

**Institution: City University London** 

Unit of Assessment: 20 Law

#### a. Overview

Since 2008 City University London has invested heavily in academic staff as a major component of the implementation of the University's Strategic Plan 2012-2016. The £35M recruitment initiative has resulted in 141 new academic staff from across the world in post as of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013, including 15 new appointments made in The City Law School (CLS), with equal weight given to both professorial and early career researchers (ECRs) to support long-term sustainability. The University has also invested £35M and up to £130M respectively in transforming its IT infrastructure and systems and its estate including new premises for CLS.

CLS's academic research ranges from doctrinal to socio-legal, across a broad subject matter. Strength is represented in established research centres and emergent groups, particularly European Law, International Law and professional and socio-legal studies.

# b. Research strategy

Following RAE 2008 CLS confirmed seven strategic actions to develop research. Progress against these aims during the current REF period is as follows:

- (1) Develop the volume and quality of research activity. Capacity building was supported by expansion of the undergraduate and postgraduate academic programmes and by University investment in the appointment of senior academics. This has resulted in more than double the number of staff being engaged in research in 2013 than were submitted to the RAE 2008. Annual monitoring of research outputs since 2008 by internal and external review indicates a substantial improvement in the quality profile. Those engaged in research but not included in the current REF submission are offered carefully tailored guidance and support on a continuing basis to assist them in increasing the quality of their future outputs.
- (2) Ensure research informs teaching activity, especially in postgraduate courses. Development of niche Masters courses has encouraged the use of cutting-edge research in teaching (e.g., BONADIO IP law; COSTA EU Law; DRAGHICI human rights; KUNZLIK public procurement law, public-private partnerships and competition in the global context; COLLINS World Trade Organisation Law).
- (3) Establish research groups in areas of strength and contemporary significance. Most staff engaged in research are members of research centres, as follows:

Institute for the Study of European Laws (ISEL): AZARIA, BONADIO, COSTA, GALE, HATZIS, KAUR-DUA, KOUTRAKOS, WATSON, DASHWOOD, TRUXAL, WOODS, WILSHER, DRAGHICI, COSTA and BERNERI who holds a PhD Studentship. The Institute was developed by WOODS, building on interests at CLS in Constitutional and Administrative law of the EU. Following the departure of WOODS, leadership has been provided through the recent appointments of Professors KOUTRAKOS (ex Jean Monnet Chair, Bristol) and Sir Alan DASHWOOD (ex Cambridge).

Centre for Law, Justice and Journalism (CLJJ): DE THAN, DRAGHICI, GALE, MONTANA, WOODS. CLJJ is the first major interdisciplinary centre of its type in the UK and is based on collaboration with the City School of Journalism, the largest such postgraduate School in the UK.

Centre for Child and Family Law Reform (CCFLR): DRAGHICI, with external collaborators (see further section E). The purpose of the Centre is to scrutinise existing family law and to facilitate reform where appropriate. The Centre's Committee, chaired by His Honour Judge Donald Cryan (Hon) LL.D., comprises academics, judges and practitioners (both barristers and solicitors).



Centre for the Study of Legal Professional Practice (CLPP), which brings together academics and practitioners working across 8 themes. These include Evidence and Justice (KEANE, CHOO, TEMKIN), Legal Ethics (BOON and DUNCAN), Civil Justice Forum (SIMES) and Alternative Dispute Resolution (BLAKE).

Emergent groups include the International Law and Affairs Group (established by BARELLI with REECE-THOMAS, BAARS, DRAGHICI, KALPOUZOS) and the Centre for Crime and Justice Research (CCJR), established with the Department of Sociology (originally the Crime, Justice and Society Research Group, established by MONTANA and BAARS).

- (4) Maintain the number of full-time postgraduate research students at about five. This target, set after RAE 2008, was revised in 2012 from five to sixteen students. In fact, the School increased PhD numbers beyond the revised target from six to twenty, resulting in a thriving community of postgraduate research students. The School also contributes two supervisors to teams in other Schools through the University's Interdisciplinary Centres.
- (5) Host research-based events especially for emerging research working groups. CLS supports a wide range of activities. These have included sponsored events (*Institut für Europäisches Medienrecht* (EMR), the EU Maritime Day Seminar, Competition Law Scholars Forum), internally supported forums (WILSHER, BONADIO, WOODS), interdisciplinary conferences (BAARS with Cass Business School on corporate governance), high profile public lectures (e.g., EADY, SCHIEMANN J, BARONESS BUSCOMBE LJ) and practitioner and stakeholder events (e.g., 'Reframing Libel', 'Justice Wide Open', 'A New Communications Bill?').
- (6) Attract external funding for projects, posts, bursaries and events. WOODS was joint principal investigator (with Professor George Spanoudakis, School of Informatics) on a project on the certification infrastructure for multi-layer cloud services (CUMULUS) (£240,000). ECRs had success with small grants: COLLINS (Foundation Ontario Bicentennial Award; British Academy Award funding research on Contract Remedies at the World Trade Organization (WTO)), BARELLI and MONTANA (University pump-priming funds), CARRAN (£80,000 from the Responsible Gambling Trust to support her PhD research). WOODS/DRAGHICI, with the University of Sheffield, obtained a range of funding for the Initiative on Impunity and the Rule of Law: USD (£25,000), Open Society Initiative (OSI)/Norskpen (£1,334) and Swedish UNESCO (£3,943).
- (7) Establish international collaborations. Centres and groups are organised around external and international contributions, e.g., the Evidence and Justice Forum runs colloquia, seminars and workshops. Visitors in the REF period included Professor Xavier Abel Lluch from the Faculty of Law, ESADE, Ramon Llull University, Spain, who discussed the difference between the continental principle of sana critica and the civil standard of proof in England and Wales. Judge O'Scannlain of the US Federal Court lectured and led a seminar with Professor Geoffrey Bennett of the University of Notre Dame, USA, comparing the Federal Rules of Evidence with the relevant principles in England and Wales. A Colloquium on the Examination and Cross-examination of Young and Vulnerable Witnesses and one on Ecocide and the Mock Trial involved practising lawyers and policy-makers.

Driven by the University's approach to internationalisation, detailed in the Strategic Plan 2012-2016, CLS seeks to contribute to the maintenance of a vibrant international community of legal scholars and recognises in particular the importance of international collaborations to staff undertaking research with an international or multi-jurisdictional dimension. Staff are encouraged to forge international links during sabbatical leave or by being permitted time away when appropriate and may apply for funding from the School's research training budget for this purpose. Such activity is recognised in the annual appraisal process. In the current REF period, staff have developed research links with several overseas institutions, including: CHUAH (Visiting Professor at the University of Bologna, Italy; Santo Tomás University, Colombia; and City University Hong Kong); COLLINS (Visiting Scholar, Columbia Law School, Columbia University, USA 09/11—12/11, where he researched the Regulation of Foreign Direct Investment in Services from the BRIC Group Countries; Visiting Professorial Fellow, Institute of International Economic Law, Georgetown



University Law Center, USA 01/08 – 05/08, where he researched efficient breach and contract remedies at the WTO and International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes; and Fellow of the Institute for Globalisation and International Regulation at Maastricht University, The Netherlands); KOUTRAKOS (Visiting Chair at University of Antwerp, Belgium (2008-2013) and holder of visiting posts at the Universities of Melbourne (2009, 2013), Sydney (2008, 2010) and New South Wales (2013), Australia). RILEY is Associate Research Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels, Belgium. TRUXAL is Visiting Professor and Fellow, Humboldt University, Berlin.

Through such links CLS has received visiting scholars, e.g., MA (Zhengzhou University, China); BERTINI (University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy); and, via the CLJJ, BURRI (University of Zürich, Switzerland). MA's research ('Reasonable Period of Time in the WTO Dispute Settlement') has since been published: (2012) 15 *J Int Economic Law* 257. Visitors contribute to staff seminars, present their research for discussion and critical comment and participate in collaborative research. Additionally, CLS appointed Honorary Visiting Professors in order to strengthen further its international research links. Professor Alison Young (University of Melbourne, Australia), a regular visitor to CLS, was appointed for the period September 2013 until August 2016 to link with the CCJR and more generally to mentor ECRs and promote external research funding. Professor Ruthann Robson (City University of New York, USA) was appointed to enhance the presence of law within the City University London-led World Cities World Class (WC2) University Network for international research collaboration and to facilitate the development of legal theory expertise and outputs.

Most of CLS's goals identified in 2008 have been achieved in full, with substantial progress being made in attracting funding and in establishing international collaborations. Future strategy is to sharpen focus on the dissemination of research and the achievement of impact, as well as the promotion of multidisciplinary research activities. To this end we strongly support open access to the research produced by staff. In October 2011, the University launched City Research Online, a digital repository which incorporates both bibliographic data and the full text of outputs which are automatically Google indexed. Two professional staff members provide full support to academics and researchers for upload of texts and copyright checking. A recent University policy now requires the deposit of full text for all research articles published since January 2013.

We aim to increase research funding further and to provide continuing support for international collaborations designed to produce high-quality outputs. Reinforced by continued careful annual monitoring and auditing of research activity and engagement, by 2016 we aim to have increased further the proportion of CLS researchers producing 3\* and 4\* outputs, to have developed further the centres and groups reflecting existing expertise in the relevant fields and to have increased PhD student numbers further. We will build on the experience of new staff in seeking funding and will support staff in applying for funding through the University's Interdisciplinary Centres mentioned above.

#### c. People, including:

### i. Staffing strategy and staff development

In line with CLS strategy, *staffing policy* has been to increase the volume of academic-orientated staff producing high-level research and providing research leadership at senior levels. CLS comprises two departments: Academic Legal Studies (ALS) and Vocational Legal Studies (VLS). ALS produces academically-orientated work while VLS is a leading provider of practitioner-orientated material and teaching. With a view to improving the research profile of the School, academic programmes were expanded, producing two departments of approximately equal size. This has resulted in an overall increase in the number of staff engaged in research.

Professorial recruitment has focused on strengthening the research environment. EU Law is a recognised strength of the School and KOUTRAKOS, who held a Jean Monnet Chair from the European Commission (2007-2012), was recruited to provide leadership to the promising ECRs in that area, particularly through the development of the ISEL. BOON and CHOO, whose appointments were funded under the University's investment in academic excellence, provide



leadership in relation to nascent socio-legal and vocational research capacity. Following the departures of WOODS and KUNZLIK in August 2013, CLS is seeking to recruit new professorial staff to consolidate its research orientation, to continue to provide research leadership and to contribute to the School's increasingly vibrant and diverse research culture.

Some 15 new full-time appointments at lecturer level have been made since 2008, with preference being given to those with post-doctoral research experience. During the period the School has supported four Post-doctoral Research Fellows: MURPHY, ILJADICA and GRAGL (all since appointed to lecturer posts elsewhere) and AL-AMEEN (currently in post).

ECRs from the RAE 2008 period (HATZIS, COLLINS, WILSHER) were retained and promoted. Staff in post in 2008 (WILSHER, COLLINS, CARRAN) were supported to undertake PhDs through financial contribution and additional time allocations. Research milestones and support mechanisms are agreed through annual appraisal. The success of these mechanisms is reflected in internal promotions (HATZIS, COLLINS, DRAGHICI) and in the award of first prize to BONADIO and his co-author ALEMANNO (HEC Paris, France) in the European Communities Trademark Association Award Competition in the Professional Category for 'An Analysis of Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products under EU IP Law' (21st June 2013).

**Equality of opportunity** is actively promoted, with duties allocated transparently according to published criteria and all members of appointment panels trained in equal opportunities. Five staff appointed or promoted to chairs during the period are female (COOPER, NASH, TEMKIN, WATSON, WOODS) and a further two are members of a BME group (CHOO, CHUAH).

City is committed to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers, since both its original publication in 1996 and its re-launch in 2008. The University received the European Commission HR Excellence in Research Award in May 2012 on the basis of its Concordat implementation plan. Introduction of new terms and conditions of employment for research staff from August 2012 made continuing contracts the norm and introduced parity with academic staff on pay progression, annual leave, sickness entitlement and promotion. City's good practice was cited in the May 2013 Vitae review of HR Excellence in Research implementation plans.

Researcher development is a key element of the Concordat implementation plan. The RCUK 'Roberts' funding was used to support a University-wide Research and Enterprise Development Programme. Since 2010/11 the University has extended this, providing up to £100,000 annually to support researchers from PhD to professorial. Staff have engaged with training sessions or workshops covering supervision of research students, enterprise and commercialisation skills, applying for funding, writing proposals, writing for publication, impact of research and use of social media.

New staff are inducted on research strategy and support and mentored on work in progress, publication strategy and the role of research in career development. They are also informed that they are expected to adhere to policies such as the ethics policy, the Framework for Good Practice in Research and the University Policy on Data Protection and Information Compliance. They are strongly encouraged to attend seminars and workshops that are organised on such topics as publishing, funding, impact and career strategy. ECRs have the opportunity to present at staff seminars in which their potential research output or research proposals can be discussed and critiqued in a rigorous but supportive setting.

Staff engaged in research have at least two days clear of teaching per week. ECRs receive additional time for research in the first three years in post. CLS contributes to conference and other appropriate research-related expenses, currently making available up to £1,500 per annum per staff member. Since 2008 CLS has supported attendance at 143 events by 41 members of staff.

A member of academic staff may apply for sabbatical or study leave for a period of time up to a maximum of one-seventh of their service at the University. The programme of activity requires the approval of Senate. Sixteen members of staff have had sabbatical leave since 2008. For example,



COLLINS had two periods of sabbatical leave of one term each, generating two of the outputs submitted in REF2, while WILSHER and LOVELAND each had one period of sabbatical leave, generating one submitted output each. Staff with heavy management responsibilities have been awarded additional leave prior to returning to research (KEANE and KUNZLIK, in the latter case leading to the production of his monograph *Antitrust in the Global Era*). Exceptionally, early leave entitlement or additional leave for specific purposes is granted (COLLINS - to foster international links). Maternity leave and secondment count as time served towards sabbatical leave entitlement. Since RAE 2008, no application for leave has been turned down for lack of resources. The School has also supported secondment to intergovernmental organisations.

The University provides competitive pump-priming funding to support development of research projects. BARELLI, ILJADICA and MONTANA were awarded £1,000, £5,000 and £1,263 respectively. CLS provides seminars on related skills (e.g., time management and dealing with the media) and career planning. The School funded a seminar series competition in 2013.

There are various mechanisms supporting *research quality and integrity*. The School Research Committee (SRC), chaired by the Associate Dean for Research and including ex-officio and elected members, advises the School's Board of Studies on research policy and strategy and on practical issues such as applications for sabbatical leave. While the University Senate Research Ethics Committee approves research proposals with serious ethical implications, it delegates approval of other empirical proposals to School level. A member of CLS is therefore responsible for mentoring staff on research ethics issues and is also a member of the Senate Research Ethics Committee.

#### ii. Research students

The PhD Programme Management Committee advises the SRC on policy relating to research students and monitors individual progress for the SRC and the Board of Studies. The School's Senior Tutor for Research chairs the Committee and is a member of the City Graduate School Committee. A Research Support Manager provides administrative support to CLS research committees and liaises with central University services. A committee of professors assists with evaluating the annual audit of outputs and providing feedback.

CLS has significantly improved the *training and supervision of research students* during the REF period. The strategy for recruitment of research students is set by Research Committee, which monitors research degree procedures including the provision of fee waivers to appropriate candidates. In 2012, the University established the City Graduate School to coordinate support for PhD students. The Graduate School provides a training programme for PhD students, who can access the general developmental support and training provided to academic staff and are encouraged to join centres or seminar series in their areas of interest (e.g., BERNERI in ISEL; ANTONIOU in CCJR).

CLS has developed a **strong and integrated postgraduate research culture**. It offers its own seminar programme for PhD students, both those based in Law and those involved in interdisciplinary research. This programme has been organised by BARELLI and MONTANA. Subjects covered range from database training and the role of theory in law to the relevance of a PhD in legal practice. Students are also invited to present to their peers and as part of the various seminar programmes. PhD students present papers at an annual law research day, including joint papers, and a £500 book prize is awarded for the best presentation.

CLS supports interdisciplinary PhDs through the formal structure of the University's Interdisciplinary Centres (such as the CLJJ), or through informal co-operation (e.g., the sharing of expertise and mutual participation in research seminars), as with the School of Arts & Social Sciences. CHUAH organises the London Universities Maritime Law and Policy Research Group (LUMLP) Annual Postgraduate Researchers Conference at CLS, which, in March 2012 and April 2013, produced several high-level papers (<a href="http://www.city.ac.uk/law/research/london-universities-maritime-law-and-policy-research-group-lumlp/past-conferences">http://www.city.ac.uk/law/research/london-universities-maritime-law-and-policy-research-group-lumlp/past-conferences</a>). There are University and School travel bursaries for PhD students to attend conferences nationally and internationally. There are



also grants for purchasing books and equipment (where appropriate) and hosting events. Applications are judged against the School's research objectives. The School currently makes available up to £300 per annum per student to cover appropriate research-related expenses.

Staff undertake PhD supervision in teams including at least one experienced supervisor, who provides assistance and support and acts as a general mentor. First-time supervisors take the Research Supervision module offered by the Learning and Development Centre. CLS offers training seminars on the use of the University's Research and Progress system, a reporting and monitoring tool that tracks PhD student progress. Some 15 staff were first-time supervisors in this REF period.

## d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

The University's investment in its estate, a key part of its Strategic Plan 2012-2016, has provided a new dedicated base for CLS. The extensive refurbishment, which cost £1.5M and opened in January 2013, provides academic and professional staff offices and new student social and study spaces. The new building houses a dedicated Law Library providing a modern and comfortable study environment for law students and research and academic staff. It offers carrel-style seating for 162 library users, a group study room and 23 spaces in an IT laboratory. The building provides 20 spaces for PhD students in addition to extensive formal space for student collaborative working. Refurbishment of further dedicated research space adjacent to the new School building was completed in June 2013 at a cost of £2.5M. It offers dedicated research space and office accommodation for 9 academic researchers and open-plan study space for 12 PhD students, allowing cognate researchers (whether staff or students) to be brought together to a greater extent and more effectively than was previously possible. There is also a large library at Gray's Inn Place used primarily by professional course and Masters students and a Graduate School Library Centre, which provides a dedicated study space for postgraduate students and academic staff with 70 silent study spaces.

Strategic investment funds averaging £2M per annum have been allocated to the Library, £1.5M of which is spent on collections. This has enabled substantial investment in physical holdings and electronic databases, subscribing to general databases (LexisLibrary, Westlaw, HeinOnline, i-Law, JSTOR, Oxford Scholarship Online, Jordans Online), some subject-specific databases (reflecting research interests in the School: Media Lawyer (shared with Journalism and CLJJ); Kluwer Arbitration) and some practice-focused databases (LexisPSL, PLC, Lawtel). In addition to the money provided by the University, CLS adds a further £25k per annum to the Library budget for Law. Staff and PhD students may recommend books for purchase, which helps to ensure that Library holdings further reflect the research interests of the School. CLS pays for staff and PhD student inter-library loans. Staff and PhD students also have access to the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library and the British Library, which is about a mile from the School.

CLS has a Research Support Librarian who assists staff and students on a range of issues such as effectively using online resources, citation management, using social media, bibliometrics and impact. A full-time IT and e-learning Officer supports staff in their use of IT resources for research purposes and advises the SRC on research-related IT provision. The University subscribes to software such as RefWorks and SPSS. The Law Librarian provides training on the databases, research management software (both RefWorks and free software such as Mendeley) and the use of digital and social media for research purposes.

The School Research Support Manager assists staff in identifying opportunities to obtain funding including for research tenders from public bodies (such as TED database in respect of EU Commission tenders) and helps to cost proposals. The University Research Office also provides support in dealing with contractual issues ahead of awards and for management of grants and contracts (e.g., budget monitoring, preparation and submission of claim statements), as well as dedicated support for bidding for EU funding. All bids submitted by staff are recognised as relevant research activity in research appraisal.



### e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base

CLS collaboration with colleagues in other institutions and in other disciplines is supported both individually and through Centre activity, as detailed in sections B and C. As regards interinstitutional activity, CLS and the Queen Mary, University of London Centre for Commercial Law Studies co-hosted in 2011 and 2012 a series of debates on key issues relating to media and information law, with ILJADICA (assisted by BONADIO) responsible for its organisation. Events carry Continuing Professional Development points and are regularly attended by practitioners. In 2011, CLS became an executive member of LUMLP. Staff CHUAH and ROGERS, and PhD students ILIEVA, SULAIMAN, CORCIONE, CONSTANTINO CHAGAS, ABDUL RAHMAN and JOHNSON, are actively involved, attending the annual conference and research students' conference and inter-institutional seminar programme (including the annual seminar at Greenwich Maritime Institute sponsored by the European Commission for the EU Maritime Day), maintaining a blog and responding to public consultations in the UK and EU.

The work of centres often involves practitioners and others who are not usually members of academic networks. For example, pursuant to CLS's affiliation to the CCFLR, DRAGHICI attends a committee composed of judges, practitioners (both barristers and solicitors) and academics. The Committee meets quarterly to discuss recent developments in family law and proposals for reform and to draft responses to consultations by the Law Commission, such as the recent Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme. Recent projects include: binding arbitration, forced marriages, cohabitation and intestacy, domestic violence.

Cross-institutional work at an individual level is evidenced by BOON's work on the international project on lawyer discipline coordinated within the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law's Working Group on the Legal Professions by ABEL (UCLA School of Law, USA). This led to a collection published in a special edition of Legal Ethics. BOON collaborated with SHERR (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies) and BARNHIZER (Cleveland State University, USA) to organise an international conference on 'Regulating and De-regulating Lawyers' (June 2010) and edited a special edition of the International Journal of the Legal Profession comprising the best papers from that event. KOUTRAKOS organised a workshop bringing together legal scholars, legal advisers of European institutions and policy-makers, the outcome of which has been a collection of essays, The European Union's External Relations a Year after Lisbon, for the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations Working Papers 2011/3. WOODS collaborated with HARRISON (University of Sheffield) and AMOS (Queen Mary, University of London) to produce an edited collection on Freedom of Expression and the Media, following a conference funded by the Clemens Nathan Research Centre (April 2009).

As regards work in *interdisciplinary centres*, CLS collaborates in the CLJJ, which is the first major interdisciplinary centre in the UK to explore the interface of law, justice and journalism in society through the disciplines of law, criminology and journalism. WOODS was a key member of the Centre, as DRAGHICI continues to be, while TOWNEND, O'CALLAGHAN, MCINTOSH, PECK and COOPER are PhD students working under the auspices of the CLJJ and CLS. CLJJ hosts blogs run by students and has hosted several events resulting in a working paper series. CLJJ hosted an international event in 2011, attended by policy-makers, representatives from UNESCO and NGOs, to discuss a research report on impunity, funded by OSI and produced within CLS (DRAGHICI/WOODS).

There are many examples of *interdisciplinary work at an individual level*. BAARS was a founding member of a research group on corporate social responsibility with colleagues from the Cass Business School. BOON worked with colleagues at Westminster Business School on a project funded by the Ministry of Justice on judicial mediation in employment tribunals. KOUTRAKOS organised a workshop for EU lawyers, political scientists and international relations theorists leading to the publication of *European Foreign Policy - Legal and Political Perspectives*, a publication praised for 'the different ways with which [it] experiments with interdisciplinarity' (Joris Larik (2011) 16 *EFA Rev* 401). Staff joined in bids from other Schools within the University in their areas of interest: COSTA participated in a project with the School of Informatics looking at the processes of human rights litigation in the EU; WOODS participated in the CUMULUS project



mentioned above; and COLLINS was joint co-investigator on an EPSRC project entitled Management of Nuclear Risk Issues: Environmental, Financial and Safety. The project, led by Philip Thomas of the School of Engineering & Mathematical Sciences, evaluates the regulatory impact on civil nuclear power projects undertaken by foreign investors in India. The award was for £45,948.55, with COLLINS' work package worth £10,000.

Contributions to the discipline and wider research base have been made by a diverse range of organisational, editorial and reviewing activity and involvement in specialist consultations. As regards journal editorship, STYCHIN is editor of Social & Legal Studies: An International Journal. DUNCAN is editor of The Law Teacher. KOUTRAKOS is joint editor of European Law Review. BONADIO is associate editor of the European Journal of Risk Regulation. BOON serves on the editorial committee of Legal Ethics and is contributing editor of Cordery on Legal Services. CHOO serves on the editorial board of the International Journal of Evidence & Proof and on the International Evidence Advisory Panel of McWilliams' Canadian Criminal Evidence. CHUAH serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of International Maritime Law, International Company & Commercial Law, International Trade Law & Regulation, Shipping & Trade Law, European Commercial Contract Law Journal and Finance & Credit Law. COLLINS is Current Development Editor for the Manchester Journal of International Economic Law. KEANE is on the editorial board of Commonwealth Law & Legal Education. STYCHIN is on the editorial board of the Palgrave Macmillan Socio-Legal book series. SEYMOUR is co-editor of the Nomikoi: Critical Legal Thinkers book series (GlassHouse Books). RILEY is joint editor of the Competition Law Review. As regards specialist consultations, CHUAH was consulted by, among others, the International Chamber of Commerce on the role of in-house lawyers in international commercial arbitration (July 2013); the Association of British Insurers (Mr Glenn Sexton) on their response to the EU Green Paper on the European Contract Law (consultation meeting, 19th January 2011); and the Ministry of Justice and the International Chamber of Commerce on the EU Green Paper on the European Contract Law Project (consultation meeting at Wragge & Co, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010).

Regarding *peer review*, KOUTRAKOS and STYCHIN are members of the AHRC Peer Review College. CHUAH was a co-opted specialist reviewer for the AHRC and STYCHIN a member of the AHRC Strategic Reviewers Group. WOODS is a member of the ESRC Peer Review College. TEMKIN was peer reviewer of the Ministry of Justice Research Report, *Providing Anonymity to Rape Defendants: An Assessment of Evidence* (2010). Staff are also active on advisory boards and steering groups: e.g., WOODS was a member of the Steering Committee for the AHRC-funded SCRIPT Research Centre at the University of Edinburgh; KOUTRAKOS is a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Law and Cosmopolitan Values, University of Antwerp, Belgium; and BOON is a director of the International Legal Ethics Association.

Colleagues have contributed to *organising conferences or conference streams*. For example, CLS hosted a conference for academics, judges and practitioners to discuss the role of narrative in legal practice and to discuss preparing students to use story and narrative (the 4<sup>th</sup> biennial Storytelling in Law Conference, July 2013). BOON and DUNCAN are organising the 5<sup>th</sup> biennial conference of the International Legal Ethics Association at CLS (2014). BOON organises the Lawyers and Legal Professions stream at the Socio-legal Studies Association Annual Conference. CHUAH is Director of LUMLP, which organises regular seminars. RILEY is Chair of the Competition Law Scholars Forum, which organizes six-monthly workshops on competition law and policy amongst international scholars; one of the workshops is held annually at CLS.