Report from Semester 1 Intern – Jessica Trappel

I completed an internship during Semester 1, 2009 at the Indigenous Law Centre (ILC) as part of the Social Justice Program offered through the Faculty of Law.

Working at the Centre was a fantastic experience and gave me the opportunity to contribute to a number of diverse and exciting Indigenous law and policy projects. Some of the work I completed during my internship included writing substantive content for an ‘Australian Civics and Law Guide’, updating the ‘Constitutional Law Reform Project’ website. I also undertook research on Constitutional Law Reform, in particular the history of the relationship between the Constitution and Indigenous people in Australia and comparative Constitutional reform.

Through my work at the ILC I gained experience working in a professional environment, and developed important research and writing skills which will be invaluable in my future law career. More importantly, the work I undertook during my internship was fascinating and rewarding and has inspired me to pursue further research and work in the area of Indigenous law and policy.

I would strongly recommend an internship at the ILC to anyone with an interest in Indigenous law, as it offers the opportunity to engage with Indigenous legal issues in a hands-on, focused and collaborative environment.

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