

## UTR1.219 - THE NYLAND AND CARUSO PRIZE

### Background –

- A. In 2016, the Honourable Margaret Jean Nyland AM, retired Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia, donated \$25,000 and Mr David Rocco Antonio Caruso donated a further \$5,000 to the University to endow a prize in the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice at the Adelaide Law School. The donations totalling \$30,000 are to be invested into the University's Endowment Fund which will produce annual income distributions used to fund the prize.
- B. The donors have a strong interest in supporting law students, particularly those who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or from other cultural backgrounds under-represented in the legal profession, have a disability, and/or are in financial need.
- C. 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 'Nyland and Caruso Prize' ('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 prize to be administered in accordance with the following Rules.

### Rules

#### Title

1. The prize shall be known as the 'Nyland and Caruso Prize for Meritorious Performance in the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice Prize'.

#### Value

2. The number and value of prizes awarded in any one year will be at the discretion of the selection panel, provided that:

- a) The value of the prize per recipient will be no more than \$2,000;
- b) There will be no more than 3 recipients each year; and
- c) The total value of all prizes in each year will be no more than \$2,000, or such other amount as the University shall from time to time determine provided that the total value of all prizes does not exceed the annual distribution of interest available from the Endowment Fund.

## Eligibility

3. To be eligible for the prize candidates must:-
  - a) be a graduate of the Adelaide Law School;
  - b) have been enrolled in at least 12 units of the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice program in the year in which they apply for the prize;
  - c) have successfully completed the course *LAW 6601 – Lawyer’s Skills* (or equivalent course) and at least one other GDLP course;
  - d) not have previously been awarded this prize;
  - e) submit a written application by the prescribed due date, demonstrating:
    - i. sufficient academic merit; and
    - ii. one or more of the other selection criteria.
4. Candidates are ineligible if they:-
  - have provided false or misleading information that has a relationship to the awarding of this Prize;
  - have been found guilty of misconduct by the Student Misconduct Tribunal and have had relevant penalties imposed on them in accordance with the University’s Policies, Rules and Statutes for Student Misconduct.

## Selection of Candidate

5. Selection of the successful candidate(s) will be made by the Dean, Adelaide Law School (and / or nominee) and The Honourable Margaret Nyland AM (and / or their respective nominee).
6. The prize recipients will be chosen based on the applicant’s performance and attendance in their GDLP courses as at the date applications close. In addition, particular regard will be given to applicants who meet any one or more of the following criteria:
  - a) demonstrated financial need;
  - b) Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (and if this is the case, they must provide appropriate proof of their status as such);
  - c) a cultural background under-represented in the legal profession in South Australia;
  - d) having a disability.
7. If the Prize is not awarded in any year, then the available income distribution shall be added to the capital sum in the Endowment Fund.

## Administration and Variations

8. The Prize will be administered by the Coursework Scholarships and Prizes Office.

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9. The University may vary the rules from time to time in a manner consistent with the University's legal obligations and policies.
10. The University reserves the right to withdraw the Prize if the Student Misconduct Tribunal has found the student guilty of misconduct and imposed a relevant penalty, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information that has a relationship to the awarding of this Prize in accordance with the University's Policies, Rules and Statutes for Student Misconduct.
11. Once the Prize has been withdrawn for that year, it may be re-awarded to the next eligible student at the discretion of the School and subject to available funding.

## Rule Revisions

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