

UOWLSS NEWSPAPER

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Can you believe it's already August?

As the months have ticked over, the UOWLSS has been working hard to improve and enhance the law student experience.

In Autumn Session, the UOWLSS facilitated and promoted just under 70 different initiatives for students to explore new career paths, develop their skills, and strengthen their connections with their peers. Some of the standouts were:

- Launching Equity Scholarships for our social events;
- Achieving outstanding results in Client Interviewing and Negotiation at the 2022 ALSA Conference;
- Launching Mooting Development Workshops;
- Advancing the First Year Program with new events and resources; and
- Electing Student Representatives in new positions to represent our diverse law student body and promote inclusivity.



As a proud advocate for regional law students and junior legal professionals, there are so many opportunities available within our local area to excel and achieve great things.

I am very excited about the coming weeks and look forward to celebrating a fantastic year together at our Annual Law Ball in December. Until then, here are some new and upcoming initiatives to get involved in:

- UOWLSS Mentoring Program
- Black Dog Institute's One Foot Forward
- UOWLSS Charity Ball
- UOWLSS Legal Tech Hackathon

If at any time you have any questions, I encourage you to reach out to myself at president@uowlss.net or our wonderful team.

Best Wishes,
Marie Russo

VICE PRESIDENT MARKETING

Hi all,

My name is Annabella Stanisic (she/her) and I am your Vice President of Marketing. I am so incredibly proud to be launching our very first UOW LSS Newsletter! It's been a big year, officially getting back on campus post COVID, and I can't wait to share all of our initiatives with you.

We are aiming to release a newsletter to you all once every month, giving you an update on recent events, and what is coming in the weeks ahead. At the end of the day, this newsletter is for you. I want to include in here what you want to see. If you have any suggestions or ideas about the newsletter, please email me!

Yours faithfully,

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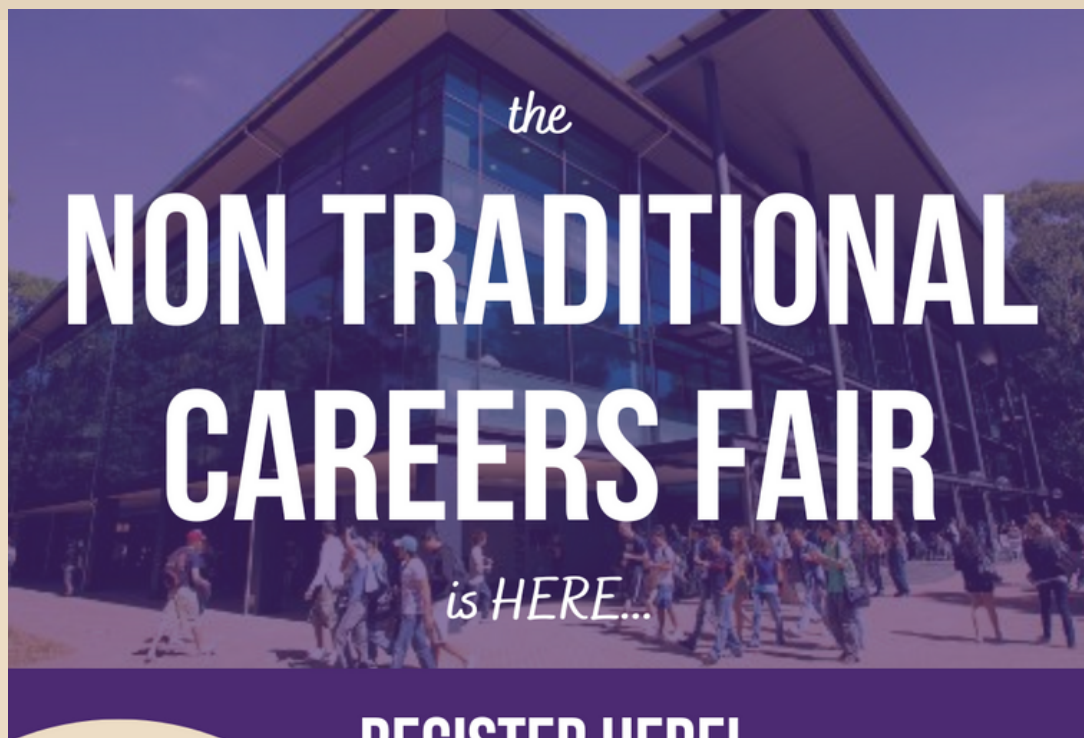
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FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER
11 AM - 2 PM

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COMPETITIONS

Find our comps calendar here:



Why should you compete in our Competitions?

Testimony from First Year Representative, Chi:

"The Allen's Client Interview Competition was a rewarding opportunity and experience to be introduced into competitions as a junior student. My team-mate (Olivia Sevilgen) and I worked through different Lawyer-Client scenarios that explored legal situations experienced by a wide variety of individuals. These included personal-injury, theft and council law.

Whilst there was a wide range of legal scenarios uncovered, there was a large focus on our teamwork, ability to empathise and ability to provide a coherent, logical discussion of the events that occurred through questioning. More so, it aligned with the 1st-year subject LLB1115 - Legal Skills, where we were able to make connections between our learnings in the subject to our skills in the competition."

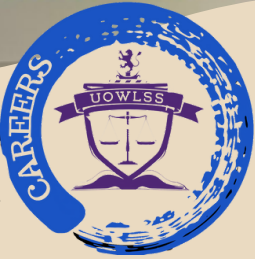
Update on Autumn Session:

UOWLSS had a number of representatives compete at the Australia Law Student Association (ALSA) conference in Brisbane in July. A team of Schyler Locke and Lachlan McInerney represented UOW in client interviewing, and Kristie Evans and Sarah Masluk represented UOW in the negotiation competition. Both teams 'broke' in their respective competitions, meaning they made it into the final rounds! We are incredibly proud of these teams' successes at ALSA and thank them for their contribution to the conference.

The Skills-Based Competitions Portfolio would like to thank all the sponsors, volunteers and School of Law staff for their continued support of our students in competitions.

This semester (Spring) there are more skills-based competitions to get involved in including advice writing, mediation and policy writing competitions. We look forward to seeing more students challenging themselves and getting involved.





CAREERS



The Autumn Session is undoubtedly the busiest semester for the UOWLSS Careers Portfolio, and this year, we've hosted, created, learned, and achieved some amazing things!

The Clerkship 'season' brought 3 major Firm Visits to Allens, Ashurst, and Herbert Smith Freehills; our hugely successful 2022 Autumn Careers Fair; a highly valuable visit to the 2022 NSW Law Society Careers Fair, and the greatly anticipated release of our latest 2022 Clerkship Guide.

We hosted virtual Q&A sessions regarding Clerkship applications with UOW Alumni including Vijay, Tahlia, and Ginny (Allens), and Bryony Binns (PriceWaterhouseCooper).

Of course, we also engaged our newest law students through a 'First Year Introductory Workshop' to provide insight into the law student experience through the eyes of fellow students who have "been there and done that."

Through all of this, we built our professional networks and expanded our horizons, taking initiative and actively seeking information, advice, resources and connections to confidently enter the professional world at the conclusion of our tertiary education. Following such a successful semester focused on Clerkships, we have re-imagined Careers for the Spring Session.

This is why we are very excited to announce a **UNIVERSITY FIRST EVENT: The UOWLSS 2022 Spring Non-Traditional Careers Fair.**

This exhibition, taking place from 11 am - 2 pm on Friday 14 October 2022, will be an excellent opportunity for students to interact with industry professionals, such as the wonderful members of your team, and facilitate constructive connections and discourse that spark deeper inquiry that is encouraged by a growing network. There will be regional and global businesses and firms covering professional sectors including Finance, Real-Estate, Government, Marketing, Journalism, Information Technology and MORE!

As well as this, we are looking forward to partnering with Acorn Lawyers for a regional Firm Visit later in the Semester.



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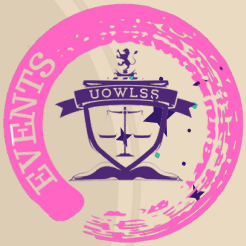


The Events Portfolio is incredibly proud to be able to have brought events back to the Law Student Society. Hampered by the restrictions and lockdowns of years past, the UOWLSS has been able to bring their stalwart events back.

The First Year Party has been cancelled the last two years, and the Bottomless Brunch was a great event to welcome our first years to University.

Looking forward, we looking forward to a new Charity Ball event, and the annual Law Ball, with a twist.

The annual Harbour Cruise was a resoundingly positive event, with over 100 students attending. The Events Portfolio have also been incredibly proud to bring key events to the First Years - both the Bottomless Brunch and the First Year Survival Party.



Law Ball

The LSS' annual Law Ball will be held on Thursday 8th December, at City Beach Function Centre. Our events team are hard at work to finalise details, keep an eye on our social media for further details including price and ticket dates!

We look forward to bringing back this fantastic event, this year with a twist... We will be dropping hints and clues about the theme over the coming weeks. The first person to DM us with the correct theme will win a half price ticket to Law Ball!



MARKETING



MERCH. IS. COMING!



We know it's been a long time coming... and we apologise for the delay... but it is on it's way!!

We are going to launch a number of designs, along with a special edition for the UOWLSS 30th Anniversary last year. Enjoy a small sneak peak of what some of our designs might look like

Along with this, you may have seen some posts about our design competition. We want to release a range of merchandise that was designed by you, for you. We know law isn't the most creative degree, so if you have a hidden

talent, it's time to show it off!



STUDENT EXPERIENCES



Our Student Experiences portfolio has been hard at work this year, producing a wide range of events aimed at celebrating diversity, and complementing our students' education. In addition, we have been in close consultation with the School of Law, presenting your feedback on everything from Law Hub content, to online teaching styles. Our favourite event from last semester was the Stress-less Picnic!

As exams were approaching, we set up shop in the McKinnon Building, where we offered various goodies and an even greater range of advice. We helped students build more sustainable study habits, plan out their degree, get in contact with academic staff, and of course, prepare for exams with the help of our Law Exam Guide. First-year students in particular found this to be a rewarding session, often learning the answers to questions they didn't even know they had.

And of course, more picnics! The Student Experiences portfolio remains committed to improving the wellbeing and education of our law students, with representatives for first- and second-year students, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, students with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ students, and mature age students. If you have anything you would like to raise with our team, contact:

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This semester, our Student Experiences' Portfolio has many more plans in the works, including:

- More public discussions with the School
- New Law Hub content
- Women's Luncheon

