The opening of the first semester of the 2015/16 academic year brought a significant change for the Institute of Law because in September we received the first influx of LLB students from the University of Toulouse. The brainchild of the Director of Studies, Dr David Marrani, the “double degree” of an LLB from the University of London and the licence from the University of Toulouse is expected to be of interest to students both from France and from Jersey. An agreement has been signed by the Chairman of the Governing Body of the Institute and the President of the University of Toulouse which puts the “double degree” on an official footing. The inclusion of some outstanding French students in the LLB course will add to the interest for Jersey students, and create more of a “university-type” experience for them. It will be open to any Jersey students electing for the “double degree” to study for two years at the University of Toulouse in order to obtain the licence. Bienvenue aux étudiants et étudiantes de Toulouse!

The LLB teaching will of course be offered concurrently with the Jersey Law Course leading to qualification as an advocate or solicitor. Dr Nicola Jackson, who took over the teaching of the Trusts module during the course of the last academic year, is continuing in 2015/16. Dr Gavin Hoccom took over Company Law, and Dr John Tribe took over Security and Bankruptcy. Andrea Loux Jarman has been appointed to teach Immovable Property with effect from January 2016. We are also joined on the LLB by our new European Union tutors, Gillian Daly and Dr Oliver Gerstenberg, and our new Family Law tutor Claire Davies. We also have two new midweek tutors for EU Law, Miguel Zaragoza and Victoria Bell.

It is to be hoped that the experience of studying at the Institute will continue to give a broad insight into the world of law and lay the foundations for many successful and enjoyable careers.

Sir Philip Bailhache
Chairman of the Governing Body
New Year

The New Year has brought with it many new challenges and opportunities. We have several new students joining our First Years this semester, and hope that they will enjoy their time with us. We will also be running our very first Taster Sessions in February, which should be a new experience for all of us.

We have new publications by our staff, including from our Director of Studies David Marrani:


Our Assistant Manager, Shona Ringsdore, has left our Institute for pastures new on the other side of the world, and has been replaced by Cairistiona Annan.

**Congratulations**

We would like to congratulate all our students on the Jersey Law Course and the LL.B who have won awards:

**Jersey Law Course:**
- **Emily Nieuwberg**, who won the Prize for the Law of Security Interests and Bankruptcy, sponsored by Bedell Cristin.
- **Daniel Read**, who won the Prize for Testate and Intestate Succession, sponsored by Benest & Syvret, and the Prize for Civil and Criminal Procedure, sponsored by Viberts.
- **Daniel Read, Kate Andrews and Daniel Walker** all won the Prize for Company Law, sponsored by Mourant Ozannes.
- **Andrew Morris**, who won the Prize for Family Law, sponsored by Davies and Ingram.
- **Niall MacDonald**, who won the Junior Lawyer of the Year Award, which is awarded by the Law Society of Jersey.

**LL.B:**
- **Samuel Jaakola**, who won the Certificate of Achievement for his performance in Law of Tort. He also won the Routledge Prize for the Best Overall Performance (2nd Year).
- **Nikejshia Moon**, who won the Certificate of Achievement for her performances in Public Law, Common Law Reasoning and Institutions and Elements of the Law of Contract. She also won the Thomas & Dessain Prize for the Highest Mark in Any LL.B Subject.
- **Zoe Beer**, who won the Routledge Prize for the Best Overall Performance (1st Year).
- **Dominic Hind**, who won the Jersey and Guernsey Law Review Prize for the Best Final Dissertation Mark.
- **Hannah McHugh**, who won the Margaret Halliwell Prize for Academic Achievement.
The Law Society of Jersey has voted Advocate Niall MacDonald, as the winner of its Junior Lawyer of the Year Award. Advocate MacDonald is an Associate at Jersey Law firm Walkers, within their Commercial Litigation team. He originally qualified as a Scottish Solicitor in 2006 and qualified as a Jersey Advocate in December 2014.

The Junior Lawyer of the Year award is designed to recognise excellence amongst members of The Law Society of Jersey who have been qualified for less than three years. The award is made on nomination to the Law Society Committee which considers the contribution of nominees in one or more of the following criteria:

- the legal profession in Jersey
- the nominee’s firm
- jurisprudence in Jersey
- student learning
- innovation in the provision of legal services in Jersey
- the local community
- achievement in adverse or difficult circumstances

Advocate Jonathan Speck, President of The Law Society of Jersey, said: “It is important that we encourage and support the junior members of our profession and recognise those who stand out. While Niall MacDonald only qualified as a Jersey Advocate just over a year ago, he has already made over 100 appearances before the courts and tribunals of the Island, representing clients in a wide range of litigation issues, including criminal defence work, personal injury claims and employment law issues, achieving consistently good results.”

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Does Jersey Need a Criminal Code?

Last year, in November, the Institute of Law had the pleasure of hosting our annual CPD conference, offering seven hours of CPD points to all attendees. These included Jersey and Guernsey advocates, English solicitors, and English barristers. The topic was regarding whether Jersey needs a Criminal Code.

The speakers at the conference were all very knowledgeable in their fields, and covered a wide range of legal issues, including the impact of criminal law on other fields such as finance, and was of great interest to those whose practice did not include criminal law. It was a well-attended conference with great discussion during the Round Table, hosted after the speakers had finished presenting their views.

The day was split into three sessions, covering different topics.

Session One covered issues in the codification of Criminal Law. The speakers were Edward Phillips from the University of Greenwich, who considered the experience of the Indian Penal Code and its influence on the Codification Enterprise, Professor Pamela Ferguson from the University of Dundee, who discussed structuring Criminal Codes, Professor Ian Dennis from University College London, who covered the English experience of Codification, and Dr Stephanie Roberts from the University of Westminster, who deliberated preventing miscarriages of justice.

Sessions Two and Three covered current problems in Criminal Law. Session Two was a discussion and workshop with a panel of leading Channel Islands Advocates, consisting of William Redgrave from Baker & Partners, who talked about the perils of financial crime, Simon Thomas from Baker & Partners, who discussed current legal problems with sex offences, Rebecca Morley-Kirk from Parslows, who covered homicide offences, and Matthew Maletroit from the Law Officers’ Department, whose topic was cyberbullying.

Session Three talked about issues for Jersey to consider. These speakers were Dr John Child from the University of Sussex, who covered prior fault, Claire de Than, Deputy Director for the Institute, who explained consent and capacity, Paul Eden from the University of Sussex, whose topic was justification and excuse, and finally Dr Jesse Elvin from City University London, who concluded with causation and legal responsibility.

The speakers will write up a paper on their topics, which will be released later this year, for those interested in seeing the outcome of the conference discussion.
Unprecedented success for Institute of Law, Jersey

A team of LL.B law degree students from the Institute of Law won the 2015 UK National Mediation Competition, beating teams from professional legal courses and universities across the United Kingdom. The strong field of teams competing included Queen’s University Belfast, the Universities of Kent, East Anglia and Sussex, and two campuses of the University of Law. The competition was judged by over 40 experienced practising mediators, lawyers and academics.

Hannah McHugh, Juliet Karugahe, William Mawdsley and Samuel Jaakola took part in eight mediations over two weekends, playing the roles of mediators and of parties to a wide range of disputes. At the time, they were all students on the University of London LL.B, for which the Institute of Law is a registered centre.

Hannah, who lives in Guernsey, combines flying to Jersey for her weekend classes with working at Elysium Fund Management Limited.

Juliet, an Ogier bursary student who was in her final year of studies at the Institute of Law, said, ‘It was a great honour to participate in the mediation competition, let alone being part of the Institute’s winning team.’

Will, who studied while working as a legal assistant at Viberts added, ‘We valued the opportunity to learn and work with other students and we are delighted.’

The delight is shared by team coach and Institute of Law Deputy Director, Claire de Than; ‘This win demonstrates the talent and legal skills of the students at the Institute of Law, Jersey. It is a small institution which has had remarkable success in legal competitions. For example, two of the LL.B team, Juliet and Will, have already won an international mooting competition representing the Institute.’

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Something you may not know ........

Founded in 2008, the Institute is a boutique law school providing degree, Masters and PhD courses in law, as well as tuition for intending advocates and solicitors of the Royal Court of Jersey, and continuing professional development training. Its main branch is in Jersey and it also offers courses run in partnership with academic providers in Guernsey, France and Spain. Students are able to combine their studies with internships and many work for law firms throughout their studies.
Moot Competition in Jersey

Teams of University of London International Law students from across the world participated in the second University of London International Programme Moot Court Competition.

The competition, which simulated the proceedings of an International Court, was held at the Institute of Law, Jersey with a final round via video conference, so that students who were unable to obtain visas to attend in person were still able to compete.

The judges included leading international legal experts and jurists: Edward Phillips, the UK National Administrator for the Jessup international mooting competition and Principal Lecturer in International Law at the University of Greenwich; Tobias Kliem, Senior Lecturer in International Law from the University of Kent; and Dr Elimma Ezeani, Course Leader for the LLM in International Commercial Law at Robert Gordon University.

Under the contest, held on the 15 March 2015, the law students were given a fictional case involving oil and energy law, international and European human rights, public law, armed conflict, and the exploitation of young men, women and children. The competitors were tasked with drafting memorials and making oral presentations, given via video conferencing to simulate a court of the 21st c. as part of either the applicant’s or respondent’s team.

The competitors were selected within participating centres of the International LL.B programme after the event being promoted among all UoL Centres and independent students.

The Institute of Law has also launched its own mooting competition, open to all LL.B students, which will commence in summer 2016 and will be hosted in the local courts. Teams who are unable to come to Jersey in person will be able to ‘attend’ virtually via web link, aided by new technology. The competition will focus on core LL.B subject areas such as criminal law, contract law, and tort.
Studying with Us

The Institute of Law in Jersey is a Registered Centre for the University of London International Programmes for our LL.B. This means that, upon graduation, each student doing the LL.B will have obtained their Law degree from the University of London.

The cost of studying with us is considerably lower than in the UK (approximately 30%).

We have sensible entrance requirements which are lower than many in the UK.

The on-island degree offers small-group tuition from experienced UK academics as well as mentoring from local lawyers.

We are the only institution that runs the Jersey Law Course, which is the route for qualification as an Advocate or Solicitor of the Royal Court.

Each student has access to our study facilities such as the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), the Institute’s Law Library, study rooms equipped with IT, and seminar rooms, as well as our fully equipped kitchen with free tea and coffee.

We have a high pass rate and are very flexible with how many years it takes to study with us; students can take as many as eight years or as few as two to complete the LL.B. Some of our Jersey Law Course students complete the entire course in one year.

Our teaching is mainly based in the evenings or on weekends, meaning that a student would be able to be employed full-time whilst also studying for a degree. We expect that all Jersey Law Course students will be in part- or full-time employment whilst studying with us.

The University of London’s LL.B is one of the most prestigious Law degrees in the world!

For more information about the Institute of Law, Jersey, please visit our website: http://www.lawinstitute.ac.je/
The Institute of Law Endowment Trust

The Institute of Law is fortunate in having an Endowment Trust as a means to support, sustain and enhance the Institute itself. The Institute of Law Endowment Trust is an incorporated association that is able to receive funds by gifts and legacies however big or small and including properties and buildings.

Gifts over £100 paid out of income qualify for Jersey income tax relief, so that such gifts enable the Endowment Trust to recover the income tax paid. In this way, the donor’s generosity is increased in the hands of the Endowment Trust at no extra cost to the donor.

There are many good and varied reasons why donors have considered and are considering assisting the fund.

Some of these are in recognition that Jersey’s independent status is, in part, safeguarded by maintaining and strengthening the Island’s laws and having a strong bench and bar.

Other reasons derive from a sense of gratitude and wanting to put something back into the Island.

Other reasons flow from a desire to encourage and support the next generation.

Others, as a result of enjoying or having enjoyed a successful life.

Others are professionals, particularly lawyers, with a particular interest in supporting the profession and, equally, its immediate and long term future.

You may share such views. In any event, the means to strengthen the Institute of Law and its aims clearly exist.

If you are interested in knowing more, please refer to the website www.lawinstitute.ac.je or by contacting the Chairman:

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Student Updates and Adverts

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Announcement

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