The Australia and New Zealand Education Law Association Ltd (ANZELA) was established in 1991 with the aim of bringing together academics, legal practitioners, educators and others who have an association with and/or interest in Education Law and legal issues affecting education. The objectives of ANZELA include the promotion and encouragement of research on laws relating to education.

From 2009, ANZELA will introduce an annual Dr Ann Shorten Doctoral Award for the best thesis in education law research.

The award will consist of a citation from ANZELA and a grant of up to $2,000.00 for the awardee to attend the annual ANZELA Conference and present the findings of their research.

Nominating for an award

Anyone who has been awarded a doctoral degree from an Australian institution in the two years prior to 30 June in the year of the award is eligible. Nominations close on 30 June 2013. Individuals may self-nominate for the award.

Nominations should be accompanied by a copy of the thesis abstract, name of institution granting the award, name(s) of supervisors, and full examiners’ reports. Examiners' reports should contain the names of the examiners where possible. Full copies of the thesis may be requested if necessary. However, please DO NOT send full copies of the thesis unless requested.

Nominations should be completed on the NOMINATION FOR DR ANN SHORTEN DOCTORAL AWARD form and sent to:

ANZELA Secretary
Mrs Sue Hammond
16/56 Whistler St
Manly NSW 2095

or to s.hammond@staff.tara.nsw.edu.au

Award Selection

The main criterion for assessment of the best Doctoral thesis, and its contribution to education law and practice, will be the quality of the thesis, as indicated by the outcomes of the examination process undertaken by the higher education institution granting the Doctorate, that is the examination reports.

A selection panel of three members will be appointed by the ANZELA National Executive to examine the nominations and recommend an awardee. The selection panel may seek additional advice from coopted expert ANZELA members. The selection panel reserves the right not to make an award.

The Award will be announced by 31 July 2013.
NOMINATION FORM FOR DR ANN SHORTEN DOCTORAL AWARD

Name of nominee ____________________________________________________________

Contact details for nominee

Mail address:  

__________________________________________________________

State: ___________________ Postcode: ___________

Telephone:  

Work: (0 ) ___________ Home: (0 ) _____________

Mobile: __________________________________

Title of dissertation

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Degree awarded (Please indicate)

Doctor of Philosophy □

Professional Doctorate □ Please indicate equivalent full-time semesters of study devoted to the thesis: _______

Name of awarding institution

__________________________________________________________________________

Name of supervisor(s)

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Names and institutions for examiners (if known)

Examiner 1  ____________________________

Institution  ____________________________________________

Examiner 2  ____________________________

Institution  ____________________________________________

Examiner 3  (if used)  ____________________________

Institution  ____________________________________________

Checklist for nomination

Attached: Thesis Abstract □ Examiners’ reports □
PROCESS FOR AWARDING DR ANN SHORTEN DOCTORAL AWARD

1. The Dr Ann Shorten Doctoral Award will be advertised on the ANZELA website and notification will be sent to financial members. Notification will be sent electronically to Deans of Education and Deans of Law faculties in Australian institutions.

2. The ANZELA National Executive will appoint a three member selection panel at the first Board meeting of the calendar year. The selection panel will recommend an awardee for endorsement by the National Executive.

3. Nomination forms and attached materials will be received by the ANZELA Secretary by 30 June each year.

4. The nomination forms and materials will be sent electronically to the selection panel who will compile individual judgements of the nominations. The selection panel will then meet by teleconference in June or July to finalise the award.

5. The successful nominee will be notified by email and mail of their success.

6. The name of the successful nominee and abstract will be placed on the ANZELA website. A Roll of Honour will be established on the website to keep a register of annual winners of the Dr Ann Shorten Doctoral Award.

Resolution of disputes and conflict of interest

The ANZELA National Executive decision will be final unless serious academic misconduct has occurred.

If a member of the nominated selection panel has a conflict of interest regarding a nomination they shall declare that conflict of interest to the national President of ANZELA. The President will determine if the conflict of interest is such that the panel member should be replaced. For example, if a member of the selection panel had been a supervisor of a nominee, it would not be appropriate for them to be involved in the decision for the award. However, given the closely-related field of education law in Australia, mere knowledge of the candidate and the dissertation may not be sufficient conflict of interest for removal from the panel. The member should disclose such knowledge to the panel. If the President of ANZELA should be either a member of the selection panel and/or also placed in a conflict of interest, advice on conflict of interest should be sought from the next highest office holder in the ANZELA executive, and so on. Membership of the selection panel may be coopted from outside the National Executive if necessary.