

Where Are They Now: Robert Ishak

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HE'S a high-flying lawyer, but Robert Ishak still comes home to Fairfield for a haircut and a bite to eat.

The 32-year-old said he regularly made the trip from his inner west home to Sackville St to have his hair styled at Sammy and Sons barbers.

Mr Ishak, a big fan of the Fairfield CBD, said he was also a regular at Frank's Restaurant.

"Its one of my favourites," he said.



Mr Ishak grew up in Fairfield before moving out of the area to be closer to his Pymont-based legal firm, William Roberts Lawyers.

It's a business he started with family friend and former Sefton High School student Bill Petrovski in 2005, after just four years working in the legal industry.

From humble beginnings the firm has grown to employ a team of 15 lawyers who specialise in commercial litigation, debt recovery and legislative interpretation.

The two founders are now looking to take on another five lawyers, and open a second office in Melbourne.

"Not bad for two boys from out west," Mr Ishak said.

The eldest of three boys, Mr Ishak said he had fond memories of his early days living in Wakeley and Bossley Park.

The former King Park Public School student played soccer for the Canley Heights Cobras with his brothers.

He said he decided to become a lawyer, something he had always wanted to do, in high school.

Mr Ishak studied at the University of Western Sydney in Campbelltown, earning bachelor degrees in law and commerce.

He has become a keen advocate for UWS law students in his professional life, hiring a number of the university's best performers at his firm.

Mr Ishak has returned to the university to give seminars and presents an annual award for the UWS student who finishes first in dispute resolution.

"William Roberts still supports a number of Western Sydney projects such as UWS and the annual Learning Links ball," he said.

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