

# “What’s Ethics got to do with it? Requiring students to be cognisant of ethical parameters in commercial practice



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“Gatekeeping implies passage or movement between two or more places, with certain criteria governing when passage is appropriate.”

Dr Stephen Behnke, Director, Ethics Office, American Psychological Association



## The Professional Practice Core within the ANU Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice: Integration of Property, Civil Litigation, Commercial, Ethics, and Accounts





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**RE: Commercial Practice: Welcome**

**From: J C**

2013-03-11 21:56:35

**To: Jeff Winger: Com. Vendor Sen. Partner**

Dear Jeff

Thank you for the introduction and I look forward to working with you.

By the way, it is such an amazing coincidence that both you and the Associate in this practice group have the same names as two of the characters from my favourite TV show!

Regards

J



**RE: Commercial Practice: Welcome**

**From: A M**

2013-03-12 15:27:10

**To: Jeff Winger: Com. Vendor Sen. Partner**

Dear Jeff,

I have to ask, are you the Jeff Winger of Community fame?

Loving the reference and looking forward to the unit.

Cheers







# Ethics

Ethics in business  
moral principles  
rules and regulation  
of right conduct rec  
values that guide t

In the American context  
“virtually without question,  
professors of commercial law  
eschew outside readings that  
might raise ethical and  
conceptual questions about  
the Commercial Code.”

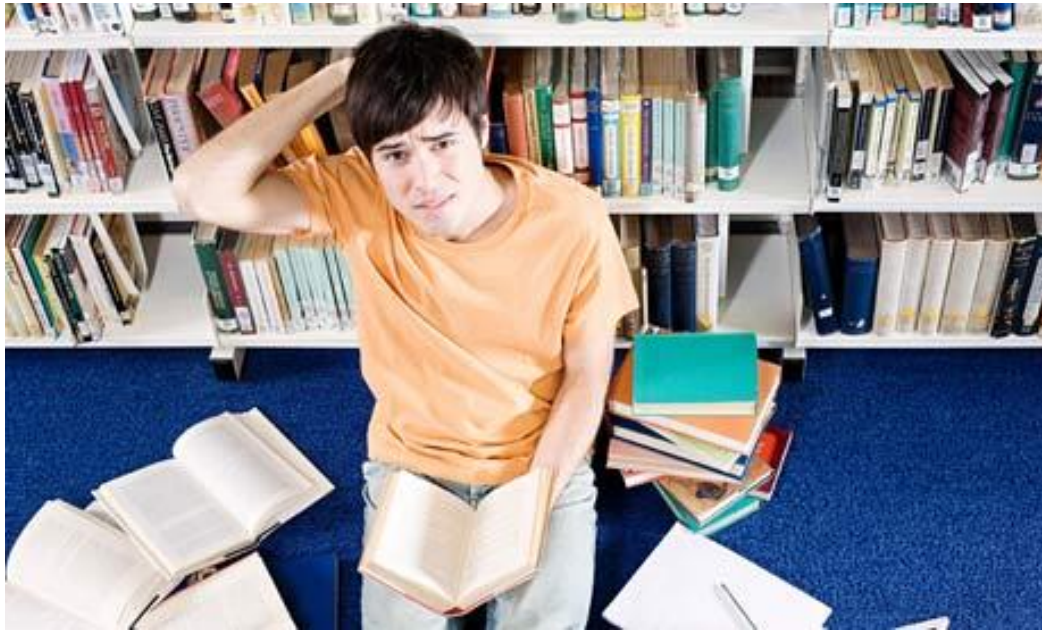


Only 37.3% of students thought their undergraduate experience 'encouraged/developed ethical practice.'

50% of law graduates practised Commercial Law in first year of employment.



Commercial Law designated the area where further training was most desirable.



The mixture of Legal Ethics with Commercial Practice was “confusing”.

The study of Legal Ethics could have been more effectively as a “separate module”.







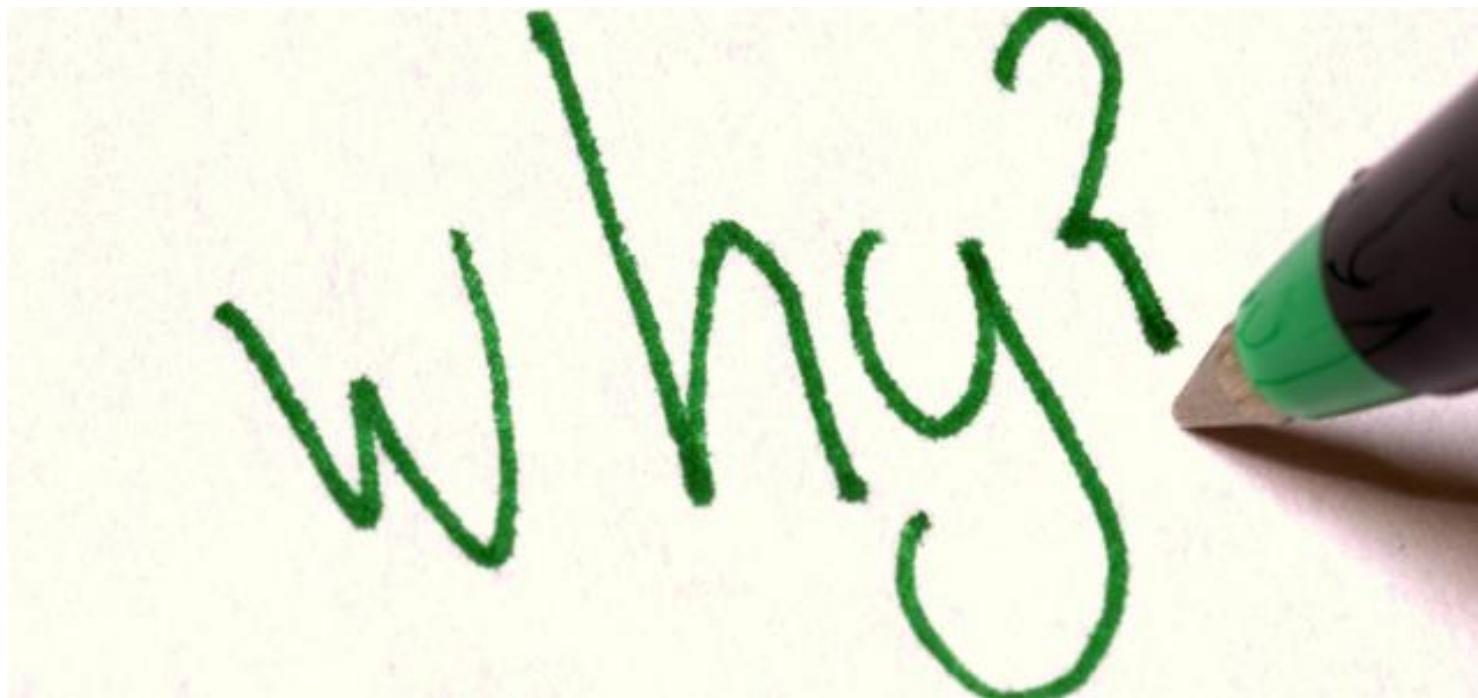




















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