UTR2.199 - THE J. J. BRAY LAW EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP

and

THE DAME ROMA MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP

Background –

A. These scholarships were established in 2003 and were made available due to the generosity of members of the South Australian legal fraternity and the proceeds of the Portrait of John Bray and Dame Roma Glimpses of a Glorious Life Volumes (‘donors’).

B. The Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarship was set up to assist and encourage law students wishing to undertake a human rights internship as arranged by the University of Adelaide Law School’s Human Rights Internship Program (HRIP). The scholarship perpetuates the name of Dame Roma Mitchell (1913-2000) who was Australia’s foremost female legal pioneer and one of Australia’s first champions of human rights.

C. Dame Roma was an outstanding scholar of law at the University of Adelaide Law School, where she later lectured in the area of Family Law, and she was admitted to practice law as a barrister and solicitor in 1934. Dame Roma’s achievements include being appointed the first female Queen’s Counsel in Australia in 1962, the first female Supreme Court judge in 1965, the first female Chancellor of an Australian university in 1983 and Australia’s first female State Governor in 1991. In 1981 she became the founding chair of the Commonwealth’s Human Rights Commission. Dame Roma was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1982 and a Companion in the order of Australia in 1991 for her services to the community and was awarded the Commander of the Royal Victoria Order.

D. The J J Bray Scholarship was set up to assist and encourage law students wishing to experience international law studies. The scholarship perpetuates the name of Dr. John Jefferson Bray.

E. Dr. Bray was born in 1912. He was educated at St. Peters College before completing his law studies at The University of Adelaide Law School. In 1937 he was awarded by the University of Adelaide the LL.D. (by thesis). Dr. Bray was Chief Justice of South Australia from 1967 until 1978 and Chancellor of the University of Adelaide from 1968 to 1983. In 1979 he was made a Companion of the Order of Australia. As well as being respected throughout the common-law world as a learned reformer and jurist Dr. Bray was a respected and widely published poet. He died in 1995, aged 82.

F. The University accepted the donations upon the trusts specified by the donors and the donations therefore became the capital subject to those trusts (‘capital sum’).
Name of the fund

1. The capital sum, all income arising from the capital sum and any accumulations and additions thereto together form a fund called the ‘The J J Bray and Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarships’ (‘fund’).

Investment of the fund

2. The fund is to be amalgamated for the purposes of investment, and held in a common fund, and the net income earned by the common fund shall be credited, rateably, to the funds so amalgamated and thereafter distributed according to the trusts specified by the donors.

Obligations

3. In administering the fund, the University must adhere to the terms specified and is obliged:-

   (a) to invest the capital sum according to the directions of the donors; and

   (b) to establish scholarships in the manner described in the following Rules.

The J J Bray Scholarship

Rules

This is a scholarship to assist a student enrolled in the Bachelor of Laws at the University of Adelaide, to participate in a recognised University of Adelaide Exchange program.

1. The Scholarship shall be known as The “J. J. Bray Law Exchange Scholarship”.

2. The purpose of the Scholarship is to assist and encourage law students wanting to experience international law studies.

3. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:-

   o be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia undertaking study as a Commonwealth supported student;
   o be enrolled on a full time basis in the undergraduate law degree at the University of Adelaide;
   o be accepted for one or two semesters to one of the University of Adelaide’s official exchange programs;
   o be able to demonstrate financial need by producing evidence of their financial status at the time of application (eg proof of receipt of Youth Allowance/Austudy/Abstudy before the Scholarship can be confirmed).

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4. The value of the Scholarship is up to $5,000 payable in one lump sum direct to the student following confirmation of enrolment after the semester 2 census date (usually 31 August).

5. One Scholarship shall be awarded annually and the Scholarship is tenable for one year.

6. The award of the Scholarship is subject to acceptance into an Exchange Program at the University of Adelaide and commencement of this Exchange within 12 months of approval.

7. The Scholarship must be taken up in the year in which it is offered; acceptance of the scholarship offer cannot be deferred. If a student declines the scholarship offer, the scholarship will be offered to the next eligible student.

8. The Scholarship shall be administered by the Coursework Scholarships Office of the University.

9. Selection of the successful candidate will be made by Dean of Law (or nominee) according to academic merit and financial need. Academic merit for continuing students will be determined according to students’ cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) or equivalent scores.

10. Where two or more candidates are of equal merit in any year, the Scholarship may be divided equally amongst them.

11. Students in receipt of other University of Adelaide Scholarships may apply for this Scholarship.

12. The scholarship will be terminated where:
   - a student ceases to be enrolled in the approved program of study at the University;
   - a student has provided false or misleading information with regard to their personal details;
   - a student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress for two consecutive semesters;
   - a student is guilty of serious misconduct in terms of the University Policy Rules for Student Conduct in the University.

13. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University’s legal obligations and policies.

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The Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarship

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1. The Scholarship shall be known as The “Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarship”.

2. The purpose of the Scholarship is to assist and encourage law students wanting to undertake a human rights internship as arranged by the University of Adelaide Law School’s Human Rights Internship Programme (HRIP).

3. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:-
   - be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia undertaking study as a Commonwealth supported student;
   - be enrolled on a full time basis in the undergraduate law degree at the University of Adelaide;
   - be studying or completed studying a course on international law or human rights law offered as part of the undergraduate law degree at the University of Adelaide;
   - be able to demonstrate financial need by producing evidence of their financial status at the time of application (eg proof of receipt of Youth Allowance/Austudy/Absudy before the Scholarship can be confirmed).

4. The value of the Scholarship is up to $5,000 payable in one lump sum direct to the student following confirmation of enrolment after the semester 2 census date (usually 31 August).

5. One Scholarship shall be awarded annually and the Scholarship is tenable for one year.

6. The award of the Scholarship is subject to the student taking out travel and health insurance to cover the entire period of the internship and associated travel.

7. The recipient must undertake the internship as arranged by the HRIP and produce a written report to be handed up to the Director of HRIP within 6 weeks of completion of the internship.

8. The Scholarship must be taken up in the year in which it is offered; acceptance of the Scholarship offer cannot be deferred. If a student declines the Scholarship offer, the Scholarship will be offered to the next eligible student.

9. The Scholarship shall be administered by the Coursework Scholarships Office of the University.

10. Selection of the successful candidate will be made by Dean of Law (or nominee) in consultation with the Director of HRIP, according to academic merit and financial need. Academic merit for continuing students will be determined according to students’ cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) or equivalent scores.

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