



Melbourne Law School



John Middleton Scholarship

Overview

Established in 1857, Melbourne Law School (MLS) is the oldest law school in Australia and a world leader in legal education. In 2022, MLS was ranked the number one law school in Australia and number twelve in the world. Achieving access and creating equity is a priority for MLS, and scholarships are one way of addressing this.

Currently there are approximately 1500 students enrolled in the Juris Doctor (JD). About 400 students or 27% of the domestic cohort have identified as coming from an area outside of a major Australian city. While there is a modest number of existing scholarships to support students from regional and remote Australia to undertake the JD, the opportunity to create a long-term opportunity for a regional/rural student experiencing disadvantage address an important area of need.

Supporting a scholarship in honour of Justice Middleton

MLS has had a history of naming scholarships after individuals who have made significant contributions to the legal profession, such as the Cheryl Saunders Scholarship, named after Laureate Professor Emeritus Cheryl Saunders AO (LLB Hons 1966; PhD 1976). In acknowledgement of The Honourable Justice John Middleton AM KC (LLB Hons 1974) and his career that spans nearly five decades as a barrister and Federal Court judge, MLS proposes naming a new academic scholarship and accommodation bursary after Justice Middleton.

Your involvement

Establishing a long-term scholarship will make a lasting impact on our students and celebrate Justice Middleton's legacy and mark the high regard in which he is held by his peers. To achieve this, MLS Foundation Board Member Philip Crutchfield KC is leading an appeal to raise \$250,000. This will establish a long-term fund that will enable MLS to award one student a \$30,000 Access Scholarship (\$10,000 per year). This Scholarship will be awarded once every three years to a commencing JD student from regional or remote Australia who is experiencing disadvantaged circumstances.

Recognition

Once successful, MLS suggests naming the scholarship the 'John Middleton Scholarship'. This will appear on the recipient's academic transcript, the MLS website and other materials related to scholarships and giving. All donors to the fund will receive an annual impact statement from the recipient.

To donate

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