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Director's Report

I am delighted to share with you our annual report for 2024. It has been a busy and productive year for MCCL comprising impactful research, an extensive events program, and significant scholarship and media engagement. Highlights include major public lectures such as the signature Harold Ford Memorial Lecture, the Sir George Turner Lecture (held in both Melbourne and Sydney), the Annual Tax Lecture, as well as the fifth John Emerson Oration. A total of 23 other events were held across the year, including a public conversation with Joseph Stiglitz (which attracted over 400 attendees) and a number of events co-hosted with Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE), including the Sir Ninian Stephen Law Program Oration. The Construction Law Program, which now offers over 20 specialised subjects a year across MLS, celebrated its 25th anniversary, also celebrating a number of student and alumni prizes and commendations. The innovative and popular 'Inside Commercial Law' Podcast enjoyed continued success, engaging with a number of topics and guests, recording seven podcasts in 2024.

We welcomed new members, including Professor Rosemary Addis AM (Enterprise Professor with the Faculty of Business and Economics). In addition, MCCL launched its legal internship program, welcoming our first student intern, who completed a project on 'Decentralised Autonomous Organisations (DAOs)', supervised by Professor Andrew Godwin. We also welcomed many international visitors.

In 2024, MCCL members across our specialist research programs carried out work on projects funded by more than \$2m in external grant funding, including from the Australian Research Council. Indeed, it has been an outstanding year for research by MCCL members, with over 50 publications, as outlined in further detail later in this report. In addition to numerous conference and seminar presentations, we were pleased to build our communications with internal and external stakeholders via our monthly newsletters to 1684 subscribers and our LinkedIn page, which has more than 1390 followers. Centre members also engaged extensively with the media, with a standout contribution from our Associate Director of the Consumer Law and Policy Program, Professor Jeannie Paterson, who was featured in, or contributed to, over 29 media commentaries.

I would like to congratulate Professor Stewart on her visiting role at the Australian Treasury as a Visiting Principal Fellow for eight months in 2024, working with the Revenue Group on tax policy. This included addressing revisions to the Stage 3 tax cuts and issues related to electric vehicle road user charging, as well as a range of other tax policy topics. The Centre is pleased to contribute to the work of the Community Tax Project, led by Associate Professor Kathryn James and supported by the University of Melbourne's Social Equity Institute. This played a leading role as a forum for the education of community sector representatives on tax policy in Australia. I would also like to highlight the successful work of the Melbourne Law School Tax Clinic, which is a supportive, inclusive, student-run clinic that provides free tax assistance from Melbourne Law School students.

Centre members supervise a large and active group of 15 PhD candidates across the research programs. In 2024, four MCCL graduate researchers completed their PhDs. MCCL members also taught a number of subjects across the JD, Masters and Breadth programs at MLS. We welcomed a number of Senior Fellows to teach in the MLM, which offers an extensive range of commercial law subjects in a number of program areas led by MCCL associate directors.

I would like to thank Professor Miranda Stewart for reprising the role of Director while I was on long service leave for two months in May and June. I also wish to thank Belete Addis Yemata for his excellent work as a Research Fellow and Debaranjan Goswami for his assistance in preparing this report. We extend our thanks to the Melbourne Law School for support of the Centre, and the Law research support team, led by Angela Hendley-Boys, who provided extensive support for events, newsletters and engagement. We are also grateful for the assistance of the staff in the Law School's digital media studio. And finally, thanks to the many attendees of events, readers of research, and professionals and academics who engaged with the work of the Centre to make 2024 such a rewarding year.

Rosemary Langford

About the Centre

The Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law (MCCL) aims for excellence in research, teaching, and engagement in all aspects of commercial law, policy, and regulation. It brings a wide range of perspectives to the field and draws together leading experts from Melbourne Law School. It has established specialist research programs focusing on corporate law and financial regulation, construction law, commercial arbitration, consumer law and policy, and taxation law and policy. The Centre aims to support excellence in research, policy development, and engagement among its members and to build collaboration across its specialist research programs. It also aims to connect with the legal and other professions, governments, not-for-profits, and international organisations, to deliver excellent teaching and to engage with scholars and research centres on all aspects of its work, both internationally and globally.

The Centre is governed by a management committee comprising the Director and Associate Directors, supported by a Research Fellow.

The [Centre's](#) website presents more information about its members and all aspects of its activities. The Centre publishes a monthly newsletter that provides information about all aspects of its activities and also provides frequent updates on its [LinkedIn page](#).

People

Director



Rosemary Langford

Research Program in
Corporate Law and Financial
Regulation

[Professor Rosemary Langford](#)

is Harold Ford Professor of

Commercial Law, director of the Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law and director of Commercial Law Studies at Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne. In the last four years she has been undertaking a project on [governance and regulation of charities](#) funded by the Australian Research Council. Rosemary has published and presented nationally and internationally on the topics of directors' duties, fiduciary duties, and governance and regulation of charities. Her publications include *Directors' Duties: Principles and Application* (Federation Press, 2014), *Company Directors' Duties and Conflicts of Interest* (Oxford University Press, 2019), *Technology and Corporate Law* (Edward Elgar, 2021), *Governance and Regulation of Charities: International and Comparative Perspectives* (Edward Elgar, 2023) and *Corporate Law and Governance in the 21st Century* (Federation Press, 2023). She is a member of the Corporations Committee and Not-for-Profit Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia and of the Law Committee of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, as well as editor of the directors' duties section of the *Company and Securities Law Journal*.

Associate Directors



Matthew Bell

Research Program in
Construction Law and
Commercial Arbitration

[Associate Professor Matthew Bell](#)

is a joint Associate Director of the

Research Program in Construction Law and Commercial Arbitration at the MCCL. Matthew is the author of many publications in the field, including the texts *Construction Law in Australia* and *Understanding Australian Construction Contracts* (with Ian Bailey) and *Residential Construction Law* (with Philip Britton). Matthew is a Consultant to the Construction and Major Projects Group at Clayton Utz on a part-time basis and was the founding Chair of the Academic Subcommittee of the Society of Construction Law Australia. He is a former Deputy Chair for Victoria of the Law Council of Australia Construction and Infrastructure Law Committee.



Julie Clarke

Research Program in
Consumer Law and Policy

[Professor Julie Clarke](#) is a
joint Associate Director of the
Consumer Law and Policy

Research Program at MCCL. She is the Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning) and Director of the Global Competition and Consumer Law specialisation. Julie's primary research and teaching interests are in the areas of competition, consumer and contract law with a particular focus on mergers, misuse of market power and cartels.



Richard Garnett
Research Program in
Construction Law and
Commercial Arbitration

[Professor Richard Garnett](#) is a
joint Associate Director of the

Research Program in Construction Law and Commercial Arbitration at MCCL. Richard Garnett has an LLM from Harvard University and in 2020 was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) from the University of Melbourne for a body of published work that constitutes ‘a substantial and original contribution to legal scholarship’ and demonstrates ‘authoritative standing in the field of study’. Richard was a Director of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration and has published widely in the areas of conflict of laws, public and private international law, and international commercial arbitration. Richard also regularly advises commercial clients on cross-border litigation and arbitration matters.



Wayne Jovic
Research Program in
Construction Law and
Commercial Arbitration

[Associate Professor Wayne Jovic](#)
is a joint Associate Director of

the Research Program in Construction Law at MCCL. His teaching and research interests are in construction law, contract and private law generally. Wayne joined MLS after a career in practice in which he advised on major construction projects in every state.



Andrew Godwin
Research Program in
Corporate Law and Financial
Regulation

[Professor Andrew Godwin](#) is
a joint Associate Director of

the Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation at MCCL. He is the Director of the Melbourne Law Masters and Associate Director (Commercial law) of the Asian Law Centre. Andrew works and researches in the areas of financial regulation, financial services law, corporate and insolvency law, property law, and the regulation of the legal profession. Andrew has published extensively in both academic and professional journals. He is a co-author of *Sackville & Neave Australian Property Law* and *Ford, Austin and Ramsay Principles of Corporations Law*, and co-editor of *Research Handbook on Asian Financial Law* (Edward Elgar, 2020), *The Cambridge Handbook of Twin Peaks Financial Regulation* (Cambridge University Press, 2021) and *Technology and Corporate Law* (Edward Elgar, 2021). Andrew served as Special Counsel and Acting General Counsel at the Australian Law Reform Commission from September 2020 to February 2024.



Jeannie Paterson
Research Program in
Consumer Law and Policy

[Professor Jeannie Paterson](#) is a joint Associate Director of the Research Program in Consumer

Law and Policy at MCCL. Her current work focuses on the regulatory and ethical challenges of AI misrepresentation, misinformation and deep fake fraud. She teaches topics of consumer protection law, technology and regulating AI in JD, LLM and breadth subjects. Jeannie is the co-author of the widely used text (with Professor Andrew Robertson) *Principles of Contract Law*, as well as work on consumer credit law, consumer law and AI law. Jeannie is the Co-Director of the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics at the University of Melbourne. She is an academic fellow at Melbourne Business School. She is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and a former member of the Commonwealth Government's temporary expert advisory committee on AI regulation.



Miranda Stewart
Research Program in
Taxation Consumer Law and
Policy

[Professor Miranda Stewart](#) is the Associate Director of

the Research Program in Taxation Law and Policy at MCCL. During 2024, Miranda completed an eight-month secondment as Visiting Principal Advisor in the Australian Treasury, Revenue Group, working on tax policy. Miranda teaches a range of taxation law and international tax subjects in the JD and Masters programs. Miranda's books include *Tax and Government in the 21st Century*, *Income Taxation Commentary and Materials*, *Death and Taxes and Tax*, *Social Policy and Gender*. Miranda currently leads an interdisciplinary research project funded by the Australian Research Council on [Sharing the Wealth](#), about tax and justice in an era of population ageing and slowing economic growth. She is an International Research Fellow of the Centre for Business Taxation at Said Business School, Oxford University, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and President of the International Fiscal Association 78th Annual Congress to be held in Melbourne in 2026.

Members

Professor Emeritus



Ian Ramsay AO

Redmond Barry Distinguished
Professor Emeritus

Research Program in Corporate
Law and Financial Regulation

Professors



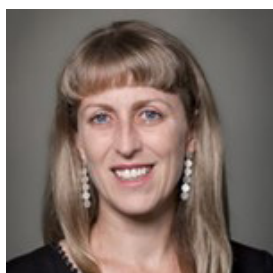
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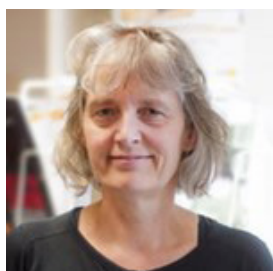
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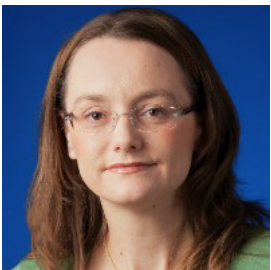
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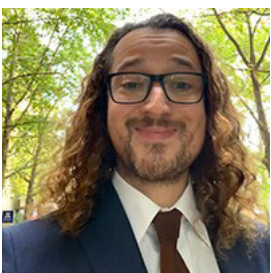
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Lecturers



Ben Hopper

Research Program in Consumer Law and Policy



Dr Robi Rado

Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation

Fellows

The Centre engages with several leading Professorial, Principal and Senior Fellows who engage with us on research, teaching and policy activities

Enterprise Fellow



Rosemary Addis AM

Professor

Professorial Fellows



Elise Bant

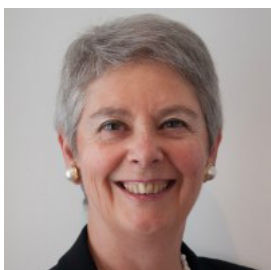
Professor
University of Western Australia



**Hon. Tony Pagone AM
KC**

Victorian Bar

Principal Fellows



Cally Jordan

Associate Professor



Andrew Mills

Associate Professor



Frank O'Loughlin KC

Associate Professor
Victorian Bar

Senior Fellows



Evgenia Bourova

Research Fellow on Financial Exclusion, Poor Insurer Practices and Consumer Protection, Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation



George Gilligan

Senior Research Fellow, Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation



Pamela Hanrahan

Professor, University of New South Wales, Senior Fellow, Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation



Lucie O'Brien

Postdoctoral Fellow on Harmful Financial Products, Research Program in Corporate Law and Financial Regulation

MCCL PhD Research Fellow



Belete Yemata

Graduate Researchers

The Centre takes pride in the innovative and exciting work of our PhD candidates who are working across a wide range of issues in tax, regulatory, corporate law, insolvency, consumer and not-for-profit law.

Lilia Anderson: The Regulation of Digital Platforms: AI Governance in Australia

Elvina Anita: Ensuring Trust in Metaverse: Privacy, Ethics and Regulation

Vita Apriliasari: Indonesia's Tax Incentive and the Global Minimum Tax: Options for Reform

Helen Dervan (New Zealand Women Leaders in Law Fellow): What is the Appropriate Legislative and Institutional Framework to Enable Effective Execution of the Financial Stability Mandate under Twin Peaks in New Zealand?

Shuning Fu: Beyond the Veil of Nominee Shareholding: A Comparative Study of Legal Nature and Associated Risks

Debaranjan Goswami: Shareholder-Creditor Agency Conflicts when Companies are in Financial Distress - the Design of Legal Tools in Emerging Markets

Monica Hope: Tax Justice and Intergenerational Wealth Transfer in Australia

Elliot Legendre: Tax Instruments and Water Rights Protection: A Comparative Policy Analysis

Chi Yin Wilson Lui: State Immunity as a Defence in Cross-Border Private Actions

Matthew O'Rourke: The Gathering Storm: Regulating Competition in Electronic Communications Markets in the Age of the Cloudification of Networks

Angonia Smith: The Common Law and Public Finance in Nineteenth-Century Aotearoa

Samantha Tang: Public Interest and Shareholder Engagement

Fitria Wardika: Reforming Regulation for Simplifying Indonesian State Finance Law

Michael Wells: Corporate Minimum Book Taxes: Principles, Design and Implementation

Belete Yemata: Civil Society Organisations and Their Tax Treatment in Ethiopia

We are proud of our Graduate Researchers who completed in 2024.

Jumanah Alsairafi: International Taxation in Kuwait: Selected Issues in Expanding and Protecting the Tax Base

Harry Cossar-Gilbert: Should the Real GST Be Expanded in Australia? A Normative and Empirical Review

Nicola Howell: The Use and Impact of Legal Solutions to Consumer Over-indebtedness: A Comparison of Australian and Dutch Approaches

Vivi Tan: Online Dispute Resolution and Consumer Disputes in Australia: Dispute Systems Design Analysis

Events

In 2024, MCCL hosted 26 events at the Law School, which were a mix of online, hybrid, and in-person formats, and were attended by over 1,000 people. The events are highlighted below.

[Is China at Risk of a Financial Crisis?](#)

21 February 2024

This hybrid seminar was organised by the Corporate Law and Financial Regulation Program of the Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law and the Asian Law Centre and was delivered by Dr. Michael Taylor. It explored whether China is at risk of a financial crisis. Recent events in the Chinese real estate market, especially the well-publicised problems of the giant and highly indebted property developers Country Garden and Evergrande, followed by Moody's recent announcement of a negative outlook on Chinese government debt, have resurrected this question, which has surfaced repeatedly over the past ten years.

[Roundtable on Financial Data Ecosystems](#)

27 February 2024

The Corporate Law and Financial Regulation Program of the Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law hosted a roundtable event at which Professor Douglas Arner of the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law delivered a talk on 'Financial Data Ecosystems: Balancing the Opportunities and Risks of AI and Data Aggregation'. He discussed how aggregated data has proven to be an extremely effective tool for supporting access to finance, along with financing innovation and development. However, he also highlighted that managing control over aggregated data introduces a variety of financial and other risks.

[FinTech: Regulatory Trends and Lessons for the Future](#)

19 March 2024

This webinar, organised by the Corporate Law and Financial Regulation Program of the Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law, explored the regulatory trends that have emerged in relation to FinTech over the past 15 years and the lessons for the future. The panel included Professor Douglas Arner (Hong Kong University), Ms Kate O'Rourke (ASIC Commissioner) and Professor Andrew Godwin (Melbourne Law School).

[Ninian Stephen Law Program Oration 2024](#)

16 April 2024

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) and Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law hosted the 2024 Oration for the Ninian Stephen Law Program, supported by the Menzies Foundation as part of the Practising Law with AI series. The Oration, titled 'Technology in the Professional Toolkit', was delivered by Joseph Longo, Chair of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. The Oration explored the growing importance of technology in the professional toolkit and how understanding and effectively using it has become an essential skill for legal practitioners.



[How China Governs Big Tech and Regulates Artificial Intelligence](#)

9 May 2024

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) and Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law co-hosted a lecture on ‘How China Governs Big Tech and Regulates Artificial Intelligence’. China has long been recognised as a powerhouse in cultivating Big Tech firms that rival those in the United States. However, the Chinese government recently embarked on a massive regulatory crackdown, targeting its largest tech corporations. In this lecture, Associate Professor Angela Zhang from The University of Hong Kong discussed beyond the headlines to unravel the complexity of China’s regulatory governance, drawing insights from her book, *High Wire: How China Regulates Big Tech and Governs Its Economy*.

[The Future of Legal Practice in the Face of AI](#)

14 May 2024

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) and Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law co-hosted a seminar on ‘The Future of Legal Practice in the Face of AI’. Today’s legal teams are wrestling with a wide array of challenges stemming from changes in the workforce and workforce law. Economic uncertainty, changing attitudes toward social equity and wealth, aging populations, availability of remote work options and rapidly advancing technology are all having profound effects on the workplace, leading to evolving approaches to regulation and new dynamics in the balance of power between management and workers. In this seminar, raising the question ‘what will be the long-term impacts?’ Stuart Fuller, Global Head of Legal Services at KPMG International, discussed the top 10 predictions.

[The Perennial Problem of Complexity](#)

22 May 2024

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) and Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law co-hosted a public lecture titled ‘The Perennial Problem of Complexity’, delivered by Justice David Goddard. In this lecture, Justice Goddard examined the concept of legislative complexity, particularly focusing on the aspects that warrant concern. He argued that the primary focus should be on the interfaces through which the law’s ultimate audiences—citizens, businesses, and other stakeholders—interact with legislation and come to understand its implications for them.

[‘Systems Intentionality’: A New Model of Corporate Responsibility](#)

23 May 2024

The Corporate Law and Financial Regulation Program of the Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law hosted a seminar exploring a new model of corporate responsibility entitled ‘Systems Intentionality,’ which offers a principled and practical way forward for corporate governance, regulation, and liability purposes. The seminar was delivered by Professor Elise Bant (UWA) and explored the model in relation to a range of topical case studies, including the recent Victorian Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence, in which the model was adopted and applied to striking effect.

[Demystifying Generative AI](#)

30 May 2024

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) and Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law co-hosted a conversation about demystifying the generative AI stack: ‘What are the current capacities? What is possible and what is not?’. CAIDE Director Professor Jeannie Paterson was joined by Lee Hickin, AI Technology & Policy Lead, Asia, Microsoft and Anna Jaffe, Policy, Regulatory Affairs and Responsible Tech, Atlassian to discuss these fascinating questions and more.

The Perils of Using Capital Requirements in the Transition to a Greener Economy

14 June 2024

The Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law MCCL and the Asian Law Centre hosted a roundtable at which Nydia Remolina, Assistant Professor of Law, Singapore Management University, presented on 'The Perils of Using Capital Requirements in the Transition to a Greener Economy'. The roundtable, which was attended by academics, practitioners and regulators, discussed the most effective ways to enhance sustainable development through sectoral regulations, including financial regulation.

Nudge versus Sludge: The Great Greenwashing and the Failure of Corporate Regulation

19 June 2024

Professor Christine Parker of Melbourne Law School presented on 'The Great Greenwashing and the Failure of Corporate Regulation'. In this seminar, Professor Parker examined how greenwashing exploits citizens' desire to do good by portraying corporations as socially and environmentally responsible actors capable of addressing global heating, the plastic waste crisis, and the need for a green, circular economy. Drawing on socio-legal research and the concept of 'ecological regulation', Professor Parker critically evaluated the effectiveness of consumer law enforcement and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) disclosure regimes in countering this pervasive issue.

Visit by Delegation from the Bankruptcy Affairs Administration of Shenzhen Municipality

19 July 2024

Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law hosted a delegation from the Bankruptcy Affairs Administration of Shenzhen Municipality, China. The purpose of their visit was to learn about Australia's experience with personal bankruptcy. The Bankruptcy Affairs Administration of Shenzhen Municipality was established in 2021 under the direct supervision of the Justice Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality. It serves as the official government agency responsible for overseeing and implementing the pilot program on personal bankruptcy in China. The delegation was welcomed by Professor Andrew Godwin of Melbourne Law School, followed by presentations from Judicial Registrar Robyn Curnow of the Federal Court of Australia, Jordan Schulz of the Victorian Bar, and Dr Lucie O'Brien, Postdoctoral Fellow at Melbourne Law School. The presentations were followed by a Q&A session.



Book Launch: Damian Clifford Data Protection Law and Emotion

25 July 2024

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) and Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law co-hosted a book launch of Damian Clifford's *Data Protection Law and Emotion* (Oxford University Press, 2024). This engaging new publication examines the effectiveness of data protection law through the innovative lens of law and emotion scholarship. Highlighting the pivotal role of emotions in our decision-making, the book delves into the complexities of data protection laws using Emotional Artificial Intelligence as a case study.

What Ever Happened to Australia's Inheritance Taxes?

6 August 2024

The Tax Law and Policy Group of the Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law hosted a seminar exploring Australia's inheritance taxes. Since the publication of the Henry Tax Review, there have been increasing calls for the reintroduction of inheritance taxes in Australia. These have been matched by anti-death-tax rhetoric from the political right. Anyone arguing for or against the reintroduction of inheritance taxes in Australia would benefit from understanding the reasons why they were abolished; however, existing literature on this topic is narrow and incomplete and the reasons are broadly misunderstood. This seminar explained why Australian 'death duties' were discontinued by eight separate Australian governments between 1976 and 1983. It identified two main interest groups - widowed women and family farmers - whose appeals for tax relief engaged Australia's major political parties in very different ways. The seminar concluded with a reflection on the political feasibility of reintroduction.

BIICL Toolbox on Corporate Climate Litigation: Australia National Conference & Oceania Regional Summit

6 August 2024

To mark the launch of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law's (BIICL) Global Toolbox on Corporate Climate Litigation, Melbourne Climate Futures (MCF) and Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law hosted a closed session designed to inform and train users in Australia and Oceania on how to best implement the research and guidelines presented in the Toolbox. The roundtable was presented in two sessions. The first session, 'Promising Directions in Corporate Climate Litigation', featured a general discussion about the nature of corporate climate litigation. The second session, 'Corporate Climate Litigation in Practice', focused more on current issues in practice in corporate climate litigation.

Contract Law in the Age of Generative Artificial Intelligence

7 August 2024

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) and Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law co-hosted a public lecture titled 'Contract Law in the Age of Generative Artificial Intelligence'. We live in a time when the digital has become truly ubiquitous. Business and commercial activities are pursued using a variety of technologies and related applications. The pace of this adoption and innovation is often staggeringly quick, leading many to query whether the rules and principles that collectively make up contract law - a cornerstone of modern commerce - are 'keeping up' with external developments. The lecture interrogated this question of alignment between contract law and the activities it regulates by drawing on the paradigm-shifting example of Generative AI to assess contract law's inherent flexibility and ability to respond to challenges posed by the advent of new technologies.

Joseph Stiglitz: Tax, Justice and the Good Society

8 August 2024

Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law co-hosted a public conversation with Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz (Columbia University), in collaboration with the Melbourne Social Equity Institute and the Faculty of Business and Economics, supported by the Australia Institute. This thought-provoking discussion, 'Tax, Justice and the Good Society', attracted over 400 attendees. Professor Stiglitz and Associate Professor Kathryn James explored the role of taxation in addressing inequality, fostering justice, and building a better society.



Professor Joseph E Stiglitz and Associate Professor Kathryn James



Professor Miranda Stewart, Joseph E Stiglitz and Associate Professor Kathryn James

Demystifying Trustworthy AI in Cybersecurity: Public and Private Sector Perspectives

8 August 2024

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) and Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law co-hosted a public lecture titled 'Demystifying Trustworthy AI in Cybersecurity: Public and Private Sector Perspectives'. In the face of rapid technological changes and incessant cyber-attacks, how do we think strategically about the role of AI in cybersecurity, create trustworthy AI in that capacity, and close the defender's deficit in our private and public sector organisations? Tracey Malmborg (Data and Analytical Services, Australian Signals Directorate), Daniella Traino (Group Chief Information Security Officer, Wesfarmers), and Andrejka Kapusta (Legal Counsel, OneDigital) discussed the role of AI in cybersecurity.

Sir George Turner Lecture 2024

13 August 2024

Professor Allison Herren Lee, former Acting Chair of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, delivered the Sir George Turner Lecture on 'Risk & Regulation in Sustainability: Global Lessons for Australia' on 13 August in Melbourne and 15 August in Sydney. The lecture was followed by a panel discussion with Professor Rosemary Addis AM. Professor Herren Lee addressed challenges such as climate change, economic transitions, and shifting expectations around corporate responsibility. The lecture was chaired by MCCL Director, Professor Rosemary Langford.



[Navigating China’s Regulatory Approach to Generative AI](#)

2 September 2024

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) and Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law co-hosted a presentation by Professor Mimi Zou of the University of New South Wales on ‘Navigating China’s Regulatory Approach to Generative AI’. Professor Zou discussed efforts by Mainland China to control AI risks, including cybersecurity and information content security risks, and the possibility that Mainland China will introduce an EU-style AI Act in the near future.

[Taxation: Digitalisation with the Human Touch](#)

18 September 2024

The 18th Annual Tax Lecture was delivered by the new Commissioner of Taxation leading the Australian Taxation Office, Mr Rob Heferen. Commissioner Heferen presented on ‘Taxation: Digitalisation with the Human Touch’. He examined how automation and digitalisation enhance tax administration while posing questions about ensuring fairness and maintaining human-centred public service. The lecture was attended by 124 participants, including scholars, practitioners, and students and was chaired by Professor Miranda Stewart, Associate Director of the Tax Law and Policy Program. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr Julianne Jaques KC.

[The Future of Judicial Independence](#)

16 October 2024

The Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law and the Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies co-hosted a special lecture by Judge Duro Sessa, titled ‘The Future of Judicial Independence’. The Hon Tony Pagone AM KC chaired this lecture. The International Association of Judges (IAJ) was founded in 1953 and aims to defend the independence of the judiciary, as an essential requirement of the judicial function and guarantee of human rights and freedoms. In this lecture, the current President of the IAJ, Judge Duro Sessa, reflected on the importance of this principle and on contemporary challenges.

[Corporate Purpose Beyond Borders](#)

29 October 2024

The Corporate Law and Financial Regulation Program of the Melbourne Centre for Commercial Law hosted a webinar with Professor Dan W Puchniak (Singapore Management University) and Assistant Professor Roza Nurgozhayeva (Nazarbayev University) with Professor Rosemary Langford (Melbourne Law School) to discuss ‘corporate purpose’ - a debate that has captured the attention of academics, lawyers, policymakers, and entrepreneurs around the world. Leading corporate governance scholars see it as one of the ‘hottest public policy issues’ of our time. Governments have embraced legislation to make corporations more purposeful and financial titans have pledged over 100 trillion dollars under their management to foster a broader conception of corporate purpose globally. The realisation that climate change is likely the issue of the century and that any chance of successfully addressing it will require a change in the way corporations are governed seems to justify the attention that the corporate purpose debate is receiving. The presenters argued that the corporate purpose debate has largely been built on an understanding of corporate law and governance that is local, i.e., jurisdiction-bound, while the issue of climate change is global - pollution does not respect jurisdictional borders.

Fifth John Emerson Oration

13 November 2024

The fifth John Emerson Oration, delivered by Emeritus Professor Myles McGregor-Lowndes, explored ‘From Frontierland to Tomorrowland: A Magical Journey Through the Four Enchanted Realms of Unincorporated Associations’. Professor McGregor-Lowndes discussed the history, emerging forms, and reforms of unincorporated associations. Professor McGregor-Lowndes’ observations on decentralised autonomous organisations (DAOs) were particularly interesting.

2024 Harold Ford Memorial Lecture: Company Law and Trusts Law: The Use and Misuse of Principle

20 November 2024

The Hon. Justice Mark Leeming presented the 2024 Harold Ford Memorial Lecture, ‘Company Law and Trusts Law: The Use and Misuse of Principle’. The lecture attracted a wide audience and explored the historical evolution of modern company law and its interplay with trust law principles, with a particular focus on recovery of company property improperly disposed of by directors. Redmond Barry Distinguished Emeritus Professor Ian Ramsay AO also paid tribute to Professor Harold Ford AM on the 50th anniversary of Professor Ford’s celebrated textbook on Corporations Law. This lecture was a collaboration between Clayton Utz and Melbourne Law School and MCCL is grateful for Clayton Utz’s ongoing sponsorship.



2024 Asia-Pacific Colloquium of the Journal of Private International Law

5-6 December 2024

Professor Richard Garnett, joint Associate Director of the Construction Law and Commercial Arbitration Program hosted the 2024 Asia-Pacific Colloquium of the Journal of Private International Law at the University of Melbourne. Eighteen scholars and practitioners from Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, and New Zealand came together to present and discuss papers on key questions of private international law in a supportive and engaging atmosphere.



Visitors

In 2024 MCCL hosted a number of visitors including:

- **Professor Peter Harris** from the University of Cambridge;
- **Professor David Duff** from the University of British Columbia;
- **Mr Heydon Wardell-Burrus** from the OECD;
- **Professor Marcello Poggioli** from the University of Padova;
- **Dr Dhruv Janssen-Sanghavi** from the Netherlands.

MCCL Legal Internship Program

The Corporate Law and Financial Regulation Program was pleased to welcome the first MCCL Legal Intern, Kinnie Leung, a third-year JD student, in Semester 2, 2024. Kinnie interned with MCCL as part of her Legal Internship subject. Under the supervision of Professor Andrew Godwin, Kinnie engaged in a variety of activities, including contributing to an MCCL research project focused on reforms to the legislative and regulatory framework to accommodate decentralised autonomous organisations (DAOs). Kinnie describes her internship experience at MCCL as ‘an engaging and educational opportunity to learn in a dynamic environment.’

Research

MCCL members and research programs conduct research from legal, regulatory, policy and perspectives on a wide range of projects. In 2024, MCCL members across our specialist research programs carried out work on projects funded by more than \$2 million in external grant funding, including from the Australian Research Council (ARC).

Grants and projects

Centre researchers carried out important research projects funded by external grants or consultancies, across a range of topics ranging from not-for-profits to taxation of wealth, consumer protection to financial exclusion, road infrastructure and cyber technology.

Harmful Financial Products: Analysis of Their Impact and Regulation (2016-2022)

Associate Professor Paul Ali (Chief Investigator), Emeritus Professor Ian Ramsay AO (Chief Investigator) and Dr Lucinda O'Brien conducted this research project, supported by an ARC Linkage Grant (\$620,000), in partnership with five leading non-profit organisations: Consumer Action Law Centre, Financial Counselling Australia, Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand, Mallee Family Care and WEstjustice. Harmful financial products pose a significant threat to the wellbeing of Australian consumers. In recent years, Australia has witnessed the emergence and proliferation of non-mainstream, or 'fringe' financial products. According to consumer advocates, providers of some of these products generate substantial profits by taking advantage of their customers, charging above-market prices, high interest rates and unconventional, ad hoc fees. There is evidence that such products serve to entrench the disadvantage of consumers who are already marginalised.

Further publications arising from the project appeared in 2024. They included a substantial empirical study of buy-now-pay-later, utilising the research team's online surveys and focus groups; a study of government debt collection, drawing on the findings of the Royal Commission into the Robodebt Scheme; and the first scholarly analysis of pawnbroking to be published in Australia.

In 2024, the project produced the following publications:

- O'Brien, Lucinda and Vivien Chen, '[Without Stronger Action, Robodebt Could Happen Again](#)' (*Pursuit*, 10 September 2024)
- O'Brien, Lucinda and Vivien Chen, '[Government Debt Collection After Robodebt](#)' (*Australian Public Law Blog*, 20 August 2024)
- O'Brien, Lucinda, Vivien Chen, Ian Ramsay and Paul Ali, '[Government Debt Collection After Robodebt](#)' (2024) 52(3) *Australian Business Law Review* 130
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- O'Brien, Lucinda, Ian Ramsay and Paul Ali, '[Innovation, Disruption and Consumer Harm in the Buy-Now-Pay-Later Industry](#)' (*Oxford Business Law Blog*, 12 January 2024)

Financial Exclusion, Poor Insurer Practices and Consumer Protection Project (2018-2023)

Associate Professor Paul Ali and Professor Emeritus Ian Ramsay AO led this ARC Discovery Project (\$358,916) with research fellow Evgenia Bourova. General insurance encompasses three products — building, home contents and motor vehicle insurance — that are considered essential to financial inclusion in Australia. These products allow consumers to accumulate important assets while knowing that they are protected against loss or damage from fire, flooding or theft. This project is Australia’s first large-scale empirical study examining financial exclusion and lack of access to general insurance, as well as poor insurer practices in selling insurance and handling claims. Through surveys and interviews, the project also aims to evaluate the effectiveness of the legal protections for consumers of general insurance.

The project is now in its third stage, which involves the preparation of publications drawing on the findings of the empirical study, and where relevant, making recommendations for law and policy reform.

In 2024, the project produced the following publications:

- Bourova, Evgenia, Ian Ramsay and Paul Ali, '[Unaffordable, Untrustworthy or Unnecessary? Reasons for Foregoing Building, Home Contents, and Comprehensive Car Insurance in Disaster-Prone Australia](#)' (2024) 27(3) *Risk Management and Insurance Review* 331
- Bourova, Evgenia, Ian Ramsay and Paul Ali, '[Unmet Need for Building, Home Contents and Comprehensive Car Insurance Among Uninsured Australians: Survey Finds and Options for Reform](#)' (2024) 46(2) *Sydney Law Review* 165
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Sharing the Wealth: Tax and Justice in the Slow Growth Era (2021-2024)

Professor Miranda Stewart led this ARC Discovery Project (\$309,000) with Associate Professor Daniel Halliday (Political Philosophy, Faculty of Arts) and international partners Professor Liam Murphy (New York University School of Law) and Professor Miranda Fleischer (University of San Diego School of Law). Monica Hope is the PhD Candidate on this project, researching wealth taxation and progressivity. The researchers would like to acknowledge and pay their respects to Professor Emeritus Geoffrey Brennan (Australian National University), an original Chief Investigator in this project, who passed away in 2022 and is sadly missed.

The project aims to address fundamental problems of injustice in taxation emerging in the transition to a slow-growth economy in Australia and globally. The project applies interdisciplinary approaches to generate new knowledge that aims to update frameworks for justice in taxation, refreshing outdated 20th-century ethical and legal approaches. Collaborative legal and philosophy analysis by leading scholars in Australia and the United States will respond to contemporary conditions of slow growth, wage stagnation, wealth inequality, population aging and longevity. Project outcomes will include tax reform proposals to benefit policymakers and enrich public debate on tax justice for 21st-century economic and fiscal conditions.

Negotiated Enforcement: Regulatory Power and Corporate Misconduct in the Financial Sector Project (2019-2024)

Professor Emeritus Ian Ramsay AO (Chief Investigator), with Miranda Webster, Lloyd Freeburn and George Gilligan, carried out research on this ARC Discovery Project (\$311,000). Enforcement outcomes are often the result of negotiations between regulators and alleged wrongdoers. These negotiations may, for example, result in the regulator not pursuing litigation against the alleged wrongdoer and, in return for acknowledging past misconduct and some form of promise in relation to future conduct, the alleged wrongdoer receives a reduced sanction. Regulators rely on negotiations with alleged wrongdoers to respond to misconduct, impose sanctions and promote responsible behaviour. However, there is concern about the increasing preference of regulators to use negotiated enforcement rather than litigation to counter serious misconduct in the financial sector. An over-reliance on negotiated enforcement raises concern where these practices: lack transparency; are inefficient; fail to deter misbehaviour; and operate to subvert individual justice. This project evaluates these issues by examining enforcement strategies by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) that involve negotiations with alleged wrongdoers and the factors that are relevant to ASIC when it pursues negotiations.

In 2024, the project produced the following publications:

- Freeburn, Lloyd and Ian Ramsay, '[How is ASIC Enforcing the New Financial Product Design and Distribution Obligations?](#)' (2024) 52 *Australian Business Law Review* 263
- Ramsay, Ian and Miranda Webster, 'The Origins, Evolution and Merits of the Civil Penalty Regimes Enforced by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission' (2024) 40 *Company and Securities Law Journal* 261
- Ramsay, Ian and Miranda Webster, '[Enforcement Action Against Company Directors and Officers by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission](#)' (2024) 45 *Company Lawyer* 399
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- Freeburn, Lloyd and Ian Ramsay, '[The Assessment by Courts of the Appropriateness of Agreed Penalties in Civil Penalty Proceedings](#)' (2024) 11 *Journal of Civil Litigation and Practice* 80

Reforming the Goods and Services Tax (2019-2025)

Associate Professor Kathryn James is conducting this ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award funded project, which aims to respond to the rapid erosion of Australia's revenue sources by addressing the future of the Goods and Services Tax (GST). The Australian GST taxes less than half of consumer spending and up to \$4.5 billion is lost to avoidance and evasion each year. This project expects to generate new knowledge in tax law and policy by using an innovative approach to assess whether possible reform options are viable, sustainable and equitable. Expected outcomes of this project include the formulation of achievable and defensible options that offer a clear path forward on GST reform. This should provide significant benefits to the community by contributing to a fairer and more sustainable tax system capable of meeting the needs of all Australians.

Building Resilient Legal Advice for Cyber and Critical Technologies in Viet Nam (2023-2024)

This initiative was funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Cyber and Critical Technology Cooperation Program and continues the work of the Ninian Stephan Law Program: New Legal Thinking for Emerging Technologies. It is led by Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson, with Dr Fahimeh Abedi, Professor Tim Miller, Ms Gabby Bush and Ms Nhung Nguyen Thi.

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Social Media

The MCCL has a [LinkedIn page](#) to share research publications by MCCL members, publicise events hosted by the Centre, and disseminate other research in the field of commercial law. The page currently has over 1,390 followers.

Selected Conference and Seminar Presentations

Associate Professor Matthew Bell

- ‘Contract Damages for Defective Construction Work: An Unsolvable Puzzle?’ Keynote speech to the International Construction Law Conference, Santiago, Chile, 28 November 2024

Professor Rosemary Langford

- ‘Corporate Purpose: Effecting Meaningful Change’, Keynote presentation to Sri Lanka Law College International Conference, ‘Law in the 21st Century: Exploring New Frontiers’, 28 Nov 2024
- ‘Corporate Purpose: Meaningful Change or Marketing Tool’, Understanding Corporate Purpose Conference, Victoria University of Wellington, 11 July 2024

Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson

- ‘AI Deepfakes on the Web: The “Wicked” Challenges for AI Ethics, Law and Technology,’ Proceedings of the ACM Web Conference 2024

Professor Miranda Stewart

- Justice Hill Memorial Lecture, Tax Summit Conference, hosted by The Tax Institute, Sydney, 11 September 2024
- Norwegian Aid and Development Agency (NORAD), Oslo, Norway, Key Issues in International Tax and Development, 19 June 2024
- Research Seminar, ‘Territory and Tax Jurisdiction: Skirmishes in the Borderlands of the Tax State’, Paris One Sorbonne Faculty of Law, France, 3 June 2024
- BI Norwegian Business School, Public Lecture and Panel Discussion, ‘The Future of the Norwegian Tax System’, 29 May 2024
- New South Wales Treasury, Seminar: Understanding Causes of Wealth Inequality, 19 March 2024 (with coauthors)
- University of Melbourne, Leadership Forum, Panel, ‘Shifting Sands – the University in the Context of an Uncertain World’, 15 February 2024

Editorial Positions

During 2024 academic members of the MCCL occupied editorial positions with a number of publications:

- Australian Business Law Review (Banking and Finance Subject Editor: Professor Andrew Godwin; member of the Editorial Board: Associate Professor Paul Ali)
- Australian Construction Law Newsletter (Member of the Editorial Board: Associate Professor Matthew Bell)
- Australian Journal of Competition and Consumer Law (Restrictive Trade Practices Editor: Professor Julie Clarke)
- Capital Markets Law Journal (Editorial Board: Associate Professor Paul Ali)
- Commercial Law in Asia book series (Member of the Editorial Board: Professor Andrew Godwin)
- Company and Securities Law Journal (Editor, Directors' Duties Section: Professor Rosemary Langford; Member of the Editorial Board: Associate Professor Paul Ali and Emeritus Professor Ian Ramsay AO)
- Data Rights and Wrongs (Editorial Board: Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson)
- Technology and Humans Journal; Cambridge Elements Data Rights and Wrongs (Editor: Professor Jeannie Marie Paterson)
- Journal of the Australasian Tax Teachers Association (Member of the Editorial Board: Professor Miranda Stewart)
- Journal of Banking and Finance Law and Practice (Member of the Editorial Board: Associate Professor Paul Ali)
- Journal of Malaysian and Comparative Law (Subject Editor: Professor Andrew Godwin)
- New Zealand Journal of Taxation Law and Policy (Member of the Editorial Board: Professor Miranda Stewart)
- Review of International and European Economic Law (Member of the International Advisory Board: Professor Miranda Stewart)
- SSRN eJournal, Fiduciary Law (Member of the Editorial Advisory Board: Professor Rosemary Langford)
- Tax Notes International, Council of Experts (Tax Analysts, USA): Professor Miranda Stewart
- Building and Construction Law Journal (Editor for Victoria and Tasmania: Associate Professor Matthew Bell)
- World Tax Journal (Member of the Editorial Board: Professor Miranda Stewart)

Awards and Honours

Melbourne Students and Alumni Excelled in Prestigious Construction Law Essay Competition

We congratulated our students and alumni for receiving prizes and commendations in the 2024 [Brooking Essay Prize](#) offered by the Society of Construction Law Australia:

- Eleanor Clifford, whose paper written with Cara North, 'Multi-party and Multi-contract Arbitrations in Australia: A Perennial Problem in Disputes involving Major Projects' won the Brooking Prize
- Harris Ashton, whose paper 'Illegality and Quantum Meruit in Residential Construction Law' won the Brooking Student Prize
- Joanne Bourke and Peter Le, whose papers were highly commended
- Amala James, Catherine Williams and Ian Thorpe, whose papers were commended.



We are very proud of the contribution which has been made by University of Melbourne students and alumni to construction law scholarship since our Master of Construction Law program was founded in 2000, including via the Brooking Prize. A list of student published papers from the program can be found on the [Centre's website](#).

Podcast: ‘Inside Commercial Law’

In 2023, the Centre launched a podcast series titled Inside Commercial Law. In 2024, seven episodes were posted, hosted by our Construction Law Program Directors, Associate Professors Matthew Bell and Wayne Jovic. The episodes have aimed to give listeners a sense not only of the diverse topics which the Centre and its research cover, but also to give insights into what is covered in the classrooms of our commercial law-related Melbourne Law Masters subjects through interviews with those subjects’ lecturers.

The 2024 episodes, therefore, covered topics from construction delay analysis to reliance damages, standard form contracts to sustainable urban construction. Guests on the podcast—mostly Senior Fellows in the Melbourne law Masters—included legal practitioners and academics from Australia, Canada, Dubai, and the UK.

The most popular 2023 podcasts illustrate the range of content from black-letter law to industry developments and best practice for non-lawyers:

- ‘The High Court’s Latest Take on Reliance Damages’, by Professor Katy Barnett and Senior Fellow Trevor Thomas, interviewed by Associate Professor Wayne Jovic;
- ‘A New Draft Australian Standard Construction Contract-AS4000: A Missed Opportunity’, by Senior Fellow Own Hayford, interviewed by Associate Professor Matthew Bell; and
- ‘A Journey through the “Middle End” of Construction Law and Practice’, by Senior Fellows Associate Professor Tina Funge and David Ulrick, interviewed by Associate Professor Matthew Bell.

Fourteen podcasts are available via Spotify and Apple Podcasts. We look forward to bringing more podcasts to our audiences across a wider range of research programs in the coming years.

Celebrating 25 Years of Construction Law Education at Melbourne Law School

November 2024 marked the 25th anniversary of the Construction Law Program at Melbourne Law School. The program now offers over 20 specialised subjects each year across the Juris Doctor, Melbourne Law Masters, and Master of Construction Management programs. While the program has grown in scope, it remains committed to fostering cross-disciplinary understanding and advocating for the rational reform of construction-related legal frameworks. The program's impact extends beyond the classroom, through several landmark research reports, a dedicated podcast, unparalleled access to research resources, and over 100 articles published by students. Read the [full note](#) about this anniversary by Associate Professors Matthew Bell and Wayne Jovic, Directors of Studies for Construction Law.



Community Tax Project

The Centre is pleased to contribute to the work of the [Community Tax Project](#), led by Associate Professor Kathryn James and supported by the University of Melbourne's Social Equity Institute. This played a leading role as a forum for the education of community sector representatives on tax policy in Australia.

Melbourne Law School

Tax Clinic

The Melbourne Law School Tax Clinic continues to set the benchmark for student centred, impact driven clinical legal education. As one of only 20 clinics in the National Tax Clinic network, it stands out for its collaborative model: JD students work shoulder to shoulder with pro bono tax and legal professionals under the leadership of Clinic Principal Julian Panetta, providing free, high quality advice to vulnerable Australians. During 2024, the Clinic assisted approximately 300 individuals and small businesses.

Close mentoring relationships with pro bono practitioners also translated into tangible career outcomes: several clinic alumni secured graduate roles with partner firms on the strength of their clinic experience.

In 2024, the Clinic's effectiveness was emphatically recognised when it secured renewed Commonwealth funding through a highly competitive national grant round. It also obtained an additional Australian Government grant to deliver tailored outreach for Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) workers—broadening services to an underserved cohort.

Academic engagement amplifies our community impact. Under Professor Sunita Jogarajan's supervision, JD students produced research papers on tax residency, legal professional privilege, trust taxation, the general anti avoidance rule, and the employee–contractor distinction, ensuring clinical insights inform leading scholarship and policy debate.

These achievements reflect the unwavering dedication of our volunteer professionals and the crucial support provided by the Australian Government. Together, they enable our students to develop practice ready skills while advancing tax justice for communities that need it most.

Key Service Areas

- Understanding correspondence with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
- Hardship applications
- Managing outstanding tax debts
- Remission applications for interest and other charges
- Assistance with the preparation of income tax returns and BAS
- Representation in dealings with the ATO
- Advice on tax residency
- General advice on a variety of other tax-related matters.

Partner Organisations

- BDO Australia
- Hall & Wilcox
- Aptum Legal
- Keypoint Law
- KPMG
- Pepperstone
- Perigee Advisers Pty Ltd
- Pitcher Partners
- PwC
- Sladen Legal
- Tradewise Solutions Chartered Accountants
- Victorian BarDr Steven Stern
 - Dr Steven Stern
 - Piotr Klank
 - Khai Yin Lin
 - Michael Wells

Blogs and Media Engagement

In 2024, members of MCCL contributed to public debate and education through a wide range of print, radio, television and social media channels, and in various blogs and publications. We highlight selected contributions and topics here.

Professor Jianlin Chen

- Commented on [ABC News](#) that the fraud case involving a pastor using sermons to spruik investment in his cryptocurrency is a case of ‘affinity fraud’ marketing.

Dr Ben Hopper

- Discussed the concept of the public domain with reporter Nat Kelly on ABC’s [Behind the News](#).

Dr Lucinda O’Brien

- Was featured in the [Sydney Morning Herald](#) for her research on the pawnbroker industry. Dr O’Brien also spoke with 2GB radio in Sydney on this topic.
- Spoke to ABC Radio Canberra and wrote in Pursuit on aggressive State and Federal Government debt-collection tactics, risking another Robodebt scenario.
- Was featured in an article on [Choice’s](#) website encompassing her research on pawnbroking and her calls for reform.
- Was referred to in the [AFR](#) as the discussion surrounding loose regulations around pawnbrokers continued following the research’s impact.
- Spoke to AAP about her new research on pawn lending (co-authored with Paul Ali and Ian Ramsay AO). The story was also picked up by regional outlets including [The Canberra Times](#), Perth Now, The Illawarra Mercury, the Border Mail, and The Guardian.

Professor Christine Parker

- Unpacked the power of the meat industry to influence legislation and proposed new approaches to regulation in [The Conversation](#).
- Had her research on junk food advertising reported in [The New Daily](#), Bendigo Advertiser, [The New Zealand Herald](#) and others, following her piece in [The Conversation](#).
- Wrote in [Pursuit](#) with Dr César Albarrán-Torres about how some overseas online casinos are illegally targeting Australians using Facebook ads – and it’s a big problem.

Professor Jeannie Paterson

- Spoke about subscription traps with ABC Radio Brisbane.
- Discussed ‘digital humans’ used by Chinese tech firms in sectors like gaming, animation and entertainment on Singaporean news outlet Channel News Asia and in a related YouTube video.
- Was featured in [ABC Online](#) in relation to the right to an extended warranty, central to a class action against Harvey Norman.
- Discussed illusionary discounting with ABC Radio Brisbane.
- Talked about tips for scientists to navigate AI and deepfakes with [Nature](#).
- Spoke to Ali Moore on ABC Melbourne Drive radio about how apps track us.
- Spoke to [ABC News Breakfast](#) TV and ABC RN Drive about how businesses were unlikely to receive compensation for losses following the CrowdStrike outage due to common contract exemptions.
- Said there were calls for social media companies to watermark and use metadata to mark these images as AI-created after [AAP](#) fact-checked social media user claims of before-and-after diet results with AI, often finding them misleading.
- Discussed global approaches to the regulation of AI on [ABC Chinese](#).
- Discussed Australia’s online safety enforcement on [ABC RN](#).
- Said that ‘consumers still have protection rights even if warranties have expired,’ in discussing online-shopping returns on [Yahoo! Finance](#).
- Discussed the US Department of Justice’s lawsuit against entertainment company Live Nation, which the department claims has a monopoly over the live-music industry, on [Triple J Hack](#).
- Discussed the class action against insurer IAG, which claims the company inflated premiums for customers unlikely to consider alternative insurers, on [ABC News Radio](#).
- Said that ‘dynamic pricing should not be used for irrelevant or unfair considerations,’ on [In The Black](#).
- Spoke with AAP and the [Herald Sun](#), and was featured in a total of 19 media stories including in Radio National RN Drive, Education HQ News, the Weekly Times and the Gold Coast Bulletin, discussing deepfakes and schoolchildren.
- Emphasised the necessity of a multifaceted response to restrict the embedding of AI bias in [The Australian Financial Review](#).
- Noted in The Conversation that legislation hasn’t caught up to the improving technology of ‘deepfakes,’ while discussing the available compensation after a deepfake scam.
- Discussed scammers using ‘bots’ to rapidly purchase concert tickets to sell for profits, and the lack of uniform anti-bot and anti-scalping laws in Australia following the mass demand for popular electronic music artist Fred Again tickets in Australia with Triple J’s Hack.
- Said that it is legal for businesses to not accept cash as [AAP](#) fact-checked Bob Katter’s claim that a café’s rejection of his cash was illegal.

- Discussed legal responses to deep fake image abuse on ABC, particularly in light of fake images of Taylor Swift that flooded social media.
- Discussed the New York Times' lawsuit against ChatGPT for using the publication's articles to refine its AI systems with ABC News TV.
- Spoke on ABC Radio Melbourne and the [Sydney Morning Herald](#) on the hack in Victoria's court system.
- Appeared on [ABC Breakfast](#) commenting on Twitter's decision to block users from searching Taylor Swift after AI-generated explicit images of Swift were put on social media.

Professor Miranda Stewart

- Appeared as a guest on ABC radio and podcast program [The Minefield](#), to discuss why negative gearing policies elicit strong reactions and raise ethical considerations for the state of the housing market.

Other Engagement

Members of the MCCL conduct a wide range of public policy, professional, not-for-profit and other engagement activities.

Policy, Law Reform and the Profession

MCCL members are strongly engaged in the profession and the community sector. This is well illustrated by Professor Miranda Stewart's visiting role in the Australian Treasury as a Visiting Principal Fellow for eight months during 2024, working with the Revenue Group on tax policy. During the visit, Professor Stewart worked on the revision of the Stage 3 tax cuts and issues relating to electric vehicle road user charging (the Vanderstock case), as well as a range of other tax policy topics.

Teaching

MCCL members teach in the JD, Masters and breadth programs at the Melbourne Law School and carry out a range of other teaching and educational activities. We list here the subjects offered across these programs in 2024.

Juris Doctor

Subject	Code
Commercial Data Law	LAWS90213
Commercial Law in Practice	LAWS90059
Construction Law	LAWS50084
Consumer Law	LAWS90197
Contract Law	LAWS50029
Corporations Law	LAWS50035
International Commercial Law & Disputes	LAWS50094
Legal Research (Australian Corporate and Consumer Finance Law)	LAWS50039
Mergers, Acquisitions & Capital Markets	LAWS50108
MLS Tax Clinic	LAWS90164
New Technology Law	LAWS90107
Obligations	LAWS50026
Remedies	LAWS50036
Sustainability Business Clinic	LAWS50126
Taxation Law and Policy	LAWS50046

Breadth

MCCL members teach across a wide range of undergraduate degrees at the University of Melbourne.

Subject	Code
AI, Ethics and Law	LAW10009
Consumer Law	BLAW20003
Corporate Law	BLAW20001
Principles of Business Law	BLAW10001
Taxation Law I	BLAW30002
Taxation Law II	BLAW30003

Melbourne Law Masters

During 2024, more than 100 commercial law-related subjects were delivered in the Melbourne Law Masters, and a similar number are set to be offered in 2025. A sense of the breadth and depth of subject offerings can be gained from the list of accredited subjects for the Master of Commercial Law, covering topics from international arbitration to tax treaties, construction law to consumer protection.

Students are also able to study these subjects via the Master of Laws or specialist Masters or Graduate Diplomas covering the four research programs of our Centre. In turn, commercial lawyers and professionals in related fields have an unrivalled opportunity to accelerate their knowledge by learning from leading academics and practitioners from across Australia and around the world in our dedicated Masters classrooms.

For more information, please visit: <https://law.unimelb.edu.au/study/masters>

Competition and Consumer Law

Professor Jeannie Paterson and Professor Julie Clarke lead the specialist Masters program in Competition and Consumer Law. Professor Julie Clarke is also the Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning).

Subject	Code	Lecturers/Coordinators
Australian Consumer Law	LAWS70380	Jeannie Paterson, Hal Bolitho
Australian Merger Law	LAWS90287	Rhonda Smith
Cartels	LAWS90064	Julie Clarke, Jacqueline Ibrahim
Competition in Digital Markets	LAWS90171	Michal Gal
Consumer Protection	LAWS90070	Luke Nottage, Ben Hopper
Foundations: Competition Law & Economics	LAWS90065	Rhonda Smith
International Trade and Competition Law	LAWS90095	Hassan Quqaya
Mergers	LAWS90072	David Reader
Regulating AI	LAWS90165	Jeannie Paterson
Unilateral Conduct	LAWS90066	Rhonda Smith, Arlen Duke
ASEAN Competition Regime	LAWS90278	Khatina Nawawi
Asia-Pacific Comparative Consumer Law	LAWS90289	Jodi Gardner

Construction Law

Associate Professors Matthew Bell and Wayne Jovic lead the specialist Masters program in Construction Law.

Subject	Code	Lecturers/Coordinators
Advanced Construction Law	LAWS70128	Michael Earwaker, Trevor Thomas
Avoid and Manage Construction Disputes	LAWS70245	David Opperman, Ashleigh Cole
Construction Contract Analysis and Drafting	LAWS70270	Wayne Jovic
Construction Dispute Resolution	LAWS70133	Andrew Stephenson, Dado Hrustanpasic, Jey Nandacumaran
Construction Law	LAWS70176	Phillip Greenham, Peter Williams AM, Trevor Thomas
Construction Law and Projects in Asia	LAWS90014	Arthur McInnis, Paul Starr
Construction Risk	LAWS70149	Tony Horan, Callum Densley
Global Perspectives on Construction Law	LAWS70450	Paul Tracey
International Construction Law	LAWS70139	Donald Charrett, Sharon Vogel
Major Project Delivery: Legal Interfaces	LAWS90999	Jeremy Chenoweth, Kiri Parr
Managing Legal Risk in Construction	LAWS70441	David Ulbrick, Tina Funge
Payment Matters in Construction Projects	LAWS70239	John Baartz, David Campbell-Williams
Planning and Building Sustainable Cities	LAWS90029	Jody Williams, Ilsa Kuiper
Principles of Construction Law	LAWS70314	Matthew Bell
Public Private Partnerships Law	LAWS70113	Owen Hayford
Remedies in the Construction Context	LAWS70112	Wayne Jovic, Katy Barnett
Residential Construction Law	LAWS70329	Matthew Bell
Rethinking Construction Contracting Risk	LAWS90229	Phillip Greenham, Rebecca Dickson

Commercial Law

Professor Rosemary Langford is the Director of Studies in the Commercial Law program of the Melbourne Law Masters.

Subject	Code	Lecturers/Coordinators
Accounting for Commercial Lawyers	LAWS70140	Richard Comerford, Noel Boys
Civil Regulatory Litigation	LAWS90204	John Middleton AM KC
Comparative Corporate Governance	LAWS70134	Wen-Yu Wang
Comparative Corporate Insolvency Law	LAWS90112	Aurelio Gurrea-Martinez
Corporate Governance & Directors' Duties	LAWS70190	Elizabeth Boros KC, Bruce Dyer
Corporate Insolvency and Reconstruction	LAWS70240	Carl Moller SC
Principles of Corporate Law	LAWS70107	David Babovic
Public M&A: Schemese of Arrangement	LAWS70316	Greg Ahern, Jason Jordan
Shareholders' Rights and Remedies	LAWS70193	Elizabeth Boros KC
White Collar Crime	LAWS70385	Stephen Speirs
International Commercial Insurance Law	LAWS90293	Özlem Gürses

Banking and Finance Law

Associate Professor Paul Ali is the Director of Studies in the Banking and Finance Law program in the Melbourne Law Masters.

Subject	Code	Lecturers/Coordinators
Advanced Payment Devices and FinTech	LAWS90081	Liran Haim
Banking and Secured Finance	LAWS70206	Paul Ali
Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Law	LAWS90169	Timothy Spangler
Cryptoassets in Global Context	LAWS90216	Tatiana Dancy
Financial Crises: Policy and Regulation	LAWS90300	Andrew Godwin
FinTech and Payments Law	LAWS90237	Andrew Godwin
Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds	LAWS70420	Timothy Spangler
Impact Investing: Driving Change	LAWS90254	Jan Job de Vries Robbe
International Financial System	LAWS70110	Douglas Arner
International Financial Transactions	LAWS70125	Andrew Godwin
International Sustainable Finance	LAWS90144	Jan Job de Vries Robbe
Regulation of FinTech	LAWS90110	Jane Winn
Superannuation Law	LAWS70036	Michael Chaaya

Tax and International Tax

Professor Sunita Jogarajan is the Director of Tax and International Tax Studies in the Melbourne Law Masters.

Subject	Code	Lecturers/Coordinators
Capital Gains Tax: Problems in Practice	LAWS70081	Michael Flynn KC, Anna Wilson
Chinese Tax Law and Policy	LAWS90231	Li Na
Comparative Corporate Tax	LAWS70009	Peter Harris
Corporate Tax A	LAWS70024	Frank O'Loughlin KC, Stewart Grieve, Nasos Kaskani, Mia Clarebrough
Corporate Tax B	LAWS70008	Aldrin De Silva
Current Issues in International Tax	LAWS90158	David Duff
Foundations of Tax Law	LAWS70323	David Babovic
Global Digital Tax	LAWS90232	Heydon Wardell-Burrus
Goods and Services Tax	LAWS70031	Chris Sievers KC, Angela Lee KC
International Tax: Advanced Topics	LAWS90017	Mark Brabazon SC
International Tax: Principles, Structure	LAWS70006	David Watkins, Jonathan Hill
International Taxation in the US	LAWS70124	David Rosenbloom
Superannuation Law and Policy	LAWS90239	Emily Millane
Tax Administration	LAWS90130	Ali Noroozi
Tax Avoidance and Planning	LAWS70005	Jennifer Davies SC, Tony Pagone AM KC, Lachlan Molesworth
Tax Litigation	LAWS70266	Eugene Wheelahan KC, Joel Phillips, Melanie Baker KC
Tax of Business and Investment Income	LAWS70002	Michelle Herring, Tim Neilson, David Vuong, Mark Gioskos
Tax of Innovation	LAWS90236	Michael Charles, Hank Schiberris, Piotr Klank
Tax Policy	LAWS70319	Paul Tilley
Tax Treaties: International Perspectives	LAWS90132	Dhruv Janssen-Sanghavi
Taxation of Small and Medium Enterprises	LAWS70049	Paul Hockridge, Mark Morris
Transfer Pricing: Practice and Problems	LAWS70203	Michael Kobetsky, Shannon Smit



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