

# FOREWORD

## RESEARCH FOCUSED AND ALIGNMENT

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The *Victoria University Law and Justice Journal* ('VULJ') is the flagship law journal of the College of Law and Justice at Victoria University and from its inception has quickly developed as a reputable peer reviewed student-run law journal. I wish to thank the editorial team, under the direction of the Managing Academic Editor, Nussen Ainsworth, for their tireless efforts and congratulate them for producing the 2013 volume of VULJ.

The journal has adopted a new name this year – *Victoria University Law and Justice Journal*. It was formally called *DICTUM – the Victoria Law School Journal*. The name change aligns the journal with the new college-based structure of the University, and with the College of Law and Justice's strategic direction and plan.

The College of Law and Justice was established at the start of 2013 to deliver vocational and higher education and to engage in activities relating to learning and teaching and specialist research in the law, justice and legal services areas. The College comprises two main organisational units, the Victoria Law School ('VLS') and the Sir Zelman Cowen Centre ('SZCC'). The VLS has operated for 12 years and commenced as a department teaching into the business degree and evolved, in its own right, as a School of the former Faculty of Business and Law. VLS offers the Undergraduate Law Degree, the LLB, which is the central degree of the College and its suite of courses. VLS also delivers the Bachelor of Legal Practice Management degree and provides service teaching to other Colleges and areas within the University.

The SZCC, which has been operating 10 years, offers vocational, award and non-award courses, postgraduate coursework qualifications and is the outreach and commercial division of the College. Its main award course is the Immigration law program.

The College is very fortunate to be located in historic legal industry buildings (the former Records Office and Land Titles Office) in the heart of Melbourne's courts' precinct with excellent access to the court system, to members of the profession, to employers and to government agencies.

The College is largely synchronous with the Law and Legal Services 'Distinctive Specialisation' set out in the Victoria University Agenda: Excellent, Engaged and Accessible and intends to be a university leader in developing engagement with industry, community and specialist research.

This publication is a vital step in promoting the College of Law and Justice and its distinctive research and contemporary legal education offering.

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to read volume 3, 2013 of the *Victoria University Law and Justice Journal*.

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