UTR2.260 - THE DEAN OF LAW’S FUND

Background –

A. The Dean of Law’s fund was established with the generous support of alumni and the legal community to offer support where possible to identified individuals within a group of students who are academically capable but may be financially disadvantaged and who, without support, might not be able to achieve completion of their studies.

B. In 2017, after three years of promotion and lobbying, the target of $100k was reached and the fund is now endowed in perpetuity to provide ongoing financial support to students in need.

C. The Adelaide Law School was founded in 1883 and, as the second oldest Law School in Australia, has an established and proud tradition of excellence. The School has produced a long line of graduates who have enjoyed distinguished careers in Australia and overseas, including Dame Roma Mitchell AC and QC and Dr John Bray AC to name a few.

D. 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 Dean of Law’s Fund’ (‘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 a Fund in the manner described in the following Rules.

Rules

1. There shall be a Fund within the Faculty of Professions known as the ‘Dean of Law’s Fund’.

2. The Fund has been established with the generous financial support of alumni and the legal community.

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3. The Fund has been initiated to provide support for current undergraduate students from the Adelaide Law School who demonstrate short-term financial need in either education or living expenses.

4. Additional support in the form of mentoring will be offered to successful applicants to assist in steering them through the difficulties experienced at the time of application.

5. Funds will also be set aside in the University Composite Fund to provide returns that will be available for future student assistance.

6. There will be a call for applications in March and August of each year with an ability to accept applications at other times, where approved by the Dean of Law.

7. Each applicant will be required to submit an application on the prescribed form available on the Adelaide Law School web site indicating their level of financial need.

8. The decision on the awarding of funds and the size of the award will be made by the Dean of Law and his/her nominees following a review of all applications and be subject to available funds.

9. These rules may be varied from time to time by the Dean of Law and his/her nominees, but the title and general purpose of the Fund shall not be changed.

10. The University reserves the right not to make an offer in any year, subject to funding and availability of suitable applicants.