

730-894 Designs Law and Practice

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 - 26 contact hours per subject. Total Time Commitment: The time commitment for this subject depends on the candidates background and experience.
Prerequisites:	N.A.
Corequisites:	N.A.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	N.A.
Coordinator:	Ms Janice Luck, Prof. Sam Ricketson
Subject Overview:	<p>Objectives:</p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand and be able to apply the principles of law relating to the registration and enforcement of designs # Understand the practice relating to the registration and exploitation of designs # Have the ability to apply for, prosecute and maintain the registration of a design # Understand and be able to apply the principles of law relating to the protection of designs by copyright # Appreciate other means of protecting designs # Understand the principles of the international protection of designs. <p>Syllabus:</p> <p>Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Registrable designs: What is a design newness and distinctiveness # Types of design applications # Application and registration procedures and Designs Office practice # Duration of registration and removal procedures # Registration rights and their infringement # Defences to and remedies for infringement # Validity and infringement of designs registered under the <i>Designs Act 1906</i> # Offences and penalties # Ownerships, transfer and exploitation of design rights (including compulsory licences and Crown use and acquisition) # Rectification and correction of the Register # Artistic works protected by copyright and the designs/copyright overlap # The protection of designs under the <i>Olympic Insignia Protection Act 1987</i> and the protection of integrated circuits under the <i>Circuit Layouts Act 1989</i> # International conventions and the protection of designs in foreign countries.
Assessment:	Take-home examination (100%) (13-18 August)

Prescribed Texts:	Core subject materials will be provided free of charge to all students. Some subjects require further texts to be purchased. Please visit the subject homepage on the Melbourne Law Masters website by following the link at the bottom of this subject entry.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
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Generic Skills:	Please see the Subject Objectives for this information.
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