

LAW4803 Clinical Externship – Monash/King Wood Mallesons Clinic

Synopsis

Students participating in this clinic will work with faculty members, practitioners and corporations to prepare Corporate Governance Reports for ASX listed companies. Students may work alone, or in pairs or groups of up to four or five on a report under the supervision of a faculty and/ or practitioner mentor.

This clinic is offered in first and second semesters only – it is not available over summer semesters.

Prerequisites

For students who commenced their LLB (Hons) course in 2015 or later:

[LAW1111](#); [LAW1114](#); [LAW1112](#); [LAW1113](#); [LAW2101](#); [LAW2102](#); [LAW2112](#); [LAW2111](#)

For students who commenced their LLB course prior to 2015:

LAW1100 OR [LAW1101](#) and LAW1102 or [LAW1104](#); LAW2100 OR [LAW2101](#) and [LAW2102](#); LAW2200 OR [LAW2201](#) and [LAW2202](#); LAW3300 or [LAW3301](#) and [LAW3302](#).

For JD students:

The achievement of at least twelve units or 72 credit points towards the Master of Laws (Juris Doctor) to include: [LAW5000](#), [LAW5001](#), [LAW5002](#), [LAW5003](#), [LAW5004](#), [LAW5005](#), [LAW5006](#), [LAW5007](#) or equivalent.

In addition, students intending to undertake any of the following clinics:

- + Sexual Assault Clinic
- + Family Violence Clinic

must have completed [LAW4328](#) (or LAW5216), [LAW4330](#) (or LAW5218) or [LAW5050](#). In other clinics preference for a placement will be given to students who have completed these units.

a) Selection

Places in this unit are intended to provide a route for high-performing *Professional Practice* students from prior clinical periods and for other appropriate students. Places are very limited and entry is competitive. Selection is based on a combination of factors and will involve an interview with a law school staff member and a solicitor from the host firm.

Students will be initially selected for interview on the basis of the completion of an application form. Students must have completed LAW4171 Corporations Law (or equivalent) to be considered for interview.

In addition to the above requirement, a determination is made on whether students are accepted for interview on the following basis:

- a) Whether all the other prerequisites have been completed.
- b) How close the student is to completing their degree. Preference is given to students who would be completing Clinical Externship towards the end of their degree.
- c) How many hours of paid or volunteer external work the student is doing. If a student is doing more than 20 hours per week of external work, then it normally they would not be accepted into the unit. Students may be contacted to discuss this further regarding flexibility.
- d) How many other units are being taken with Clinical Externship. If the student is doing more than three other units as well as Clinical Externship, normally they would not be accepted into the unit.

b) Overview

Participation in this unit takes place in either of both of the following activities:

1. Preparing (under KWM supervision) corporate governance reports for ASX listed companies. KWM will seek companies that are willing to receive these reports. These reports will:
 - a) review compliance with ASX corporate governance principles (excluding principle 8 – executive remuneration)
 - b) provide general guidelines on corporate social responsibility (CSR) and directors' duties and checklists.

An KWM partner/SC/SA will meet with company representatives to prepare the report along with the students, once completed.

2. Establishment and support for "Legal Health Check Clinics" for Not For Profit organisations, to be conducted by the KWM pro bono program in conjunction with in-house counsel from other organisations these clinics will provide free advice on corporate governance and related issues to Not For Profit organisations.

The Workload

Attendance is required at one 4-hour clinic session per week at KWM Australia Level 50 Bourke Place, 600 Bourke Street, Melbourne, on a day to be advised, for the duration of the semester. In addition to weekly attendance, students will be required to spend up to 9 hours per week in research, report preparation and consultation with their supervisor. Further, students will be expected to attend and participate in the presentation of the corporate governance reports to the appropriate organisations at the finalisation of the semester.

Assessment Summary

Assessment Task	Value	Due Date
1. Casework at Clinic according to attached criteria	80%	Continuous
2. Research paper (1000-1500 words)	20%	TBA (See unit guide)

