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Dr. Drew teaches IHL from a first-hand perspective, incorporating real-life experiences and scenarios into his class-room materials. The 2018 Teaching Excellence Award from the College of Law at ANU recognized his innovation in the classroom. In 2019 he was a finalist for Australian Legal Educator of the year.

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