

ANZELA

Australia and New Zealand Education Law Association (Ltd)

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Dr ANN SHORTEN DOCTORAL THESIS AWARD

Presented by the Australia and New Zealand Education Law Association Ltd

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.

ANZELA presents an annual Dr Ann Shorten Doctoral Award for the best thesis in education law research.

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

1. 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 each year. Individuals may self-nominate for the award.

Nominations should be accompanied by a copy of the thesis abstract, name of institution granting the award, names(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 forwarded to:

**ANZELA Secretariat
C/- 18 Wentworth Street
BELLERIVE TAS 7018**

Or via email to
anzela@anzela.org.au

2. 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 Committee of Directors to examine the nominations and recommend an awardee. The selection panel may seek additional advice from co-opted expert ANZELA members. The selection panel reserves the right not to make an award.

3. 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 Committee of Directors 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 Secretariat 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 confer to finalise the award.
5. The successful nominee will be notified by email and mail.
6. The name of the successful nominee and abstract will be announced at the ANZELA AGM, which takes place during the annual national conference. A Roll of Honour will be established on the website to keep a register of annual winners of the Dr Ann Shorten Doctoral Award.

4. Resolution of disputes and conflict of interest

The ANZELA National Committee of Directors' 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 excused from the assessment process. 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 National Committee of Directors, and so on.

Membership of the selection panel may be co-opted from outside the ANZELA National Committee of Directors if necessary.