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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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EXAMS, EXAMS AND HOPEFULLY A BREAK!

Big month for us here at the WLSA: happy birthday to all you Juneheads getting a little shoutout! What an action-packed few months, and glad to see you back for yet another issue of The WLSA Monthly. It's that time of semester: library attendance rises and temperatures start to fall; you know exam time is upon us. Not to worry, this issue promises to deliver tips and tricks for surviving exams and get your mind off the existential dread with all the positive news taking place, courtesy of... you! Yes, you.

Whether that was at the Conversation with Justice Leeming or the workshop with Justice Collier in April, the Young Lawyers' Charity Ball and Attorney-General's address in May, a huge thanks to all of you who showed up and made the most of a good time in the School of Law. Haven't heard? There's plenty more events to come or check them out in last month's issue [here](#). I've gotten plenty of feedback and would love to hear from you all personally via email at publications@wlsa.com.au or come check out the closing remarks on page 9.

So, you know when you reach that chapter of your social life where your calendar is filled to the brim with all sorts of parties and outings, but there's that calming ambience to it whenever you have class? That's this issue. It's all sorts of chances to meet new people at the Western Sydney Law Students' Association and it's cozying up in fuzzy blankets and sets while you celebrate the end of the first half of the academic year. That's enough of that, and this is your scoop of news, updates and reminders.

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



LAWUNO CONTRACTS LAW MOOTING COMP 2026!

A spectacular turnout on May 16th! Thanks again to Amy Young, Raphael Hanna and Richard Oh for organising the LawUno Contracts Law Moot, LawUno for sponsoring the moot, guest appearance from Justice David Collier, and all participants. If you're looking for practical extracurriculars and opportunities, give mooting a try. Here's what competitors had to say:

"Mooting offers practical experience and helps sharpen the skills of advocacy which obviously is a quintessential skill of any barrister or solicitor." - Edward To, semi-finalist, Team C

"Mooting is a great way for students to practice their advocacy, teamwork, and speaking skills in a simulated court environment. While classes teach the fundamental theory, it is through mooting where students can apply the law and knowledge learnt, making it a fun and enjoyable learning experience." - Maggie Song, competitor, Team J

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YOUNG LAWYERS' CHARITY BALL:

"Lean into your community, be kind to your peers, stay curious..." These were the words heard when I was fortunate enough to have had the privilege of attending the Law Society of New South Wales Charity Ball. With a theme a la Venetian Masquerade, it was a tough one to miss. Between yours truly as Mozart's Queen of the Night, a Roman Legionnaire, Augustus Caesar himself, and a handful of Carnevale attendants, the night was highlighted by a three-course meal and tiramisu worthy of Gordon Ramsey's approval.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S ANNUAL ADDRESS:

Going to have to keep it a little brief here. On May 20th, the Annual Attorney-General's Address was delivered at E.A.G.18 by the Honourable Michael Daley MP. The event highlighted key features of public law leadership, in addition to insights on the legal profession and the justice system.

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Clerkship Guide

*Your Ultimate
Guide to Australia's
Legal Clerkship
Process*



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WLSA CLERKSHIP NIGHT 2026

Get ready to meet your favourite law firms' favourite law firm. Penultimate and final year students: Clerkship Night is fast approaching us on June 3rd from 6:00pm to 10:00pm at Building EE (Auditorium). Meet the following sponsor firms: Herbert Smith Freehill Kramer, Ashurst, MinterEllison, Gilbert + Tobin, Hall & Wilcox, Mallesons, HWL Ebsworth and Clayton Utz, and experience an open stall session with materials on recruitment and information. The dynamism from this event will be accompanied by a panel, led by the WLSA's Education and Publications Directors, Emily Rough and Fatmah Al Shamri. So, expect on top of all that a Q&A on all things clerkships, recruitment and practice and hope to see you there!

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INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHT: BRYDENS LAWYERS

This month, the spotlight is on Brydens Lawyers. Never heard of them? that changes today. Noted for their work in personal injury and sponsorship of major sports teams. With a reputation spanning the past 50 years, I can certainly see them making waves with the likes of students interested in personal injury, family law, wills and property law.



A CONVERSATION WITH LEEMING J:

"A lot of law done at the Bar and as a judge is solving human problems." The School of Law was most thankful for having Justice Leeming, a forward-thinking advocate of equity and the role of AI in the future of the legal profession, on April 29th to discuss everything Bar, AI and Fiduciaries. Wonderful questions on policy were shared and hope attendants got something from the session!

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EXAM SURVIVAL GUIDE



VISUALS:

Two words. Colourful notes: think highlighters, sticky tabs, and doodles. For our visual learners, don't underestimate the powers of explanatory doodles and diagrams to help comprehend the facts of a case. Make colour coding by subjects a philosophy. At the LawUno Contracts Law Moot Workshop on April 18th, something that I took with me was colour-coding the notes for each argument so that it makes recollecting ideas quicker and easier in high-pressure settings.

AUDIO:

Listen to audio recordings of lecture pods or watch YouTube videos on relevant topics whilst doing work, heading on your way to work or just simply cleaning around the house. It's incredible the things your brain subconsciously picks up as your working on the clock throughout your day. Something casually brought up in a conversation once was people using AI to create songs about the content they're being assessed on, so take that as you will.



TOUCH:

For gym lovers one and all, might I suggest using the lecture pods as background sounds for your workout, morning stroll or hot girl walk, any form of fitness really! So long as you're moving your body and brain. Elle Woods famously defended her client's alibi: "Exercising gives you endorphins. Endorphins make you happy. Happy people don't murder." But you'll certainly kill your exams (for legal purposes, this is what we call a play on words).

TASTE:

Or maybe you're a sweet tooth... well then, a piece of chocolate or fruit for every topic you've studied can be one sure-fire motivator. Or, for our more socially inclined readers (myself included), really lock in for that one subject and treat you and your friends to a restaurant outing after an especially heavy revision session. From personal experience, a 100% success rate. Your friends will thank you for the wellbeing break and you'll be thanking yourself for your grades.



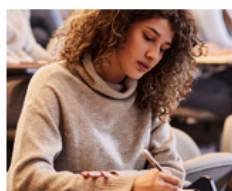
SMELL:

A fan of aromatherapy? Same here. I'm going to level with you here twin: a few drops of essential oil in a nearby diffuser or a little spritz of your favourite scent around the room, or even a bit of incense really whilst you're studying can make a big difference in the way your brain receives the information you're revising and associates what you've learnt with what you've smelt. I guess it is true what they say then: you smelt it, you dealt it.

EMAILS FROM THE SOL

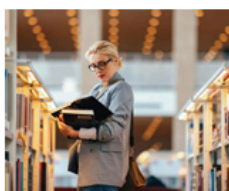


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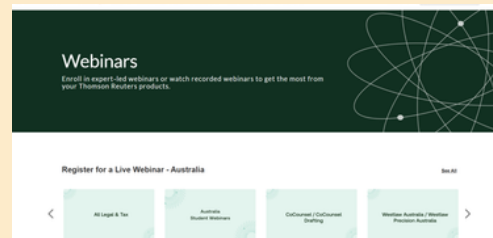
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PATHWAYS IN LAW SERIES

Registrations are now open for the Law Society of NSW's inaugural Pathways in Law series. Join our panel of seasoned professionals to go behind the scenes of private practice and discover where your degree can take you.
[Register here](#)



WESTLAW WEBINARS!

We interrupt your reading pleasure to bring you some more Westlaw Webinars for the month of June:

Monday, 1st June (11:00am-12:00pm)-
Navigating Legal Research for Librarians and Academic Staff

Tuesday, 2nd June (3:00pm-3:30pm)- The Complete Guide to Legislation and secondary Sources

Wednesday, 3rd June (1:00pm-1:30pm)-
Developing Case Law Research Skills

Thursday, 4th June (12:00pm-12:30pm)-
Introduction to Legal Research

Thursday, 4th June (11:00am-12:00pm)-
Applied Legal Research Skills Workshop

LAW SOCIETY OF NSW INITIATIVES:

On the first day of Winter, the WLSA gave to me... an update on some initiatives that the Law Society of NSW are holding. On April 22nd, you may have received an email from the School of Law. Specifically, about a wellbeing and mental health session and the Pathways in Government Law. If your state of mind or pursuing a career as a government solicitor are things you're interested in, check out the Law Society of New South Wales website for more info! Students can also check out podcasts and articles uploaded on topics ranging from Space Law to justice system reforms, to the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on trauma awareness. There's a little bit of everything to be had for everyone!

JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP 2026

The Judicial Internship unit (LAWS3074) and the Legal Internship unit (LAWS3077) offered next semester have been announced. Students interested must have completed: Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics (LAWS2015), Criminal Law (LAWS2004), Torts Law (LAWS2013), Legal Analysis and Critique (LAWS1009) and Contracts (LAWS2003). For more information, check out the emails sent on May 25th for the relevant dates, protocol and details.

CLOSING REMARKS

Winter is finally here! Catch you all with a load off your shoulders post-exam time, soaking sun and catching chills. It's the end of the Autumn semester and the start of a big break. Thanks for checking out this month's issue because May has truly been something else. Between competitions, social events, balls, work and classes, I was worried that there wasn't going to be an issue coming out this month, haha. The first half of the year is always the one to set things in motion. Look forward to some RICS and student-based content next month! Wishing a blessed Muharram for anyone observing this month. Now if you'll excuse me, I need to get back to work and lock in for Contracts.

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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