UTR2.31 - THE BAKER SCHOLARSHIPS IN LAW

Background –

A. In 1952, Robert Colley Baker, Esquire, B.A. (‘donor’), donated £5,000* to the University of Adelaide (‘donation’) for the advancement of the study of law and for the purpose of founding a scholarship in memory of his father, the Honourable Sir Richard Chaffey Baker, K.C.M.G., K.C., M.A., and of his brother, John Richard Baker, Esquire, B.A., LL.B.

B. Sir Richard Baker (1841-1911) was born at North Adelaide and had a distinguished legal and political career. He took his M.A. degree at Cambridge and was called to the Bar by Lincoln’s Inn. He was first elected to Parliament in 1867. He held the Ministerial offices of Attorney-General and Minister of Education. In 1893 he was elected President of the Legislative Council and held that office until 1901, when he entered Federal politics and became first President of the Senate. He was prominent among the founders of the Commonwealth and took an active and influential part in framing the Federal Constitution.

C. Mr John Richard Baker took his University degrees at Cambridge and was called to the Bar by Inner Temple. His public career was in Municipal affairs in the capacity of a City Councillor and an original member of the Municipal Tramways Trust.

D. This is two postgraduate scholarships with a view to presenting a thesis for either the degree of Masters of Laws or Doctor of Philosophy for a student pursuing a full time course of study approved by the Faculty of Law.

E. The University accepted the donation upon the trusts specified by the donor and the donation 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 Baker Scholarship in Law’ (‘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 terms of the Scholarship.

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 donor; and

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

4. The Baker Scholarships in Law are administered according to the following Rules:-

(1) Two scholarships are available and shall be known as ‘The Baker Scholarships in Law’.

(2) The value of each scholarship shall be $5,000 and shall be awarded annually to a candidate who satisfies the conditions of these rules and who is recommended for such an award by the Faculty.

(3) If the Faculty shall not consider any candidate worthy of the award, no award shall be made.

(4) Each recipient of the scholarship shall be styled "The Baker Scholar" and shall, with a view to presenting a thesis for either the degree of Masters of Laws or Doctor of Philosophy, be pursuing a full time course of study approved by the Faculty of Law.

(5) A candidate for the scholarship must have been admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Laws at The University of Adelaide.

(6) Payment of the scholarship shall be made in equal quarterly instalments. The last payment may, at the discretion of the Faculty, be withheld until the scholar has submitted his/her thesis.

(7) The scholarship shall not be awarded twice to the same person.

(8) These rules may be varied from time to time but the title and general purpose of the scholarship shall not be changed.

*Note: Reduced by succession duty to £4,250

Rules approved by Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Academic) 21 July 2015