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Join ALSA in Hobart this July for their annual Conference

What is ALSA?

The Australian Law Students' Association ("ALSA") is the peak representative body of law student societies and associations around Australia. ALSA strives to provide educational, professional and networking opportunities to Australian law students, principally through their Council meetings and annual Conference.

2024 ALSA Conference For the first time in 8 vears, ALSA are holding their annual Conference in Hobart! The Conference will host people from all over Australia and the world, and ALSA cannot wait to share this experience with you all! This year, the Conference runs from Tuesday July 9th to Sunday July 14th, and will provide a range of educational. professional and social opportunities for law students to experience and enjoy! Six competitions are run during the Conference: the National Championship Moot, the International Humanitarian Law Moot, the National

Witness Examination Competition, the National Negotiation Competition, the National Client Interview Competition and the National Paper Presentation Competition. These competitions are accessible for students at all levels of study! We are also recruiting volunteer actors and bailiffs for those who don't want to compete but would love to get an insight into what competitions are all about!

If you have any questions about the Conference or would like to learn more, please email Natalie Size, Conference Convenor, at conference@alsa.asn.au.



MEET A FACULTY MEMBER Ben Richardson



Short summary of career After growing up in Sydney and studying law at Macquarie University, Ben completed his PhD at ANU. He then spent one year working for National Parks and Wildlife, however, he knew a career in academia was calling. As a student Ben loved the freedom and autonomy of the university experience, ultimately leading him to pursue a career as a teacher and academic. Ben spent nearly 20 years working overseas, including teaching environmental law in Toronto as well as Research Chair in Environmental Law and Sustainability at the University of British

Columbia. Ben still holds appointments as an adjunct professor at York and Queens university in Ontario where he teaches Corporate Social Responsibility and Climate Change.

Role at UTAS

In his role at UTAS, Ben teaches the core unit of 'Property Law' as well as the electives 'Environmental Law', 'Indigenous Peoples and the Law' and 'Law and Social Change'. Acknowledging he enjoys teaching all his units, Ben takes a particular liking towards Law and Social Change. It is broad and encompasses a range of interesting topics, including human rights, environmental law, and corporate law. Being an elective, the unit attracts a novel range of students from different year levels and disciplines which makes for insightful discussion.

Favourite thing to do in your spare time

Ben does not consider his career to be 'work' but rather his 'life'. He often spends Sunday mornings reading legal literature or writing his own. Ben volunteers for local community groups, including the Tasmanian **Independent Science** Council and also enjoys bushwalking, taking his dog, Tui, for walks, and watching documentaries. Ben is also currently undertaking a second PhD in 'Film Studies'.

Would you recommend students participate in competitions throughout their degree?

Ben has a long history of coaching negotiation and moot teams in Canada, He says opportunities in competitions like negotiations are crucial because, in reality, most lawyer work is not litigation. He states that 'the media only reports the court cases, but that is really an exception', and therefore it is invaluable for students to gain experience in all forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Tips for students to `get through' to the end of semester

Sometimes studying more is not the best way to succeed, and often spending time with friends, watching a movie, or going for a walk will be the key to productive study. Ben considers it important for students to consider their mental health, which may require taking on less commitments outside of university.

Favourite Restaurant in Hobart

Chrome Cafè & Paesano (both in West Hobart)

Favourite Holiday Destination

Anywhere in his imagination, but Toronto is a close second.

Spirit Animal Owl

TASMANIAN LEGAL PRACTICE COURSE

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING AT LEGAL PRAC?

Our 2024 Tasmanian Legal Practice Course trainees started with us on Friday 2 February. Trainees were again invited to participate in the Opening of the Legal Year, and be part of the formal procession with members of the Judiciary, Magistracy and senior practitioners and law officers into St David's Cathedral for the ecumenical service. Afterwards, the trainees were invited to the "Judges Breakfast" and had the opportunity to meet members of the broader profession.

SKILLS WORKSHOP

In Week 2 of the Course, we hosted a two-day Skills Workshop. On Day 1, we were assisted by several guest presenters, including trainers from Tasmania's 26Ten program, with a program aimed at following Plain English principles in legal writing. Later in the day, the focus was on Client Interviewing, with some practical scenario-based activities, and a Q & A panel discussion with senior and junior practitioners specialising in criminal law. The important skill of Affidavit writing was the focus of Day 2. Trainees had the opportunity to hear and learn from Chris Groves, Dobson Mitchell & Allport and Jennifer O'Farrell (our resident Supreme Court Practice & Advocacy Unit instructor).

ADVOCACY

The trainees have also been busy learning about practice and procedure and how to conduct appearances in the Magistrates Court and Supreme Court. The last couple of weeks have been spent representing "clients" on various applications like adjournments and bail. We were lucky enough to have Magistrate Jackie Harnett deliver a session on important sentencing principles and legislation relevant to criminal matters in the Magistrates Court.





SOCIAL

It hasn't been all work! In Week 4 we hosted a Southern Young Lawyers Committee pizza and drinks function here at the Centre. It was a great opportunity for the trainees to get to know other early career legal practitioners, some of whom had only recently graduated from the TLPC.

TLPC Annual Cocktail Party

On Thursday 21 March, the Board of Directors of the Centre for Legal Studies hosted our annual Cocktail Party. Members of the Tasmanian and Commonwealth judiciary, magistracy and the broader profession are invited to this event, to introduce TLPC trainees to the profession.

North West Coast and Launceston Tour – March 2024

Over the past few years, with assistance and financial support from the Law Society of Tasmania, interested TLPC trainees have travelled to the North West Coast to gain an understanding of life as a lawyer and explore employment opportunities in regional Tasmania. Hosted by the North West Early Careers Lawyer Committee, and trainees visit participating firms, attend a Q&A panel session with local practitioners and had dinner with members of the profession.

This year, an inaugural Launceston Tour was hosted by the Northern Early Career Lawyers Committee. In addition to visiting local firms and community legal centres, the trainees were given guided tours of the Supreme Court and Federal Circuit Court and Family Court of Australia(FCFCOA), hosted by the Chief Justice Blow, Supreme Court of Tasmania, Magistrate Hughes, and Judge Turnbull (FCFCOA). The event was topped off with a Q&A panel session and dinner with members of the profession.



Anoushka Thanikesh

Justice Kirby Contract Law Moot



'a highlight of my law school experience thus far'

Participating in the 2023 Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot alongside my teammates, Ash Burke and Darcy Heffernan was undoubtedly a highlight of my law school experience thus far. This was my first time mooting and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

The competition has one of the longest preparatory periods, and we spent two months drafting our written submissions. This was extremely beneficial in ensuring that I did not neglect my studies too much. Throughout the preparation phase, we received guidance from staff and experienced seniors. Their insights and constructive feedback helped us refine our written and oral submissions, ensuring that they were comprehensive and coherent. We were very grateful for all the support we received and it boosted our confidence for the oral rounds.

The oral rounds were held in Melbourne over several days, and we had the opportunity to compete against multiple teams from various Australian universities. We presented our arguments in a simulated courtroom environment and were judged by esteemed legal professionals. Each round presented its own unique challenges, but it allowed us to develop our teamwork and oral advocacy skills and each subsequent round got better and better.

I can confidently say that competing in the Michael Kirby Contract Law Moot was an invaluable experience. Not only did it better my understanding of contract law, but it also improved my communication skills, teamwork and critical thinking. This is an excellent beginner moot and I would strongly recommend anyone interested in mooting to try it out.

Arnold Bloch Leibler

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Lump Event Review

Earlier this month, TULS hosted its Law Undergraduate Mentoring Program (LUMP) Event. The Law Undergraduate Mentoring Program partners law students in the early stages of their degrees with a more senior student mentor.

Pairs meet informally throughout the year, with mentors providing their mentees with valuable insights based on their own experiences studying law. The Lump Event allowed mentees to meet their mentors, and mingle with other pairs throughout the evening. Attendees were treated to a pizza dinner before enjoying games of trivia and celebrity heads.

TULS would like to thank Sarah Adkins for organising the event as well as all mentors and mentees involved in LUMP.



MEET A FACULTY MEMBER Dr Olivia Rundle



Short summary of career Olivia graduated with an Arts & Law degree and initially worked in a small Hobart firm that dealt with a mix of matters. Following this, Olivia resigned to travel in a van, working on organic farms in exchange for food and lodging. After a short stint working for a debt collecting agency in Brisbane, Olivia returned to Tasmania to complete mediation training.

Olivia then completed her PhD, exploring the way lawyers perceive and approach their roles and the process of courtconnected mediation in the Supreme Court of Tasmania. On submission of her thesis, she worked as a family dispute resolution practitioner and community

mediator. In 2009, Olivia commenced a full-time academic position at UTAS where she primarily researches and teaches: the legal recognition of individuals and relationships; and the role of the legal profession in conflict management and dispute resolution. In 2022 Olivia 'pivoted' from academia to small-scale farming. She foolishly thought this would provide a reprieve from 'administravia'. It turns out Olivia's skills in boring paperwork came in handy as the co-owner and 'Boss FarmHer' of a very small berry farm and distillery.

Olivia has returned to UTAS work in 2023 on a very part-time basis and looks forward to her intensive teaching each winter.

Role at UTAS

Olivia is a Senior Lecturer in Law who teaches Family Law and Dispute Resolution in the winter break. Olivia also conducts research during both these areas.

Would you recommend students participate in competitions throughout their degree?

Absolutely. There are not enough resources in the degree program for these core skills to be adequately developed. The extra-curricular opportunities and competitions are highly valuable and will help you to develop your skills and build your identity as the lawyer you want to become. You will be working with others, trying new things, receiving the gift of feedback, and practising very important lawyering activities. All lawyers negotiate and most legal matters are resolved through negotiation. You cannot represent a client without you (or someone on your team) interviewing them to hear their story and obtain their instructions. Courtbased skills like mooting and witness examination will help you understand what will happen if you don't successfully negotiate an outcome.

Tips for students to `get through' to the end of semester

- Appreciate the opportunities given by your teachers – feedback is gold, even if hard to hear.
- Invite a classmate to talk through your learning with one another – over a cup of tea or a walk.
- If you feel overwhelmed, chunk it down to one achievable goal.
- Make a list and cross off what you've achieved.
- Block out diary time for what needs to happen when and stick to it.
- Nothing lasts forever, 'keep on swimming'.

Favourite Restaurant

Anywhere with people I care about

Favourite Holiday Destination

(As above) Anywhere with people I care about

Spirit Animal Dung Beetle

Law Camp Review

In March TULS hosted its annual law camp at Gumleaves Bush Holiday, Little Swanport. First year students and accompanying TULS committee members were collected from the Law School before travelling to Gumleaves for a fun-filled weekend.

After getting to know one another, students took part in an 'amazing race', which proved the ultimate test for their teamwork, problem solving and creativity skills.

The afternoon was spent, amongst other things, playing various formations of 'Mafia'. This caused participants to reconsider the authenticity of any friendships they made that day.

After a BBQ dinner, a game of trivia tested students on everything from the separation of powers to the names of Taylor Swift albums.

TULS would like to thank all the students who came along to Law Camp. It was great to see many friendships being made and lots of fun being had!







MEET A FACULTY MEMBER Jeremy Prichard



Short summary of career Jeremy studied at the University of Tasmania where he completed his undergraduate degree and his PhD specialising in juvenile conferencing and restorative justice in Tasmania. Jeremy says that he 'got completely absorbed' into the topic.

After completing his studies, Jeremy spent 5 years working for the government in various areas including research into drink spiking, organised crime, and the drug markets. Jeremy also worked on policy formation for Queensland's Department of the Premier and Cabinet. Following this stint in Queensland, Jeremv moved back to Tasmania

and began working at UTAS and has loved doing it ever since. Jeremy's particular love for his job is the combination of teaching and research and the flexibility to work outside of that typical 9-5 job format.

Role at UTAS

Jeremy's role at UTAS consists of being a Professor and the Director of the Tasmania Law Reform Institute. As a Professor, Jeremy's job consists of two parts. The first is a lecturer for both Criminal Law core units. The other part involves his research into online child exploitation material which he has done for over 10 years now. He has recently published a report on AI chatbots and their use for catching millions of people searching for child abuse videos.

As the Director of the Tasmania Law Reform Institute, Jeremy is involved in a lot of research management into different topics and possible areas of law reform.

Would you recommend students participate in competitions throughout their degree?

After two decades of seeing students progress through their studies, Jeremy believes that competitions provide significant benefits both professionally and also personally. From a professional standpoint, it provides you with public speaking skills but also pushes your comfort zone. Personally, these skills you learn prove to be extremely beneficial when it comes to job interviews. It gives you the oral skills to communicate but also adds to your CV where grades and extracurriculars are important, which he notes becomes less so as you progress through life. However, he states that overall, these experiences build skills

focusing on 'dealing with pressure and working in teams' which he believes are extremely valuable.

Tips for students to 'get through' to the end of the Semester?

Jeremy's tip for students to 'get through' to the end of the semester is simple; work-life balance, exercise, diet, and sleep. He notes that all people are different but overall people should manage their time well and this can be achieved by setting targets for each week and targets for the remainder of the semester.

Favourite restaurant in Tasmania? Mrs Jones in Devonport

Favourite holiday destination? Zanzibar

Favourite Sports Team Tasmania JackJumpers

Spirit Animal Giraffe

INTERNAL COMPETITIONS

On the 6th of April, TULS hosted the preliminary round of its annual internal competitions. Participants competed in a range of simulated legal activities including: mooting, negotiations, witness examination, and client interview.

The winners from each competition will now progress to the Grand

Finals, which are to be held at the Supreme Court of Tasmania later this month. Winners of the Grand Final will have the opportunity to represent UTAS at the national ALSA Competition in Hobart this July.

TULS would like to congratulate all competitors and the following winners:

Senior Moot (Barry Nilsson)

- Paul Bobenhausen
- Georgie McDermott
- Patrick Pickering
- Jack Oates Prior

Junior Moot (Simmons Wolfhagen)

- Brodie Donohoe
- Jessie Mudaliar
- Thomas Bennett
- Imran Khan

Witness Examination (Arnold Bloch Leibler)

- Amie Myhowycz
- Danette Shield Koh Yee Rou

Negotiations (Centre for Legal Studies)

- Emily Heathcote
- Darcy Heffernan
- James Hurd
- Tate Rawlings

Client Interview (Clayton Utz)

- Lily Hansson
- Jasper Madsen
- Ashita Milton
- Estelle O'Neill



MEET THE LIBRARIANS Angie Richards



Short summary of career

Angie says she was once one of you! Then after about 13 years practicing property and commercial law in both Queensland and Victoria, she decided something quieter was needed. Angie loves books, information, helping people and most importantly libraries so it was an obvious choice. After more study, she then started her librarian career at UQ Gatton in 2021 and started at UTAS in 2022.

Being in the law library, she is lucky enough to combine the knowledge from her first career with the new one to help the staff and students.

How do the librarians at the Law School assist students participating in competitions? The librarians help you find and access resources and provide the best study room in the Law Library. Provide moral support and encouragement and celebrate your successes with you (not to mention giving compliments on your lawyer attire).

As a constant observer of law students, what advice would you give to law students to `get through' their studies? Stay calm and don't overthink your questions! Remember to have fun while you are here and make good friends – you will help each other get through.

Any funny or interesting stories from your time working at the Law School?

Angie notes she doesn't have Carolyn's repertoire to draw from only having been here 2 years (and subject to much stricter workplace health and safety rules) but a few come to mind:

- End of semester barbecue in the library, coming in to find twister and giant jenga being played;
- Open day, particularly 2023 watching students embrace their roles as judge and

convict across the campus (and becoming minor UTAS celebrities doing it).

Favourite things to do in your spare time

Read and watch murder mysteries and listen to true crime podcasts and walk my dog Holly at Kingston Beach.

Favourite cafe / restaurant in Hobart Dog walking coffee:

• Ebb + Flow Kingston

Cake:

 Jean Pascal Patisserie

Food:

 New Sydney Hotel & Tom McHugos

Spirit Animal Penguin

MEET THE LIBRARIANS Carolyn Jarvis



Short summary of career

When Carolyn was 18, she saw a job advertised in the UTAS Library as a library assistant. Carolyn has always loved books and as she had no other career plans she thought she would apply. Carolyn is still here over 40 years later (nearly all of this time spent in the Law Library) although she is now part of the Uconnect team.

How do the librarians at the Law School assist students participating in competitions?

The librarians make sure they have access to materials, organise study rooms and provide encouragement when needed.

Favourite things to do in your spare time Reading, watching sport (go the Blues!)

What advice would you give to law students to 'get through' their studies?

Make sure you get some down time, don't burn the candle at both ends. Ask questions if there is something you don't understand, no question is a silly question and we are all here to help you.

Favourite cafe / restaurant in Hobart Raincheck Lounge, Cascade Hotel & Da Angelo's

Fun story from your time at the law school

Many years ago students would have trolley races in the library, one student sitting on the trolley and another pushing. Thankfully no major injuries occurred. (Please don't try this!)

Law students building a chariot each year for the annual UTAS chariot race and trying to beat Engineering. (We never did beat them)

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Ava Drew

Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Baker McKenzie Women's Mooting Competition



'Taking a leap of faith and applying turned out to be one of the best decisions I have made.'

Early in my second year of Uni, I had never even heard of the word 'mooting' let alone considered the idea of participating in an intervarsity competition. It wasn't until a lecturer encouraged me to try out for the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Mooting Competition that I contemplated the possibility.

I remember questioning whether I should even apply and felt worried that my lack of experience and

confidence meant I wouldn't be good enough. At the same time, I had this niggling fear that I would regret not even trying. Taking a leap of faith and applying turned out to be one of the best decisions I have made. Participating in my first intervarsity competition set me on a rewarding path that I never would have imagined. I competed in the AAT national moot in 2022 with a wonderful team. It was a steep learning curve, however with support from a coach, lecturers, and other experienced students, we made it to the semi-finals. The following year, I continued my involvement in the **Competitions Program** through delivering mooting workshops as a **TULS** Competitions Director as well as

representing UTAS in the Baker McKenzie National Women's Moot. This competition was particularly memorable because my teammates and I were able to travel to Sydney and connect with legal professionals and law students from across the country. The opportunity to moot before academics, barristers, and Supreme Court judges in a supportive environment was amazing, and receiving their feedback was a privilege and highly rewarding. It was incredibly exciting to be awarded national runners-up in the grand final and to receive the best speaker award for the competition's preliminary rounds.

Whilst my mooting experiences have been challenging in their own

ways, I have learnt so much and my oral advocacy skills have significantly developed as a result. My critical thinking, teamwork and communication skills, and ability to make strong legal arguments have also greatly improved. This has been valuable for my studies and has given me greater self-confidence, especially in considering possible career pathways. I have also made some wonderful friendships along the way for which I am extremely grateful. My involvement in the program has been an enriching part of my law school journey and I really encourage anyone interested to give it go.

Inter-faculty Dodgeball

Review



In a bustling realm of academia, the Engineering, Law and Medicine faculties met for the first inter-faculty sporting event. As rounds progressed, it became clear that the Engineering faculty had found the key to success, with their calculated throws and synchronized movements proving too much for the other faculties. After both games, they emerged triumphant, winning the first shielded event. The Law faculty fought with spirit but unfortunately, the other faculties proved too strong.

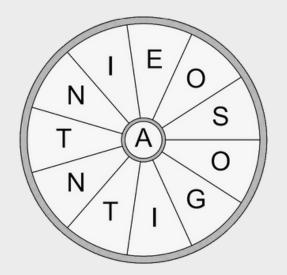
The event was a great way to meet other uni students and bring together the three faculties. Be sure to keep an eye out for future sporting events and be sure to get around it as we seek justice.

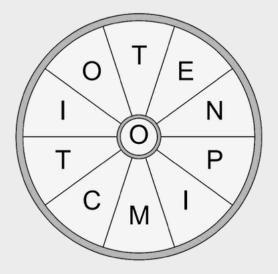


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The 11 letter word is: _____

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FIRST YEAR REPRESENTATIVE IMRAN KHAN

Degree 1st year Law

Favourite Law unit Too early to tell

Describe yourself in one word Jaunty

Favourite café/restaurant Sawak Cafe



SECOND YEAR REPRESENTATIVE BIRGITTA ALBANS

Degree 2nd year Law

Favourite Law unit Torts

Describe yourself in one word Dedicated

Favourite café/restaurant Born in Brunswick



FIRST YEAR REPRESENTATIVE LUCIAN BEATTIE

Degree 1st year Law

Favourite Law unit Legal Reasoning and Technological Change

Describe yourself in one word Complex

Favourite café/restaurant The Little Poet





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Degree 4th year Law

Favourite Law unit Civil Procedure

Favourite Hobby Going to the pub, dilly-dallying and swimming

Fun Fact About Yourself I drink specific teas depending on the time of day



AVA DREW

Degree 4th year Law and Arts

Favourite Law unit Constitutional Law

Favourite Hobby Basketball

Fun Fact About Yourself My name and birth date are both palindromes



MADDIE WEBSTER

Degree 5th year Law, Arts and Philosophy

Favourite Law unit Intellectual Property and Medical Law

Favourite Hobby Writing

Fun Fact About Yourself Steve Irwin and I have the same birthday



JOE KELLY

Degree 3rd year Law

Favourite Law unit Constitutional Law

Favourite Hobby Volleyball, golf and beers with mates

Fun Fact About Yourself I once witnessed a gang fight in Nairobi



BETH HANLEY

Degree 4th year Law and Arts

Favourite Law unit Competition Law

Favourite Hobby Cooking, reading, and taking naps

Fun Fact About Yourself I was nearly baptised into the Mormon religion



ISABELLA COLLINSON WATERS

Degree 6th year Law, Arts and Philosophy

Favourite Law unit Human Rights Law

Favourite Hobby Wine bars... that's all

Fun Fact About Yourself My car is nicknamed 'the blueberry'



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