

Centre for the Future of the Legal Profession

Introduction from the Director



In response to the future of law, UNSW Sydney has recently launched the Centre for the Future of the Legal Profession, CFLP.

Led by UNSW Law and Justice, and informed by the legal industry, CFLP will become Australia's leading centre for future focused research and executive and legal educational programs, dedicated to supporting the legal profession to effectively navigate the challenges posed and opportunities presented by technology, innovation and societal expectations. CFLP will collaborate with and drive conversations between professional regulators and associations, law practices and firms from a range of sectors and the courts around pressing issues faced in the changing legal landscape.

Professor Michael Legg

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CFLP

Core Objectives

Engage

with the legal profession on issues that pose challenges and opportunities for the future of legal practice

Collaborate

with the legal and related professions, and the academic community, to inform research and education activities

Communicate

the Centre's research and initiatives through publications, summits, executive and legal education

- » digitalisation of legal services
- » the use of AI in legal practice
- » remote work and online courtrooms
- » mental health and wellbeing

These are just four examples of how the legal profession has been undergoing dramatic changes in recent years. This pace of change is accelerating, with the advancement of new technologies and evolving societal expectations reshaping the future of law.



Future focused research

Future focused research under CFLP will provide evidenced-based insights and tailored solutions to industry identified challenges and opportunities to continually update and improve the legal professional development curriculum, to ensure it meets evolving needs for the profession to navigate the challenges and opportunities presented by changes to technology, innovation, and societal expectations. A focus will be on how legal education and training can adapt to produce graduates and practitioners with the broad strategic, entrepreneurial and ethical skills needed to succeed in the legal roles of the future.

Proposed main areas of research are:

1. Leadership and Professional Skills
2. Culture, Diversity, and Wellbeing
3. Ethics and Regulation
4. AI and LegalTech
5. Access to Justice



Executive and legal educational programs



Executive and legal educational programs under CFLP will provide legal professionals the opportunity to engage with exclusive programs that have been designed to create continued dialogue and disseminate the research conducted by the centre.

UNSW Sydney has more than 25 years of experience providing continuing professional development (CPD) courses to the legal profession through its Centre for Continuing Legal Education, now known as UNSW Edge. The UNSW Faculty of Law & Justice is in a unique position to help the legal profession tackle these challenges. Under the leadership of UNSW Professor of Law Michael Legg, we recently completed a successful 5-year partnership with the Law Society of New South Wales, known as FLIP Stream. This partnership focused on understanding and addressing a range of challenges facing the legal profession and developing responses such as legal project management, change leadership in the law, legal design and limited scope services.

Executive and Legal programs will include:

- Leadership for Lawyers
- Legal ethics in a time of disruption
- Workplace Culture
- Innovation
- Inhouse Counsel Responsibilities and Skills.

How to Apply

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