

**SPEECH AT LAUNCH OF THE JUSTICE PETER HELY  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
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Mrs Hely and members of the Hely family, members of the Australian Judiciary, Professor Triggs and staff of the Sydney University Law Faculty, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

I am immensely proud to accept The Justice Peter Hely Scholarship this evening.

For those of you who I have not met before, or have not spoken with this evening, The Justice Hely Scholarship will enable me to undertake postgraduate studies in law at the University of Oxford, matriculating at Magdalen College.

The opportunity to study at Oxford is of course an amazing one. But, in my circumstances, it is also a contingent one. For me, this opportunity is contingent on the generosity, the support and the sacrifice of others. It is those people I would like to thank briefly tonight.

I would like to thank all of the benefactors who made the inaugural award of this scholarship possible. Anonymous and several as you may be, please know that my gratitude extends to all of you individually and sincerely. The opportunity which through your generosity I gain tonight, is one that I have no intention of squandering. I will not waste a moment at Oxford, and I hope that not a moment will be wasted on me.

I also thank Justice Heydon, Justice Jacobson and Professor Triggs, who were the selection committee for this year's Justice Hely Scholarship. I can honestly say that I thoroughly enjoyed my interview, in spite of whatever nerves I was trying to conceal on the day. My thanks also go to Peter Finneran and the Law School generally for the work done in the inauguration and organisation of the scholarship.

On a more personal level, I would also like to thank some of those people closest to me. To my mother and father, whose patience and sacrifice over many years is, in large part, the reason why I am in a position to accept this award tonight, thank you. To my fiancée, Catherine Loy, for your unending support and love, for your belief and encouragement, thank you. To my future mother-in-law, Jeanette Loy, my thanks as well. And to my close friend, Odette Murray, for going every step of the way with me through this law school, thank you.

I did not know Justice Hely, and I feel that that is my loss. From the year and a half I have spent at the Federal Court as Associate to Justice Tamberlin, I have got some sense of what Justice Hely was like as a lawyer and a colleague. He was well regarded and well liked. His legacy is one both of scholarship and friendship. In such circumstances, I am honoured to be the inaugural Justice Hely Scholar and to represent his legacy not only in the Australian legal profession but also overseas.

Thank you.