

Pettifogger

The Orientation Issue



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Dean's Welcome

Gino Dal Pont

I am delighted to welcome incoming students to the Law School for 2023. It is always heartening to witness the new generation of persons who will become the legal minds of the future, a sensation that in my case has not abated since starting my career at this Law School over 30 years ago. This year it is my privilege to view this in my capacity as Interim Dean. To this end, I very much look forward to meeting you. And this will be in person, as our lectures and tutorials/workshops are conducted in person (although the former are also recorded). We are proud to continue our tradition of face-to-face interactive teaching and learning activities.

You are entering a Law School with a long and illustrious history – the fourth oldest in Australia – with an equally longstanding strong culture of research coupled with a commitment to excellent teaching. The high level and impact of our research is disproportionate to our size, and means that you will be taught by senior scholars of national and international standing. And this commences from Year 1, where Professor Jan McDonald will be coordinating Foundations of Law, Professor Tim McCormack and Associate Professor Jeff McGee share International Law teaching and Associate Professor Jane Nielsen will be your main instructor in Torts. The small size of classes – in both lecture and tutorial/ workshop format – ensures not just ready access to some of the brightest legal minds in the State, but the opportunity to engage in effective peer-to-peer learning. It also facilitates a closer connection between students, and with this the building of strong relationships over time, during which you will develop an identity as a Law student. After all, you will be pursuing educational and social engagements, in our dedicated Law building, with its own Law Library and other student spaces.

In view of the foregoing, I recommend that, aside from making it a priority to attend your scheduled classes, you devote time to get to know your fellow students, across the span of year cohorts. You will find that our primary Law student body – the Tasmania University Law Society (TULS for short) – is very active across the breadth of Law School life. We as academics are always keen to give TULS a voice from an academic perspective – for instance, one or more TULS representatives attend staff meetings and sit on the Faculty's Learning and Teaching Committee – in order to ensure that we remain responsive to student input and concerns. TULS is a most proactive student body and aims to ensure the best student experience, including from a social perspective. Through the academic year, to this end, many social functions are conducted under its auspices, in which academic staff often participate. I also recommend you get involved with other associations within the Law School, such as COMET, SEALS and the International Justice Initiative.

You will see that the Law School is very much a happening place, and we welcome you to join with us to foster a memorable student (and staff) experience.

Best wishes for 2023,

Gino Dal Pont



President's Welcome

Lucy Milne, 2023 TULS President



Welcome Legal Eagles to the first edition of the Pettifogger for 2023! I wish to congratulate our Publications Officers Josephine Palmer and Zack Stephenson on their tireless efforts. I hope that you enjoy all that this edition has to offer and that you find the Pettifogger your one stop for all major updates in the Law School.

As we step into the new academic year, we are faced with exciting times ahead! To those of you who are joining us for the first time in 2023, welcome! Our little law school is a close-knit community, both staff and students alike and we hope that you find your place here among us. To our first year cohort, best of luck with your studies – we are always available to answer any questions that you may have and I encourage all of you to get involved in TULS events and initiatives to assist you in building connections and forming study groups. To those of you returning in 2023, welcome back! The TULS calendar is packed with new events and initiatives so we hope we can continue to provide you with opportunities to engage with the law school.

We also face new challenges in 2023. The Utas move to the city is ever more prevalent with new building works occurring at the forestry building. TULS will continue to be your voice and champion the wishes of the student body. We also begin to face the challenges of succession planning for the society with the restructure of the law degree. In the coming years, the composition of the TULS committee is faced to change and we welcome these changes. I would like to congratulate the 2023 committee who is already comprised of students in lower year levels than the typical fourth/fifth year cohort. Speaking from the heart I also welcome the increased engagement of those from the North and North-West on our committee and I hope that your presence will assist in bridging the gap between the Law School and the Inveresk and Cradle Coast campuses.

TULS is here to support you so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. I wish you all the best with the coming year and encourage you to join us at all TULS events!

Best wishes,

Lucy Milne (she/her)

Publications

The Publications Officers are a part of the TULS Committee and are responsible for publishing the Law School's student newsletter, the Pettifogger, periodically throughout the academic year. The Publications team is also responsible for the Advocatus, the Law School's annual student yearbook.



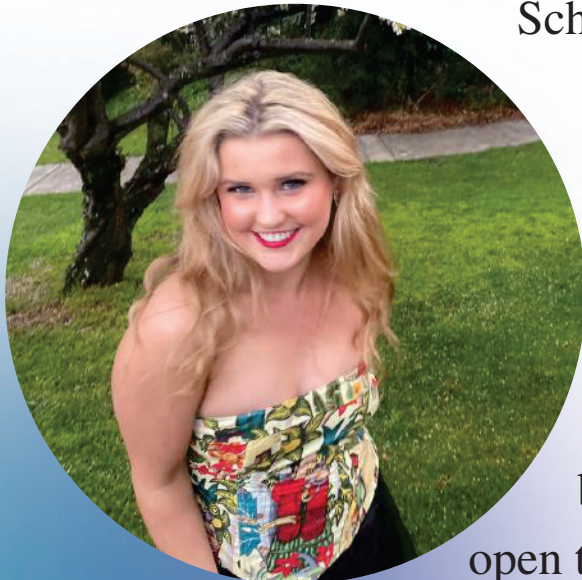
Zack Stephenson

The 2023 Publications Officers are Zack Stephenson and Josephine Palmer, and we are so excited to be running your publications throughout the year!

Publications Subcommittee

We have our work cut out for us, so each year the Publications Officers seek to take on a subcommittee of other law students. It is a great way to see how a publication is run and builds skills sought by employers post-graduation, including working within a team and contributing to the Law

School's community. If you are interested in taking part, please send an expression of interest to publications@tuls.edu.au.



Josephine Palmer

Contributions

If you are interested in contributing to Publications on an informal basis, including by submitting written work, we will always be open to hearing your ideas! Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Degree Structure

Introductory Units

- LAW107 Foundations of Law
- LAW108 Legal Reasoning and Technological Change

Public Law

Domestic

- LAW253 Foundations of Public Law
- LAW250 Constitutional Law
- LAW301 Administrative Law

Pathways

- Government Departments
- Government Solicitor's Offices
- Private Practice

International

- LAW102 International Law

Pathways

- Intergovernmental organisations
- Non-government organisations
- International Judicial Bodies

Private Law

Common Law

- LAW106 Torts
- LAW251 Contract Law

Equity

- LAW353 Equity and Trusts

- LAW262 Private Law Obligations and Remedies
- LAW354 Property Law
- LAW355 Civil Procedure
- LAW422 Evidence
- LAW452 Legal Ethics

Pathways

- Private Practice

Some areas of law incorporate aspects of public and private law

Criminal Law

- LAW229 Criminal Law: Principles and Processes
- LAW218 Criminal Law: Homicide and Other Complex Offences

Pathways

- Private Practice
- State Directors of Public Prosecutions
- Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

Company Law

- LAW305 Corporations Law

Pathways

- Private Practice
- Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission



Electives

Social Justice and International Law

- LAW234 Human Rights Law
- LAW182 Indigenous Peoples and the Law
- LAW277 Law of Armed Conflict and International Criminal Law
- LAW263 International Trade Law

Environmental Law

- LAW242 Environmental Law
- LAW195 Current Issues in Environmental Law and Policy
- LAW243 Climate Change Law and Policy
- LAW191 Law of the Oceans and the Antarctic
- LAW219 Biotechnology and the Law

Specific areas of private law

- LAW283 Succession
- LAW308 Employment Law
- LAW334 Competition Law
- LAW358 Media Law
- LAW361 Taxation Law
- LAW364 Intellectual Property
- LAW382 Family Law
- LAW296 Law and Ethics of Healthcare

Building on criminal law

- LAW279 Legal and Policy Responses to Family Violence
- LAW295 Forensic Psychology and Criminal Justice

Legal Theory

- LAW261 Legal Theory
- LAW181 Ethics, Social Responsibility and the Law
- LAW185 Law and Social Change
- LAW325 Law Review

Legal Practice

- LAW334 Legal Practice and Lawyering
- LAW345 Legal Professional Experience
- LAW241 Dispute Resolution
- LAW328 Advocacy
- LAW 349 Competition Moot
- LAW337 Jessup Moot

Unit information

First year, 2023

LAW107: Foundations of Law

This unit introduces you to an array of legal systems including domestic Australian and indigenous legal systems, civil law systems, the European Union framework and international law systems. You will be encouraged to compare, contrast and critically examine all of these systems and consider how they interact with the broader phenomenon of globalisation. You will gain an introduction into how law is made in Australia by courts and the legislature, within Australia's constitutional framework, and be invited to consider how Tasmania's legislature and the courts have addressed a range of contemporary and historical social issues. Through a series of case studies, you will consider how a person's place within society influences the way they perceive and evaluate law and will be introduced to several ethical issues and rules that arise for different actors within the legal system. These case studies will encourage you to adopt a range of perspectives: solicitors, barristers, judges, interest groups, politicians, legal theorists and other members of society. This will be your first opportunity to learn skills that are fundamental to your future studies and careers in law: working effectively in small groups; how to read and take good notes from class and texts; and how to manage study time to achieve success in law - 2023 Course and Unit Handbook.

Coordinator: Prof Jan McDonald



LAW108: Legal Reasoning and Technological Change

I am the Unit Coordinator for LAW108 Legal Reasoning and Technological Change. I also teach Legal Theory and run the Law School's Clinical Legal Education program, where later-year law students can gain practical experience working in the Student Legal Service here on campus and in semester-long placements with Tasmanian legal organisations. My research is focused on human rights, disability and mental health law and my most recent book, *Care and Support Rights After Neoliberalism*, was published in 2022.

In Legal Reasoning and Technological Change, you will begin developing your skills in applying legal rules to the facts of a particular situation in order to answer a legal question. These are foundational skills that you will put into practice throughout your legal studies and in your future career. You will also be invited to consider some larger theoretical questions about what legal reasoning is and how it is changing over time, with a focus on an increasingly powerful influence on legal reasoning: emerging technology. In weekly lectures and fortnightly tutorials, we will debate questions such as 'could judges be replaced by robots?' and 'does the growing influence of AI and other technology pose a threat to democracy and the rule of law in Australia and around the world?'

Coordinator: Dr Yvette Maker



LAW102: International Law

Hi, my name is Assoc Prof Jeff McGee and I am the coordinator of LAW102 International Law. Have you ever wondered how countries seek to create order in the way they interact with each other and manage collective problems such as avoiding war, climate change, governing whaling, and using outer space ? If so, please consider taking this unit on the fundamentals of International Law. In the first half of the unit, we will look at the key sources of international law, such as treaties between states and customary international law, and the relationship between international law and domestic legal systems.

The second half of the unit will examine several 'hot topics' in international law; including international law of armed force (including the Ukraine conflict), international criminal law, law of the oceans, Antarctica, international human rights, and space law. These specialist topics will be taught by experts in the field, including Professor Tim McCormack, a leading international figure on the laws of war and international criminal law. Many people do not realise that Hobart is the home of two international treaty secretariats and hosts the largest regular international meeting in Australia each year. The University of Tasmania also has a strong tradition of producing internationally engaged citizens who have gone on to forge prominent careers in Foreign Affairs departments, international organisations, and international civil society. If you see yourself wishing to explore these careers in the future, or just wish to better understand the way the international system works, please consider joining us in second semester!

Coordinators : A/Prof Jeffery McGee and Prof Tim McCormack



LAW106: Torts

Hello to you all. My name is Jane Nielsen and I am the Unit Coordinator for LAW106 Torts. I've been teaching Torts for many, many years now, and Torts is one of the areas my research touches on. I primarily research a number of aspects of regulation of innovative health technologies (biotechnological innovation, bioprinting and genome editing), and in addition to Tort Law this incorporates aspects of patent law, contract law, property law, privacy law, consumer law and medical device regulation.

I am passionate about my research areas, and really enjoy teaching Torts. You will learn some really practical things in Torts, such as why any person needs your consent before they make physical contact with you, why you may be in trouble with your neighbour if you play your drums late all night, every night, and why you'd be well advised not to dig a hole in your front yard that someone might fall into and injure themselves (noting that it's fine, on the other hand if you allow a hole to develop over time through neglect!). I look forward to seeing you all in second semester for all this, and more.

Coordinator: A/Prof Jane Nielson





What, Why & When?

Many of you will be thinking about what your next step will be following completion of your law degree. If you intend to practice law, you will need to complete a Practical Legal Training course to be eligible for admission as a legal practitioner.

The Tasmanian Legal Practice Course (also known as the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice) is the only course of this type offered in Tasmania. It offers unique practical training and provides you with invaluable skills. Each year trainees attend the TLPC for different reasons: some intend to practice law; some are unsure if they want to practice law and find the practical work assists with their decision; some to keep their career options open should they choose to practice law in the future; some to expand their qualifications and opportunities in the job market; and others are keen to gain skills, such as advocacy and letter writing to use in other professional roles.

The TLPC is recognised nationally as providing excellent quality training. It offers a unique practical experience unlike any other practical legal training program and will be different to any other course that you will have studied at university. It is the bridge between the theory of law and the practice of law, providing outstanding support from the legal profession, judiciary, and magistracy for practical skills training.

Highlights of the TLPC include:

- a strong advocacy component with trainees appearing in our Courts before Judges and Magistrates on a weekly basis
- a client interviewing program conducted with real clients through the Hobart Community Legal Service
- workshop style teaching with an emphasis on learning through practice
- face-to-face teaching, support and mentoring with minimum online learning
- a social and collegial environment
- Employment opportunities - each year many private employers seeking a graduate legal practitioner or Judge's Associate advertise their positions directly to trainees attending the TLPC.

The Course runs for 6 months full-time from February to July each year. For additional information please visit our [website](#) or email tas.legalpractice@tas.edu.au

During the year, there will be opportunities to hear from our new Executive Director Emma White about the Course and what you need to do to become admitted as a legal practitioner. We encourage you to attend those sessions and learn more about your future options.



2023 TLPC Graduates

Tips from your Welfare Officer



Matilda Grant

Hi, I'm Matilda and I am your TULS Wellness Officer for 2023. I am passionate about supporting people in feeling well and achieving balance throughout their degree. I believe it is important that we understand how to look after ourselves in all aspects of life so that we have the energy, motivation and desire to be our best as students and as people.

Below are some things that I have found have helped me in my efforts to live better. I share these in hope that they will help some of you thrive in the upcoming semester!

1. **Get Enough Sleep:** Adequate sleep is important for both physical and mental health. During sleep, the body repairs and rejuvenates itself, helping to reduce stress and improve focus. A lack of sleep can impair cognitive function and increase stress. Look after yourself by sleeping in sometimes and going to bed early!
2. **Exercise Regularly:** Regular exercise has been shown to help reduce stress, improve mood, and increase energy levels. We all have our own means of incorporating physical activity into our routine, but if you're after a fun way to connect with your peers TULS facilitates some social sport teams which are great ways to connect with the law community and meet new friends.
3. **Manage Stress:** Law school can be incredibly demanding, and stress levels can quickly become unmanageable. To help reduce stress, it's important to try and develop stress-management techniques that work for you. This may include deep breathing, meditation, journaling and learning to manage your time and workload.

4. **Eat a Balanced Diet:** A balanced diet is essential for overall health and well-being. A healthy diet should consist of a variety of fruits and vegetables, lean proteins, whole grains, and healthy fats. Fuelling your body with whatever makes you feel your best increases your capacity to focus on your studies through supporting your energy levels throughout the day.

5. **Connect with Others:** Social connections and strong relationships with peers, family, and friends can provide a sense of community and support. It's important to set aside time for social activities, whether that be attending TULS social events, participating in group exercise, or simply hanging out with friends.

6. **Take Breaks:** Law can be a demanding degree. It's easy for students to get bogged down in their studies. Taking regular breaks, however, can help prevent burnout and improve mental well-being. It sounds simple, and maybe obvious, but taking breaks is frequently overlooked. Set aside time for leisure activities that you enjoy to recharge so you can come back to your studies refreshed and ready to tackle your next challenge!

Learning how to be well while studying is a process, but every change towards feeling better, managing stress and reducing burn-out is positive, no matter how small. I look forward to supporting you in your studies and helping you manage the demands of your degree – reach out if you ever need support!





The Tasmania University Law Society (TULS) is the student-run University society for Law students at the University of Tasmania. We focus our efforts on events and opportunities for law students, but we welcome any UTAS student to join TULS. Whether you're just starting your degree, or returning to study, TULS is a great society to be a part of. With the help of our many sponsors, we hold social, sporting and educational events all year round.

Membership

As a TULS member, you will also have access to many discounts at venues around Tasmania, as well as reduced ticket prices for some TULS events. You can purchase a TULS membership via the QPay App at tulsmembership.getqpay.com, or in person at events such as Clubs and Societies Day.

Stay in the loop

Follow the TULS Facebook page to stay up-to-date with information about the Law School at facebook.com/tuls.utas. Additionally, each year group has a Facebook page where information pertinent to that cohort is posted. Just search for your year group + UTAS Law. See the TULS website at tuls.com.au

TULS Committee

TULS would not be possible without the work of its Committee, which still needs two first-year representatives, a second-year representative and a post-graduate representative. Keep an eye out for when nominations open and for more information about the various roles available.

President

I'm commencing my final year of a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws, majoring in Geography. My study interests are criminal law, family law, and health law but through an internship, I've found a love for estates and planning. I'm 50:50 on public or private practice at this stage but I know I want to go into an area where I'll be able to help people and make a change. I'm originally from Devonport on the North-West coast and I'm really excited to increase engagement with our Northern and North-West Students!



Lucy Milne

I'm the President of TULS for 2023 which means I oversee everyone else and make sure that our team works together cohesively. I'm the main liaison between faculty staff, TUSA, other societies and Law Students. I'm very excited about what 2023 has to bring and I'm excited to be a part of the TULS team once again. I'm looking forward to heading to Law Camp and getting to know all the first years joining us in the faculty this year!

Tips & Tricks: Angie and Carolyn in the library are your best friends and can answer pretty much any question you have or tell you who will know the answer!

Fun Fact: I've gotten a tattoo every year I've been legal to do so (my inbox is open for 2023's addition)

Coffee Order: Lactose-Free Chai Latte with a shot of honey because I'm an upset tummy gal.

VP Activities

I'm commencing my fifth year of a Bachelor of Arts (Majoring in History) and Bachelor of Laws. I'm still unsure about which area of law I would like to work in, but I am passionate about advocacy and providing a voice for the marginalised and disadvantaged. When I'm not at uni (which isn't all that often), I enjoy playing netball, baking sweets and spending time with friends.



Natalie Size

As Vice-President Activities, I'm in charge of organising and running our social events. This is a super exciting role because I get to see my hard work pay off when everyone has a blast at these events! First semester will be host to a bunch of fun TULS events, including Law Camp, Law Cocktail and multiple (free!) BBQs!

Tips & Tricks: Do not be afraid to reach out to faculty staff for help if you're struggling! I know it can be super intimidating to reach out for help, but every staff member is so accommodating and helpful. Plus, there are so many older law students you can reach out to who would be more than happy to share some wisdom!

Fun Fact: Eating crunchy food while studying makes me way more productive - the silent level of the library is not for me!

Coffee Order: Hot choccy is my go to.

VP Education

I'm a final year law student, work casually as a law clerk and also casually ghost my other job. I'm a fan of environmental and international humanitarian law, both for its political and justice-based aspects as well as its legal content. Like Jack, I am a fan of netball (although please note I was a part of the sem 1 championship-winning team unlike Jack).

As Education VP I handle students' complaints and concerns about their units and make sure everyone feels satisfied, informed and included in their law degree. Big claims I know. I'm already enjoying helping students out and improving their experience. I will be running the Student Success Initiative ('SSI') this year, which is a program for any student who may want to deepen their knowledge or improve their understanding in a core law unit. I'll also publish another elective guide for winter school and semester 2, conduct education surveys as needed and be around to lend a hand with anything else.

Tips & Tricks: Love what you do in your law degree (if possible), and where this is not possible be disciplined and develop good habits. Learn to love a bit of pain and boredom for future gain lol.

Fun Fact: Was in the championship-winning Legal Eagles' netball team and Jack wasn't. On a secret UTAS sport blacklist somewhere for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Coffee Order: Small strong flat white.



Miles Kahles

VP Sponsorship

I'm in my final year of a Bachelor of Law and Arts, majoring in International Relations. My interests include cooking, reading and organization!



Esther Chai

I am the Vice-President of Sponsorship and Marketing. I love being part of such an amazing group of people and love reaching out to different businesses to organize amazing deals for TULS members

Tips & Tricks: I always say you only lose the opportunities you don't take! For the best uni experience, give everything from Mooting to the TULS social events a shot.

Fun Fact: Jack may be taller but I can actually speak 3 languages.

Coffee Order: I don't do coffee so hot choccy all the way!

Secretary

I am commencing my fourth year of a Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Criminology) and Law. I work at a local law firm as a legal assistant and my interests include reading soppy romance books, loving on my cat, and sleeping (occasionally). I hope to practice environmental law, something in the social justice space, or criminal law (I'll get back to you on this once I've finished my criminal law units this year).



Emily Heathcote

I am the Secretary of TULS. This means lots of organising and wrangling, which I find comes naturally to me! I am excited to continue my involvement on the TULS committee in 2023 and spend even more time with this group of people. I'm keen for all the events we have planned! Most notably Law Ball, Law Cocktail, and Law Camp (particularly keen to meet the newbies). I am also keen to take some great minutes ;)

Tips & Tricks: Get involved! As I started in 2020 (the COVID year), I am so happy to be back on campus, joining societies and attending events, and I think everyone needs to have the same enthusiasm!

Fun Fact: I did actually start working as a legal secretary in 2021 because I wanted to be like Donna from Suits

Coffee Order: Cappuccino!!! (I like a little choccie on top okay...)

Treasurer

I am heading into my final year of a Bachelor of Economics and Law. My favourite part of Uni life is being in the Legal Eagles Netball Team!



Jack Cacciatori

I will be the treasurer of TULS for 2023, meaning I oversee our budget. The role itself might not be that exciting but I love getting involved with all the TULS events on offer! The Law Cocktail will be the biggest event of the first semester! I can't wait to show off my dance moves.

Tips & Tricks: Get involved in Mooting!

Fun Fact: I am taller than Esther Chai.

Coffee Order: Large Latte from the Duchess.

Competitions Director #1

I am commencing my fourth year of my Bachelor of Economics and Law degree. I am still undecided on which area of law to go into, however, I do have an interest in private law, particularly intellectual property. My main career goal is to ensure I utilise my knowledge of the law to help others. Outside of my studies, I enjoy camping, running and spending time with my friends and family.



Mia Grant

I will be one of the Competitions Directors in 2023. My role is to coordinate the internal competitions which are extremely exciting as it allows me to encourage and foster other law students to gain practical skills in a friendly environment! The Internal Competitions will be held in Semester 1 with a range of competitions being available to students including Witness Examination, Mooting, Negotiations and Client Interview!

Tips & Tricks: Always say yes to opportunities that arise around the law school! Particularly mooting!

Fun Fact: I played Elle Woods in Legally Blonde the Musical the year before I started my law degree

Coffee Order: Soy Cappuccino (because I'm lactose intolerant but also love choccie sprinkles).

Competitions Director #2

I am entering my final year of a straight Bachelor of Laws degree. When I'm not at uni or working part-time in hospitality I am either running, reading or at the beach. At this stage, I am interested in Family Law, Migration Law, Employment Law, and exploring the idea of social justice lawyering. My goal is to complete the Tasmanian Legal Practice Course and be able to provide legal advice to vulnerable people in our community.



Rebecca von Samorzewski

My role on TULS as one of the three Competitions Directors is to select, coach and send representative teams to inter-varsity moot competitions. This involves deciding what competitions we want the law school to participate in, advertising these competitions, organising tryouts for students and registering teams. This semester the Competitions Directors have organised an information session to talk about all things mooting and chat about what events will be coming in Week 1. As the inter-varsity comps organiser, this will involve a team competing in the ANU Gender & Sexuality Moot in March, closely followed by the prestigious UNSW Private Law Moot in May. We also plan to launch the Competitions Guide after the info session to help incoming students learn about the value of participating in oral advocacy.

Tips & Tricks: My advice would be to become involved in any extra-curricular activities as early as you can in your degree, you will thank yourself later. I didn't start to get involved until my third year and it certainly makes your university experience that much more enjoyable and rewarding. Engaging in mooting is a way to challenge yourself but also make friends and meet new people, including alumni and other legal professionals.

Fun Fact: my guilty pleasure is chocolate any day of the week.

Coffee Order: Caramel Latte.

Competitions Director #3

I'll be commencing the third year of my Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws majoring in Politics and Policy. I've always had a strong sense of social justice so hope to have a career where I can help improve the lives of others. I'm also really interested in law reform and loved our Climate Change Law and Policy unit.



Ava Drew

My competitions director position has a particular focus on training and development which means I run skills workshops and events for all students interested in competitions. I really value the growth, confidence and friendships that mooting gave me, and I love that I'm able to help provide this to other students. This semester we'll be running our mooting workshops and annual Skills Workshop Night where students have the opportunity to learn skills in Client Interview, Negotiations and Witness Examination from legal professionals!

Tips & Tricks: Don't be afraid to study/hang out in the Law Library - it's a really great place to meet other students and everyone is super friendly!

Fun Fact: When I'm not studying or working, you can catch me playing on the law school's uni basketball team!

Coffee Order: Latte (otherwise lots of tea!)

International Student Officer

I am in my final year of a Bachelor of Law and Arts degree, majoring in International Relations. My interests include anything artsy, working out and trying out new cafes. My favourite areas of law are human rights and international law.



Shadhini Kuruvita Aratchy

My role consists of ensuring that the law school is a welcoming environment for all international students, and managing any issues that they may be facing. I'm keen for all the upcoming international student events and to help make law school a memorable experience for all.

Tips & Tricks: Go for all the different events hosted in the law school! You will learn so much and meet so many new people.

Fun Fact: I can wiggle one ear at a time.

Coffee order: Almond milk latte.

Social Justice & Equity Officer #1

I am heading into my third year of a Bachelor of Laws degree. My favourite areas of law are criminal law and intellectual property law. Outside of Uni, I love to read, play hockey, and hang out with my dogs.

As a Social Justice and Equity Officer, my role is to promote social justice through events and the publication of the 2023 Volunteering Guide and support diversity in the Law School. I love this role because it reminds me of why I enrolled in law: to promote and create a fair and equal society. This semester the SJE portfolio will be hosting a Diversity in Law Cocktail Night as well as a lunch to celebrate the launch of the 2023 Volunteering Guide.



Amie Myhowycz

Tips & Tricks: Learn how to use Westlaw and Lexis ASAP - you'll thank yourself for it later on.

Fun Fact: I hate courtroom/lawyer-type shows even though I want to be a lawyer.

Coffee Order: Large Latte.

Social Justice & Equity Officer #2

I'm in my third year of a Bachelor of Laws degree. Outside of uni I do ballet and work as a bartender. When I graduate, I hope to start my career in a government graduate program and work my way up from there.



Emily Bernal

My role as a Social Justice and Equity Officer within TULS is to promote social justice initiatives and support diversity within the law school. I love organising events to promote social justice, particularly women in law.

This semester SJE are hosting a Diversity in Law cocktail night along with the launch of our 2023 volunteering guide!

Tips & Tricks: Don't be afraid to ask questions in class! The whole class benefits from it.

Fun Fact: I have the newspaper printed on the day I was born.

Coffee order: Almond Flat White.

Social Media & Marketing Officer

I'm commencing my fourth year of a Bachelor of Arts (Majoring in Politics & Policy) and Law. My favourite classes so far have been Constitutional Law and Human Rights. I still have no clue as to what area of law I'll pursue when I graduate but, whatever I do, I want to help the disadvantaged and marginalised. Outside of Uni, I love going for a jog, playing social netty & futsal with my law chums, eating (but not cooking), & I've recently been enjoying a spot of reading.



Jesse James

I run the socials. Basically, I censor any offensive images of Jackson Cacciatori including footage of him dancing... anything where he's in view of the camera really. I'm keen to run TULS socials, I will whip it back into shape and ensure all posts are fire (emoji emoji)!

Tips & Tricks: If you get the option, pick the most interesting question, not the easiest! You might get lucky and find your legal passion - just a lil something constitutional law taught me.

Fun Fact: I'm a twin... we're a lot different but a rare pair nonetheless.

Coffee Order: Iced double shot latte (I won't drink hot despite being so).

Welfare Officer

I am entering my fourth year of a Bachelor of Law and Arts, majoring in sociology. Outside of university, I spend a significant amount of time playing rugby and rowing, but I also love to cook and spend time with people I love. I am particularly interested in the way that legal institutions drive social change, this interest inspires my desire to utilize the knowledge I gain from my studies to contribute to policymaking in my future career.



Matilda Grant

I am excited to be heading up Health Week this semester and providing you all with the resources and support you need to get the most out of your time at the law school!

Tips & Tricks: Never be afraid to reach out for help or support from lecturers, peers or your TULS committee! It's important to remember we all have different study needs and deserve to be supported at every level.

Fun Fact: I can't say no to a kiss biscuit (I'm easy to bribe).

Coffee Order: Depends on the day! I love a flat white but am similarly tempted by a matcha latte or hot choccie!

5th Year Representative

This year I'm continuing my Bachelor of Law and Arts, majoring in International Relations, whilst also allegedly completing a Bachelor of Philosophy. My interests include International Humanitarian Law and a cheeky Salamanca sesh.



Isabella Waters

As our Fifth Year Representative, I'm responsible for being the final-year students' first point of contact with any questions or concerns. I also can't wait to see lots of law students and faculty showing off their ab-fab Law Fac jumpers (more info to come in Week 2)!!!

Tips & Tricks: Know that everyone was new once and we all made our fair share of silly mistakes (the notable exception being Esther Chai) so don't be held back by feeling like you don't know [anyone/what to expect/where the bathroom is/etc]. People will help! Also, learn to skim-read... like properly.

Fun Fact: Reverts to an English accent when mooting to everyone's disgust.

Coffee Order: A double espresso or an oat matcha, depends on the vibes.

4th Year Representative

I am commencing my fourth year of my Bachelor of Psychological Sciences and Bachelor of Law degree. My interests include cooking, slowly getting into reading more (joined a bookclub hehe), and a good ol' wine with friends. I'm still not 100% sure about my career aspirations but I hope to work in an area that utilises both my degrees (possibly ADR or something along those lines)!



Phoebe Winter

As Fourth Year Representative, I am responsible for being the person fourth year's come to with any queries or concerns they may have and to be their voice on TULS. I love that I can advocate for the interests and concerns of my cohort! I am also responsible for coordinating our LUMP (mentor/mentee) program. This semester I will be organising and hosting a LUMP event for mentors and mentees to get to know each other - stay tuned, information about how to get involved in LUMP will be available soon. As Fourth Year Rep, I'll also organise a year group event for us fourth years later on in the year.

Tips & Tricks: Definitely get involved! Make an effort to go to events (and class lol) - meeting people is one of the best parts of law school!

Fun Fact: I am *that* person who has watched Suits far too many times...

Coffee order: Either an iced oat latte or a simple cappuccino.

3rd Year Representative

I'm heading into my third year of a Bachelor of Law and Arts (majoring in International Relations). I'm specifically interested in environmental or social justice-based elements of law and would love to work in one of these areas once I've finished my degree (but I've still got three years to figure it out). Outside of uni, I love sewing and fashion, cooking, and taking care of my (dying) houseplants.



Sarah Adkins

As the Third Year Representative, I'm the point of contact for any issues and troubles the third years have and I'll help support them through the tough times of the semester. I'm excited to get to know all the law students (especially the third years!) better this year at all the different events TULS organises. I'll be organising a year event for the third-years towards the end of the semester. It will be exciting to catch up with our cohort without being surrounded by textbooks!

Tips & Tricks: Don't be afraid to try something you think you might not like. Before my first semester, I was unsure if I would even like studying law, but I love it and I'm so glad I took the risk.

Fun Fact: I love spicy food!

Coffee Order: Small cap.

Sports Representative

I'm soon to start my second year of a Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Science. I'm not too sure what my career goals are since I'm still so early on in my studies but I hope to discover them soon. I love to spend my time dancing, surfing and playing soccer when not at uni.



Holly Struwe

My role is to work with other societies to organise the UTAS Interfaculty competitions and encourage as many legal eagles to participate. I'm super keen to organise some friendly but competitive interfaculty shield events (more to come).

Tips & Tricks: Get involved from the get-go and reach out to people on TULS as well as in your year for help. The more people you know the easier uni life will be.

Fun Fact: I'm scared of the dark and of Jack when he wears white socks with black shoes and vice versa.

Coffee Order: Almond iced dirty chai.



Community Engagement Tasmania (COMET) is a student-run social justice initiative which aims to empower disadvantaged youth through free legal education. Disadvantaged youths are at high risk of becoming offenders or victims of crime. This is partly because young people find it difficult to understand the law, and, as a result, do not understand what their legal rights and obligations are. COMET combats this by running workshops at disadvantaged schools and youth shelters in the Greater Hobart area. These workshops provide relevant and useful education on various topics such as Consent, Renting and Employment.

COMET recruitment usually occurs towards the end of Semester 2. So, look out for the email then to apply to be part of the COMET Team! If you would like to support us this year, attend our fundraising activities to keep the society going. We will be hosting our annual Quiz Night in Semester 1 and Wine and Cheese Night in Semester 2. To stay up-to-date with all of COMET's initiatives, please follow our Facebook group or send us an email at comet.secretary@gmail.com

Esther Chai, 2023 COMET President



SEALS

The Student Environment and Animal Law Society ('SEALS') is a law student-led society at the University of Tasmania which is open for UTAS students from any discipline to join. The society is dedicated to using the law to protect the environment and animals. It uses its voice to engage in issues of public concern, and it makes submissions to the government on law reform issues. SEALS provides legal and professional skills development, networking opportunities, and community legal education. It achieves these aims through public panels, workshops, seminars, and social events.

Come see the SEALS stall at Societies Day on Wednesday the 22nd of February to join our society or to find out more about us. To keep updated with SEALS events, follow us on Instagram: @utas_seals or our Facebook page: UTAS Student Environment and Animal Law Society.

On behalf of the 2023 SEALS executive, we are looking forward to welcoming new members this year and to reunite with students who are already members.

Mia Partridge, 2023 SEALS President

