avoid homelessness

Our client was living in community housing which was leased by the community housing provider from a private landlord. She had lived in different community housing homes over the last 7 years and the community housing provider maintained that our client, the tenant, owed over $20,000 in compensation due to alleged damage to these properties. The community housing provider also commenced termination proceedings to end her current tenancy.

Our client, a single mother of extremely limited means was already in significant debt. She also had no alternative accommodation. She maintained that much of the damage claimed was for damage that existed when she entered each tenancy.

When KLC examined the case we realised that the community housing provider had simply paid each private landlord the compensation they sought for alleged damage to the premises, even when this damage had been noted by our client when she started each tenancy.

KLC successfully disputed the compensation claim and the eviction of our client. We successfully assisted her to obtain public housing as she no longer wished to be housed by the community housing provider. This case highlights what can be a widespread practice of private landlords seeking compensation at the end of the tenancy and the problems for community housing tenants when their landlord pays this and attempts to pass it on to them.

## Recurring casework themes

### Mobile Phones

KLC has noted an increase in problems our clients are experiencing concerning mobile phone contracts. We assisted many people this year to object to unfair charges, high pressure sales tactics and high mobile phone bills. We have noticed that it can be very difficult for people to bring their individual circumstances to the company's attention, and the use of call centres makes it very difficult to resolve complex issues easily.

### Unfair housing and international students

Many students from overseas studying at UNSW also sought our assistance this year with unfair and illegal housing arrangements. KLC has advised many students on things such as unfair payments, threats and landlords holding students passports. We remain extremely concerned that international students are being exploited and subject to unfair practices. We provided a submission to the federal inquiry on the Welfare of International Students in Australia and will continue to monitor this issue.

### Delays for victims of crime

KLC continues to act for women who have experienced domestic violence in applying for victims compensation. A major problem of the scheme is the major delays in obtaining compensation. Matters usually take approximately 18 months from lodgement until determination. This is an ongoing frustration for KLC clients. Proposed changes to the scheme are due in 2010 and KLC will monitor this to ensure that people who have been victims of crime do not have their access to compensation reduced and to advocate for a speedier process.

### Access to justice for Long Bay prisoners

KLC has received an increase in requests for legal advice from prisoners at Long Bay Jail, as Legal Aid has limited resources for prisoners wanting advice in civil matters. KLC is attempting to provide telephone advice to prisoners, however, obtaining access to prisoners for this purpose has been extremely time consuming and difficult. KLC continues to talk to the Department of Corrective Services about access to prisoners at Long Bay Jail.

# EMPLOYMENT CLINIC REPORT

The clinic remained busy throughout 2009 with an ongoing high demand for advice and representation. As always, female employees who were pregnant or seeking to return from maternity leave comprised a large portion of our clients. We advised many women who had been demoted or terminated in circumstances that appeared related to their pregnancy or family responsibilities and represented clients in applications to the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (now Fair Work Australia) and the Anti-Discrimination Board.

In a non-pregnancy related matter, we were successful at a hearing in an unfair dismissal application in the NSW Industrial Relations Commission. Our client was dismissed from her position of 17 years at an osteopathic centre when she was caught up in her employer's custody battle with his ex-partner over a dog. Counsel for the employer argued that there had been no dismissal but the employer's own evidence made clear that he perceived there had been a breakdown in the employment relationship. The Commissioner upheld the application as he agreed with our argument that the employment contract had clearly been terminated by the employer's actions.

Another matter which went to hearing in December 2008 over four days took an unusual turn when the parties were ordered back to conciliation after the hearing had ended. Our client had worked as a detention officer and was terminated over a number of alleged incidents in the workplace. While our client had hoped for reinstatement, he was in a new permanent position and it was unlikely that this would be ordered. The matter settled quickly at conciliation in early 2009.

The clinic was kept busy at the end of 2009 with a client whose employment issues touched on multiple aspects of employment law, and also highlighted the difficulties facing employees who have limited English skills. We represented the client in her application for unlawful termination and sexual harassment as well as compiling a lengthy complaint to the Fair Work Ombudsman about underpayments, unlawful withholding of wages, cash payments, unilateral variation of the contract and possible duress. There were also significant problems with the way superannuation had been paid. The former employer also asserted our client was a contractor despite significant evidence that she was an employee. We put on substantial evidence to deal with the respondent's jurisdictional challenge but the case then resolved with a substantial settlement for our client.

# EMPLOYMENT CLINIC REPORT

Volunteer solicitors

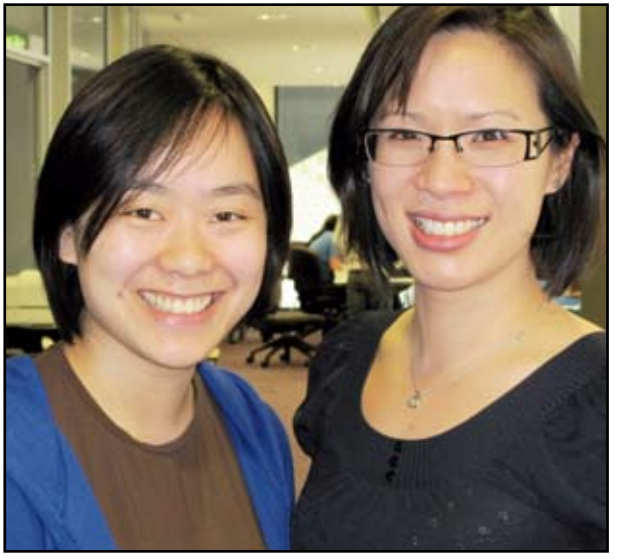
Outreach service at JNC

This matter also led to KLC forming a close relationship with the Asian Women at Work (AWW), a large organisation based in western Sydney in which community workers provide education and support for women primarily of Chinese and Vietnamese background, employed in a range of occupations, particularly as outworkers in the clothing industry. Linda Tucker and Shirley Southgate both gave a number of training sessions to staff and members of AWW and the employment clinic continues to develop what we hope will be a really productive relationship with AWW.

As national employment law network convenor, KLC employment solicitor Linda Tucker coordinated a national community legal centre response to the Fair Work Ombudsman's review of funding needs in employment advice services. This was a comprehensive report on issues and requirements in the sector to meet a volatile and high volume area of practice. The review reported to the Federal Government in September 2009.

In April-May 2009, Linda Tucker spent five weeks in New York looking at clinical legal education programs. Linda was a visiting professor with NYU's Hauser global law school program. She had meetings with the law school's clinical staff, attended clinic seminars and spoke to supervising attorneys working in the community services where students were placed. Linda also visited clinicians at Columbia and Fordham University and attended the AALS clinical legal conference.

# SECONDEES' REPORT



Fiona Poon and Michelle Wibisono

Freehills (since 1992) and Allens Arthur Robinson (since 1997) have provided full-time solicitors as secondees to KLC. Freehills provides 2 solicitors every year on a 6 month rotation basis and Allens provides a solicitor for 6 months of the year.

In February 2009, Michelle Wibisono from Freehills, together with Rebecca Campbell from Allens, started at KLC.

The secondees work closely with the permanent staff and students in the Centre, take on casework and give advice in general areas of law. A significant part of the work relates to contract matters, debt recovery, fines, motor vehicle accidents, enduring powers of attorney and guardianships, and disputes with government departments.

The secondees also conduct daytime outreach services at the South-East Neighbourhood Centre in Eastlakes, and are involved in the outreach service at La Perouse Yarra Bay House. Many of the matters also give the secondees an opportunity to appear in court and tribunals, and secondees are also given an opportunity to deliver community legal education seminars.

The secondees have had the privilege of working on many interesting cases. For instance, Rebecca worked on a case involving a young client with a schizoaffective disorder which was untreated for a number of years. During the peak of his mental illness, he accrued more than 30 shoplifting, train, and other minor criminal fines and convictions. Rebecca represented this client in court, and successfully applied for the fines and convictions to be annulled and subsequently dismissed under s32 or substantially reduced.

In another case, Michelle helped a couple who had purchased a maths tutoring software but were misled and deceived into signing a loan agreement with a fringe lender for the software, which imposed high interest rates and fees. Michelle represented the couple in the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal and helped them negotiate the termination of the loan agreement.

# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Centre once again welcomed the contribution made by the KLC Management Committee members during 2009. The committee met three times during 2009 in February, May and November and provided useful direction to several issues such as possible expansion of the clinical legal education program, fundraising, promotion of KLC and the Aboriginal Access Project. Thanks go to Professor Jill Hunter for chairing the committee and to the committee members: Professor David Dixon, Dean Faculty of Law (UNSW), Sean Brennan (UNSW Law School), Julie Romanowski (UNSW Faculty of Law), Anne Cregan (Blake Dawson) and Christine Robinson (Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre).

# ABORIGINAL ACCESS PROJECT

Kingsford Legal Centre's (KLC) Aboriginal Access Project worker, Keith Ball has had a busy year, building relationships with the local Aboriginal community and with various government and non-government organisations.

The project now has access to an outreach office at Yarra Bay House, where the Aboriginal Access worker continues to provide its weekly Tuesday morning outreach service to the local Aboriginal community in La Perouse and the surrounding suburbs for people to seek legal advice.

The KLC Aboriginal project held a stall at the Yabun festival in Victoria Park on January 26, Australia Day, also known as Survival day for Indigenous Australians. Stall attendees were provided with information about the National Human Rights consultations and asked to sign pro forma letters supporting a national Human Rights Act for Australians. Approximately 150 people signed the forms.

In April, the Aboriginal Access worker held a BBQ for the La Perouse Aboriginal Interagency Network members adjacent to the housing properties of the La Perouse Aboriginal community where approximately 25 local community and network members attended. Also in April, KLC established its Aboriginal Advisory Group and held its first meeting. There are currently 5 Indigenous community members on the group. These include a recent UNSW law graduate, a local community elder custodian, 2 current UNSW Law students and a Department of Employment, Education & Workplace Relations representative. The advisory group meets 5 times a year every 2 months to advise and provide input into the work of the KLC Aboriginal Access project.

May 26th saw KLC host a Sorry Day Stall on the UNSW campus. KLC law students assisted in this project where a pledge book was made available to stall attendees to comment. Sorry Day badges were sold to raise funds for the National Sorry Day Committee. Information brochures about Sorry Day were made available to stall attendees and children from the Tiggers Childcare Centre also visited the stall to paint boomerangs and add them into the Pledge Book. The stall was such a success that it was repeated on Thursday 28 May in the foyer of the Law Building.

In June, Keith co-facilitated the *Love Bites* program at Matraville Sports High School with several other local service providers to educate year 10 students about sexual abuse and domestic violence.

During the NAIDOC Week festivities in July KLC held a stall at Bicentennial Park in La Perouse, where community members obtained information about KLC's services and could receive legal advice from one of KLC's solicitors.

# ABORIGINAL ACCESS PROJECT

The Aboriginal Access project was also successful in obtaining a Randwick local council Community Development Support Expenditure Scheme grant, funded by South Sydney Juniors, which was used to purchase a data projector to assist KLC provide Community Legal Education sessions to the community.

October saw the Aboriginal Access project in collaboration with other KLC staff conduct a workshop for about 60 people on *Effectively Engaging Indigenous Clients and Communities* at the National Association of Community Legal Centres national conference in Perth.

In November, a two hour community forum called *Open Yarnin* was organised by KLC's Aboriginal Access Worker in collaboration with the La Perouse Aboriginal Youth Haven at Yarra Bay House. The main purpose of the forum was for the local Aboriginal youth and their families to ask questions from forum panel members about the law and its impacts on local Aboriginal youth. Approximately 30 people attended.

The panel consisted of representatives from the Bondi Outreach Project, the Shopfront Youth Legal Centre, Maroubra Police, the Department of Justice and Attorney General and the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice. Following the forum, a BBQ, funded by Randwick City Council was held for participants to meet with panel members.

Topics discussed during the forum were:

- Court Conditional Bail and Police Conditional Bail
- Statements – When to give one and when not to give one
- Court – Pleading guilty or not guilty
- The new Bail Act and its impact on young Aboriginal people
- Providing information to Police when approached
- Move on orders and searches

Some of the main issues that came out of the forum that KLC will continue to work on with the La Perouse Aboriginal Youth Haven and other youth services in 2010 will be:

- Parents and youth workers needing more education on what to do if their child is taken into Police custody.
- CLE workshops for youth workers and parents on what their rights are in regards to dealing with the police.
- More specifically targeted CLE workshops for youth on the above mentioned topics.

For 2009, the total number of clients accessing KLC for legal advice was 6%, an increase of 2.5% compared to the previous year.

# ABORIGINAL ACCE[illegible]JECT cont'

Open Yarnin' Forum

2009 NAIDOC Celebrations

Outreach room at Yarra Bay House

Sorry Day stall at UNSW

# COMMUNITY LEGAL EDUCATION

## Older People and the Law

KLC, in partnership with Randwick Council, Botany Council, South East Neighbourhood Centre and Legal Aid, held 3 free community legal education forums for older people in our local area over a 6 week period. The forums covered subjects such as power of attorney, enduring guardianship, family and finance, the aged pension and making a will. The response from our community has been overwhelming, with a total of over 300 people attending the sessions to date. Further forums are being planned for 2010 to meet the demand. Special thanks to KLC volunteer Sue Mordaunt for her talk on wills which was very well received.

## CLE at JJ Cahill High School

KLC students prepared and presented talks to JJ Cahill High School Year 11 & 12 Legal Studies students in August. Year 11 students were taught about access to justice issues and which legal services are available to the community. Year 12 students were taught key concepts on consumer law. The sessions were very well received by the very bright and interested JJ Cahill students. KLC hopes this initiative will grow further and students will continue to be involved in community legal education.

## Community Workers Series

Since 2005 KLC has conducted monthly workshops for community workers from the local area and beyond. In 2009 KLC continued its strong commitment to community legal education with workshops being conducted on power of attorney and enduring guardianship, domestic violence and the law, tenancy, the legal system, social security, victim's compensation, employment and discrimination. The series is conducted with the assistance of the solicitors at KLC and the expertise of lawyers from other community legal centres, legal aid and government agencies.

## Open Yarnin' Community Forum

A two hour community forum called *Open Yarnin* was organised by KLC's Aboriginal Access Worker in collaboration with La Perouse Aboriginal Youth Haven and was conducted on the 18th of October at Yarra Bay House, La Perouse, where approximately 30 people attended. The purpose of the forum was for the local Aboriginal youth and their families to ask questions from forum panel members about the law and its impacts on local Aboriginal youth. Panel members were from Bondi Outreach Project, the Shopfront Youth Legal Centre, Maroubra Police, Department of Justice and Attorney General and NSW Department of Juvenile Justice.

# POLICY AND LAW REFORM WORK

In 2009 KLC continued its focus on law reform work by contributing submissions to a number of inquiries in a range of areas. KLC also edited the December edition of the Human Rights Defender, a publication of the Australian Human Rights Centre. Articles include discussions of homelessness within a human rights framework, the right to social security under the NT Intervention and how economic and social rights are implemented in Argentina.

## Human Rights Consultation

KLC was very involved in making a submission to the Brennan committee, a national consultative committee commissioned by the Federal government on the need for improved human rights protections in Australia. KLC engaged in this process, wholeheartedly educating community groups about 'what are human rights' and assisting some to prepare their own submissions to the national consultation. KLC also produced its own submission to the consultation. Now that the final report has been released, KLC is involved in the follow up campaign to encourage the Government to enact comprehensive human rights protection.

## Freedom of Religion Submission

Kingsford Legal Centre prepared, on behalf of the Combined Community Legal Centres Group (NSW) and with assistance from the Public Interest Advocacy Centre, Women's Legal Services NSW, Inner City Legal Centre and Redfern Legal Centre, a submission to the Australian Human Rights Commission's enquiry into freedom of religion. The submission discussed a number of issues including discrimination and equality, balancing of rights, counter-terrorism laws, and the provision of public services by religious bodies.

## KLC Submission into Senate Inquiry into the Welfare of International Students

The Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee recently called for submissions into its Inquiry into the Welfare of International Students. KLC lodged a written submission based on advice given to international students of UNSW who have come to KLC. We appeared before the Committee in early September. Some of the key issues raised related to lack of knowledge around students' housing rights and abuse by landlords of tenants. We also included issues of racial abuse in employment and the potential for abuse in an employment environment created by the 20 hour work limit for student visas. The general lack of high quality, neutral information for students was highlighted in the submission and appearance.

## Alternative Dispute Resolution

The Centre also made submissions in relation to the use of alternative dispute resolution by the NSW government and the importance of including this in the model litigant policy.

## Family Law Act

Another area of focus for the Centre is family law and the concerns of women experiencing domestic violence in the family law system. The Centre made a submission about changes to the Family Law Act and how this has impacted on women in situations of domestic violence.

## International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights NGO Report

KLC collaborated with the Human Rights Law Centre and the National Association of Community Legal Centres on the executive summary and addendum to the above report. KLC students also developed the fact sheets on Indigenous rights, social security, education and health accompanying the report. Concluding observations of the committee were released which reflected the issues raised in the combined report.

## International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) Review

Over the last two years KLC has been involved in a project to document and improve the state of human rights in Australia, primarily through the production of NGO reports for the UN Human Rights Committee and the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. In March this year, Teena Balgi attended the Human Rights Committee's review of Australia in New York. Teena was part of a delegation which presented the NGO Report on Australia's compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to the Human Rights Committee and made submissions on how human rights compliance in Australia could be improved. The Committee, made up of 18 independent human rights experts from across the world, noted the very helpful assistance provided by Australian NGOs and took up many suggestions made by the delegation in the Committee's recommendations for action by the Australian Government.

## Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

(CEDAW)

KLC was active on the advisory group preparing an NGO report on human rights issues for women in Australia over the last 3-4 years. Australia will be reviewed in July 2010. Some of the key concerns include health and education levels for Indigenous girls and women as well as the high levels of violence against women and inadequate discrimination legal responses.

Robert McClelland, Attorney General visiting KLC

# WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

## 2009 Yabun Festival

As part of the Human Rights Consultation KLC, in partnership with Redfern Legal Centre, had a stall at the 2009 Yabun Festival. It was a great success with over 150 people completing submissions for the Commonwealth Government's community consultation on protecting human rights in Australia.

Helen Campbell (Redfern Legal Centre) & KLC Solicitors Linda Tucker & Teena Balgi

## Management Committee Membership

During 2009 staff continued to provide support to the following organisations by being active members of their management committees:. Eastern Area Tenants Service - Anna Cody; Junction Neighbourhood Centre - Linda Tucker and Denise Wasley; The Deli Women and Children's Centre - Teena Balgi and Anna Hartree; South East Neighbourhood Centre - Shirley Southgate; The Shack Youth Service - Emma Golledge, Staying Home Leaving Violence Advisory Group - Anna Hartree.

## ESDV Network

KLC continues to be an active member of the Eastern Suburbs Domestic Violence Network. This year Anna Cody, Anna Hartree and Keith Ball participated in the training and delivery of the Love Bites Program at several local high Schools. This innovative program for year 10 was developed by NAPCAN and deals with healthy relationships, domestic violence and sexual assault.

## Randwick Festival

KLC participated in the Randwick Festival by having a stall providing information about the Centre and the human rights consultation. Twenty submissions to the Commonwealth Government consultation on protecting human rights in Australia were made by Randwick residents.

Keith Ball at Randwick Festival

# WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY cont'

## KLC Consultative Committee

Thanks are extended to the local organisations who participated in the KLC Consultative Committee. This committee provides KLC with the opportunity to discuss the services provided by the Centre, planning for new projects and feedback on the services provided by KLC.

The following organisations participated in the Consultative Committee during 2009: Junction Neighbourhood Centre, Eastern Area Tenants Service, The Deli Women and Children's Centre, South East Neighbourhood Centre, Randwick City Council, Botany Bay City Council, The Shack Youth Service, Inner Sydney Regional Council and Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service.

## Legal Issues for Older People

Three legal information forums for older people were held during 2009. The forums were organised in partnership with South East Neighbourhood Centre, Botany Bay City Council and Randwick City Council. In total over 300 people attended with speakers from Legal Aid Older Person's Legal Service, The Aged Care Rights Service and Welfare Rights Centre. Private solicitors Sue Mordaunt, from Marks Griffiths & Bova and a volunteer solicitor with KLC, and Debbie Rutstein a solicitor with Bay Legal kindly donated their time and presented at the forums.

## RSPCA Cupcake Fundraiser

KLC students raised a whopping $770.00 for the RSPCA program that boards and feeds pets for families fleeing domestic violence. They did this by holding a cupcake stall on UNSW campus on Monday 17 August. Thanks to all who contributed cupcakes and congratulations to the wonderful Monday students who put their heart and soul into the stall.

# VOLUNTEER SOLICITORS

Without the generous donation by volunteer solicitors of their time and skills, many of the people in our community would be left without access to legal advice. Volunteering at KLC also has the added challenge and delight of working with students who are often having their first experience of working with clients.
We would therefore like to extend our sincere gratitude to the following solicitors who volunteer at the evening advice sessions.

Sue Mordaunt Volunteer Solicitor, Margaret Small, solicitor with TARS and Fiona Poon Freehills Secondee

Alice Paul
Arturo Norbury
Asheesh Kalmath
Audie Willert
Cherry Siu
Christine Lloyd
Daniela Hartman
Danny Grynberg
Dave McMillan
David Loonam
Heidi Jacobsen
Helen Haslem
Jane Goddard
Jessica Tan
Joseph Kennedy
Julia Emerton
Juvena Hannan
Kenneth Ti
Larissa Andelman
Latika Prasad
Laura Brown
Lee Critchley
Libby Brookes
Lyndon Reid
Margot Morris
Mark Gillard
Mary O'Connell
Mike Steinfield
Nancy Campisi
Patrick Gentile
Richard Beasley
Roisin Beard
Ross Buchanan
Samuel Stern
Sharon Katz Vidor
Simon Kennedy
Sonya Oberekar
Sophia Grieve
Stephanie Patterson
Sue Mordaunt
Ting Lim
Ting Tsia

# STAFF NEWS

## Anna Cody - KLC Director

Anna was on study leave in Mexico and enjoyed it immensely in 2008 to January 2009. The cultural mix and learning about various non government organizations and how they function was fascinating. Sydney seemed a long way away from that experience but Anna enjoyed the process of reflecting on that time in a structured way, writing about human rights work with Indigenous organisations and Kingsford Legal Centre's work with students and communities. Anna also enjoyed visiting a human rights clinic in Buenos Aires, Argentina to learn further of some of their challenges and the ways they deal with those.

## KLC Solicitor Linda Tucker awarded PhD

We were delighted to announce that Linda Tucker was awarded her PhD in Law from University of Wollongong for her work on regulation of commercial use of wildlife.

## KLC Solicitor to the United Nations, New York

Teena Balgi was heavily involved in the preparation of the NGO Report to the UN Human Rights Committee on Australia's compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Her trip to New York involved meeting with the Committee to discuss human rights issues in Australia.

## Anna Cody – Director

Anna Cody joined the Centre as Director in March 2004. Anna has worked at the Centre as a solicitor, senior solicitor and Director since 1995, leaving for periods of study and other work. She has worked most recently with a human rights organisation in New York and also in the area of international development in Australia. Her research interests are in the area of community development, clinical legal education and human rights.

## Shirley Southgate - Principal Solicitor

Shirley commenced work at KLC in November 2005. Shirley has previously practised in Western Australia, most recently at Legal Aid WA as the Managing Solicitor – Client Services. She has also worked in four different community legal centres and in private practice. She was one of the founders of Human Rights WA and has a particular interest in policy, law reform and community legal education.

## Linda Tucker – Employment Solicitor

Linda came to KLC in 2004 from the Sydney Bar where she specialised in refugee and employment law. Prior to this she worked in England running appeals for the Refugee Legal Centre. She also has research interests in environmental law, completing her PhD in wildlife trade law during 2009. Linda is convenor of the National Employment Network of Community Legal Centres.

## Teena Balgi - Solicitor

Teena was a student at KLC in 2000. She has since worked as a solicitor at the HIV/AIDS Legal Centre and as an editor of the Indigenous Law Bulletin. Teena came to KLC from the civil litigation section of Legal Aid Commission of NSW where she was part of the administrative law team. She is currently co-convenor of the National Human Rights Network of Community Legal Centres.

Teena Balgi at the UN (far left)

## Emma Golledge - Solicitor

Emma Golledge joined the KLC team in April whilst Teena Balgi was in the Northern Territory. Emma has recently returned from two years living in London where she worked for the Treasury Solicitor acting for the UK Government in judicial review and human rights matters and as a housing lawyer at Paddington Law Centre. Prior to moving to the UK

# STAFF PROFILES cont'

she worked at the Public Interest Advocacy Centre coordinating the Homeless Persons' Legal Service, at Eastern Area Tenants Service and was a volunteer solicitor at Kingsford.

## Anna Hartree - Coordinator

Anna has over 25 years experience as a community worker. She has worked for a range of organisations which provide human services such as community housing, women's refuges and family support. Anna came to KLC in 2004 after working at Hunter Community Legal Centre in Newcastle.

## Keith Ball – Aboriginal Access Worker

Keith joined the team in November 2008; he is a member of Wadi Wadi people from the Wollongong and Illawarra region and was raised in the inner city and inner western suburbs of Sydney. Keith comes to KLC from a health sector background, working in HIV/AIDS organisations in Indigenous specific projects. Keith has completed a Bachelor of Applied Science (Indigenous Community management & Development) at Curtin University of Technology, Western Australia.

## Denise Wasley - Administrator

Denise has been the KLC Administrator since 2003, having previously worked at KLC in 1996. Denise has worked in the community sector and in trade unions for over 20 years. Denise is the Centre's OH&S representative, First Aid Officer & Evacuation Officer. In 2009 Denise was a member of The Junction Neighbourhood Centre's Management Committee.

## Murray McWilliam – Librarian

Murray maintains the KLC library. He began his involvement with KLC through his participation in the Clinical Legal Experience Course, Summer Session 1997/98.

## Francisco Fisher – Publications Worker

Francisco is responsible for all the layout and production of most of the publications produced by KLC.

## Mark Gillard – Locum Solicitor

Mark is currently the Manager of the Legal Department at the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal. He first came to KLC in May 2006 as a Freehills secondee and spent 6 months working at the Centre. Mark is currently one of the Tuesday Advice night supervisors. His interests include the All Blacks Rugby team and all things New Zealand.

## Sonia Oberekar – Locum Solicitor

Sonya Oberekar is currently a solicitor at the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal. She first came to KLC in 2006 as an Allens Arthur Robinson secondee and spent 6 months working at the Centre. In 2009 Sonya took on the supervision of Anna Cody's Tuesday night advice sessions, on alternative fortnights to Mark Gillard.

## Michelle Wibisono - Seconded Solicitor from Freehills

Michelle is a senior associate at Freehills, working in the area of funds management. She came to KLC in February 2009 as a secondee and spent 8 months at the Centre. Michelle completed her undergraduate studies at UNSW, and obtained degrees in Commerce, Law and Computer Science. She is currently undertaking an LLM course at the University of Sydney. Michelle is passionate about classical music and jazz, and in her spare time likes to run, read and play the piano.

## Fiona Poon - Seconded Solicitor from Freehills

Fiona started her secondment at KLC in October. She completed her commerce/law degree at UNSW, spending her last semester on exchange at University of Texas, Austin. After graduating from UNSW, Fiona worked as tipstaff to Justice Einstein at the Supreme Court of NSW and has been at Freehills since, working in projects and litigation.

## Bec Campbell - Seconded Solicitor from Allens Arthur Robinson

Bec Campbell was an Allens Arthur Robinson secondee solicitor with KLC for 6 months from February to August 2009. Bec was a great addition to the team, bringing a great deal of intelligence and enthusiasm to the position.

## Laura Brown - Seconded Solicitor from Allens Arthur Robinson

Laura completed her Arts (Honours) degree in English at UNSW in 2003, and completed her graduate law degree in 2006. Laura has worked at Allens in the Litigation Department since July 2007.

# STUDENTS

## Session 1 2009

Beatrice Ludowici
Ben Teeger
Chanele Mao
Daniel Herborn
Donna Chan
Eileen Kang
Evan Bendelstein
Jacob Kahwaji
Jaime Su
Jeremy Etkind
Johnson Yeung
Kevin Zhang
Lauren Hamman
Luke Andrews
Melissa Ran
Samar Ataya
Shuhua Tan
Sophie Parker
Sumit Raja Ram
Theresa Zakarai
Timothy Kim
William Daymond

## Session 2 2009

Alex Huang
Andrew Daidone
David Larish
Doug Park
Emily Gitelman
Evelyn Subagio
Golnaz Zahedi
Greta Gingell
Jack Zheng
Jacqui Kempler
Jeremy Chun
Kelvin Tang
Marissa Chorn
Michael Roth
Nadia Miranti
Nick Kipriotis
Oligica Georgieva
Phoebe Webb
Rachel Smith
Rhiannon Partington
Samuel McSkimming
Scarlet Wilcock
Simone Cheung
Simon Doyle
Talia Nafte
Vicki Wong

## Summer Session 2009/10

Alishan Megerdichian
Bojan Jokovic
Cindy Chew
Daniel Giesser
Diane Yelavic
Dylan Lino
Emily Collett
Fiona Raphael
Jameel Almeddin
James Guo
Jenny Mai
Jodi Plit
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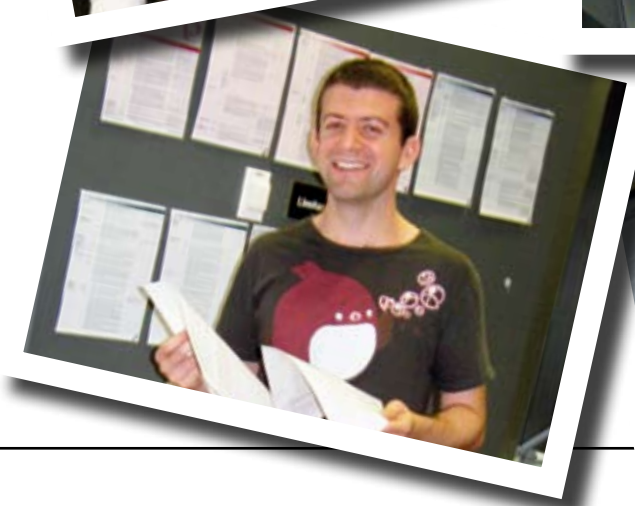

# FINANCIAL REPORT

**KINGSFORD LEGAL CENTRE**
**Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 31 December 2009**

| **Income** | **2009** | **2008** | **2007** |
|---|---|---|---|
| AG Clinical Legal Education Initiative | 122,044 | 119,533 | 116,447 |
| CLCP Commonwealth Funding | 42,997 | 78,184 | 42,485 |
| CLCP State Funding | 120,360 | 117,022 | 113,284 |
| Less GST | | | (13,418) |
| CLC NSW ALAP Grant | | 3,150 | 3,000 |
| Law faculty Appeal | 39,700 | | |
| NSW Law & Justice Foundation grant | | | 5,317 |
| UNIFEM grant | | | 10,730 |
| South Juniors CDSE grant | 960 | | |
| Fees non Award Student Activity | 1,560 | 2,155 | |
| DVD sales | | | 189 |
| Donations | 17,850 | 28,480 | 443 |
| KLC generated income including legal costs & disbursements | 2,635 | 8,039 | 1,925 |
| Randwick City Council Grant | 15,000 | 15,000 | |
| Reimbursements | 1,101 | 1,156 | 7.381 |
| **Total** | **364,207** | **372,718** | **287,783** |
| | | | |
| **Expenditure** | | | |
| Salaries and on costs | 680,152 | 630,379 | 547,616 |
| Materials and Running Costs | 47,510 | 43,333 | 42,551 |
| Equipment and Maintenance | 18,611 | 19,404 | 16,359 |
| Travel and Conferences | 23,453 | 16,797 | 17,251 |
| **Total** | **769,726** | **709,912** | **623,776** |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Net Surplus/Deficit – KLC | (405,519) | (337,194) | (335,993) |
| **UNSW Contribution** | | | |
| DEST & UNSW Funded | 372,994 | 305,339 | 306,140 |
| Discretionary | | | 22,000 |
| **Total** | **372,994** | **305,339** | **328,140** |
| **Result for the period includes UNSW contribution** | | | |
| Surplus/Deficit | (32,525) | (31,855) | (7,854) |
| **Prior Year Accumulated Funds** | **82,209** | **117,064** | **124,918** |
| **Accumulated Funds** | 52,684 | 85,209 | 117,064 |
| **Net Accumulated Funds Unexpended** | **52,684** | **85,209** | **117,064** |

Notes

1. Legal Costs and disbursements are an abnormal item which can vary considerably from year to year

2. Kingsford Legal Centre is a unit of the Faculty of Law of the University of New South Wales. As such all its accounts operate within the financial structure of the Law Faculty.

**Certified Balancing to the Ledger**
Rajinder Cullinan
Client Services Accountant – Faculty of Law
Client Services, Management Accounting and Budgeting
UNSW

**Certified Correct**
Anna Hartree
Coordinator
Kingsford Legal Centre
UNSW

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During 2009 Kingsford Legal Centre received core funding from:

- UNSW Law Faculty
- Federal and State Attorney General's Departments.

KLC received the 2nd year of a three year grant as a contribution to the Aboriginal Access Project from Randwick City Council.

Kingsford Legal Centre would like to acknowledge the support provided by:

- Freehills
- Allens Arthur Robinson
- The Junction Neighbourhood Centre for providing the venue and for their support of the outreach service held every Thursday evening
- The La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council for providing the venue and for their support of the outreach service held at Yarra Bay House on Tuesday mornings
- South East Neighbourhood Centre for providing the venue and for their support of the outreach service held every Friday morning
- The following law firms for their participation in the employment law clinic: Harmer's Workplace Lawyers, Henry Davis York, Ebsworth & Ebsworth, Abbot Tout, Bartier Perry, Clayton Utz, PriceWaterhouseCoopers Legal
- Guest speakers at the Wednesday afternoon classes
- Staff of the UNSW Law Faculty and Law School.

The Eastern Suburbs Law Society made a very generous donation to Kingsford Legal Centre in 2009 of $14,500. These funds were used for the Aboriginal Access Project.

AMP Foundation conducts a program which recognises their employees who volunteer for not-for-profit organisations. KLC volunteer solicitor, Ting Tsia, was nominated and as a result, AMP Foundation made a donation of $2000 to the Centre.

The Law Revue is the annual sketch comedy show of talented UNSW law students. They have a proud tradition of using the proceeds of the show to make a donation to a local charity. Once again they chose KLC and made a donation of $1,000.

The Centre would also like to thank Michelle Wibisono and Darrell Barnett who generously donated a digital camera to the Centre.

# MISSION STATEMENT

**Kingsford Legal Centre is committed to social justice and to promoting access to and reform of the legal system.**

**We aim to provide quality legal services to the community and to promote excellence in clinical legal education whilst fostering a critical analysis of the justice system.**

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