Western Michigan University Cooley Law School’s
21st Annual Study Abroad Program
January - April, 2020
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Western Michigan University Cooley Law School is proud to announce that its 21st Annual Study Abroad “Down Under” program continues as a full semester. This exciting program allows law students to live and study in Hamilton, New Zealand, for approximately six weeks beginning the first week of January, 2020. The program moves to Melbourne, Australia, for the remainder of the semester. WMU-Cooley’s study abroad program is in cooperation with the University of Waikato Te Piringa - Faculty of Law and Monash University Law Chambers. Courses will be taught by faculty of law members at Te Piringa and Monash professors and practitioners, and one course will be taught by a WMU Cooley Law School faculty member.
Academic Program

The Western Michigan University Cooley Law School Study Abroad Program in Australia and New Zealand has been approved by the American Bar Association’s Accreditation Committee of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. The program was re-inspected by the ABA in February, 2014, and received approval for continuation for seven years. In 2005, the ABA re-inspected the program and it was approved for continuation for seven years.

Secured Transactions is the only course with prerequisites so contact the International Programs Office for more information. Each course is conducted in English and meets the requirements of the ABA.

Participants will be enrolled in three 1-credit courses: Introduction to New Zealand Legal System, Introduction to Australia Legal System and Comparative Torts-Australia. Students will select from the remaining courses in order to be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits.

Comparative and International Law Focus

Courses in this program emphasize the laws and legal procedures of The Pacific Rim and Oceania.

Locations

The program is located in Hamilton, the largest inland city on the North Island of New Zealand, and Melbourne, capital of Victoria, which is among the most scenic cities in Australia.

Dates of the Program

Classes begin in Hamilton on Wednesday, January 3, 2020, and end on Friday, February 14. Classes resume in Melbourne on Monday, February 17, and end on Thursday, April 9. Students may attend either location or both. Students attending both segments will qualify for a full semester of residency.

Climate

Australia and New Zealand are in the southern hemisphere. Expect weather similar to the U.S. Midwest’s summer during January, February and March. In April, expect cooler weather similar to early fall.

Who Should Attend

U.S. law students with an interest in comparative and international law will benefit from this program. A limited number of students participating in LL.B. programs in other countries may also participate upon approval. Finally, anyone interested in a semester study abroad program in two of the world’s great countries, without a language barrier, should consider participating in the Australia/New Zealand Program. Approval must be granted by the Associate Dean.

Monash University

Since its founding in 1958, Monash has become one of the most innovative and original centers of higher education in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. The university’s enrollment exceeds 70,000 students at seven campuses. Monash is a diverse, multi-cultural institution, with students from many nations, as well as Australians from non-English-speaking backgrounds.
The Monash Faculty of Law is the largest of its kind in Australia and one of the first to combine the professional aspects of legal training with a broad liberal education. The school offers a four-year Bachelor of Laws degree, the standard law degree in Australia. There are more than 3,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students and many full-time academic staff. You can learn more about the University’s law school at www.law.monash.edu.au.

Please note that the Monash University Law Chambers and Monash University are not awarding credit for this program.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
TE PIRINGA — FACULTY OF LAW

The University of Waikato opened in 1964. It has approximately 12,000 students, with nearly 1,000 postgraduates. Law began being taught at the university in 1990. In May of 2010, the Law School decided to become known as Te Piringa — Faculty of Law. The name Te Piringa had been given to the Law School by the Māori Queen, Te Arīkinui Dame Te Atairangikaahu, in 1990. Te Piringa means the coming together of people.

You can learn more online about the Te Piringa — Faculty of Law at http://www.waikato.ac.nz/law/ and about the University of Waikato at http://www.waikato.ac.nz.

Please note that the University of Waikato and University of Waikato Te Piringa — Faculty of Law are not awarding credit for this program.

CLASSROOM AND OFFICE LOCATIONS

Classes in New Zealand will be taught on the scenic University of Waikato campus at the Te Piringa—Faculty of Law building and the new state of the art Law and Management building. In Australia the classes will be taught in downtown Melbourne at the Monash Law Chambers. This facility is used for Monash’s Master of Laws program and offers modern classrooms for the study of law. The program director’s office will be on both campuses too. Public transportation is readily available in both cities.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

WMU-Cooley will consider applications from law students who are enrolled in good standing at an ABA-approved or state accredited law school and have completed at least one year of law study by January 2020. WMU-Cooley students must have completed 27 credits and have a 2.25 GPA. Students from other ABA-approved or state accredited law schools must ask their school to send an official transcript and letter of good standing to Western Michigan University Cooley Law School verifying their eligibility. A limited number of international students who are currently enrolled in good standing in an LL.B. program in another country and are fluent in English may also apply. We may have participants from our exchange program with the University of Münster. Also, students at Waikato and Monash may attend classes. Others interested are encouraged to contact the program. Inquiries should be directed to foreignstudy@cooley.edu prior to submission of an application. Approval must be granted by the Associate Dean.

The Australia/New Zealand Program was not offered in 2015 and 2019. In 2018, 7 students participated in the “Down Under” program. Four were from WMU-Cooley and three from
another U.S. law school. A maximum of 40 students can participate in the program.

The application deadline is October 15, 2019. Applications received after October 15, 2019, will be considered only if space is available. Prior to October 15, 2019, guest students will be accepted on a first come, first accepted basis.

All applicants must submit a completed application, professionalism form and deposit of $500, which will be credited to tuition and fees, to Western Michigan University Cooley Law School. The deposit may be paid online, or by check or money order made payable to Western Michigan University Cooley Law School. Guest students may arrange with us to charge the deposit to a credit card.

Download program and application materials at:  
https://www.cooley.edu/academics/foreign-study/australia

Applicants must also provide an official transcript and certification from their law school that they are currently in good standing. They may be included with your application or sent shortly thereafter. Applicants must also provide proof of a valid passport.

Send application materials to:
Western Michigan University  
Cooley Law School  
International Programs Office  
2020 Down Under Program  
300 South Capitol Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48933

COURSE SELECTION, CREDIT MAXIMUM AND DROP/ADD

Students may only enroll in courses offered in this program and are not permitted to participate in such things as online courses, externships, directed studies, law review and law journal duties that take place at the same time as the study abroad program. Students may not work during study abroad programs.

It is important to select Australia and New Zealand courses carefully at the time of application. Students must complete a minimum of nine semester hours of credit.

Participants will be enrolled in three 1-credit courses: Introduction to New Zealand Legal System, Introduction to Australia Legal System and Comparative Torts-Australia. Students will select from the remaining courses in order to be enrolled in a minimum of 9 credits.

WMU Cooley Law School recommends completion of 12 semester hours for students who participate in both segments of the program, and cannot enroll for more without approval. A minimum of four credits must be taken should a student choose to participate in the New Zealand or Australia Programs only.

Classes may be cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Participants will be promptly notified and opportunity provided to adjust their class schedules.

Students may not reduce the total number of credit hours for which they are registered as of Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Subject to the preceding conditions, students may drop and add courses during the first week in both countries if classroom space is available.
DEPOSIT AND WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Deposits are fully credited to tuition and fees. Prior to October 15, 2019, students withdrawing from the program will receive a refund of $250, after which the entire deposit is nonrefundable regardless of cause. The program activities fee and the $100 administrative fee paid to WMU-Cooley are nonrefundable in the case of withdrawal from the AU/NZ study abroad program regardless of cause once approved to participate. Please refer to the special withdrawal policies in the brochure sections regarding State Department travel information (warnings and alerts), and changes in the course offerings or other significant aspects of the program. For other than complete withdrawals, tuition refunds for the AU/NZ study abroad program are made according to the AU/NZ Student Guide. Students may not reduce the total number of credit hours for which they are registered as of 5:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Tuition is nonrefundable after that deadline. Students are responsible for housing costs including those WMU-Cooley incurs on their behalf.

CLASS MEETING DAYS

There will be a minimum of 65 class days in the Down Under program. In New Zealand, classes will meet typically in the mornings and early afternoons Monday through Friday, with an occasional Saturday if needed, during the approximately five weeks of class. Final examinations will be conducted on the last program day and interspersed throughout the New Zealand segment.

In Australia, classes will meet typically in the mornings and early afternoons Monday through Friday for the remaining weeks in the semester. As in New Zealand, final examinations in Australia will be conducted during the last program days in Melbourne and interspersed throughout this segment of the program.

Because there will be only two days between final exams in Hamilton and the first day of classes in Melbourne, all students are encouraged to plan all extended travel in the area before January 3 or after April 9.

LEGAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS

Visits to legal institutions in Hamilton and Melbourne take place throughout the semester in accordance with ABA requirements. Although no academic credit is given for these visits, they provide an important enrichment to the educational experience. Students are required to accompany professors and classmates on these excursions.

Visits to legal institutions in will be scheduled during both segments. Although no academic credit will be awarded for these visits, they will provide an important enrichment to the educational experience, and students will be expected to accompany the professors and their classmates on these excursions. In 2018, students visited law firms, courts, and Victoria Parliament. In a more social vein, they went on sightseeing excursions and attended closing events. Similar events will take place in 2019.

HOUSING

Participants have the option to find their own
accommodations in Hamilton, New Zealand, and Melbourne, Australia. **Accommodations should not be arranged before WMU-Cooley officially notifies applicants of acceptance into the program.**

In Hamilton, New Zealand, participants may choose to stay at University of Waikato student dorm housing. Fixed rate housing is available from Tuesday, January 2, through check-out on Saturday, February 15. Students will pay a fixed housing charge for 44 nights of lodging. WMU-Cooley students may choose housing at Student Village on the University of Waikato campus. Student Village is about a ten minute walk to Te Piringa—Faculty of Law and the Law and Management buildings. The dorm apartments contain four, six or seven single bedrooms with shared living, kitchen and bathroom areas. It is self-catered. The 2020 single room rate is NZ$1,100 per person. There is a NZ$200 refundable damages deposit, NZ$100 administration fee, and a NZ$50 charge for linen service. The total is NZ$1,450. There is a catered option for NZ$1,900. Contact the International Programs Office for more information.

Students may choose to stay at Milano Serviced Apartments in Melbourne, Australia, from Saturday, February 15, through check-out on Friday, April 10, a total of 55 nights. A variety of apartment/bathroom configurations at different nightly rates with long-stay discounts is available. Nightly rates per apartment range from AU$118.50 to AU$215. The per person share of the cost depends on the configuration of the apartment and the number sharing it. It may range from AU$2,963.63 to AU$5,785.60. **Should a student withdraw, a penalty fee equal to their share of Milano housing costs minus deposits will be assessed.**

Monash Law Chambers is located in Melbourne’s central business district (“CBD”). Melbourne has a public transportation system called Public Transport Victoria.

Students are responsible and, by their participation in the program, agree to pay for all housing charges, including those incurred by WMU-Cooley in advance on their behalf in reliance on their application and deposit.

WMU Cooley Law School will provide additional housing information upon approval of each application. Contact the International Programs Office with any questions regarding housing.

**TUITION, HOUSING AND FEES**

All tuition, housing and fees are made payable to the Western Michigan University Cooley Law School in U.S. funds. The estimate of expenses for the program (all in U.S. dollars) which is being used by the WMU Cooley Law School Financial Aid Office is as follows. Keep in mind that prices will change with currency fluctuations (some figures were calculated based on June 2019 exchange rates). A financial aid budget is available upon request.

**Tuition**
- WMU-Cooley students pay tuition at the school’s established rate. Honors Scholars apply their scholarships to the cost of the program.
- Guest students pay $1,000 per semester hour.

**Housing.................................................4,967**
**Administrative fee.................................100**
**Program activities fee............................200**
**Student Bar Association (WMU-Cooley students only) ................................20**
Other estimated expenses for the program:

- Travel to/from Hamilton and Melbourne (estimated) ................................................ 2,900
- Food ........................................................................... 1,714
- Local transportation .............................................. 418
- Supplies/books ..................................................... 240
- Laundry ..................................................................... 135
- Miscellaneous (includes cost of AU ETA tourist visa) ............................................... 1,744
- Supplemental health/accident insurance ... 190

Total program costs for the combined Australia and New Zealand segments are estimated to be approximately $12,728, excluding tuition. Participation in one segment will cost less.

WMU-Cooley will issue a schedule/statement to each registrant. Payment in full is due on December 1, 2019, unless other arrangements have been approved by WMU-Cooley.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FEE**

Each student pays a $200 program activities fee that helps cover the cost of group excursions like Raglan, an artsy surf town, and the Great Ocean Road day trip, as well as social events and receptions.

**MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Students are required to have medical insurance with minimum requirements that include emergency evacuation and repatriation coverage. It is highly recommended that students obtain travel insurance too. Some travel insurance policies may protect students from the loss of expenses such as air travel and housing in the event of withdrawal from the program. The financial aid budget includes the cost of medical insurance.

**STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL ADVISORIES, COUNTRY INFORMATION, STEP REGISTRATION, AND WITHDRAWAL**

Students who are U.S. citizens must provide proof of online registration with the United States Department of State’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) for your travel during the program: https://step.state.gov/step/ Students must subscribe to receive up-to-date safety and security information, and country information, for the countries in which they will be studying.


The U.S. State Department’s country specific information for the New Zealand is at https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/NewZealand.html.

The U.S. State Department’s country specific information for the Australia is at https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/intern
Other countries have similar services. The web page for Canada’s service for its citizens is http://travel.gc.ca/. Participants must provide proof of registration with their home country’s service.

All registrants will be promptly notified if, prior to the start of the program, the U.S. State Department issues a Travel Warning or Alert covering the dates and locations of the program. Registrants will have the opportunity to withdraw and obtain a full refund of all monies paid within 20 days after withdrawal. Please note that the State Department has a new travel advisories and alert system using levels and risk indicators.

All students will be promptly notified if, during the program, the U.S. State Department issues a Travel Warning or Alert covering the dates and locations of the program. Students will have the opportunity to withdraw and will be refunded fees paid, except for room and board payments utilized prior to the date of withdrawal. Refunds will be made within 20 days after withdrawal. Please note that the State Department has a new travel advisories and alert system using levels and risk indicators.

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Students will be responsible for booking and paying for their own transportation to Hamilton, from Hamilton to Melbourne, and home from Melbourne.

FINANCIAL AID

Since this program is offered throughout a full semester, the financial aid on which most students depend for their normal course of study should apply to the Australia/New Zealand Program as it has in the past. Contact your home school’s financial aid office to determine your eligibility for financial aid and the deadlines to which you should adhere to assure disbursement of funds in a timely manner.

WMU-Cooley students who are interested in the Australia/New Zealand Program should contact the WMU-Cooley Financial Aid Office immediately to determine their eligibility for financial aid and how this program affects their current eligibility.

CHANGES TO COURSE OFFERINGS OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM

Any changes to course offerings or other significant aspects of the program will be communicated promptly to every student who has paid a deposit or registered for the program, and an opportunity will be provided for that student to withdraw and obtain a full refund of all monies advanced. Refunds will be made within 20 days after withdrawal. Once the program begins, a student who withdraws due to any changes to course offerings or other significant aspects of the program will be refunded monies paid except for room and board payments utilized prior to the date of withdrawal.

PROGRAM CANCELLATION AND TERMINATION POLICY

This program will be held subject only to minor adjustments due to emergencies, or subject to force majeure. The program will be cancelled if there is insufficient enrollment. In the unlikely event of cancellation, students will be notified promptly and all monies advanced
by students shall be refunded within 20 days of cancellation. WMU-Cooley will make best efforts to arrange for each enrolled student to attend a similar program, if desired, in the event the program is cancelled after a deposit has been paid. Should the program be terminated after it begins, students will be notified promptly and will be refunded fees paid less room and board payments utilized prior to the date of termination.

In 2011, an earthquake struck Christchurch during the New Zealand segment of the program. Although the New Zealand segment of the program was cancelled, WMU-Cooley undertook efforts to ensure that students who needed the academic credits were provided other means of completing them. The 2012 Program took place entirely in Australia. The 2013 Program returned to New Zealand in Hamilton because Christchurch was still recovering from the earthquake. The 2015 and 2019 Program was not offered due to insufficient enrollment.

**INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Classroom and residence facilities in Melbourne and Hamilton are generally accessible for students with disabilities. Prospective students with special requirements should discuss them with the International Programs Office before applying.

**ACADEMIC CREDIT AND RESIDENCE**

Acceptance of credit and residence required for graduation is at the discretion of each applicant’s school. As each course meets or exceeds ABA requirements, most ABA schools will accept credit and grant appropriate residence. If your school will not, please contact WMU Cooley Law School Registrar Danielle Hall at (517) 371-5140, ext. 2222, or e-mail her at registrar@cooley.edu. Denial of credit or residence frequently results from a misunderstanding that can be resolved by direct conversation between WMU Cooley Law School and your dean or administrator.

**LIBRARY RESOURCES**

Students participating in the Down Under Program will have access to the University of Waikato library (which includes the law library) and the Monash University Law Library located on the main Clayton campus. Students will have access to online computers in both libraries. LEXIS and WESTLAW will be available.

**ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS POLICY**

Each student bears the responsibility to prepare and understand the material assigned, and to recite in class when called upon. If circumstances arise which prevent the student from being prepared, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the professor before class. Each professor may establish a specific preparedness policy for each course.

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Attendance is the norm for every class session. There are no pre-excused absences in any class. Students should strive for full attendance but keep their own records of any absences and the reasons for each absence. Students with excessive absences can be dismissed from the class and may not be permitted to take examinations, receive credit for courses, or refunds.

**GRADES**

Evaluation of students will be through final
examination. Students from other law schools will be registering for these courses as guest students; grades and credit for these classes will be presented on an official Western Michigan University Cooley Law School transcript. Guest students are responsible for contacting their law school to determine the transferability of credits and the manner in which grades will be recorded on their schools’ transcripts.

At WMU-Cooley, most course grades are based on written final examinations, administered and graded under a system that assures student anonymity. Professors adhere to established grade definitions. Within that framework, each professor may score the examinations differently and create a separate grading scale for each course. Grades at WMU-Cooley are known for being hard-earned and truly indicative of a student’s grasp of the subject matter. WMU Cooley Law School does not practice grade inflation.

**Certificate of Completion**

Students who successfully complete a WMU-Cooley study abroad program receive a certificate suitable for framing and may note on their curriculum vitae “Certificate, 2020 Australia/New Zealand Study Abroad Program, Western Michigan University Cooley Law School.” It would be a misrepresentation to assert that you were a student of the University of Waikato and Monash University.

**Travel Information**

Currency Converter web page:

www.oanda.com/convert/classic

**Course Listings**

**Australia and New Zealand**

**International Business Law**
2 credits / Professor Dan Sheaffer, WMU Cooley Law School

Covers international business relationships and issues. Includes U.S. and foreign regulation of transactions, formation and operation of subsidiaries, joint ventures and other business entities, sales, and tax considerations. Counseling and drafting skills are emphasized.
### Australia

**Comparative and International Indigenous Rights**  
2 credits / Dr. Katie O’Bryan

Examines Indigenous rights through the development of aboriginal and treaty rights in international law as well as in Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the USA up to the present.

**Comparative Torts / Australia**  
1 credit / Professor Nicki Mollard

This course examines recent developments in Australian Tort law, including such areas as defective products, medical malpractice, negligent statements and other conduct causing purely economic loss, mental injuries and new vicarious liability theories. The course will also examine the major Australian ‘no-fault’ statutory compensation.

**International Criminal Justice**  
1 credit / Professor Joanna Kyriakakis

This course will explore how the international community has responded to the most heinous international crimes, such as genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, aggression and serious human rights abuses. The international community and conflict-afflicted states have developed and applied different models of justice, ranging from local and community level responses, to national justice initiatives and truth and reconciliation commissions, to hybrid and international war crimes tribunals. While all of these models will be considered, the growing focus on war crimes tribunals, and in particular the development of the International Criminal Court, will be the main focus of this course. The complexities of these war crimes trials, how they are conducted, as well as their relative successes and failures, will be considered and students will be asked to consider these issues in light of contemporary events and what the future of international criminal justice holds.

**Introduction to the Australian Legal System**  
1 credit / Professor Rachel Kessel

This course explores the Australian legal system in terms of its historical origins, constitutional framework, sources of law, political and legal institutions and legal profession. Areas examined include Australian political systems, relationships between parliament and courts, the changing face of dispute resolution, legal education and admission requirements, nature and regulation of the legal profession (barristers and solicitors), legal ethics and professional codes of practice. The course also includes professional visits to parliament, courts and the legal profession.

### New Zealand

**Comparative Chinese and Common Law Systems**  
1 credit / Dr. Leo Zhixiong Liao

Introduction to sources of Chinese law and structure of Chinese legal system, overview of contract, tort, criminal and property law in comparison to prevailing approach in common law nations.

**Comparative Constitutional Law**  
2 credits / Professor Gay Morgan

Examines governments constituted by written constitutions, constitution-making, and constitutional courts with the power of constitutional interpretation. Considers both
structural issues, such as federalism and separation of powers, and individual liberties in various countries, through review of both constitutional provisions and court interpretations.

**Indigenous Rights in Action: The UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**  
1 credit / Dr. Valmaine Toki

Examines the pivotal nature of international instruments, in particular the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to meaningfully recognise indigenous rights. The annual sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues provide a framework and platform for the analysis of these rights within the seven regions and within the six mandated areas of human rights: economic and social development, environment, culture, education and health.

**International Environmental Law**  
1 credit / Professor Alexander Gillespie

Covers environmental problems in an international context. Emphasizes both customary and treaty law. Considers particular issues such as transboundary air pollution, ozone depletion, climate change and ocean pollution.

**Introduction to New Zealand Legal System**  
1 credit / Professor Brendan Cullen

This course will cover the constitutional and legal structure of New Zealand with particular emphasis on those aspects that distinguish it from those in the United States of America and Australia. The course will cover current issues of importance to the New Zealand Legal System such as the Mixed Member Proportional electoral system, legal issues relating to Maori rights and the Treaty of Waitangi, and restorative justice programs.

**DIRECTORS**

**Wayne Rumbles**, Associate Professor and Dean of Law, holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws in 1997 with majors in Law, History and English Literature. He completed an LL.M. (Distinction) from the University of Waikato in 1998. He spent three years working in community law and worked for Te Matahauariki Research Institute for 10 years on the Laws and Institutions for Aotearoa/New Zealand project. Wayne has been an academic Te Piringa - Faculty of Law, University of Waikato, New Zealand for 18 years and took up the position of Dean of Law in June 2015.

Wayne teaches and researches in the areas of Cyber Law, Law and New Technologies, Criminal Law (with a focus on Cyber Crime), and teaches in New Zealand’s first Masters in Cyber-Security taught jointly by the Faculties of Law and Computer Science. Wayne is the project leader on the Technology in Legal Education for NZ (TeLENZ) project funded by the New Zealand Law Foundation. This collaborative project is designed to integrate technology focused legal education across the national core curriculum of the LLB to prepare graduates for their future digitised workplace.

**Emmanuel Laryea**, Associate Professor, holds an LL.B. (Hons.) from the University of Ghana, LL.M. from the University of Glasgow in the United Kingdom, and a Ph.D. from Bond University in Australia. He is a barrister-at-law in Ghana. His research interests are in international economic law. Professor Laryea teaches International Banking and Finance: Law and Practice, International Investment Law, Contracts, and Research and Writing. He has published in the area.
**Western Michigan University-Cooley Faculty**

Dan Sheaffer, B.A. (Western Michigan University), J.D., magna cum laude (WMU-Cooley Law School) and LL.M. (University of Florida). He is a member of the Michigan and North Carolina bar associations.

Professor Sheaffer joined the faculty of WMU-Cooley Law School in 2004. He teaches Individual Taxation; Wills, Trusts, and Estates; and Business Organizations in the J.D. program. He is the director of the Graduate Tax Program and teaches Corporate Taxation; Tax Practice and Procedure; and, International Tax. Professor Sheaffer has co-authored and updated tax textbooks.

Before joining WMU-Cooley, Professor Sheaffer was Senior Corporate Tax Counsel for Amway Corporation. He served as lead tax attorney for Amway’s European and Asian affiliates. His practice involved complex tax issues, and he planned and led the implementation of international corporate restructuring projects.

Professor Sheaffer will serve as this year’s on-site director and faculty member of the Down Under Program and teach Secured Transactions.

**Monash University Faculty**

Rachel Kessel is a Lecturer and Chief Examiner in Criminal Law and Australian Legal Reasoning and Methods, and a Legal Tech & Design Fellow in the Australian Centre for Justice Innovation at Monash University. She holds a BA/LLB and a Masters of Education (Expert Teaching Practice) from Monash University, and a Victorian Certificate of Education from Mount Scopus Memorial College. Rachel worked as an Articled Clerk for the Director of Public Prosecutions Victoria. She moved into Commercial Litigation at Arnold Bloch Leibler after working as a Solicitor/Advocate in indictable crime for several years.

Rachel collaborated on a book relating to Tools of Regulation, a Criminology Research Council report on Dangerous Offenders and an Australian Research Council project on Human Rights in Closed Environments. She developed an interdisciplinary pilot bringing together postgraduate Law and Information Technology students to solve a problem for Victoria Legal Aid. Rachel won ‘Academic of the Year’ at the Lawyers Weekly Women in Law Awards in 2018 as a result of this initiative.

Joanna Kyriakakis is a Senior Lecturer at the Monash University Law Faculty and Deputy Director of the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law. She researches in the area of international criminal justice, particularly on issues pertaining to the responsibility of business actors implicated in atrocity. She has published her work in leading international journals, such as Journal of International Criminal Justice and the Leiden Journal of International Law, and has held visiting fellowships at Columbia Law School and the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law.

Joanna has been involved in human rights capacity building, including delivering human rights training for Australian and overseas government officials and agencies. She previously practised law with the South Australian Crown Solicitor’s Office and in community and private legal settings.

Nicki Mollard, Senior Fellow, holds a B.A., LL.B.(Hons), and M. Bioethics from Monash University. She was admitted to legal practice
in 1998, signed the Bar Roll in 2013, and became a nationally accredited mediator in 2014. Her practice includes professional negligence and discipline, guardianship and coronial inquests. She has taught at Monash Law since 2000 in the areas of litigation, civil procedure, torts, evidence, criminal law and legal research; and in Monash’s Medical Law and Master’s of Health Administration Program. She was a reporter for the Victorian Reports and blogs for the Victorian Bar. Her thesis was on regulation of IVF in Victoria, and she has published in the area of medical negligence and forensic medicine.

**Dr. Katie O’Bryan** is a lecturer in the law faculty at Monash University in Melbourne. Her doctoral thesis focussed on the legal recognition in Victoria of Indigenous rights to participate in the management of water resources, which involved a comparative analysis of Aotearoa-New Zealand. Prior to becoming an academic, she worked for over a decade as a lawyer for native title claimants in both Western Australia and Victoria. Katie also has a Master of Laws in Environmental Law from Macquarie University in Sydney, focussing on issues relating to Indigenous natural resource management. She also lectures in Constitutional and Administrative Law.

**TE PIRINGA - FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO**

**Brendan Cullen** earned B. A. and LL.B. degrees from the University of Otago, and a Diploma in Business Studies with endorsement in Dispute Resolution ( Arbitrators’ and Mediators’ Institute of New Zealand medal for top student) from Massey University. Professor Cullen has over 30 years of experience in court litigation and alternative dispute resolution serving as a mediator and arbitrator and representing clients in court litigation, mediations, arbitrations and other dispute resolution forums. He is a former chair of the Waikato Wintec Research Ethics Committee, and a member of the NZLS Waikato Bay of Plenty Standards Committee (No 2), the Waikato Bay of Plenty Law Society Council (chairing the Courts, Tribunals and ADR subcommittee), and the University of Waikato Law Faculty Board. He is a director of McCaw Lewis Limited.

**Alexander Gillespie** obtained his LLB and LLM degrees with Honours from The University of Auckland. He did his PhD at Nottingham and post-doctoral studies at Colombia University in New York City.

Professor Alexander Gillespie was the first New Zealander to be named Rapporteur for the World Heritage Convention, involving international environmental diplomacy. Professor Gillespie was also a legal and policy advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Department of Conservation and provides commissioned work for the United Nations, the Commonwealth Secretariat, and commercial and non-governmental organisations in New Zealand, Australia, United States, United Kingdom and Switzerland.

He has written over thirty articles published in the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Al has published 16 books; the latest are “Waste Policy: International Regulation, Comparative and Contextual Perspectives”, “International Environmental Law, Policy and Ethics” and the “Causes of War: Volume II (1000-1400) and Volume III (1400-1650)”. He has been awarded a Rotary International Scholarship, Fulbright Fellowship, Rockerfeller Fellowship and the New Zealand Law Foundation International
Research Fellowship.

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