UTR 6.392 – NORMA JENKINS SCHOLARSHIP

Background

A. The University received $520,487 (Bequest) from the estate of Norma Riley (née Jenkins) (Donor) for the purposes of establishing a scholarship in the Melbourne Law School (Purpose). The Bequest will be used to establish, in perpetuity, the Norma Jenkins Scholarship (Scholarship).

B. Norma Riley was a graduate of the law school. In her Will, the Donor expressed the wish that her bequest ‘… [be] used by the University for the purposes of a scholarship in the law school as I have always been grateful that my legal education at the law school was assisted by the Moran Bursary awarded to me as a student’.

C. Norma Jenkins (1925 – 2015) was born in North Fitzroy. Educated at primary school in Fitzroy and then at Presbyterian Ladies College, Norma received the TE & ER Moran Bursary, which allowed her to study law at the University of Melbourne. Graduating from the University in 1947, Norma completed her articles in 1948. She received her certificate to practise from the Law Institute of Victoria on 21 April 1949 at the age of 23, and commenced her own practice later that year. In this and many other ways she was a trail blazer, being one of only 10 women in her graduating class and successfully building her own general practice. As one of the earliest women sole practitioners in Victoria, practising under her maiden name of Jenkins, Norma distinguished herself in the areas of conveyancing, property law, family law and commercial law. In 1997, 50 years after her graduation, Norma was presented with a certificate by Sir Zelman Cowan conferring Honorary Life Membership of the Melbourne University Law Society.

D. This University Trust Record is the means by which the University records –

(1) the trusts upon which the University holds trust property, including the capital sum; and

(2) the administrative arrangements for the implementation and ongoing performance of those trusts from time to time.

The trust terms and administrative arrangements governing the Bequest are as follows.

Trust terms

1. A perpetual trust was established for the Purpose on receipt by the University of the Bequest and the University is the trustee of that trust.

2. The University must invest and preserve the Bequest and any accumulations and additions to the Bequest, including but not limited to distributions from an external trust, and apply the net income arising from the Bequest to support the Purpose.

Administrative arrangements

In order to implement the trust terms, the University has determined that:

1. the Bequest and any further donations received by the University are to be transferred to the University’s long-term investment common fund at the end of the quarter following receipt by the University and remain there until Council otherwise directs.
2. any unexpended income arising from the Bequest referred to above in any year may be:

   (a) retained as income in which case it will be available in any subsequent year to be applied for Purpose; or

   (b) added to the capital sum represented by the Bequest, in which case that unexpended income will be forever regarded as capital and will therefore be preserved in the same manner as the capital sum represented by the Bequest.

3. the Dean of the Melbourne Law School (or its successor) is authorised by the University to award the Scholarship on behalf of the University.

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