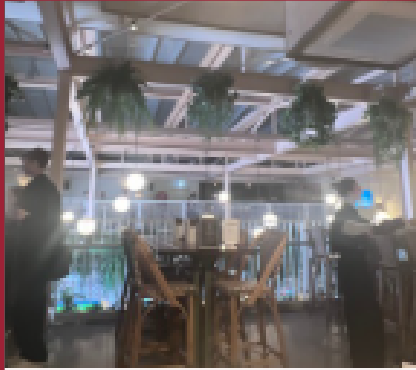


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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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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Publications Director

NEW MONTH? NEWSFLASH!

As Playboi Carti once said, “Wake up! It’s the first of the month!” And this month, I’ll be bringing you another freshly curated selection of all the news, social events and emails that you’ve either missed, meant or minded. Hope you’ve all had quite the month: whether that was hanging out at the Mid Semester Mingle last week or catching up on some readings. Haven’t had a chance to read up on what was going on last month? Check out last month’s issue [here](#) and enjoy all of April’s highlights.

A huge thanks to everyone who has read last month’s issue, by the way. It was a thrill getting to take note of all the incredible opportunities in store for the School of Law at Western Sydney University. And now welcoming with the same enthusiasm: May!

I don’t know about you, but the sudden chill always has me reaching for a hot chocolate or a vanilla latte at Piccolo Me on my way to absolutely crushing every answer in class before pulling a group study session later on in golden hour light and cozy sweats before Winter officially hits. If this month also has you turning on your ‘academic weapon’ Spotify playlist and celebrating finishing work with your comfort movie, then this issue is just for you.

This month’s theme will definitely appeal to a more industry-minded and ambitious cohort: so, look out for webinars, day-in-the-lives and clerkship opportunities as you’re reading along.

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



NOTHING MID ABOUT THE MID SEMESTER MINGLE!

Reporting to you live from the following day, the Mid-Sem Mingle had been an absolute hit! A big thanks to all 65 guests who turned up to The Commercial on April 24th and especially to First Nations Inclusion Officer Teisha Cloos for making such an unforgettable night, well... unforgettable. I'm sure after an evening of filling food, fizzy drinks and chaotic games, we'll have much to look forward to with our next array of events lined up for 2026.



DWL ROADSHOW EVENT

On Monday May 18th, Diverse Women in Law will be treating students to a panel led by Professor Catherine Renshaw, Dean of Law, along with representatives from DWL and Norton Rose Fulbright. If you're hoping to hear all about navigating the legal industry, bridging gaps, underrepresentation and intersectionality, then you'll want to be there at Parramatta South Campus from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Look out for upcoming updates and get that RSVP in before May 15th. More details to follow soon... so definitely check out our socials...

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NSW YOUNG LAWYERS' CHARITY BALL

The NSW Young Lawyers Charity Ball is a can't miss event for students with a taste for networking and dressing to the nines. This is a 'Venetian Masquerade' themed soiree taking place on Friday, May 8th from 6:00pm-10:00pm at the Wentworth Ballroom in Sofitel Sydney Wentworth. While tickets are sold out as of this issue's release, just know that next issue will be spotlighting the highlights of the event and the power of networking across the legal sector.

PEER ASSISTED STUDY SESSIONS

If you're looking to boost your marks this semester, look no further than PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions): one (1) hour sessions reviewing the past week's content, facilitated by someone who received a High Distinction grade for the subject, guaranteed to help you PASS (get it, PASS?) your class with flying colours. Sessions are available this semester for the following subjects:

- LAWS2003 (Contracts)
- LAWS2004 (Criminal Law)
- LAWS1001 (Enterprise Law)
- LAWS1003 (Fundamentals of Australian Law)

And others!

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Clerkship Guide

*Your Ultimate
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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, with details to be confirmed in coming weeks. 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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PATHWAYS IN LAW

This month, LSNSW is kicking off their inaugural Pathways in Law series with a sojourn into Private Practice on the 11th. This will be an online session, hosted from 12:00pm-1:00pm and is free for members. If you'd like to register, check out the link below:

<https://www.lawsociety.com.au/events/student-events/pathways-law>

A DAY IN THE LIFE...



MORE THAN A SMILE AND A WAVE- WHAT DO STUDENT AMBASSADORS DO?

We're switching things up this month with another full-length article because it's been ages (I say as the last article was written in March). If you've been reading your emails on April 7th, you'll know that Student Ambassador applications were released and closed on the 12th. As a Student Ambassador myself, I'd like to give applicants and everyone else a glimpse into what goes on at the workplace. Being a Casual Student Ambassador for Western Sydney University is more than just smiling and giving directions at Welcome Week, instead its about focusing on facilitating a safe, fun and inclusive environment for students. Here's what successful applicants can expect, as told by myself and co-workers Maryana Khoshoba (WLSA's Secretary) and Wael Arabi (WLSA's Vice-President):

6:00am- I've been offered and have accepted an Academy U shift at Parramatta South Campus, starting at 8:30. I get up, do my morning routine and get dressed in my red WSU uniform with a quick email briefing over a light breakfast.

7:00am- Commute. Between the bus, the train and the light rail, a quick touch up to keep me looking my best for the promotional photos and a high-energy playlist keep me mentally prepared to face over 100 students in a lecture theatre.

8:00am- Arrive on campus. If I'm not headed to Piccolo Me, I'm greeting my supervisor and early-bird co-workers and helping unpack boxes whilst looking through the briefing clipboard and waiting to greet students whilst the rest of the team arrives.

9:00am- All participating schools have arrived and have been ushered in. It isn't unusual to spot your high school at these events and say hello to some new faces and offer a few tips: a few icebreakers to get to know the ambassadors and sorting students into activity groups for a campus tour and we're ready for our one (1) hour tour.

11:00am- Recess. Finally! I answer a few questions some students had about courses (my favourite questions are always about law) before I catch up with my fellow ambassadors over some fries or sushi. They've all enjoyed themselves and get along with their groups amazingly.

11:30am- Head back in and join the students for two (2) seminars on university prep and success skills.

12:30pm- Lunch. Everyone's favourite part of the day, other than recess. Need I say more?

1:00pm- Final workshop. This will usually be either a creative activity or a 'Meet the Professor' session since everyone's exhausted from the day's programme.

2:00pm- Evaluations. Now that the day's over, the team likes to play some games with students and get their feedback via the QR on the screen. The ambassador team stays back to pack up before a timely end time at 2:30pm. All in all, it's always a good day when students walk away from you with all the questions answered... and a new friend.

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- Monday 11th May- Introduction to Legal Research with WestLaw Precision
- Tuesday 12th May- Developing Case Law Research Skills
- Wednesday 13th May- The Complete Guide to Legislation and Secondary Sources
- Tuesday 19th May- AI in Legal Research
- Wednesday 20th May- Applied Legal Research Skills Workshop

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CLOSING REMARKS

The early bird gets the worm, but the even earlier bird gets a sneak peek to the June 2026 Issue. Expect all things Pathways in Law, exams, the Young Lawyers' Charity Ball and a conversation with Leeming J. But shhh! You didn't hear it from me.... On a more serious note, it's always such an incredible feeling being on campus and seeing for yourself all the amazing things going on at the School of Law. If I was in my first year of law all over again, I would have definitely wanted to write about the First Year Law Lunch. But then again, today is a gift which is why they call it the present. And there's no greater present than seeing first-hand all the amazing things you do.

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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