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WELCOME

Hello First Years!

Firstly, congratulations on getting into law at UQ. You have the most incredible and exciting journey ahead of you.

Secondly, welcome to TCB and the UQ Law Society, from here on known as the UQLS. We are a university society run by law students, for law students, so you'll end up having quite a bit to do with us throughout your time here.

My name is Charlie Mitchell and I am your First Year Officer for 2020, which means I'll be your first point of contact regarding UQLS events and information, as well as university in general. Basically, you'll be hearing a lot from me as the year goes on, and if you have any questions about law, university, or anything at all for that matter, come to me and I will be more than happy to help you out as best I can. It's literally my job to do that, so you can trust me.

Last year was my first year of law, which means I know exactly the position you are in now, and am extremely familiar with how your year will look and feel. Thus, I can empathise completely with how daunting it can feel starting at university, or if you're transferring from another degree or university, starting an intimidating degree like law. But believe me when I say that you'll get through it, and have an absolute blast while doing so. Rest assured I'll be doing my utmost behind the scenes to make sure that happens.

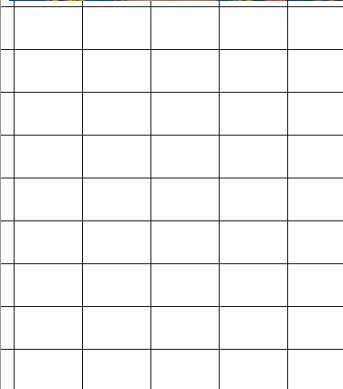
This document, the proverbial First Year Guide, will give you a reference to the UQLS. Inside, you will find introductions and advice from fellow students, as well as summaries of all the different events and opportunities TCB and UQLS provide for you to take advantage of. I strongly suggest you read through and familiarise yourself with the sections that interest you.

Having been in your position, I will impart to you one fundamental piece of advice. In the words of the little-known, Swedish pop group I discovered in 2007 on my Playstation 2 version of Singstar ABBA: Take a chance. University is a new environment for you, law school even more so, so I urge you with the absolute best intentions to take a chance by participating. I recommend sticking a finger in as many pies as you can to get a taste of what it's all like. Whether your interests lie in studying, socialising, performing, sport, arguing, or even if you aren't totally sure what you want your university career to look like yet, there is a place for you in UQ Law.

I know first hand what it is like to reap the rewards of putting yourself out there, so I say with absolute confidence that if you take a chck-a-chance chance and get involved you will get so much more out of your time. The people here will support you, whether they are in your cohort, older, or younger. . Everyone is incredibly friendly, and everyone is in it together - a wonderful combination if you ask me.

Again, congratulations and welcome. Now, the baton is passed to you to get involved and get as much out of your time here as you possibly can. I couldn't be happier that you chose law at UQ, and wish every single one of you the absolute best.

Enjoy!
Charlie



SOCETY YOUR

President

Hello! I am Sean and I am the President of the UQLS. Firstly, welcome to law school! You can finally call yourself a law student. I know that this time can be quite daunting and unfamiliar. But it is also exciting! My time at UQ has given me so many invaluable opportunities and experiences that your university experience at the law school is the best that it can be. I really encourage you to take advantage of the many activities and initiatives that we have to offer you: Try out our many junior competitions and learn practical skills that you will use in practice; join one of our sporting teams and meet new people; have fun with your friends at our socials like Law Ball and Pub Crawl; get assistance with your uni work by participating in our PALs sessions.

As you will see in this guide, there are so many parts of Uni other than just study. My role in the UQLS is to help you have the best uni experience possible and to be your voice to the faculty and the profession. You will inevitably see me around the halls of the law school or in the UQLS office. Feel free to say hi, have a chat and ask me any questions that you have about law school.

Deputy President

Before I commence my ramble, you should feel very proud of yourself at this point. It's a wonderful achievement to be starting a law degree, so take a moment to pause and enjoy because time goes by very quickly here; it's something that I should have learned to do much earlier.

My name is Anna Kretowicz and I'm the Deputy President of the UQ Law Society. I found myself here after an early quarter-life crisis, where as much as I enjoyed examining cadavers in the anatomy labs, I felt that dissecting brains and bodies is a job better left to people who don't spill hot drinks and give themselves second-degree burns (true story).

So, I made the very original decision to jump from medicine to law but I can hand-on-heart say that this feels like my second home now. Without a doubt I love what I study, but my time here wouldn't have been the same without the people. As Charlie said, we're all in it together and it's such a wonderful environment. I felt very on the outside starting law as my second degree, but I can assure you that whether you're fresh out of school, transferring from another degree or have just moved to Brisbane, there is a place for you here.

There are two pieces of advice I have for you, as a crotchety old final year law student. First, whatever the opportunity that TCB throws at you, give it a crack. I've always been quite shy but as soon as I put any fear of embarrassment or failure behind me, that was honestly my Kylie Jenner 'realising things' moment. Second, take your studies seriously but don't take yourself too seriously. Everything will turn out okay.

As you can tell, I love to ramble and chat so if you see me around then say hello, message me on Facebook, or shoot me an email; think of me as your UQLS mum (but I'm not like a regular mum, I'm a cool mum).



Sean Tran, President



Anna Kretowicz,
Deputy President



Kurt Munckton, Secretary

Welcome to law at UQ and to the UQLS! A huge congratulations for being accepted into this degree, I'm sure many hours of hard work have brought you here.

My name is Kurt and I am the Secretary of the UQLS. My job is to oversee the internal administration and governance of our Association. The UQLS is a very busy group engaging in a range of activities across 10 portfolios and my role is making sure that that all operates in accordance with our own rules and the wider Australian legislation. I am always more than happy to have a chat about how we operate, especially if you ever have any questions about your membership.

This guide is an in-depth look at the opportunities afforded to you by the UQLS and the TC Beirne (TCB) School of Law, so I encourage you to take your time flipping through to find what interests you. Your law school journey will give you what you put in, so get involved, volunteer, meet people – I can hand on heart say doing that is so valuable.

The next few weeks will inevitably be quite daunting. Believe me, that will disappear. You'll come to find yourself in this campus and within the law cohort, and we are all here to welcome and support you. Naturally, law studies can be stressful at times. I still feel this in my third year. The UQLS is here to relieve that burden by giving you the opportunity to find your passion or creative outlet.

I implore you to remember to do the things you enjoy over the next few years. See your family and friends and please remember that law school is big but shouldn't consume your life. Come to our events and meet new people – I've made so many wonderful friends through the UQLS. In the end, that's what the UQLS is for. So please, say hi and I look forward to seeing you around the library.

Should you have any questions about what we do, please feel free to get in contact at secretary@uqls.com.

Enjoy the next few years!
All best wishes.

Treasurer

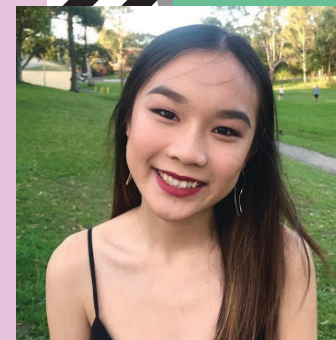
Hello, and welcome to UQ Law School and the TCB family!

I am so excited for you to begin your adventure and hope you find this degree as rewarding as I do.

My name is Carmen, and I am the UQLS Treasurer for 2020. As the title suggests, my job is to manage the society's finances to ensure that we remain financially viable, whilst delivering events and initiatives that will be of most value to you.

As someone who has just passed the halfway mark in a 5.5 year Law/Commerce degree, let me tell you, this degree is L-O-N-G. However, I am happy to announce that I think I've figured out how to make this degree fly by! So, with my newfound wisdom, I share with you two tips for law school: **1. Get Involved**—I made the mistake in first year of not going to Uni events or taking part in any initiatives. Don't be like me. Join a society (preferably the UQLS – shameless plug), go to social events, and grab every opportunity you're presented with; and **2. Don't Stress**—No matter how much you think obtaining a certain GPA is a matter of life and death (yes, I have typecast you all as stress heads simply for choosing this degree), it is not. I have received my fair share of bad grades and can confirm that I am still alive. However, I know better than anyone else that sometimes this is easy to forget. So, if you ever need someone to chat to, I am always up for a coffee.

I hope you take on board my advice and I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks!



Carmen Zhu, Treasurer



Alistair Snow,
Finance Officer

Diversity & Wellbeing



Thomas Choo,
Vice-President



Naomi McCarthy,
Diversity & Wellbeing Officer



Angus Robertson,
Diversity & Wellbeing Officer



Emma Ghafari, Graduate &
International Officer

Welcome to UQ Law! No matter where your journey here has taken you, being a part of this law school is a commendable achievement and wonderful opportunity, and I hope you can't wait for what will be the best years of your life.

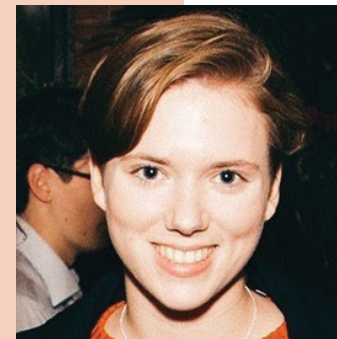
As fun and enjoyable as it is, Law school can be a difficult and stressful time. Facing a competitive and litigious profession with persistent structural barriers is a daunting prospect. That's why my job, as VP Diversity and Wellbeing, is to make Law School a place that is accessible, welcoming and inclusive for everyone, and advocate to the Law School and the Legal Profession for changes its future members want to see. We do this in a number of ways—by loaning out expensive textbooks to those that need them; offering discounted tickets to major events such as Law Ball; running special events for first years and international students; and running events which acknowledge the barriers faced and broken down by women, first nations' people, and queer people.

Other than Diversity and Wellbeing, I've been involved in UQLS sporting teams, backstage for the Law Revue, and attended just about every social on offer. The UQLS does fantastic work to make the Law experience not just bearable, but enjoyable, and you'd be silly to not make the most of all the initiatives in this fantastic guide! I'm now heading into my fourth year of studying Law alongside English and History, and can honestly say that the UQLS has been one of the most important forces in me enjoying my time here so much. So, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me about anything or with any questions you have.

Thomas Choo, Vice-President (Diversity & Wellbeing)

Internal Competitions

Welcome to TCB! My name is Caitlin and along with the comps officers (Ben, Bec & Ella) we run internal competitions.



Caitlin Holmes,
Vice-President

Throughout the year, we run four different competitions: client interviewing (CI), negotiation (neg), mooting and witness examination (witex). Competitions will help you develop your skills and provide a practical outlet for your classroom learning. We run junior competitions for CI, neg and mooting that are exclusively for first year students. This allows you to learn the ropes and get feedback from experienced student judges and members of the profession without competing against older students. Junior Neg and CI are also exclusively on areas of contract law.

By acting as solicitors or barristers, you will improve your legal research, communication and oral presentation skills. You'll build friendships with teammates and peers, and build networks with older students and members of the profession. Competing in internal competitions also provides you with the opportunity to potentially represent UQ domestically or internationally (see External Competitions).

Being involved in internal competitions has been my favourite part of law school. Through comps, I have made amazing friends, gained invaluable experience (that I can put on my CV) and improved my legal skills.

For further information, check out Raise the Bar, our competitions handbook, and join the UQLS Competitions Facebook group to stay updated.

I look forward to seeing you interviewing, negotiating and advocating in 2020!

CLIENT INTERVIEWING

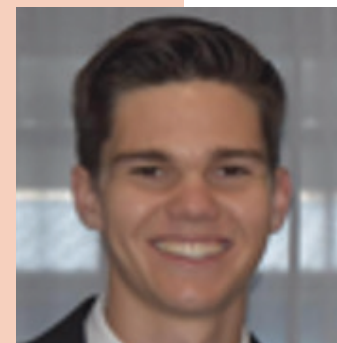
Client Interviewing simulates an initial consultation with a 'client'. Working with your partner, the competition requires you to take on the role of a solicitor to uncover your client's problem and develop a solution. You have to be quick on your feet, think creatively and provide legal advice in a clear and approachable manner, skills that are crucial to legal practice.

MOOTING

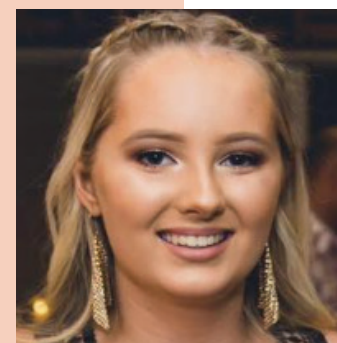
A moot is a simulated court proceeding. Mooting allows you to advocate for your client, focus on fine points of law and tests your ability to argue your position persuasively. Working in a team, you'll develop your legal research, drafting and oral presentation skills.

NEGOTIATION

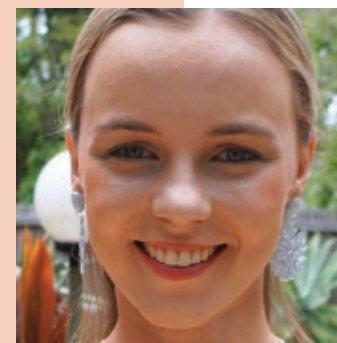
Negotiation puts you in the shoes of lawyers negotiating deals on behalf of their clients. This competition requires you to advocate for your client's interests, come to mutually beneficial deals with other lawyers, maintain good working relationships with colleagues and act ethically. Negotiation will help develop practical skills that are essential to legal practice.



Benjamin Funnell, Internal
Competitions Officer



Ella Beutner, Internal
Competitions Officer



Rebecca Smith, Internal
Competitions Officer

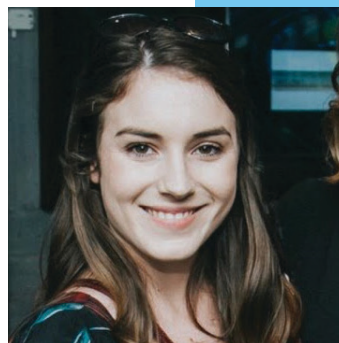
External Competitions

On behalf of the External Competitions portfolio, I'd like to welcome you to the T.C. Beirne School of Law! I'm a fourth-year Arts/Laws student and your Vice-President of External Competitions in 2020.

My role is to organise, facilitate and advocate for your participation in the many external mooting, negotiation, mediation, paper presentation, witness examination, and client interviewing competitions which UQ and the UQLS enter.

External competitions has something to offer everyone, from those who avidly debated at high school to those who are reading this right now thinking—wait, what on earth is a moot? Whether you aspire to become a barrister or solicitor, practice in civil or criminal law, work in Australia or abroad, the external competitions portfolio offers opportunities for you to progress your career, hone your advocacy skills, and (of course) broaden your social network. Participating in external competitions is also a fantastic way to build networks in the profession, including with older students, alumni, lawyers and members of the judiciary.

To give you just a taste of the types of competitions you could be a part of, the UQLS supports teams in the Queensland Intervarsity Law Competitions, the Grudge Moot against QUT, the Moot of Origin against University of Sydney, and the Australian Law Students Association conference. There are also a variety of other domestic and international competitions, so make sure you look out for those throughout the year!



Laura Heit, Vice-President



Emma Kendall,
Vice-President



Sophia Pruim, Content
Officer



Didi Mulligan, Design Officer



Laura Nicholls, Design
Officer

Design & Communications

Welcome to TCB!

Congratulations on being accepted into law school—you have a very exciting year ahead of you.

My name is Emma and I am your Vice-President of Design & Communications. It's our portfolio's job to keep you informed. We publish a number of guides and publications full of information that is sure to assist you as you move through your law degree. Each publication is an invaluable resource for a specific aspect of your law studies, whether it be careers, competitions, or education. All are available online via the UQLS website.

We are also here to keep you up to speed on everything the UQLS has to offer, including all of our events, services, and initiatives running throughout the year. Make sure to like the University of Queensland Law Society page on Facebook and follow @uqlawsociety on Instagram to stay up to date!

Wishing you all the best of luck as you begin your law degree!

RAISE THE BAR

Raise the Bar contains everything you need to know about all of the competitions offered and supported by the UQLS to enhance your legal education. Through Raise the Bar, you will be able to find comprehensive guides for each competition, as well as relevant dates, dress codes, rules, tips, testimonials and example problems all in one place.

CAREERS GUIDE

The Careers Guide provides information to UQ law students on available career options, including various firm profiles and career advice. It also provides extensive information on how to tackle the all-important clerkship process, including important deadlines and helpful tips and guides that will help you ace your applications. It's never too early to start preparing for your legal future. The Careers Guide is sure to provide you with some insightful and useful information for your career search.

EDUCATION GUIDE

The Education Guide provides guidance for all law students regarding course choices and the progression of your degree. It is based on content collated from lecturers and fellow students, covering almost every course available in 2020. The guide includes course summaries, assessment tips, recommended study techniques and general feedback. Make sure to check out the Education Guide early in the semester to gather an idea of what to expect from your first-year courses including Contracts, Foundations of Law and Principles of Public Law.

Sponsorship

Hi! Welcome! My name is Grace and I am your UQLS Vice President of Sponsorship. The Sponsorship Portfolio is responsible for maintaining relationships with firms (and other relevant organisations) in order to obtain funding for UQLS events and ensure our law students can interact with aspects of the legal profession throughout their degree.

I have two snippets of wisdom to offer you as you commence the next chapter of your lives:

1. Find out what works best for you in terms of studying. Your first year is a fantastic time to do this as well because your grades are the least important they'll be - future employers know you're trying to adjust to this new world. Some people learn incrementally throughout semesters whereas others, like myself, understand and accept that a final burst of focus towards the end of the semester works better. There's no right way to do this, but there is likely an easier way for you!
2. For those not from the fantastic city of Brisbane who are not bringing hordes of school friends to uni with you, you do have to make an extra effort to find your law people (and you should). This is especially so if you're at college and have hundreds of new BFFs starting different degrees —you should still make an effort to get to know your TCB cohort. Law friends make law study and exams a lot easier, especially if you have the added stress of adjusting to a new city and living out of home when you're still practically an infant (trust me, I know).

Last but not least, a request: get to know your UQLS executive and feel free to come chat to us about anything at all! We're a very diverse bunch and the chances of us knowing where you're coming from or being able to help you are very high.

We're all very excited to meet you!



Grace Vipen, Vice-President



Lilian Smith,
Sponsorship Officer

COMMUNITY YOUR

L CARD[®]

2020



Zoe Batiste, Vice-President

Hi, my name is Zoe! I'm in my third year of law and I also study an extended major of international relations within my arts degree. I'm the L Card Vice President this year.

The L Card is the biggest student deals card in Queensland and comes with your \$10 UQLS Membership. It gives you access to heaps of deals throughout South East Queensland, the L Card website has a full list! You simply add the L Card to the wallet function on your phone, present it to the business, and reap the benefits! A hot tip: the L Card gets you a free upsize at Merlo! Now that you're a busy law student, free extra caffeine to get through your contracts seminar is essential!



Kate Andersson,
L Card[®] Officer

For those of you who are 18 (or turning 18) you'll also love the free priority entry to Friday's Riverside on a night out. We also have two L Card Launch Parties throughout the year -one at the beginning of each semester. If you're planning on attending any of the UQLS events, you'll need a membership (and your L Card) to get you in!

I can confidently say that most of the friends I've made in this degree have been through UQLS events, so getting involved early on is definitely worthwhile! Finally, I'll share a personal tip for law school: make sure you read the instructions in exams! I cannot stress this enough. You will answer the incorrect number of questions. Do not make this mistake like I did. Twice.

Best of luck and I look forward to meeting you!



Chelsea Clark,
L Card[®] Officer

Socials

Hi first years! My name is Mia Campbell and I am the Vice President of Socials for the UQLS for 2020.

A bit about me: I am a fourth-year law/commerce student, I'm 5'1", my favourite comedian is Ricky Gervais and my biggest fear is those big floppy moths that look like they have eyes on the back of their wings. Most importantly, I love socialising and meeting new people! The job of the socials portfolio (which also includes two socials officers, Hannah Woodfield and Uni Kyeong) is to bring all members of the UQLS fun and exciting social events.

In my first year of uni, I was the only one from my school who joined the law cohort and the social events provided by the UQLS really helped me make new friendships that I still have three years down the track. So, (and I am DEFINITELY not biased) I would 100% encourage you all to come along to the social events this year...even if not to socialise, just for the free dr*nks.

In 2020, we have a jam-packed socials calendar waiting for you. Some classic UQLS social events to look out for are the law ball, end of semester drinks, pub crawl and law dinner. We will also be introducing some new events this year so stay tuned.

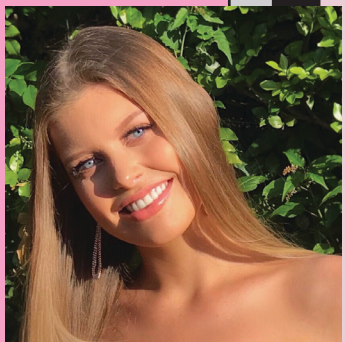
You can keep track of all UQLS events by giving the UQLS and L Card Facebook pages a like.

Hannah, Uni and I are all super keen to get to know you and so, if you have any questions or queries about social events, or just want to chat, you are more than welcome to pop into the UQLS office or send an email via socials@uqls.com.

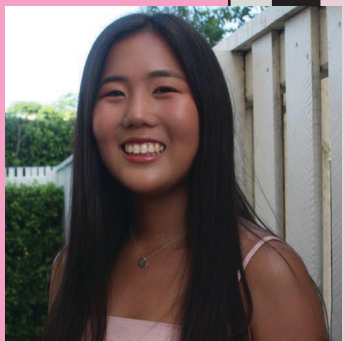
Keen to party with you all!



Mia Campbell,
Vice-President



Hannah Woodfield,
Socials Officer



Uni Kyeong,
Socials Officer

Sport

Hi! I'm Lochlan Cooke, your Vice-President (Sports) for 2020.

The sports portfolio team, including myself, Xannel Mangahas, Laura Sharkey and Lauren Kelly are excited for a fun year! We will be working hard to make sure that every law student can participate and feel included in our sporting program. For us, the focus is on sports being fun and social, not ability-based, so that everyone can join in! There are plenty of sporting opportunities available for you, but here are just a few most relevant to you:

Weekly Social Sport

Play a weekly game of social netball, 7-a-side soccer or touch football between Weeks 2-12! With zero sporting ability required and no trial process, all who want to play can do so.

Running Club

Meeting weekly for a casual run, we emphasise the social side of running. The Club fosters an inclusive community atmosphere, catering for all ability levels. Plus our rewards program means the more times you attend, the more gifts you collect!

First Year Badminton

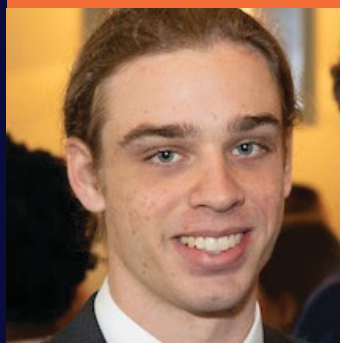
A great opportunity for first year students to meet their peers and enjoy a friendly game of badminton, held early in the Semester.

Spice Up Your Sport

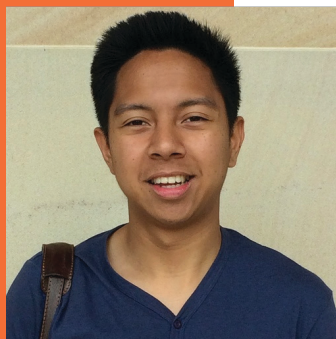
Several one-off 'come and try' events will be held throughout the year, keep an eye out on UQLS SportSpace!

UQLS SportSpace

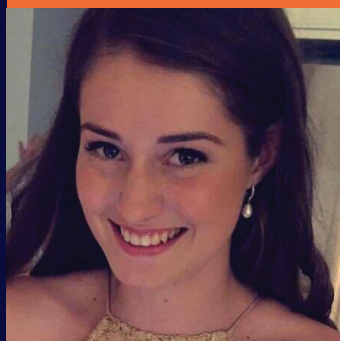
For the latest sports news and information about upcoming events, make sure to join our Facebook group, UQLS SportSpace! This is the place for everything sport, from team registrations to the latest scores. So make sure you join UQLS SportSpace and stay in the loop!



Lochlan Cooke,
Vice-President



Xannel Mangahas,
Social Sport Officer



Laura Sharkey,
Social Sport Officer

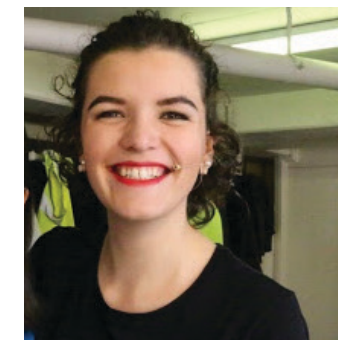


Lauren Kelly,
Sporting Events Officer

Law Revue

Hello genetically modified OP1 superbabies!

Being such smart cookies as to get into UQ Law, you may be wondering why there's a typo in the heading of this page, "Revue?! How could they have misspelt review?" Fear not, no typos here—a Revue is a form of light theatrical comedy consisting of short sketches, songs, videos and dances, usually dealing satirically with topical issues. The UQ Law Revue 2019 Planet Earth: Endgame was a sell-out comedic masterpiece of Lime scooters, dying turtles, and a whole lotta virtue signalling. Check the show out on YouTube if you want to see more.



Charlie Gehrman,
Law Revue Convenor

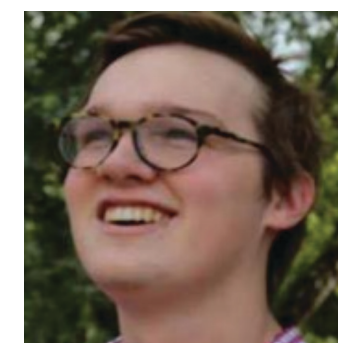
The UQ Law Revue has a proud history of being an entirely student run show. We write, direct, produce and perform everything ourselves, so if you have any talents—literally any at all— from comedy, singing, playing an instrument, dancing, sewing, editing and directing videos, painting, lifting stuff or even just being able to hold a piece of wood still, Revue has a place for you. We need plenty of people in Cast, Chorus, Band, Tech, Backstage and Costumes to keep this show running.

I could not recommend joining the Revue family enough. Everyone who's been involved has said that they wish they'd signed up sooner. Law can be a really, really hard degree, and Revue takes the edge off. I can say from the bottom of my heart that I wouldn't still be chugging along in Law if it weren't for this show. Uni is fun, but you need to work to create that fun and this is one definite way to go about it.

Give our Facebook page UQ Law Revue a like to be notified when expressions of interest come out— you definitely won't regret it.

Obiter

The Obiter is the UQLS' best, and only, online satirical news publication. Written by law students, for anyone, about anything, it takes aim at anything that it possibly can. Intriguingly, The Obiter was founded by George Brandis in the 1970s as a serious analysis and opinion publication. However, since The Obiter's switch to being comedy-focused, we have avoided analysis and opinion like the Black Death; the greatest sin of an Obiter article is to be serious. Law can be an oft-dry and heavy degree, and it's worthwhile seizing any opportunities you can to lighten up. If Australian Crawl had written a song about The Obiter, it would be called 'The Boys Lighten Up', — of course, lightening up is not limited to 'the boys,' it is freely accessible and encouraged for all who wish to lighten.



Joe Dwyer, Obiter Editor

Ultimately, if you have any interest in comedy, politics, sports, life, law, and Australian, there will be an Obiter article for you. Equally, if you wish to get involved, we desperately encourage articles and Ideas.

Message our Facebook page with an idea if you have one, and if you wish to join our writing team on a more consistent basis, email us at obitereditor@uqls.com. Have a brilliant first year and see it all.

Sincerely yours,
Mr Ob Iter.

Queer Representative



Vivian Zhang,
Queer Representative

Hello first years! My name is Vivian and I'm the UQLS Queer Representative for 2020! I am grateful to have been appointed to this role and I hope to help foster an inclusive, supportive, and most importantly, a fun environment for LGBTQIA+ students in TCB.

In my role as queer rep, I admin the UQOutlaws Facebook group for TCB queers, and help organise social or networking events for queer students and allies. Everyone is welcome to attend these events and remember that you don't have to disclose any info about your gender or sexuality.

In Sem 1, whether you are queer, questioning, or an ally, grab your mates and join us for some excellent drinks at UQLS's Queer Beers. In Sem 2, network with LGBTQIA+ members of the legal profession at the UQLS Rainbow Networking Drinks. Get ready to rainbow yourself up as we'll also be showing off our true colours at the Brisbane Pride March.

Look out for events hosted by Out for Australia and Pride in Law throughout the year! Connect with LGBTQIA+ professionals with Out For Australia's mentorship program, and check out UQUnion's fabulous Pride Ball which has one of the cheapest ball tickets.

As a fourth year Science/Law queer student the biggest tips I have is to continue doing the activities, hobbies, or things you love, and to remember that you've got a whole community supporting you! Join as many clubs and societies as you can to meet like-minded peers and find your passion (P.S if you're a law muso you should totally join UQLS's Law Revue Band, or TLF Creative's Lawchestra or Big Band).

Feel free to contact me through email or Facebook if you would like to be added to the 'secret' UQOutlaws Facebook group or have any questions & queer-ies!

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Education

Welcome to TC Beirne!

Hi, my name is Michelle Brown. I'm the VP for the UQLS Education portfolio in 2020. The Education Officers this year are Gabriella Roworth and Jasmine Chin.

The Education Portfolio (the Education VP, Education Officers, and the Board) is responsible for liaising between you and the law school. We also provide services, resources, and events to support your legal education at TC Beirne.

We know how challenging it can be in the first year of your university studies, especially when you are studying law at UQ. If you have any concerns about your assessment, feedback, or your legal education at TC Beirne, please get in touch with us. You can drop by the UQLS office, or email us at education@uqls.com

Connecting with your fellow law students is one of the best ways to improve your chances of success at TCB. Come along to PALS, and to our lectures and events. We look forward to meeting you at our events this year!

Notepool

It can be tricky figuring out how to best organise your lecture notes into a concise summary that will help you in your exams. We have created Notepool to help you do just that! Notepool is a collection of high achieving law students' notes for most compulsory law courses. You can access Notepool [here](#).

PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning Sessions)

PALS sessions are designed to assist first and second-year law students with their coursework and assessment tasks. In a one-hour session, your PALS leaders will provide helpful study tips, and guidance on how to do well in your exams and assignments. Dates for PALS in Semester One and Two will be published on the UQLS Facebook page, so keep an eye out.

Modern Lawyer Series

These are seminars and interactive sessions where you can learn additional knowledge and skills to enhance your legal education at TCB. The topics change each year, so keep an eye on the UQLS Facebook page for updates. For example, in 2019, with the College of Law, we ran a Legal Writing seminar to teach students legal drafting skills. Other sessions in the past have included Clerkship Skills, Legal Research Skills, panel presentations on Law and Technology, as well as information sessions about PLT.

Sir Harry Gibbs Lecture

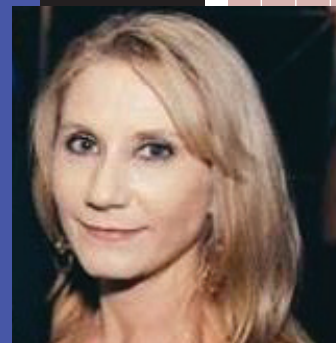
In 1937, the University of Queensland Law Society was founded by Sir Harry Gibbs to enrich the Law School experience. In keeping with that mission, the annual Sir Harry Gibbs Lecture was established in 2012 to engage prominent legal and political figures to address students and staff on important contemporary legal issues. Past speakers have included the Honourable Justice Patrick Keane, the Honourable Michael Kirby, and Julian Burnside AO QC.

Naida Haxton Lecture

This event is named after Naida Haxton AM, the first woman to practise as a barrister in Queensland, and a proud alumna of the TCB School of Law. Ms Haxton was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2007 for her services to the legal industry and to the judiciary. This lecture, named in her honour, seeks to explore contemporary issues beyond the material provided by the class curriculum.

Education Board

The Education Board is appointed at the start of each year and is comprised of student representatives from each year level. Each year, we conduct a survey to gather feedback from law students. We then use this data to produce the Education Report. We engage in advocacy for students, and we constructively liaise with the Law School. We have a seat on the TCB Teaching and Learning Committee where we can report student concerns to the law school.



Michelle Brown,
Vice-President



Jasmine Chin,
Education Officer



Gabi Roworth,
Education Officer

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Careers



Katerina Burtaev,
Vice-President

This year your Careers team is made up of Katerina Burtaev (Vice-President Careers), Georgia Huf and Elloise Campbell (Careers Officers). We're here to run some stellar networking events, provide information on all the different careers paths available to you, and make sure you have access to plenty of job opportunities and training. We help facilitate opportunities to meet face-to-face with potential employers, allow you to work directly with barristers, and to get an idea of all the different law firms or otherwise that are looking to give UQ law students a job!



Georgia Huf,
Careers Officer

If you'd like to get involved there are a couple of ways you can go about that. First of all, give the 'UQLS Careers Space' facebook page a like – this is where we advertise all our programs, events, resources and jobs! We run several networking events that are open to all year groups so feel free to come along to those. We also run a Barristers Work Experience Program and other workshops which are a great way to get an idea of how your law degree works in practice.

If you do have any questions about all the different ways you can end up using your law degree, opportunities for work experience, what are these clerkship things people keep talking about, or anything else career-related, please feel free to send an email to careers@uqls.com or message us at UQLS Careers Space.

Best of luck this year!
The UQLS Careers 2020 Team



Elloise Campbell,
Careers Officer

Barristers Work Experience Program (BWEP)

This is a program designed for undergraduate students to gain experience in the profession and get an idea of what the job of a barrister can look like. There is a common problem among law students that one needs to have legal work experience to get a legal-orientated job, but to get legal work experience you need to have a legal-orientated job. It's the ultimate

Catch-22. Lo and behold: BWEP! Students who are placed in BWEP work either for a single barrister or for chambers and experience many things such as meeting with solicitors or clients, and attending court.

Annual Professional Drinks (APD)

The Careers team invites a wide range of law and non-law professionals to give students a unique chance to network. In recent years, we have achieved a perfect 2:1 student to professional ratio, creating an intimate and successful event for employers and students alike perfect for those applying for clerkships.

Clerkship Night

An evening of brief presentations from each law firm to explain what the firm is about, the clerkship process and their graduate program, followed by a panel discussion to provide tips and tricks for the clerkship application process.

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