

# The WSLSA Monthly

## July 2026



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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*  
*Publications Director*

## A MUCH DESERVED BREAK AT LAST

Welcome back to The WLSA Monthly! Exams may be over at last for most but the School of Law and Western Sydney Law Students' Association are far from done with everything we've got in store for you this issue. Hope you're all enjoying the last few weeks before Spring Semester officially begins, because a much deserved break is definitely what's been needed if you've been keeping up with the last few issues.

Time to check in with you all. How are we doing today? Good? Great! Not so good? Sorry to hear but hoping that July makes up for it all. The coldest season of the year is for making the most of what is now the second half of the year, whether that be with friends, food, fun or all of the above. Wild how time flies!

If you haven't had a look at last month's issue, you can access it [here](#) where we cover the Contracts Law Moot Competition, the Young Lawyers' Charity Ball, the Attorney-General's Address and so much more.

In line with the feedback received, a reminder for anyone who is keen to contribute short, one-page articles for The WLSA Monthly or generally help out in any way to email at [publications@wlsa.com.au](mailto:publications@wlsa.com.au).

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

Coming to your law school!!

## Career Big Sis

x Western Sydney University

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**TOUR AUS**

8 SEPT 2026 @ 6:30PM

PARAMATTA SOUTH CAMPUS - VICTORIA RD, RYDALMERE NSW 2116

YOUR NO-BS GUIDE TO LAW CAREERS - COMING TO YOU LIVE. A TALK FOR LAW STUDENTS WHO WANT MORE THAN THE TRADITIONAL PATH OR TO SIMPLY LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT YOUR DEGREE CAN BE USED FOR.

CHECK US OUT [WWW.CAREERBIGSIS.COM](http://WWW.CAREERBIGSIS.COM)

## THE LAW SCHOOL TOUR WITH MEL STOREY:

It seems Australia's law school big sister has been touring stateside, and she hasn't forgotten Western Sydney University. Mark September 8<sup>th</sup> on your calendars, ladies and gentlemen- because Mel Storey is coming over live to school you on all things law in and out of the mainstream. Hosted by Sophia Fresnel and Fatmah Al Shamri, this event promises nothing short of clearing those pesky popular misconceptions and the holy grail of any law school event... good catering... REALLY good catering.

Is this just about right up your alley? Check it out on September 8<sup>th</sup> at Parramatta South Campus, starting at 6:30pm.

Be sure to look out for more details surrounding the event in the coming weeks and looking forward to seeing you all there!

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## OPEN DAY 2026 AT PARRAMATTA SOUTH CAMPUS!

Have you got a friend or family member interested in studying at Western Sydney University? Know any future lawyers who are free on July 5<sup>th</sup> and considering studying with us? Look no further: Open Day 2026 will be taking place at Parramatta South Campus on July 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Come and check out the School of Law and chat with the Western Sydney Law Students' Association team about all things law! Come for the free stuff, stay for the vibes.

## WELCOME WEEK 2026!

Now, are you yourself, or someone you know that's starting their law degree pretty soon, doing anything on July 14<sup>th</sup>? Nothing? Me too! Let's head down and check out Welcome Week for Spring 2026! Just like Open Day, expect an orientation for incoming students and a chat with the WLSA team in addition to all the free goodies you could ever ask from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

# EVENTS AND NEWS

## Justice in action: Inside the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

WSU students are warmly invited to hear Judge Benjamin Zipser and Judge Amy McGowan present on the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) and (Division 2), outlining the family law and general federal law jurisdiction of the Courts.

Gain first-hand insight into the roles of judges and associates – this event offers a unique opportunity for law students to learn about the federal judicial system, and areas of law such as migration and administrative law, employment law, family law, intellectual property, bankruptcy and consumer law, as well as opportunities to start your legal career at the Courts.



Family law



General federal law



Migration law

### DATE

Friday 31 July 2026  
at 4:30pm

### LOCATION

Barwick Commonwealth Law  
Courts Building, 1–3 George  
Street, Parramatta

Please RSVP by COB Friday 24 July 2026

[RSVP HERE](#)

## JUSTICE IN ACTION: INSIDE THE FCFCOA

Need something to end July off with? Something insightful on the realities of federal practice, or are you someone who is just interested in family, migration or administrative law? On behalf of the Western Sydney Law Students' Association, you are strongly encouraged to attend Justice in Action. The event will be hosted by the likes of Judge Benjamin Zipser and Judge Amy McGowan to provide students with a look at the work of judges and court personnel in addition to the pathways there are to beginning a legal career in Divisions 1 and 2 of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia. You can RSVP in the school-wide email sent out or [here](#). The event takes place on Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm at Barwick Commonwealth Law Courts, 1-3 George Street, Parramatta.

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## INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHT: ACAP

On the next page, you will find some useful information coming your way from this month's industry highlight: ACAP University College. If you haven't had the pleasure of chatting at the ACAP stall during Clerkship Night, not to worry! They're your go-to for Practical Legal Training (PLT) that is centered around your commitments and studies.

For more information, check out the following flyer on the next page.

## THE LAW LAUGH: EOIS NOW OPEN

Wondering what's coming your way in the next issue? Partnering with law societies across New South Wales, the WLSA is hosting The Law Laugh.

That's a night of laughs at The Lounge, Chatswood next month for anyone planning on attending.

If there happen to be any comedians reading this or you know of a lol-inducing future lawyer, then they will want to sign up for the chance to win prizes via [this link](#).

More details will be released closer to the date.

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# STEP CONFIDENTLY INTO YOUR LEGAL CAREER WITH ACAP'S PLT

“ MyPLTexperience with ACAP was fantastic. From the real-world course content and staff support to the resources and opportunities available through the connection to the profession, it was invaluable. ”



Theophilos & Rukietu - ACAP GDLP Graduates



ACAP's Practical Legal Training (PLT) course has been designed to support your transition into legal practice with hands-on, flexible training that fits around your commitments.

- **Fast-tracked, flexible study:** Delivered in a blended format, our course includes a 14-week coursework component and 15 days of in-person learning
- **No exams:** All assessments are practical and reflect real legal work
- **Flexible workplace experience options:** Optional Placement Support
- **Advanced standing:** Available if you've completed legal work, internships or clinics within the past 2 years.
- **A leading provider of practical education:** ACAP University College is a well-respected Australian tertiary provider, focused on career-ready learning and personalised support for future legal practitioners.

## Start Your PLT Journey Today

Enrol now to commence your studies from July 2026

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# EVENTS AND NEWS



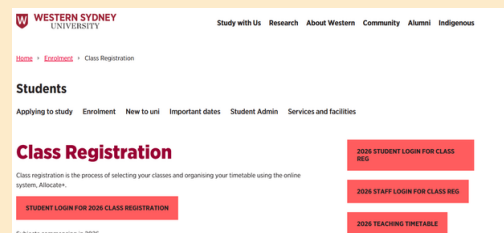
## WLSA CLERKSHIP NIGHT 2026

Have you ever seen such a packed auditorium, serving immaculate catering with stall holding firms giving out some worthwhile merch, all while visiting law firms count Western Sydney University law students amongst their prospective colleagues? Have you ever seen it successfully pulled off? On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, that's exactly what happened. We hosted nine (9) of Sydney's most prominent firms for a night of networking and Q&A panels to a cohort of over 100 students. Thanks to all volunteers who assisted in organising and preparing for our guests and to everyone who showed up, learned something new and got a sense of which firms they might like to apply to. On behalf of the team at the Western Sydney Law Students' Association, we look forward to next year!



## READY FOR PRACTICE SKILLS SERIES:

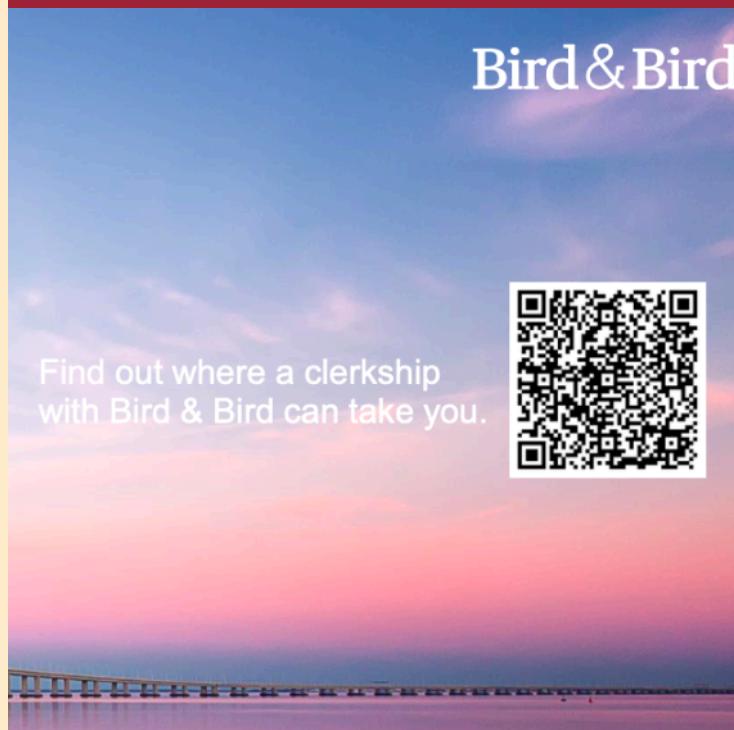
On Tuesday July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Law Society of New South Wales is hosting the next installment in their Ready for Practice Series. This particular session will be focusing on Personal Branding from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, giving participating students a sense of confidence and clarity. If this seems interesting, registrations can be made here at: [https://www.lawinform.com.au/blocks/androgogic\\_catalogue/index.php?q=personal\\_branding](https://www.lawinform.com.au/blocks/androgogic_catalogue/index.php?q=personal_branding)



## SUBJECT ENROLLMENT AND PREFERENCE SELECTION:

Just a friendly reminder to make sure that you've enrolled in your subjects for this coming semester and that you've completed your preference selection with your allocated tutorials. Thanks and enjoy the rest of this issue!

# EMAILS FROM THE SOL



## A SUMMER CLERKSHIP WITH BIRD&BIRD:

The following email was sent out on June 10th:

Bird & Bird's Summer Clerkship applications are OPEN until Sunday 12 July 2026 at midnight. With summer clerkship applications well underway, you may be thinking about which firm is the right fit for you to kick-start your career in law. Join us for a 10-week immersive clerkship programme! With access to senior people across the firm, including partners and management, you will live and breathe the brand, experiencing our business from the inside. During your time with us, you'll gain exposure to our practice and sector groups by attending meetings and events. You will be involved in meaningful legal work that adds value to our clients and provides you with invaluable experience. You can apply for a summer clerkship by sending a detailed cover letter, curriculum vitae, and academic transcript to [sydsommerclerks@twobirds.com](mailto:sydsommerclerks@twobirds.com). For more information: check out their website at <https://www.twobirds.com/en/careers/australia/summer-clerkship>



## LSNSW INITIATIVES UPDATES:

Another month means what else but another update on initiatives by the Law Society of New South Wales. This July, the society is offering positions in their mentoring program in addition to their clerkship program.

The Ready for Practice Skills Series continues with July 28th's Personal Branding seminar for all interested later-year law students navigating their transition beyond tertiary studies and into the legal profession.

For more details, check out the school-wide email from June 17<sup>th</sup> or the LSNSW website!

## MOOT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

The Competitions Subcommittee is pleased to announce that applications for the Sir James Martin Moot and Sir Harry Gibbs Constitutional Law Moot are open for eligible students interested in Criminal or Constitutional Law. Applications close on the 9<sup>th</sup>. For more info, check out: <https://wslsa.com.au/> at the Competitions Page.

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# CLOSING REMARKS

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A huge thanks to you readers and the entire School of Law for what has been an outstanding Autumn 2026. There was so much which had to be taken out of drafted issues time and time again because there was just so much that we couldn't fit into all the pages.

First years (JD and LLB): hope you're getting pretty much everything you want out of your degrees so far. Final year students: Looking forward to counting you as our esteemed alumni in a matter of months.

And to everyone else, we are so looking forward to you staying tuned for what's to come.

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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