

FINANCIAL ASPECTS

"User pays' education is not on

AFR 17 June 1992, p15

Letter to editor from Peter Baldwin, Federal Minister for Higher Education, denying that the government is considering an investigation into higher education funding which would be likely to recommend the introduction of a "user pays" approach to universities.

Law Schools Need More Money, the LCA says

27 Aust L News 5, (June 1992) p23

The Law Council of Australia has called for substantially increased funding for Australia's law schools. It says years of inadequate funding have contributed to the growing decline of the law schools, and failure to address this has serious long-term implications for the community and the economy, including an inability to capitalise on the significant potential for the export of legal education services and legal services generally. The Law Council set out its views in a submission to the Higher Education Council, which is conducting an inquiry into the quality of higher education in Australia.

GOVERNANCE

Every seven years, law schools take the most rigorous test of all - accreditation

J E Bahls

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Article describes accreditation procedures of the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). All 176 ABA-approved law schools face periodic reviews to ensure that they measure up to the standards of quality set by the ABA. Those that also belong to the AALS are reviewed by that organization at the same time. Discusses question of whether accreditation standards tend to squeeze all schools into the same mould.

HISTORY

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INHOUSE CLE

Towards a Model of Competency based Training - a Training Needs Analysis

R Moss

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The article is divided into two parts:

The first part deals with the three levels of analysis in which continuing legal educators might engage before proposing skills based courses, namely:

1. exploration of the organisation as a whole, to identify the context of the training;
2. consideration of each occupational group, to identify the content of the training;
3. examination of the individuals in the firm to identify who will benefit from training.

The second part explores organisational models for training and development and investigates the systems of relationships necessary to ensure training results in effective organisational change.

The procedures outlined are applicable to organisations other than the article's point of reference, namely the private law firm.

The Learning Needs of Paralegals

C Lockett

8 JPLE 39 (June '90)p39 *

This article describes the steps taken by Finlaysons, a major commercial law firm in South Australia, to identify and meet the learning needs of paralegals.

As a preliminary task it considers the definition of paralegals generally, the work they perform and their level of responsibility both in their local as well as the more general community. It then reviews the formal educational facilities available to this group before analysing the use and development of paralegals within Finlaysons.

Using Industry Experts to Design and Teach Your Programs

K L Mandel

6 AILTO Ins No.2, p2 (Spring '92)

A five step approach for using experts to develop and lead successful training sessions in a legal office.

INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS/AREAS OF LAW

Teaching Evidence: Storytelling in the Classroom

B Blaustone

41 Am U L Rev 2, p 453 *

Narrative in the law is far from novel. Narrative as a teaching device in education is likewise not a recent invention. By contrast, the use of narrative in legal instruction is both novel and innovative.

Storytelling is a useful pedagogical tool in the law school classroom. The author discusses her use of short stories as a review device for the basic rationales encompassed within the Federal Rules of Evidence. In doing so, relevant portions of the scholarly literature on "learning theory" regarding the use of narratives in instruction are explained. She also discusses how storytelling in the law school classroom is part of the recent emergence of the use of narrative in legal scholarship. This scholarship integrates an understanding of the human condition with the experience of law. In a similar vein, her storytelling is based on an understanding of the human learning process and a desire that students understand the human dimension in the existence and perpetuation of law.

Contradictory Developments in the Teaching and Practice of Human Rights Law in Tanzania

I G Shivji

Comm L E Assn Nlr Nos 64 & 65 p61

Article is an overview of the teaching and practice of human rights in Tanzania following the adoption of the Bill of Rights in 1984. Academic