



# COOPER GRACE WARD

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## *In medias res*

[ IN THE MIDST OF THINGS ]

## Q is the new pink



Cooper Grace Ward is a Brisbane based commercial law firm, servicing local, national and international clients.

We strive to deliver exceptional outcomes for our clients, create exciting opportunities for our team, and contribute meaningfully to our community.

We have chosen to sponsor QUOTALS and *In medias res*, not only to let QUT students know more about who we are and what we do, but also to provide you with some useful tips and information from past QUT students who are now working in a law firm environment.

With a team of more than 160, Cooper Grace Ward has a large number of current and past QUT students on our team. Several of our team members act as QUT lecturers, tutors and mentors. We also have a number of people who have completed or are currently completing their PLT course through QUT.

In each edition of *In medias res* during 2007, we will profile one of our team members to provide insights into their perceptions of QUT, what they have taken from their university studies into their role with Cooper Grace Ward, and some tips on how you can successfully begin a career in law.

If you would like to find out more about Cooper Grace Ward, our people and our services, please visit [www.cgw.com.au](http://www.cgw.com.au).

**After three days of brutal campaigning the dust settled. Twenty-seven people emerged from the Red Bull littered battle field - We are QUOTALS 2007s.**

One of the most asked questions we heard during O-Week (other than where is C Block?) was what does QUOTALS do?

Of course we organise a fantastic social programme to help break the stress of studying law. We also offer the L card which will pay for itself within a week and Ball is going to be massive.

There's a whole other side to QUOTALS as well. We act as facilitators between the law student population as a whole and the university.

Our publications team work to collect all the information vital to studying law and getting graduate jobs and clerkships and put it in a compact, easy to access format and deliver it to you for your pleasure.

Sports mad and adrenalin addicted, the guys in the sports committee already have a number of

events planned where students will take on teams from firms as well as staff from our very own law faculty.

We can also confirm the rumours that one of QUOTALS longest standing traditions, the UQ vs QUT rugby grudge match will be on again. With the sandstone men standing one win above us the pressure is on to even out the score.

The key to making 2007 one of the most successful yet rests with you. We need to know what you want, what you like or dislike and how we can make the time you spend with us better.

Check out [www.quotals.com](http://www.quotals.com) which is the epicentre of everything QUOTALS. Leave us a message on the discussion forum or drop us an email. Come along to one of our many events where you'll find us and have a chat.

Whether it's your first year or you last now is the time to get involved.

# Summer's over - the heat is ON

You could be forgiven for thinking you were entering the twilight zone. Where did all the holidays go? I had a suspicion my days of lying in the sun were numbered, but this? Yes, whether you're a final year or a law school virgin, the first week back from holidays always takes some getting used to.

So here we are – week one, semester one, 2007. Whilst summer is fast drawing to an end, much has changed over the holidays. The Aussies won the Ashes back in a 5-0 series whitewash, leaving the Barmy Army with only their newly found tans to cheer about. We said goodbye to Warnie, good guy Glen McGrath, Justin Langer and the other guy.

The OC met its end now that Marissa is dead and Ryan moved on (a little too quickly) with Taylor. Cameron and Justin called it quits. Brittney embarked on a path of self destruction under the guidance of new best friend

Paris Hilton (whose singing career we pray has halted). While leggings have made it back onto the catwalks don't despair, slouch socks aren't planning a return anytime soon.

Just as the Christmas period saw much change, so too will the months ahead.

For some, the upcoming weeks will be your first at university. The days will be marked by nervous excitement, making new friends, freakishly high lecture attendance and discovering with delight the true purpose of the case headnote.

There will be a defining moment when you realise that for the first time in your life class attendance is totally up to you - a feeling of liberation will follow. The subconscious comparison between actual uni life and expectations based on Sweet Valley University books is an unwanted but unavoidable distraction.

It may take until your final year to realise how important the first days are. In your last year you will look back on the first moments you met your friends and smile, because even though you didn't know it then, these people would become important to you.

For me, like many of you, this is my last week one, semester one. For the graduating class as much as we may not like to admit, for fear of starting a Lord of the Flies type scenario, we fight silently (friend against friend) for the same precious graduate positions.

The news on this front is that many firm graduate position applications are currently open and close in March. For more information, and the 2007 QUOTALS Firm Guide, see the QUOTALS website.

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## Law Survival Tip # 1

Limit caffeine intake early in the semester ... developing a tolerance (or complete immunity) to the stuff becomes expensive in swot vac.

## Q DIARY DATES [NOTE NOW]

Week 4 - 25<sup>th</sup> March – Firms v Students Touch Football Day

Week 5 – 6 – Negotiation Competition

Week 7 – Paper Presentation Competition

Weeks 8 – 9 – Junior Moot

Weeks 9 - 10 – Senior Moot

Week 11 - 18<sup>th</sup> May – Law Ball

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