

UWA Law School Dean's Circle

2024 Impact Report



Dean's Message

Professor Sharon Mascher

As we look ahead to the UWA Law School's centenary, I am deeply struck by the profound role Dean's Circle members have played in shaping our history. Your generosity and commitment have not only strengthened our foundation but also propelled us toward a future filled with exciting possibilities. For this, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

In 2024, we were delighted to welcome five new members to the Dean's Circle, while two long-standing members renewed their commitment. Your support, both past and present, is a cornerstone of the Law School's legacy. It is truly humbling to witness this shared dedication to advancing legal education, empowering our students, and equipping them to become the leaders of tomorrow.



It has been an immense pleasure to meet many of you during my first year as Dean and to personally thank you for your ongoing commitment to our Law School. I am excited to reconnect with you at our upcoming Dean's Circle event, with invitations being sent out in the coming week. For those I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, I look forward to doing so at this special occasion as we celebrate the remarkable impact of your generosity together.

As we prepare to commemorate 100 years of the UWA Law School, I reflect on how your partnership has helped shape this extraordinary journey. You are an integral part of our history, and your belief in our mission ensures that the Law School remains a place where students can excel, grow, and make meaningful contributions to the legal profession and the wider global community.

Thank you for being such an important part of the UWA Law School's journey. Your support inspires us to strive for excellence every day, and I am profoundly grateful for the difference you make.



Well-being Advisor

Your contributions have been transformative. The Well-being Advisor role, initially funded through the Law School Strategic Fund, is just one example of the tangible impact you make. Recognising its significance and success, we are expanding this role from one day a week to two, thanks to the generous contributions of a Dean's Circle member. This enhancement will allow us to proactively support the well-being needs of our students and staff, underscoring our commitment to their success and welfare at UWA Law School and beyond. I look forward to sharing updates with you as we further embed wellness support within the Law School community.



Scholarships

Scholarships play a crucial role in assisting the upcoming generation of legal professionals and influential leaders.

Last year, the Dean's Circle supported 12 students through a diverse range of scholarships. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your generous contributions. Your support has provided much needed assistance to many students. These scholarships not only recognise the merit of deserving students but also provide them with the necessary financial stability to confidently progress through their legal studies.

Moreover, the Law School Strategic Fund ensures emergency financial aid is accessible to students dealing with unforeseen crises.

2024 Dean's Circle Scholarship Recipients

May Sung – “I am very grateful for this scholarship as it has allowed me to work hard and maintain my Distinction average in the Juris Doctor degree and achieve the Dean's Commendation in Criminal Law. I am looking forward to my studies this year, particularly Advanced Criminal Law.” **Dean's Circle Juris Doctor Scholarship**




Claudia Reedy – “This scholarship has provided essential financial support, allowing me to reduce my other work obligations and dedicate myself fully to preparing for and competing in the Jessup International Moot.

Competing at this level strengthened my legal education and has also shaped my aspirations for a career in international law and advocacy. I am deeply grateful for the support that has made this experience possible.” **Jennifer Inkster Memorial Law Scholarship**



Emma He – “I am extremely honoured and grateful to be awarded this scholarship. During my second year and navigating clerkship season, this scholarship has played a pivotal role in helping me reach my educational goals and pursue personal bests. I am excited to begin my legal career and will continue to aspire to make a positive impact in the future.” **B.P. Kakulas QC and Nellie Kakulas Scholarship in Law**

A large background image of a university campus. On the left, a large tree with yellowing leaves stands in front of a multi-story building with a red-tiled roof. In the foreground, a group of students is sitting on a grassy lawn, some under the shade of the tree. The scene is bright and sunny.

Demi Sipsas – “My scholarship allowed me to participate in co-curricular activities, volunteer internships and networking events which have furthered my professional and personal development. It has inspired me to work hard to be able to contribute meaningfully to the legal profession in the future” **Daryl Williams AM QC Scholarship in Law**



A portrait of Mako Murazvu, a smiling man with a beard and mustache, wearing a white shirt and a maroon blazer. The background is blurred with warm lights.

K.W. Hatfield Q.C Memorial Scholarship in Law

“Receiving the K. W. Hatfield Q.C. Memorial Scholarship has been instrumental in enabling me to focus on completing my thesis this year without the added stress of financial constraints. Without this support, I would have been well in debt. The scholarship also gave me the invaluable opportunity to dedicate time to an internship at the Health Services Union, where I gained hands-on experience and developed practical legal skills. The generosity of the Dean’s Circle has had a profound impact on my academic journey and career readiness.”

- Mako Murazvu

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