



Media Release

The Australian Institute of International Affairs and the International Law Association (Australian Branch) proudly announce that this year's Peter Nygh Hague Conference Internship has been awarded to Brody Warren.

The Internship supports a graduate or post graduate student of an Australian law school to undertake an internship with The Hague Conference on Private International Law (The Hague Conference) in the Netherlands by providing funds to cover the cost of travel to the Netherlands and a contribution towards living expenses.

Brody's keen interest in private international law and comparative law made him a standout candidate for the 2014 award. Brody's critique of whether Australian law should be reformed to incorporate a flexible exception to the *lex loci delicti* rule for international torts will be published in the Torts Law Journal at the end of the year. Brody has also worked for two years as a sub-editor for the legal publisher LexisNexis' Capital Monitor in the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery.

While completing his degrees in Arts (majoring in political science and Spanish) and Law at the Australian National University, Brody undertook an exchange to the European Academy Otzenhausen in Germany where he undertook an intensive course in European Law. Brody also interned at the Embassy of the Argentine Republic where he undertook a number of independent research projects in the areas of international trade and cross border cooperation in trade in Spanish. Brody is not only highly proficient in Spanish, but he is also fluent in French and has studied in France and completed a French government approved diploma in French. He has also recently commenced studying Arabic which is testament to his passion for languages and interest in international affairs.

Brody has contributed to his university community and to the wider Australian community as a student ambassador at the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences and Campus Coordinator and Mentor with Raising Hope, a not-for-profit youth education foundation. Over the past three years he has also volunteered with the Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services.

Brody was delighted to be awarded the Internship, as he plans to focus on private international law and law reform in Australia in his future career

For those interested in applying for the 2015 Nygh Internship, applications close on 30th September 2014. Please visit the AIIA's website at www.aiaa.asn.au or email Tsjatsja Westerveld at Tsjatsja.Westerveld@allens.com.au.



Background Information

The Peter Nygh Hague Conference Internship is an award in memory of the late Hon Dr Peter Nygh AM, a leading international lawyer and former judge of the Family Court of Australia. Dr Nygh was also an Australian delegate to, and a rapporteur of, The Hague Conference. In 2002, he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in part 'for service to international law, particularly through honorary assistance to The Hague Conference'.

Dr Nygh's family donated funds to establish the Peter Nygh Hague Conference Internship. An additional \$50,000 was donated by the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, and Allens generously supports the administration of the award. Further donations are being sought to support this initiative. All donations are tax deductible.

The Australian Institute of International Affairs (www.aiaa.asn.au) was established in 1933 as an independent non-political body to promote an interest in, and understanding of, international affairs. The AIIA operates nationwide with 1,300 members across seven State and Territory branches. The AIIA provides a forum for discussion, and educates and disseminates ideas via its journal *Australian Journal of International Affairs* and book series including *Australia in World Affairs*. The Governor-General of Australia, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC is the AIIA's Honorary Visitor and Patron.

The International Law Association has over 50 branches worldwide and a growing membership of academics and practising professionals with an interest in international law. Membership is available to all persons interested in international law. The Hon Dr Peter Nygh AM was a past president of ILA (AB) and was also active in the international organisation of the ILA. While president of the ILA (AB) he promoted co-operation between the ILA (AB) and the AIIA.

