



# UNE Law Students' Society First Year Guide

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UNE Law Students' Society

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# About the UNE Law Students' Society

The UNE Law Students' Society (LSS) was re-established in 2010 by several enthusiastic law students. We host academic and social events throughout the year to supplement students' legal education. The LSS hopes to inform its members, advocate for the interests of all UNE law students, and encourage the enrichment of the student experience of on-campus and online alike. The LSS has a strong and interactive relationship with the UNE School of Law, enabling it to act as a conduit between staff, the school, and the student body.



## Membership

Membership is open to all students studying law at the University of New England. Membership costs \$15 for the life of your degree and offers various benefits including: discounted event tickets, merchandise deals, communications and updates, eligibility for academic competitions, and access to LSS facilities on-campus. Membership applications are facilitated using the UNE Clubs & Societies UniOne platform.

**Click here for  
more  
information**

## The LSS Common Room - On-campus and now ONLINE too!

The on-campus LSS Common Room is a space for members, located in the W39 section of the EBL Building (just follow the signs!). Members have access to boiling water, a microwave, and super comfy couches. The online common room can be found in [Gathertown via this link](#). You can check out other UNELife club spaces while you're there.

## Acknowledgement of Country

*The UNE Law Students' Society acknowledges that UNE is built on Country of the Anaiwan people. We live, work and study on land that was never ceded, surrounded by a sense of belonging, both ancient and contemporary, of the world's oldest living culture. UNELSS also acknowledges the Gumbaynggirr, Kamilaroi, and Dhunghutti nations as custodians of the land and pay our respects to the Elders, past and present, of these nations.*

# Meet the Committee

UNE Law Students' Society 2023

## EXECUTIVE



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General Office Bearer

# Lara Glasson

Welcome from UNE Law Students' Society President

Welcome New Students!

Congratulations on taking those first steps of your journey into the legal profession! My name is Lara Glasson, and I am the President of the UNE Law Students' Society. We are thrilled that you have chosen to join us at UNE and hope that you are excited for the studies you are about to undertake.



Here at UNE School of Law, we have an overwhelming amount of support, and we hope that you will never feel alone in your studies. Our society aims to create a network for all law students, both on-campus and online, that will last throughout your personal and professional future. We will keep you informed about the many activities we are planning to offer this year via our social media channels, Moodle page and email list. Our upcoming events include student vs lecturer trivia nights, legal skills competitions, educational workshops and articles, career information and our much-anticipated event of the year, our annual law ball. Steph, the UNELSS First Year Officer, has worked extremely hard to create this handbook for you and we hope it will be beneficial to you.

We strongly encourage you to immerse yourself in your studies as well as any extracurricular activities that appeal to you. By participating to your full potential and stepping out of your comfort zone, you will find that you gain new life experiences, perspectives, and friends for life. We welcome any and all volunteers who are willing to lend a hand with any of our upcoming projects and events. Reach out and you will gain valuable skills to add to your resume and the opportunity to make lifelong friends.

If you have any questions, need assistance or you're just looking for someone to listen to you, please don't hesitate to get in touch. If we are unable to help you, we can point in the right direction for any specialised support. Whether that be through UNE Life's Advocacy and Welfare team or UNE's Student Services team, we can be sure you are getting the help you need.

For any LSS related business shoot us an email: [lsociety@une.edu.au](mailto:lsociety@une.edu.au) and our executive team will be quick to respond.

Again, welcome to the UNE School of Law. We hope you enjoy your higher education experience within our wonderfully close-knit community at UNE.

Sincerely,  
Lara Glasson  
2023 UNELSS President

# Professor Michael Adams

## BA/LLB(Hons) LLM FAAL

Welcome from UNE's Head of Law and Academic Director, UNE Sydney Campus

Welcome to the UNE Law School – I cannot believe it has been four years at UNE already, as I was appointed in January 2019 to the role of Head of the School of Law. From 2023 I am also the Academic Director of the UNE Sydney campus. It has been a great surprise how friendly and cooperative everyone has been (and are) especially through a drought, bushfires, COVID-19 pandemic, and tornado/hailstorms!



Over 30 years ago, I studied law and accounting/ economics in the UK and worked in corporate law. By chance, I bumped into a young Australian lady (in a pub called the Princess Louise, in London) and my life was changed for ever!

I came to Australia in 1988 to work as a lawyer with AMP and was asked to do part time teaching at UTS. Ten years later I was a Professor of Corporate Law and then in 2007 I moved as Dean of Law at Western Sydney University. During my academic career, I have always consulted with law firms and corporations and still have a consulting role at Coleman Greig Lawyers in Parramatta. I teach, write, and present regularly on corporate law and governance issues, as well as enjoy being a media commentator. I have published 12 books, 36 chapters, 112 articles and presented over 300 conferences/seminars – but who's counting? In 2020 I was named Academic Lawyer of the Year by Lawyers Weekly in their 20th Australian Law Awards.

I loved law school, as it opened my eyes to a new way of thinking and made some special friends. In my third year, I fell in love with the case *Salomon v Salomon Ltd*. This is the basis of corporate law and thus I knew what I wanted to do. I also loved making complex concepts simple and was honoured in 2000 as the recipient of the Australian University Teacher of the Year in "Law and Legal Studies".

I have a daughter who is a practising lawyer in Sydney and a daughter that is a radiation therapist in a Sydney hospital – I love their strengths and diversity. If you have any issues, please reach out to the Law School team, we are here to help you grow your potential – do not sit in silence – ask for help – follow us on all the socials!

# Nola Holmes

DipT(WIE), BA(UNE), GradCertTEFLA(Camb.UK), MPH(C(Flinders), MBA(SCU), JP.

First Year and Academic Advisor

Meet your First Year and Academic Advisor in the School of Law. Nola assists undergraduate Law School students across all units with discipline-specific academic requirements (including legal skills and assessments), strategies for success and 'being a Law School student'. Nola has extensive management and consultancy experience in both the private and public sectors in Australia and Hong Kong/China and has previously been a consultant, lecturer, teacher and advisor for universities, vocational colleges, and secondary schools in both countries. She is well-placed to assist Law School students transitioning into and through university study at UNE.



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# Paul Sattler

BA(Hons) LLB(Hons I) (NE) Grad. Dip. Legal Prac.  
Solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW

LLB Course Coordinator

Paul Sattler came to the School of Law from practice, where he specialised in criminal law. His main areas of research include evidence law and its application in the criminal and civil processes. Since 2012, he was a contributing author to Eburn and Hayes Criminal Law and Procedure in NSW, the 7th edition of which was recently published. He teaches criminal law and equity & trusts. Paul is a member of the Law Society of New South Wales and President of the Senior Common Room of Earle Page College.



# Course Plans

## Law, Legal and Paralegal

### **Bachelor of Laws (3 Years)**

Commencing Trimester 1 2023

Commencing Trimester 2 2023

Commencing Trimester 3 2023

### **Bachelor of Laws (4 Years)**

Commencing Trimester 1 2023

Commencing Trimester 2 2023

Commencing Trimester 3 2023

**Please note:** You may need to be flexible around Course Plans as there are many competing factors in 'being a student'. Forward planning is essential as not all units are offered every trimester, so some jigsaw planning/swapping of units may be needed. To help with forward planning, students should consult the 'Law School Unit Offerings' site [Law School Unit Offerings - University of New England \(UNE\)](#) for the current and next year for both Core and Listed units.

### **Bachelor of Legal Studies**

Commencing Trimester 1 2023

Commencing Trimester 2 2023

Commencing Trimester 3 2023

### **Advanced Diploma of Paralegal Studies**

Commencing Trimester 1 2023

Commencing Trimester 2 2023

Commencing Trimester 3 2023

### **Diploma of Paralegal Studies**

Commencing Trimester 1 2023

Commencing Trimester 2 2023

Commencing Trimester 3 2023

### **Undergraduate Certificate in Paralegal Studies**

Commencing Trimester 1 2023

Commencing Trimester 2 2023

Commencing Trimester 3 2023

**Not all courses and units are compatible with Honours. If you intend to graduate with Honours please contact UNE to discuss your options.**

For more information regarding the right course, please contact the course progression team through ASK UNE.

# BECOMING A LAWYER IN AUSTRALIA

## Step-by-Step Guide

Dreaming of a career in law? We've got you covered! This guide breaks down the essential steps you need to take to become a lawyer in Australia.

### ☐ **STEP 1: ACADEMIC LAW DEGREE**

You'll need either a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or Juris Doctor (JD) to start your legal journey.

During your studies, you'll gain an understanding of the theory of law and study key areas, known as the 'Priestley 11':

- |                      |                               |   |  |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| ✓ Administrative law | ✓ Contracts                   | ✓ Evidence  | ✓ Property, both Real (including Torrens System Land) and Personal |
| ✓ Civil Procedure    | ✓ Criminal Law and Procedures | ✓ Professional Conduct (including Basic Trust Accounting) |  |
| ✓ Company Law        | ✓ Equity (including Trusts)   |   | ✓ Torts  |
| ✓ Constitutional Law |                               |   |  |

Keep in mind, there may be additional subjects and electives you'll need to complete, based on your university's requirements.

### ☐ **STEP 2: PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING**

Once you've got your law degree, it's time to step up your game and get the skills you need to be a real-life lawyer. That's where Practical Legal Training (PLT) comes in.

PLT is all about gaining hands-on experience. You'll get to dive into working in a law firm or organisation by completing tasks and tackling real-life legal situations.

You need to undertake a set number of days of work experience to complete your PLT. If you complete work experience while you are at uni, it may be eligible for your PLT.

So get ready to roll up your sleeves and get a taste of what it's like to be a real-life lawyer!

### ☐ **STEP 3: APPLY FOR ADMISSION**

After you finish your Practical Legal Training, it's time to get admitted to the legal profession.

Before you can officially become a lawyer, you need to show the admissions authority that you have the right ethics. In simpler terms, they want to make sure you have a good moral character to interpret, argue, and draft the law.

To prove it, you'll have to let them know if you have any criminal, academic or general misconduct history. Make sure you check the specific rules in your state's admissions authority before moving forward.

And when you finally get the green light, get ready to attend an admission ceremony where you'll officially become a lawyer! Celebrate with your friends, family and colleagues – it's a big achievement!

The College of Law is here to support you on your journey to becoming a lawyer, so keep working towards your goal and never give up!

# First Year Units

## Law, Legal & Paralegal Studies

The early units for students commencing all Courses in the Law School are '100-level units'. These provide foundation knowledge and skills. Depending on which Course you are doing and in which trimester you commence, the recommended 100-level units, and their order, will vary. Some are Core units, others are 'Listed/Electives' units in courses. Check your specific Course Plan carefully and/or contact the First Year Adviser, Nola Holmes, for advice. Here are some of the Law School's 100-level units:

### LSU 100

Introduction to Legal Studies



### LAW 100

Foundations of Law



### LAW 101

Law in Context



### LAW 102

Legal Professional Skills



### LAW 131

Torts Law



### LAW 157

Alternative Dispute Resolution



### LAW 162

Criminal Law



### LAW 164

Law and First Peoples of Australia



### LAW 172

Contract Law



- Bachelor of Laws Core Unit
- Bachelor of Laws Listed Unit
- Bachelor of Legal Studies Core Unit
- Bachelor of Legal Studies Listed Unit
- Advanced Diploma of Paralegal Studies Core Unit
- Advances Diploma of Paralegal Studies Listed Unit
- Diploma of Paralegal Studies Core Unit
- Diploma of Paralegal Studies Listed Unit
- Undergraduate Certificate in Paralegal Studies Core Unit
- Undergraduate Certificate in Paralegal Studies Listed Unit

# Introduction to Legal Studies

## LSU 100 Unit Coordinator, Karen Conte

Karen Conte is a lecturer in the Law School at UNE and a practising barrister (since 2007), mediator and arbitrator. Karen practices in the areas of Family Law, Crime, Care and Protection Law and Defamation. Prior to her life as a lawyer and a lecturer, Karen was a primary school principal and primary school teacher for twenty years.

Lecturing in law combines her two passions: the law and education. Karen has a particular interest in all aspects of Children's Law issues and has written this unit of study for the LLB and LLM programs at UNE. Karen is the unit coordinator and lecturer in Introduction to Legal Studies, Professional Conduct and Children's Law units at UNE.

As a teacher, Karen has received a National Excellence in Teaching Award and worked with the 'Project Zero' team at Harvard University.

As a barrister, Karen has written and presents the 'Barristers In Schools' program through the NSW Bar Association and NSW Talent Centre, a program she sees as integral in raising up the next generation of outstanding lawyers.

Karen also presents on Family Law issues at conferences for practising lawyers.



# Foundations of Law

## LAW 100 Unit Coordinators, Carlie Drew & Wellett Potter

Dr Wellett Potter was conferred with her PhD in law from UNE in March 2021. Before this, she graduated from UNE in 2011 with a BA(Music)/LLB(Hons I), as well as the New England Award.

Her PhD thesis specialised in intellectual property and was titled 'A Legal Exploration of the Copyright Protection of Databases in the Fourth Industrial Era'. Recent research interests pertain to copyright law and the emerging challenges through the use of artificial intelligence and new technologies.

Since 2011, Dr Potter has been working as a marker and sessional academic for the UNE School of Law in over 25 law subjects.

In 2022, she joined the School of Law as a full-time academic. In Trimester 1, she will be teaching in LAW100 Foundations of Law and LAW131 Torts. In Trimesters 2 and 3, she will be the Unit Co-ordinator of LAW100.



See page 11 for Carlie's profile.

# Law in Context

LAW 101 Unit Coordinators, Guy Charlton & Mohammad Sayeed



Mohammad A Sayed is a law academic and legal researcher, currently completing his doctoral study at the University of New South Wales, Sydney. Previously, he taught law at the Australian Catholic University, and at the leading public universities in Bangladesh. Sayeed is interested in the theoretical and interdisciplinary study of law.

His teaching and research interests include Constitutional Law and Theory, Jurisprudence, Equity and Trusts, and History of Political Thought (with a particular focus on critical and continental tradition of philosophy). In recognition of his academic achievement(s), he has received various prestigious awards (Gold Medals) and competitive scholarships.

Sayeed's research has been published in a range of leading or highly ranked journals that include International Journal of Constitutional Law (Oxford University Press) and Asian Journal of International Law (Cambridge University Press). Currently, he is completing a book monograph (under contract with Routledge). He has presented his research works in many prestigious platforms such as University of Melbourne and University of Oxford.



See page 14 for more about Guy's units.

# TRIVIA

# NIGHT

**200M - 7:30 PM AEST  
FRIDAY APRIL 14**

**\$25 ENTRY PER TEAM  
MAX. 5 PER TEAM**

**REGISTRATIONS  
OPENING SOON**

**OPEN TO LAW  
STUDENTS AND  
LECTURERS IN  
TEAMS OF UP  
TO FIVE**

# Legal Professional Skills

LAW 102 Unit Coordinators, Carlie Drew & Lauren Triantafillopoulos

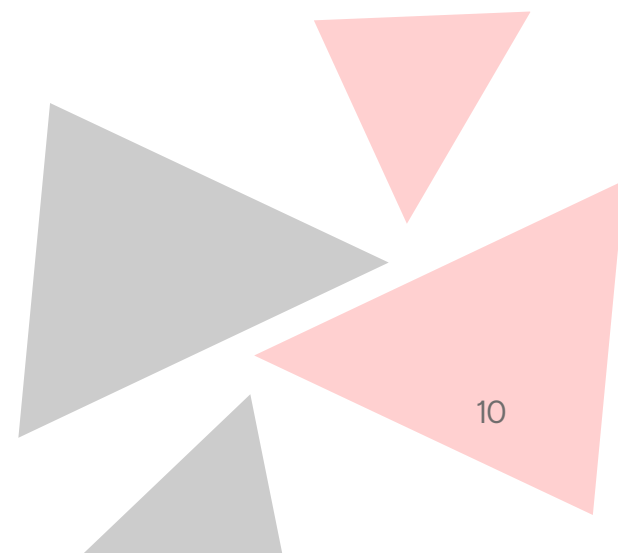
Carlie Drew is a lecturer at the School of Law at the University of New England. She is a proud UNE alumna. After graduating in 2004, Carlie was admitted as a solicitor in 2005 and thereafter practiced law before joining the Law School as a sessional academic in 2010. During her time in practice, Carlie was fortunate to gain experience in a range of different areas such as environmental law, commercial law, property law and succession. In recent years, Carlie worked in the public sector where she focused on estate planning and elder law. Carlie has a special interest in alternative dispute resolution and recently completed mediation training at the Qld Department of Justice and Attorney-General.



Lauren was admitted as a solicitor in 2010 and has over 20 years of experience working in the telecommunications and IT industry in a variety of commercial roles. In parallel with her role in industry, she is currently a lecturer at the School of Law at the University of New England teaching LAW102, LAW270 and LAW260. Lauren has also been a seasonal law academic since 2011 across several Australian universities.



Lauren enjoys supporting students on their legal journey, assisting them develop a deeper legal knowledgebase and professional skillset.



# Torts Law

LAW 131 Unit Coordinators, Julia Day & Michelle De Souza



Julia Day has over 20 years' experience in tertiary education. Her main teaching and research interests include torts law and social media law. Julia is the head of the Communications and Engagement Advisory Group and oversees the Law School's social media presence.

*Check out Julia's Academically Blonde blog on her website, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn!*



Dr Michelle De Souza's research interests are health law, bioethics, and comparative healthcare law, with a particular focus on the beginning of life. She primarily teaches Foundations of Law and Torts to undergraduate students. She also teaches a master's unit titled 'Fundamentals of Australia's Common Law System' to LLM students who do not have an LLB. Since 2019, Michelle has been the lawyer on the University of England's Human Research Ethics Committee. She is also one of the academic integrity officers for the School of Law and a member of the school's first year working group.

# Alternative Dispute Resolution

LAW 157 (Listed Unit) Unit Coordinator, Paul Akon

Paul's background is in 35 years of general legal practice in NSW, with an emphasis on litigation. He has worked in the Sydney CBD, suburban Sydney, and regional NSW. He has practised in both the private and public sectors.

Paul has a keen interest in designing a sound carbon trading register, mediation in the criminal law, and comparing legal aid funding policies for indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.



*Alternative Dispute Resolution was a fantastic elective to cover early in my degree. It improved my ability to communicate effectively and resolve conflict.*

*The knowledge that I gained from this unit will be beneficial in my professional and personal life. I now have a better understanding of the dispute resolution process and the options that are available to clients before litigation.*

*If you are looking for an elective in trimester 2, I would highly recommend this unit. The workload when combined with a core unit was very manageable and also very beneficial!*

*Alternative Dispute Resolution is a fundamental tool for all lawyers, as it is often used in pre-trial matters across different areas of law. The soft skills are directly transferable to any workplace, even if you do not wish to practice.*

*There are no tutorials in this unit, instead there are a wide range of resources in different mediums that are available for you to immerse yourself in the learning.*

*Paul would be one of the most experienced ADR lawyers in Australia, and we are lucky to have him with us at UNE.*



**Stephanie Hupfeld**  
LSS First Year Officer



**Victoria Shakeshaft**  
LSS Member  
PASS Leader  
Top Student ADR T2 2022

# Criminal Law

LAW 162 Unit Coordinators, Paul Sattler & Michelle Edgely



Michelle is the Chair of the School of Law Education Committee and Unit Coordinator for LAW 162, LAW 261/LLM 561, LAW 314/LLM 514, LAW 315/LLM 515 and LAW 490. She enjoys being involved in teaching throughout a student's journey, starting with the first-year unit LAW 162, and then coordinating Honours.

Michelle says 'it is such a privilege to see the wonderful work our Honours students are doing and the amazing intellectual growth they have achieved throughout their studies.'



See page 7 for Paul's bio.

# Law and First Peoples of Australia

LAW 164 (Listed Unit) Unit Coordinator, Guy Charlton



'Aboriginal law interests me because it is not just black letter law as so many of our law subjects are. It involves human rights, constitutional law, history and culture. It also is fundamental to who we are as a nation and how Aboriginal law interests me because it is not just black letter law as so many of our law subjects are. It involves human rights, constitutional law, history and culture. It also is fundamental to who we are as a nation and how our legal system dispenses justice. The Australian nation, which describes and defines itself as an oasis of democracy, human rights and law has been established on the dispossession and oppression of aboriginal peoples from its very foundation. It has thrived while the Aboriginal community as not. This inequality and injustice must be remedied as our history and how rights and discrimination are understood are essential to the Australian experience.

Despite all the cynicism that pervades the world today we must not lose site of the fact that law is about justice and about bettering peoples lives. Embedded with the legal system are mechanisms and principles that can improve the lives of Aboriginal Australians and enable the legal system and public policy to better reflect the aspirations and lives of Aboriginal citizens and the society more generally.'

# Contract Law

LAW 172 Unit Coordinators Patrick Graham & Anne Fitzgerald

Dr Patrick Graham is from Ireland and completed his LLB and LLM at the London School of Economics. After a period spent working at the UK Parliament, he then completed his doctorate at Queen Mary University of London. His thesis was on emergency powers in Britain in the early twentieth century. Patrick's research areas are emergency powers and the constitutionally implied freedom of political communication.

Dr Anne Fitzgerald completed her post-graduate studies in London (University College) and New York (Columbia University), which brought her into contact with some of the most inspiring lawyers in the world. While at the London School of Economics she was taught by Professor Rosalyn Higgins who went on to become the first woman on the International Court of Justice and then President of the International Court of Justice. She completed a JSD (doctorate) at Columbia University where she learned from professors who were leaders in international law, human rights law, environmental law and intellectual property law. During that time she attended a lecture by Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who graduated from Columbia Law School in 1959.



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29 JULY 2023

LAURISTON HOUSE  
DUNDAS VALLEY, SYDNEY NSW





# Peer Assisted Study Sessions

## PASS

LSU100, LAW100, LAW101, LAW102, LAW131, LAW162, LAW172

PASS@UNE is peer-facilitated study sessions held online via Zoom (with select units offering on-campus sessions). PASS sessions are open to all students (within the PASS@UNE units) and are attended on a voluntary basis. As sessions are delivered online, students can join from any location and meet with students in their unit and cohort.

Sessions are run by current students who have previously taken and passed the unit with high grades. Leaders help you discover study strategies as you review content material. Leaders promote their sessions as "guaranteed study time" because by attending, you feel connected and supported by your peers and the university, as it can be isolating studying alone.

The PASS Leader will not re-teach content. Instead, they offer strategies and tips they found useful to achieve success in the unit. PASS@UNE sessions start in Week 2 and will run weekly throughout the trimester. Keep an eye out for our PASS@UNE leaders who will introduce themselves within your subject e.g., via forums, with your Unit Coordinator, some in lectures/tutorials, on the PASS@UNE Moodle forums.



*'PASS is great for so many reasons. It provides an informal space to meet other students, and ask all the questions - simple or complex!! PASS leaders are students too, so while we don't re-teach content, we help you refine your study techniques, your referencing (an absolutely fundamental skill in law) and your research skills. PASS can also help you make sure you are on top of the week's learnings and are staying on track. You will learn lots of tips and tricks, and most importantly, realise that however you are feeling about the unit, you are not alone.'*

*We can't wait to see you in PASS.'*



**Victoria Shakeshaft and Helen Mundy, LAW102 PASS Leaders**



**Tony Walsh**  
Student

Tony has attended PASS for all of the level 100 units. He says 'the informal nature of the sessions and student interaction to analysis and problem solving' is what makes PASS so appealing. PASS has also enabled him to gain further understanding of the key unit learning outcomes and assisted in achieving good grades. He recommends PASS as it enhances learning in a less formal environment.

# START YOUR *journey* WITH US

By joining the Law Society of NSW, you become part of a community of over 32,000 members whose wellbeing and success are our priorities.

Our purpose is to help you grow into the best lawyer you can be by providing you with professional development and engagement opportunities and support you in your transition from student to professional.

## AS A MEMBER YOU CAN ENJOY:

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Learning and development opportunities designed to support law students including seminars by legal thought leaders.

### MEMBER ENGAGEMENT:

Conferences, wellbeing events and many other opportunities to build your network and connect with members of the legal profession.

### SOCIAL EVENTS:

The highly popular Golden Gavel event, Welcome to the Profession celebrations and other networking nights featuring keynote speakers.

### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Mentoring opportunities, soft skills training and access to resources and advice on the Law Society's Law Student Portal.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

Access to the Law Society's valuable LSJ content and other targeted member communications including student and NSW Young Lawyers e-newsletters.

### ACCESS TO NSW YOUNG LAWYERS:

A community of early career lawyers with 15 sub-committees each dedicated to a substantive area of law.



### HOW TO APPLY

If you are a student, or recent graduate who is not yet practising law, membership to the Law Society of NSW is free. To join, simply visit:  
[www.lawsociety.com.au/student-registration](http://www.lawsociety.com.au/student-registration)



THE LAW SOCIETY  
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

# Important dates

## Trimester 1 2023

### February

**Saturday 18**

Online orientation

**Monday 20**

O-Week begins!

**Friday 24**

O-Week Lifesaver Day  
On-campus Market Day

**Monday 27**

Trimester 1 begins!

### March

**Monday 20**

Trimester 1 Census Day

### April

**Tuesday 11**

Trimester 1 intensive and  
assessment period begins

**Friday 21**

Trimester 1 intensive and  
assessment period ends

**Monday 24**

Trimester 1 lectures  
recommence

**Saturday 29**

Law Graduation Day!

### May

**Monday 1**

Trimester 1 deadline for  
withdrawal without academic  
penalty

**Friday 26**

Trimester 1 lectures end

**Monday 29**

Trimester 1 exam period  
begins...

**Friday 9**

Trimester 1 exam period ends!

### February

**Saturday 18**

Ticket sales for Law Ball open

### March

**Friday 10**

Law School 30th Anniversary  
Dinner

**mid-March**

Applications for competition  
rounds open

### April

**early-April**

Competition rounds begin!

**mid-April**

Trivia night

### May

**Friday 5**

Open Day

**early-May**

Competition rounds finals

# Important dates

## Trimester 2 2023

### June

#### Wednesday 21

Online orientation

#### Friday 23

Last day for Trimester 1 results!

#### Monday 26

Trimester 2 begins!

### July

#### Monday 3

Last day to enrol in Trimester  
2 units

#### Monday 17

Trimester 2 Census

### August

#### Friday 4

Trimester 2 lectures end

#### Monday 21

Trimester 2 lectures  
recommence

#### Friday 25

Law Graduation Day!

#### Monday 28

Trimester 1 deadline for  
withdrawal without academic  
penalty

### September

#### Friday 22

Trimester 2 lectures end

#### Monday 25

Trimester 2 intensive and  
assessment period begins

### June

#### June

Registrations for AAT Mooting  
Competition

### July

#### Thursday 27

ALSA Conference &  
Competitions begins

#### Saturday 29

Law Ball

### August

#### Wednesday 2

ALSA Conference &  
Competitions ends

#### Early August

Trivia night

#### Friday 25

Graduation!

#### Saturday 26

Graduation Cocktail Event

### September

#### early-September

Careers Week

#### late - September

Clubbies Award Night

# Important dates

## Trimester 3 2023

### October

#### Friday 6

Trimester 2 intensive and assessment period ends

#### Friday 20

Online orientation  
Last day for Trimester 2 results!

#### Monday 20

Trimester 3 lectures commence

#### Monday 30

Last day to enrol in Trimester 3 subjects

### November

#### Monday 20

Trimester 3 Census Day

### December

#### Friday 1

Trimester 3 lectures end

#### Saturday 9

Law Graduation Day!

#### Monday 11

Trimester 1 deadline for withdrawal without academic penalty

### January 2024

#### Tuesday 2

Trimester 3 lectures recommence

### February 2024

#### Friday 2

Trimester 3 teaching ends

#### Monday 5

Trimester 3 intensive and assessment period begins

#### Friday 16

Trimester 1 intensive and assessment period ends  
Online Orientation

#### Friday 16

O-Week begins!

### October

#### early-October

LSS Annual General Meeting

### November

To be advised

### December

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### January 2024

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### February 2024

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# First Year

## Tips and Advice - Unit Coordinators

*Firstly, this might sound really corny and obvious, but it is essential that you make time to read and understand all of the materials. I believe there are three major areas that students need to excel in to do well in any law subject they are: 1. Have the ability to identify the relevant issues generated from the given question. 2. Have the ability to demonstrate solid critical legal analysis through statutory interpretation. 3. Be successful in your legal communications, e.g., non-verbose writing, Plain English manner – Wellett Potter (LAW 100)*

*Ronald Dworkin famously argued that law is an argumentative practice in which participants frequently disagree. So, law students should be aware of the pervasive role that disagreement plays in the formulation of law. For the first-year students, it may also mean that they build an attitude of disagreeing with what has been conventionally built-up, of thinking how a case could have been decided differently – Mohammad Sayeed (LAW 101)*

*Read cases! How many cases? As many as you can!! Reading cases is the best way to familiarise yourself with legal reasoning – Michelle De Souza, LAW 131*

*One important aspect of studying law is that there is often no one 'right' or 'correct' answer. Rather, it is best to focus on learning how to present a legal argument/s!! Thinking this way during your degree will help you immensely!! – Julia Day, LAW 131*

*Reach out if you need support. It can be overwhelming coming into study in a new field. This is completely natural response, at least for a while until you build confidence. We have systems in place to help support you. Your Unit Coordinator should be your first contact for academic help within a unit, but we also have a dedicated First Year Advisor, Nola Holmes, for general support relating to study skills, or even just navigating university processes. Online study can be challenging – that's why it's so important for you to reach out. You will find so many people in the Law School are very happy to help you – Michelle Edgely, LAW 162*

*It is really important to keep up to date with lectures and tutorials. Try to read the required readings closely and make your own notes and summaries as you go. This will be of great assistance as you prepare for the final exam – Anne Fitzgerald, LAW 172*

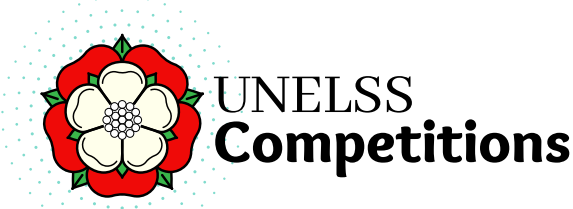
*I'd highly recommend students read the law reports for at least one of the 'classic' contract cases: the best one is *Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Company*. It's a funny read – the 'smoke ball' at issue in the case was invented in response to a pandemic very similar to Covid around 130 years ago – Patrick Graham, LAW 172*

# First Year Tips and Advice - LSS Committee

*Be brave and ask questions. It can seem daunting to speak up in tutorials, but if you're thinking it, someone else probably is too and asking helps everyone* - Lara Glasson, LSS President

*Be kind to yourself! Your grades don't define you. We all come from different backgrounds and situations and social comparison is the gateway to anxiety! Online based study can be challenging without that face to face social interaction, so use socials to find support and network with other students. Linked in is a fantastic networking tool! Use it wisely* - Amy Danek, LSS Social Justice and Equity Officer

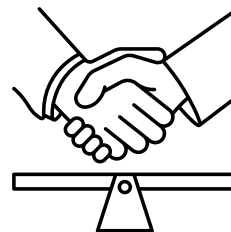
*To build your confidence, attend tutorials live and contribute where possible. PASS is also a valuable tool! I formed many great friendships by attending regularly and it helped me achieve fantastic grades* - Stephanie Hupfeld, LSS First Year Officer



The UNELSS Committee is happy to announce that 2023 will feature two competitions.



**Client  
Interview**



**Negotiation**

These competitions are designed for you to test and build your legal professional skills. Academic Judges will provide constructive feedback after you engage with a live scenario problem.

Further details including dates will be announced soon!  
Competitions will be hosted via Zoom.

# SURVIVING AND THRIVING LAW SCHOOL

NAZ BESAVEND, COLLEGE OF LAW AMBASSADOR



*The first bit of truth I'll share is that law school is hard. Whoever tells you otherwise is probably not doing it right. The second bit of truth is there's actually no such thing as a photographic memory - sorry, legal dramas.*

## THE A, B, C'S OF LEGAL ADVICE AS A LAW STUDENT

The first thing you need to learn to say is "it depends". Your friends and family will assume an admission to law school basically gives you a legal license. Fortunately, unfortunately (you decide), it doesn't. So, when they say things like, "do I have a case?", or "does this count as manslaughter?", or even "how much can I sue for in a slip and fall?" The answer is always "it depends", and that pretty much should be the end of your answer. In summary, don't give any legal advice just yet, wait until you can charge for it and call it a consultation.

In my first year of uni, I remember the question everyone was asking was, "how do I take notes?" The answer was always "note taking is a form of art". That answer bothered most of us, but it truly is an art form. Jot down what you understand, translate the explanation to how you understand it, question and touch base on what you don't. See, art.

## CREATE GOOD HABITS

Learn how to write professional emails. Proof your work, proof it again, and then one more time. Give yourself enough time to research, write and proof. Your teachers can tell if you have spent 2 hours or 2 weeks on your work. Learn how to reference really well in your first year. Attend the library sessions as often as needed to ensure you master referencing. You really don't want to struggle with this beyond first year. Do your readings (as best as you can). The slides provided by teachers do not substitute your readings, they are merely created to guide you. Don't be afraid to speak up. Engage in your classes. I can guarantee that you will have a much better understanding when you participate in class and spend a little time preparing for them as well. If you don't have time to prepare for a class, that's okay, make an effort to engage anyway.

First year is all about learning about how you learn and absorb information. You can't just memorise it; you need to learn, understand, and apply. By now you've probably learnt that law exams are open book and you're excited about the concept of not having to prepare or study for exams. Right? Wrong! I'll say one thing, have you seen the size of law textbooks? They purposefully print them on really thin paper

and super small font. Open book exams are a deception. What they really want to say is, "good luck finding what you need in the exam". If you don't know where the information is in the text, you'll be browsing through a few hundred very thin pages. Page tabs are your friends, invest in them early. Make summaries, create a table of contents, summarize your cases and prepare for exams to make your life easier. Preparation is key. If you take good notes and make good summaries throughout your subject, you won't even need to prepare for your exams! (Not much anyway)

## LEARN TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Law school can be mentally, physically and emotionally stressful. It can really take its toll if you don't have a good study/life balance. Organise your schedule, make time for YOU! Remember that caffeine is not a substitute for sleep, it's what you consume after having a good night's sleep. Know when to take a break, it's okay to slow down, recharge and start again. Remember that you're not being productive when you're not feeling well. Take up hobbies and enjoy your law journey. The serious stuff hasn't yet started! What you learn in law school are tools that you can use throughout your personal and professional life, so take your time learning/understanding. Yes, it's a competitive environment but remember to set your own pace. You'll be here for the next 3-5 years (at least) and you want to make sure that you make the most of it. So, study hard, take advantage of as many opportunities you can and enjoy the experience.



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# Student Services

The University of New England is proud of its diverse student, staff and visitor population and is constantly working to improve access to the UNE experience for everyone, regardless of their background or current situation. There are a wide range of services for students.



There are a range of clubs and societies run at UNE for students from various backgrounds and/or with a range of interests. You can find resources such as employment opportunities and textbooks.

The Ally Network was established so all members of the UNE community would feel supported and free to contribute their best, regardless of gender, sex characteristics or sexual orientation. The network creates a welcoming, safe, and supportive environment for everyone who is lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or queer. The network is open to anyone who supports LGBTQI inclusion, regardless of their sexual orientation, sex characteristics or gender identity.



## International Students

The International Students site provides a range of information and activities for international students to feel involved in their university journey.

## Oorala Aboriginal Centre

At the Oorala Aboriginal Centre, UNE, we first put Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students' well-being and success: your culture, your community, and our partnership. Oorala's community of experts will guide you throughout your study and walk beside you to help you achieve your goals by opting into our services when you apply for admission to UNE.

## Access and Inclusion

UNE aims to support all students who face barriers to higher education to succeed in their studies. Therefore, we provide services for students in various circumstances beyond those with a disability and/or health condition.

## Advocacy and Welfare

Advocacy and Welfare can assist if something goes wrong with your studies at UNE. They provide independent information, advocacy, and referrals across a range of academic and personal issues. If they cannot assist you, they will refer you to someone who can. In addition, they provide students with an empathetic non-judgemental space to raise any concerns that may be bothering them. You can drop in the office if you are in Armidale, email or call the office.

# Helpful Links

## AskUNE & Unit Offerings

[Contact Us \(custhelp.com\)](https://custhelp.com)

[Law School Unit Offerings – University of New England \(UNE\)](#)

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## Text Books

[Home | UNE Life Campus Books](#)

[Getting started – eBooks – LibGuides at University of New England](#)

[University of New England Armidale campus – StudentVIP](#)

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## Referencing

[Australian guide to legal citation – University of New England \(exlibrisgroup.com\)](#)

[UNE Law Skills Hub | Referencing for Law](#)

[AGLC4 – Referencing and Citation Styles – Subject guides at University of Sydney \(usyd.edu.au\)](#)

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## Research

[Book a Librarian | one-on-one sessions with UNE librarians online](#)

[Lexis Advance | User Guides](#)

[UNE Law Skills Hub | Legal Research](#)

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## UNE Contacts

[Nola Holmes | First Year Law Advisor](#)

[UNE Student Support and Wellness Centre](#)

[UNE Enrolment and Student Support](#)

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Writing arguments in first year law can feel like:

**“IT’S THE VIBE OF IT. IT’S THE CONSTITUTION.  
IT’S MABO. IT’S JUSTICE. IT’S LAW. IT’S THE VIBE  
AND AH, NO THAT’S IT. IT’S THE VIBE. I REST MY  
CASE.”**

-Dennis Denuto, The Castle (1997)