

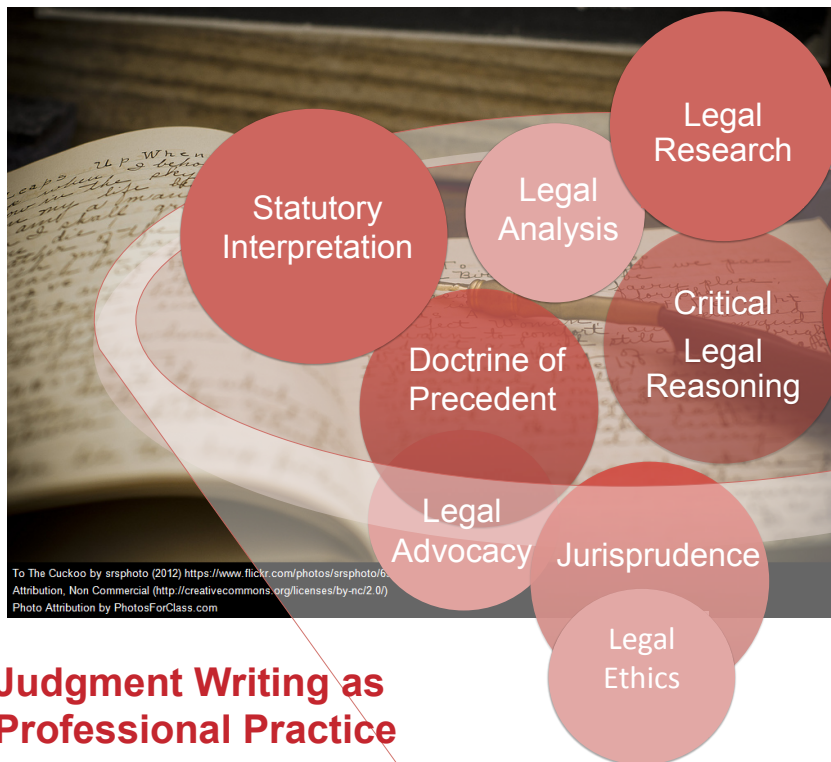
JUDGMENT WRITING AS ASSESSMENT

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"The feminist judgments are now being used for teaching purposes in ... law schools ... internationally, in 'gender and law'-type courses (focusing on feminist approaches to judging) ...; in introduction to law, jurisprudence and statutory interpretation courses (focusing on critical analysis of judicial decision-making); and in doctrinal courses ... focusing on ... alternative possibilities for doctrinal development ...

In some of these courses, students are required to draft their own feminist judgment as part of the assessment, or have the option of doing so."¹

1. Rosemary Hunter, 'Feminist judgments as teaching resources' (2012) *Oxford Socio-Legal Series* 2.5, 54.



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Judgment Writing as Professional Practice

Judgments

Today's law students are more likely to be writing judgments as part of their professional practice, and earlier in their careers, as Judges, Acting Judges or tribunal members. Academics too, have begun to write alternative legal judgments, as a form of critical legal analysis.

Judicial Education

Judgment writing is now professionalised. Judgment writing workshops are part of contemporary judicial education.

Judgment

Judgment Writing as Access to Justice

More self-represented litigants

Judgments are more likely to be used directly by non-lawyers, rather than mediated through legal advice. Deconstruction and analysis of judgments has become a skill needed to foster access to justice.

More Legal Education

Judgment writing should be taught at law school to prepare students for professional legal practice and to provide skills to promote access to justice.



The Australian Feminist Judgments Project

<https://law.uq.edu.au/the-australian-feminist-judgments-project>

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