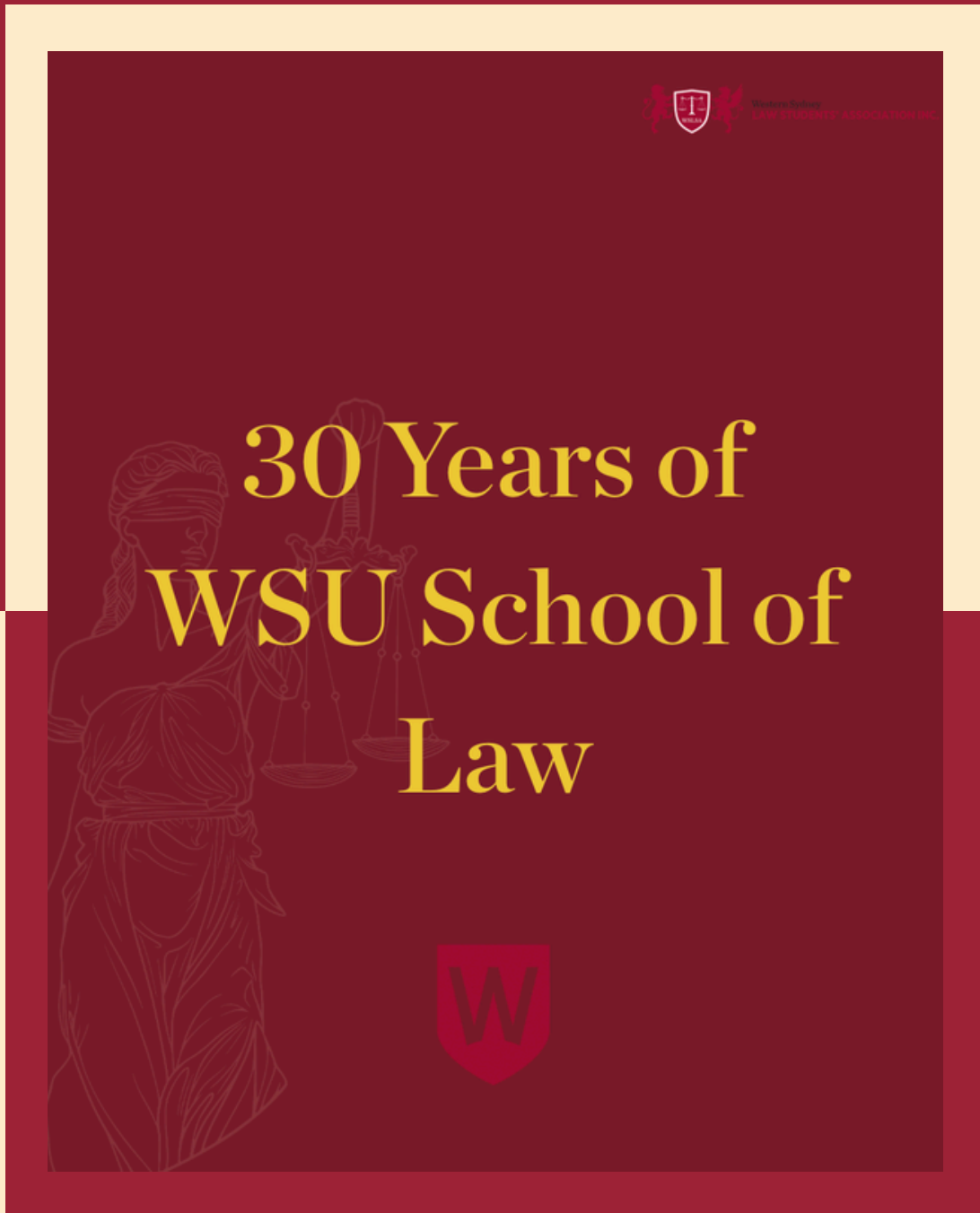


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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which the Western Sydney Law Students' Association was founded, the Dharug people.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community.

We pay our respects to their cultures, and elders, past, present, and emerging.



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# EDITOR'S NOTE

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*Fatmah Al Shamri*  
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## WELCOME TO THE 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR!

I am honoured to be presenting to the School of Law the first in a long lineup of monthly installments, delivering insights and the news on what will be happening at the Western Sydney Law Students' Association in 2026. This year is set to mark the 30-year anniversary of the School of Law at Western Sydney University, and we cordially invite students to make the most of the opportunities in store throughout the year.

To our incoming first-year students: the path is paved for you to reach your potential. We hope your next few years are filled with all the excitement, fulfillment and exploration which comes naturally to the Bachelor of Laws. And for our returning students, we hope you've had an interesting Summer and are ready to step back into the classroom ready and recharged.

Mark 2026 as your year: whether that be attending a clerkship evening, competing in one of our many competitions brought to you by our incredible Competitions Subcommittee or promising yourself an academic comeback.

As we move forward throughout the year, we will be sending out news to you on all the updates, news and events that make up your student inboxes, summarising and highlighting everything students will want to look out for coming up in 2026.

We look forward to working with you, by you and for you. Without further ado, here is this month's recap on what's going on at the School of Law.



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# EVENTS AND NEWS



## START OF SEMESTER IFTAR

To welcome in the new academic year, new students and new opportunities for our students, it is with immense pleasure that the Western Sydney Law Students' Association announces the Start of Semester Iftar for 2026 on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> (Week 2) from 6pm to 9:30pm at Western Sydney University Bankstown Campus. Attendees can anticipate a speakers' panel and charity auction for Doctors Without Borders, with a side of Lebanese-Palestinian catering and the chance to arrive in cultural clothing. For those of you wondering if friends from other law schools will be allowed to attend, worry not. The Iftar welcomes all university law students, so spread the word and we hope to see as many of you there!

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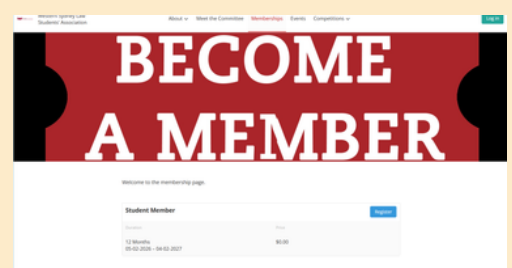


## UPDATES TO OUR WEBSITE

As many of our website's visitors may have noticed over the past month or so, some updates have been made for visitors to conveniently access key features. With an updated, polished and refined look, our competitions, career opportunities and sponsors are now on full display with more to come in 2026.

## 2026 WSLSA MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are now available for registration on our website. For no fee, students can sign up for a membership that will last from February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and expires on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2027. During this time, members will be notified on upcoming workshops, seminars and social events. Expect discounted member tickets and plenty of familiar faces this year with a WSLSA membership.



# EVENTS AND NEWS



## UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS AT ORIENTATION!

What happens when you take a handful of incoming students, a dedicated team and a stand full of merch? I'll tell you: you get a success!

That was a bit of an understatement. To the School of Law: staff, students, firms and alums, we have done it again. This year's Parramatta South Campus Orientation Day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February has brought over 1000 newly enrolled students and by far the only time I've seen E.A.G.18 packed from top row to bottom floor carpets with students!

But I digress- it has been a delight to meet students who have shown interest for law, reminding us that with each passing year, the proverbial bar is being raised, and the future of the legal profession is in great hands.

A huge thanks to the Western Sydney Law Students' Association team, LawUno and some of our student volunteers for taking the time to encourage the conversation and inquiry that will certainly benefit our newcomers moving forward.

Our socials have also seen a dramatic increase. In one day alone, our Instagram page has received 100 new followers! Not a part of our lucky 100? Follow us now at [@westsydlisa](https://www.instagram.com/westsydlisa).

Let's review the facts: with over 1000 new students across the Bachelor of Laws and Juris Doctor programs, we are now one of Sydney's largest law schools in addition to being the home of some of Sydney's most industry-ready alumni. We can't wait to see you all make your way through what is now, as far as I'm concerned, the newly commenced academic year!

As for the Orientation itself, students were treated to some valuable advice from continuing students and the presence of our wonderful professors, never mind the summer heat. So, whether you're surviving or thriving, or maybe even a little bit of both, you can't deny that the atmosphere post-presentation was anything short of a success, and there'll be more of that success right up to the 2026 Law Ball.

# EVENTS AND NEWS

## PANEL EVENT: LEADERSHIP IN LAW

Exclusive event for Western Sydney University Law Students

Mills Oakley and wm Consulting are delighted to bring this Panel Event exclusively to Western Sydney University Law Students.

Lawyers are uniquely positioned to assume immense responsibility and lead with humility, compassion, and vision.

Our Panel Members, Aloizio Ferreira Compart, Fatima Harb and Sina Aghamofid, will share their insights from both a legal and psychology perspective into the three (3) leadership traits for aspiring lawyers: Communication, Competence and Connection, Resilience.

The Panel will be Co-Hosted by Ban Weston and Hoda Nahlous.

### We will explore



**Communication**  
The currency of law is "words".  
To be a great leader in the law, then lawyers must be great communicators.



**Competence and Connection**  
Studies show that "Trust" is built on two key attributes: competence and connection.



**Resilience**  
Psychology plays a central role in our ability to learn from hardships and use that strength to achieve personal and professional growth.  
Resilience opens our mind to new possibilities for our own future.



## PANEL EVENT: LEADERSHIP IN LAW AT MILLS OAKLEY

Aristotle once said that all people by nature desire knowledge. And what better place to find knowledge than at the upcoming panel event: Leadership in Law. Hosted by Mills Oakley and WM Consulting, the panel will explore communication, resilience, competence and connection for aspiring lawyers. Considering attending? The event will be taking place on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of March from 1pm to 2pm. For more details, visit:

[https://www.linkedin.com/search/results/all/?keywords=Mills%20Oakley&origin=ENTITY\\_SEARCH\\_HOME\\_HISTORY&heroEntityKey=urn%3Ali%3Aorganization%3A92487](https://www.linkedin.com/search/results/all/?keywords=Mills%20Oakley&origin=ENTITY_SEARCH_HOME_HISTORY&heroEntityKey=urn%3Ali%3Aorganization%3A92487)

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## INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT: RICS

Any law students thinking of a career in land, real estate, constructing and infrastructure? Look no further than the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, or RICS for short.

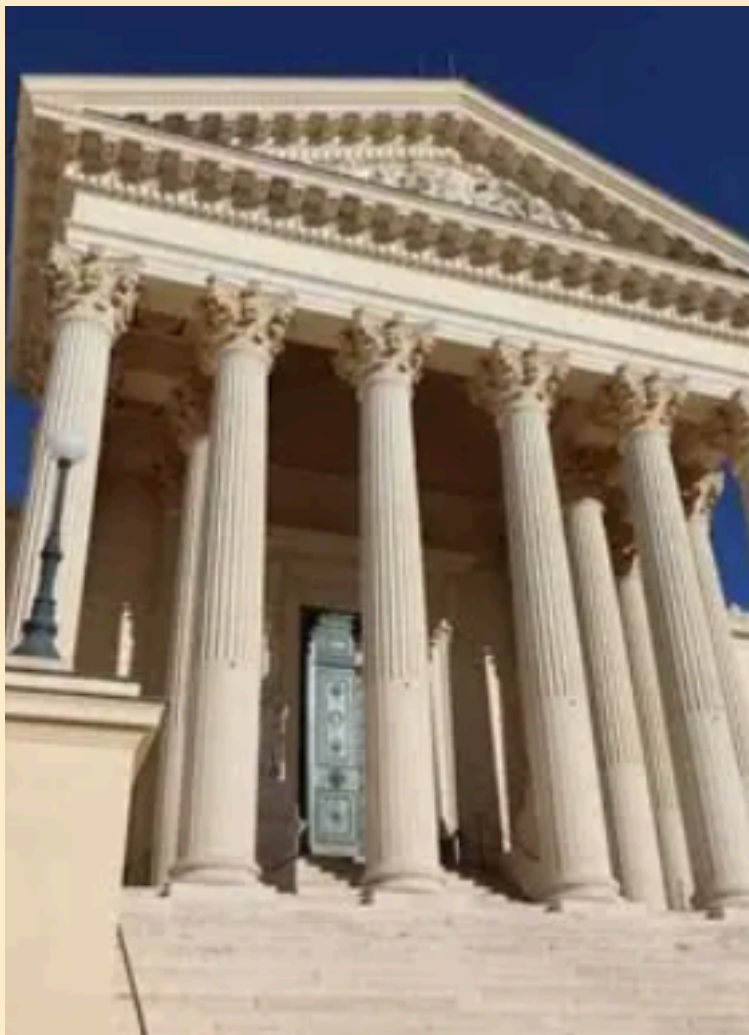
Guaranteed is RICS Regulated Firms and their ability to introduce you to a highly professional calibre of quality service and industry exposure.

Under the institution, prospective members have the chance to improve lives, drive economies and advance societies with the support of dedicated and inclusive staff. Think it's right for you? We certainly think so. All things aside, professional, ambitious, collaborative and inclusive applicants will certainly thrive within the culture here at RICS.

With over 130,000 operating members and candidates across over 140 countries globally, what better place to make your mark than with RICS? For more information, visit:

<https://www.rics.org/profession-standards/rics-standards-and-guidance/sector-standards/construction-standards>

# EMAILS FROM THE SOL



## LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT TIPSTAFF POSITIONS

As of February 9<sup>th</sup>, the School of Law has announced an opportunity to serve as Tipstaff to the Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales. As an Associate, applicants can be expected to provide high level support to his Honour, assist in preparing judgments and liaise with the Court registry in addition to the general tasks required to maintain efficiency in the conduct of chambers. Applications should contain a covering letter and curriculum vitae, as well as the names and contact details of two referees. If interested, apply online with an attachment of a resume and covering letter detailing how the requirements of the role are met at:

<https://lec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careers.html>

[www.wslsa.com.au](http://www.wslsa.com.au)



## LAW STUDENTS CAREER SUMMIT

A more inclusive opportunity for our law students across all years has been announced on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The Law Society of New South Wales will be hosting the Law Students Career Summit on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of March from 4pm to 8pm at the International Convention Centre. With in-person tickets costing \$10, students can attend on-demand for free (with LSNSW memberships). Expect presentations from experts across the legal profession, professional headshots and one-on-one advice from experienced recruiters. There will be presentations on legal career pathways, networking and sustainable success designed to give you a headstart. There will also be a chance for attendees to win prizes. For more information, visit:

<https://www.lawsociety.com.au/events/student-events/law-students-careers-summit>

**📍 BECOME A MEMBER AND WIN!**

Attend the Summit and become a student member to be in with the chance of winning one of a number of amazing prizes

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# CLOSING REMARKS

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Thank you for your perusal. We hope you enjoyed reading this issue as much as we did. We'll be back next month, with more content as the year progresses.

With Summer holidays and Welcome Week at an end, we are looking forward to updating you on everything happening in the Western Sydney Law Students' Association.

We hope that, under our Constitution, we are promoting "the interests of all current students in the School of Law... advocating on behalf of Law Students by monitoring academic conditions and needs."

If you have any inquiries, please feel free to refer to the following emails on this page.

If you have any topics or events which relates to law students that you think would be useful to know, contact the Publications Director.

Until next month,

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