

Dear Friend,

The Judge Bob Bellear Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship for Law

Bob Bellear graduated with a BJuris/LLB from UNSW Law in 1978 and was admitted to the Bar in 1979 as NSW's second Aboriginal barrister. A Director of the Aboriginal Housing Company, the Aboriginal Medical Service and the Aboriginal Legal Service, he was the first Aboriginal lawyer to be appointed as counsel assisting a Royal Commissioner, and the first to be appointed a Public Defender. When he was appointed to the District Court of NSW in 1996, Bob was the first Aboriginal lawyer to be appointed to any intermediate court in Australia. He was a man of great compassion, learning and humanity, and, in partnership with his wife Kaye, a tireless fighter for his people and for justice.

Bob died in 2005, and to honour his life, legacy, and his commitment to education, UNSW Law, working together with Bob's family, is establishing a new scholarship in his name.



The scholarship will be open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and will offer substantial financial assistance as well as academic and professional mentoring. The scholarship will have a particular emphasis on supporting a student with family and community responsibilities, and the potential to become a future leader in the legal community.

UNSW Law has a long tradition of commitment to Indigenous legal education. We have a lively, diverse, engaged Aboriginal student body and many Indigenous graduates in Law. We are enormously proud to number Bob Bellear among those graduates, and that the family has chosen to work with UNSW Law to offer this new scholarship.

We hope that you will be able to contribute to the scholarship fund. If you have any questions about the scholarship, please contact Jordana Wong on +61 (2) 9385 1538 or at jordana.wong@unsw.edu.au.

Best wishes,

David Dixon
Dean, UNSW Law

Jeni Engel
Director, Indigenous Legal Education

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