

JD GUIDE

MONASH LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY



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WELCOME TO MONASH LAW SCHOOL



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DEAN'S FOREWORD

Welcome to the Monash Faculty of Law to all of our new students!

You are joining a world-class law school with a proud history and demonstrated record of excellence in teaching and research. We educate lawyers for careers across the globe and undertake research that makes a difference to Victoria, Australia and the world at large.

Our aim is to become a leading international, clinical and technologically enabled law school in Australia and the Indo-Pacific region. We operate from seven locations across two hemispheres and three continents, with our main Clayton campus and CBD premises, involvement in two community legal centres and a CBD clinical facility as well as two overseas campuses in Prato and Kuala Lumpur.

As Dean of the Faculty of Law, I am enthusiastic about also commencing this journey with you in your first year of study in law. You know already that your place in the Juris Doctor degree reflects your own hard work at university studies to this point. We are confident that you will meet academic and professional staff in our Faculty who are committed to your legal education, personal welfare and university experience.

You will find the transition from your previous studies to law challenging on many levels, whether you are coming to us from another course here at Monash University or another institution. You will need to learn the concepts and language of law and justice as well as their institutional and social dimensions. You will also need to develop skills of legal literacy, including legal knowledge, analysis, research, advocacy and many other essential legal skills.

Finally, you will need to develop skills that are as necessary for university study as they are for life-long careers, such as electronic and print-based research skills, time and project management, communication and writing skills and interpersonal skills, such as teamwork.

You will have the opportunity to be taught by some of the experts who write the leading legal textbooks, advise or work for governments, contribute to public policy and advocacy, consult to the legal profession and business, train the next generation of lawyers as well as make a difference to social justice globally, nationally and at home.

In all of this, you will have the tremendous support of the Monash Law Students' Society ('LSS') behind you throughout your degree. It is one of the most active law student societies in Australia.

The Faculty of Law supports and works closely with the LSS in its support of you, through a wide variety of academic, social and career-oriented events as well as governance roles within the Faculty.

In the end, you will make lifelong friendships and hopefully emerge with a qualification that you can use in a wide variety of legal and other careers in government, law, business and the community at large. We hope that you will become part of the ever growing alumni of the Faculty of Law, who now occupy some of the most prominent positions amongst the judiciary, bar, law firms and other occupations in Victoria and elsewhere. As the Faculty of Law celebrates its 59th anniversary this year, we are mindful of the living chain of past and present students, staff and friends of the Faculty, who you now join.

We welcome you to the community that is the Faculty of Law, for what we hope and trust will be some of the most rewarding years of your life.

Professor Bryan Horrigan

BA, LLB (Hons)(UQ), DPhil (Oxon)
Dean of the Faculty of Law



COURSE PROGRESSION

The JD program is structured to ease students into a challenging and rewarding degree. The JD is a three year full-time degree, or four to six year part-time degree, with the flexibility to alter the student's study load at any point throughout the course. The program is run in trimesters and students typically take two to three units per trimester. The JD program has some course rules and dates to keep in mind when course planning. This includes adding, changing or discontinuing units. The Monash Handbook for 2022 is your best resource to ensure that you have the most accurate and up-to-date information. Access the Monash Handbook for 2022 via this [link](#). Alternatively, specific questions can be directed to the Law Faculty.

Sequencing

In the first two years of the JD, students will cover what are known as the 'Priestley Eleven' core units. The JD offers both day and night classes for core units, allowing flexible study arrangements. The 2022 progression map demonstrates the suitable sequencing of units and guides unit enrolment for each trimester of study. Students may choose a full-time or part-time course load or move between the two throughout their degree. Students are advised that this is the Faculty recommended course structure and it does not prohibit students from taking units in an alternate order. Students are able to manage their enrolment and course planning through the Web Enrolment System ('WES') on my.monash.edu.

Co-Requisites and Pre-Requisites

Students should be advised of unit pre-requisite and co-requisite requirements when taking an alternative course structure. A list of course requirements can be found in the [Monash Handbook](#) for 2022.

Unit Discontinuation and Penalties

JD students have different teaching periods, unit discontinuation and penalty dates from the rest of Monash University. The relevant dates for JD subjects and potential penalties for 2022 can be found [here](#). The penalties may be academic, financial, or both, depending on the date listed.

Elective Units

Based on a full-time progression, students will begin elective units at the end of their second year. Elective units are designed to align with your career goals, strengths and interests. Elective units are run in either trimester long, semi-intensive or intensive formats. The elective timetable varies each year and can be found [here](#).



Full-Time Course Map

YEAR 1 TRIMESTER 1	LAW5000 AUSTRALIAN LEGAL REASONING & METHODS	LAW5001 PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE	
YEAR 1 TRIMESTER 2	LAW5002 PRINCIPLES OF CONTRACT LAW A	LAW5004 PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LAW & STATUTORY INTERPRETATION	
YEAR 1 TRIMESTER 3	LAW5003 PRINCIPLES OF TORTS	LAW5005 PRINCIPLES OF CONTRACT LAW B	LAW5006 PRINCIPLES OF PROPERTY LAW
YEAR 2 TRIMESTER 1	LAW5007 PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	LAW5008 PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY	LAW5018 ADVANCED PROPERTY LAW
YEAR 2 TRIMESTER 2	LAW5010 PRINCIPLES OF TRUSTS	LAW5011 PRINCIPLES OF COMPANY LAW	LAW5012 PRINCIPLES OF EVIDENCE
YEAR 2 TRIMESTER 3	LAW5013 PRINCIPLES OF LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION	LAW5014 PRINCIPLES OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	COMMERCIAL LAW ELECTIVE
YEAR 3 TRIMESTER 1	LAW5015 ETHICS IN LEGAL PRACTICE	LAW ELECTIVE UNIT	LAW ELECTIVE UNIT
YEAR 3 TRIMESTER 2	LAW ELECTIVE UNIT	LAW ELECTIVE UNIT	LAW ELECTIVE UNIT
YEAR 3 TRIMESTER 3	LAW ELECTIVE UNIT	PROFESSIONAL ELECTIVE	



Part-Time Course Map

YEAR 1 TRIMESTER 1	LAW5000 AUSTRALIAN LEGAL REASONING & METHODS	LAW5001 PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE
YEAR 1 TRIMESTER 2	LAW5002 PRINCIPLES OF CONTRACT LAW A	LAW5004 PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LAW & STATUTORY INTERPRETATION
YEAR 1 TRIMESTER 3	LAW5003 PRINCIPLES OF TORTS	LAW5005 PRINCIPLES OF CONTRACT LAW B
YEAR 2 TRIMESTER 1	LAW5006 PRINCIPLES OF PROPERTY LAW	LAW5007 PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
YEAR 2 TRIMESTER 2	LAW5008 PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY	LAW5018 ADVANCED PROPERTY LAW
YEAR 2 TRIMESTER 3	LAW5010 PRINCIPLES OF TRUSTS	LAW5011 PRINCIPLES OF COMPANY LAW
YEAR 3 TRIMESTER 1	LAW5012 PRINCIPLES OF EVIDENCE	LAW5013 PRINCIPLES OF LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION
YEAR 3 TRIMESTER 2	LAW5014 PRINCIPLES OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	COMMERCIAL LAW ELECTIVE
YEAR 3 TRIMESTER 3	LAW5015 ETHICS IN LEGAL PRACTICE	LAW ELECTIVE UNIT
YEAR 4 TRIMESTER 1	LAW ELECTIVE UNIT	LAW ELECTIVE UNIT
YEAR 4 TRIMESTER 2	LAW ELECTIVE UNIT	LAW ELECTIVE UNIT
YEAR 4 TRIMESTER 3	LAW ELECTIVE UNIT	PROFESSIONAL ELECTIVE

UNITS

To successfully complete the JD, students must complete 24 units, including 16 core units, six electives, one commercial elective and one professional elective. Each year, the Law Faculty offers a range of electives designed to enhance your interests, skills and career aspirations. A full list of electives can be found [here](#).

Core Units

LAW5000 Australian Legal Reasoning & Methods (also known as ALRM)

This foundational unit provides an understanding of the Australian legal system and its underlying principles. The unit introduces students to legal research, interpreting legislation and judicial decisions, analysis of factual and policy issues and demonstration of professional judgment and scholarship to legal problems.

LAW5001 Principles of Criminal Law & Procedure

This unit examines the principles and aims of criminal law and criminal procedure. Students study the definition and elements of crimes in the context of fatal and non-fatal offences against the person, the major sexual offences, property offences, relevant defences, the role of agencies in the criminal justice system as well as the central elements of the criminal process and sentencing.

LAW5002 Principles of Contract Law A

Contract law addresses the concepts, principles and rules used to determine the existence and content of binding promises and their enforcement of defeasibility in the market economy. This unit covers the formation of contracts (including capacity and formalities), privity of contract as well as the incorporation, construction and validity of contractual terms.

LAW5004 Principles of Public Law & Statutory Interpretation

This unit will introduce the basic principles of public law, government and statutory interpretation in Australian law. The unit will explain key ideas pertaining to public legal entities, including the Crown. It will also consider fundamental constitutional relationships between the Parliament, the executive and judiciary. Finally, the unit will deal with statutory interpretation and the interaction between the legislature and judiciary.

LAW5003 Principles of Torts

This unit introduces students to the law of civil wrongs (torts), including the role and purposes of

tort law, the interests it protects and its relationship to statutory schemes which provide compensation for injury or loss. Students will study intentional torts and the strict liability torts. Additionally, students will study the tort of negligence and the impact of statutory law reform.

LAW5005 Principles of Contract Law B

This unit complements Principles of Contract Law A and examines the performance of contracts, the discharge of contracts by termination or frustration, legal and equitable remedies for breach of contract as well as vitiating factors under the unwritten law and statute.

LAW5006 Principles of Property Law

This unit examines the concept and categories of real and personal property. This includes the interaction between contractual and property rights, types of property, creating and transferring property rights in law and equity, possession as a source of title as well as types of property rights, such as mortgages, easements, restrictive covenants and profits à prendre.

LAW5007 Principles of Constitutional Law

This unit examines the Victorian and Australian Constitutions, the separation of judicial powers at State and Commonwealth levels, Australian federalism and intergovernmental relations, Commonwealth legislative powers as well as a critical analysis of the techniques and principles of constitutional interpretation.

LAW5008 Principles of Equity

This unit introduces students to the nature and function of equity in the modern Australian legal system. Students learn about the relationship between equity and the common law as well as study the key doctrines of equity.

LAW5018 Advanced Property

This unit builds upon Principles of Property Law in relation to land law, set within the context of priority disputes. The unit examines indefeasibility of title, concurrent ownership, resulting trusts and constructive trusts in relation to law, the caveat system and priority rules for registered and unregistered interests.

LAW5010 Principles of Trusts

This unit introduces students to the nature and function of trusts in the modern Australian legal system. Students learn how trusts are used and learn the rules governing their existence. In particular, the rules governing the creation and administration of trusts as well as the rights and obligations of parties to trusts are studied.

LAW5011 Principles of Company Law

The unit introduces the basic principles of Australian corporations law. It examines the corporation as a separate legal entity and the situations where the law ignores the separateness of a corporation. Additionally, students will study corporate governance, third party contracts, the role and duties of directors as well as insolvency.

LAW5012 Principles of Evidence

This unit examines the principles and concepts underlying the law of evidence at both State and Commonwealth levels with an appreciation of the relationship between the law of evidence and the nature of a civil or criminal trial. Students will examine key concepts of the law of evidence in the context of the purposes of exclusionary rules. The unit will also determine the role of technology in the trial court and the issues raised by its use for litigants and the court itself.

LAW5013 Principles of Litigation & Dispute Resolution

This unit gives students a thorough understanding of the principles of civil procedure as exemplified in the rules of the courts and associated case law. Students will study the major procedural steps that are taken in the event that common law and commercial disputes become the subject of civil litigation.

LAW5014 Principles of Administrative Law

Administrative law is the branch of public law that regulates the exercise of power by the executive arm of government. This unit introduces students to the structure of government administration, the sources

of administrative discretion and the systems that have been developed to permit the review of the exercise of administrative discretion by administrative decision-makers.

LAW5015 Ethics in Legal Practice

This unit provides a practical and critical introduction to ethical decision-making and the law and codes of professional responsibility in lawyering. It introduces different moral approaches to legal practice, focusing on the justifications and criticisms of the traditional adversarial advocate approach and its alternatives in the context of different areas of practice.

Commercial Electives

LAW5301 Copyright

This unit covers copyright, the branch of intellectual property law concerned with protecting various forms of creative and informational expression. Students will study the rationales for granting protection, the international treaty framework, the legal principles governing subsistence, infringement, ownership and licencing, relating rights (including moral rights and the resale royalty) and proposals for law reform.

LAW5312 Competition Law

This unit examines the competition provisions of the Australian Competition and Consumer legislation. Topics to be discussed include the rationales and objectives of competition law, mergers, misuse of market power, anti-competition agreements, exclusive dealing, resale price maintenance, penalties and remedies as well as authorisation and notification.

LAW5315 Commercial Alternative Dispute Resolution

The uses, benefits and limitations of various ADR processes are critically examined. The impact of ADR on the legal system and the development of law are considered. As well as participation in simulation exercises, the unit offers knowledge to assist in maximising the value of a range of ADR processes.

LAW5316 Trade Marks & Commercial Designations

This unit examines the statutory protection offered by the registered trade marks system and the common law accorded protections through the actions of passing off and related torts. The unit will look at the misleading or deceptive conduct provisions of the Australian Consumer Law and the impact of the internet on these areas of law.

LAW5321 Protecting Commercial Innovation: Patents & Trade Secrets

This unit is important for any student who practices or seeks to practice in the area of intellectual property law or who works in an innovative commercial environment where research results in new products and processes. The unit teaches the fundamental principles of patent law and the laws that protect trade secrets with recourse to both legal and practical materials that aid understanding and appreciation of underlying concepts and policy issues.

LAW5340 Intellectual Property

The unit introduces the concept and categories of intellectual property law and the interface between them within a national and global context, using case studies. Students will develop an awareness of the role of the law in facilitating commercial transactions. Also, students will evaluate the rationales, the nature and objectives of a broad range of intellectual property rights, including copyright, trademarks, passing off, geographical indications, industrial designs, patents, protection of confidential information (trade secrets), plant breeder's rights and circuit layouts.

LAW5350 Principles of Taxation

The unit examines the key aspects of the Commonwealth tax system. It introduces taxation theory and policy as well as the constitutional and administrative framework within which the federal tax system operates. The unit considers the goods and services tax, income tax and deductions, capital gains tax, corporate and shareholder taxation and the taxation of superannuation contributions and investments. The unit focuses on the practical application of taxation law to common commercial transactions.

LAW5356 Corporate & White Collar Crime

This unit examines the criminal liability of corporations and what is broadly described as 'white collar crime', that is, crime committed in an occupational context. The unit will begin with criminological perspectives on the nature of white collar and corporate crime. The place of criminal liability in the overall scheme of commercial regulation will then be examined, including discussion of the rationales behind imposing liability on corporations and/or individuals and whether that liability should be civil or criminal.

LAW5357 Corporate Governance & Directors' Duties

This unit will explore a range of recent trends and issues in corporate governance from an international

perspective. Key areas discussed in this unit will include: the link between corporate scandals and corporate law reform, comparative corporate governance, institutional investor activism and shareholder stewardship, takeovers as well as the regulation of executive pay. It will also consider recent Australian corporate governance developments, such as the 2019 Banking Royal Commission (Hayne Commission).

LAW5394 Banking Law

This unit provides an overview of the key relevant legal principles and practices of banking. It primarily addresses the regulation of banks and other deposit-taking institutions and their relationship with their customers. It covers law, policy and regulation of banking, lending and payment services. It will be taught on a comparative basis, looking at how these institutions are regulated in Australia and comparing this to the position in key banking centres overseas, like the US, EU and UK.

LAW5421 Managing High Conflict Personalities in Legal Disputes

This unit focuses on managing personalities in conflict resolution, particularly resolving disputes involving 'high-conflict' personalities. The course will help students and practicing professionals recognise personality styles, choose appropriate intervention techniques and maintain ethical principles while dealing with difficult people professionally and personally. The first part will focus on developing and understanding the dynamics of a personality in conflict, especially the impact of 'high-conflict' personalities in legal and workplace disputes. The second part addresses how to manage individual clients, two or more parties in dispute and systems involving many high-conflict parties.

LAW5452 Private Investment Law

This unit discusses the nature and operation of private investment law in Australia. It examines how the venture capital and private equity industries operate in Australia and around the world as well as how private investment funds are structured. It focuses on the taxation treatment that applies to such investment and discusses relevant regulatory matters. It also examines and compares international aspects of private investment. A range of government tax and other incentives that encourage investors to commit capital to start-up companies are analysed, along with some incentives that reward these companies for undertaking innovative activities.

LAW5473 International Mergers & Acquisitions

Mergers and acquisitions ('M&A') represent a significant part of the practice of corporate law. An increasing degree of convergence in M&A law and practice is occurring as a result of cross-border M&A transactions and the expansion of global law firms, investment banks and accounting firms.

LAW5479 Avoidance, Management & Resolution of Construction Disputes

This unit focuses on the avoidance, management and resolution of construction disputes, a speciality area of construction law that is commonly referred to as the 'back end'. It will take a chronological approach, beginning with a critical analysis of the causes of construction disputes, the role of construction contracts and how different project delivery methods play in construction disputes. Students will explore various dispute avoidance processes ('DAPs') that can prevent conflicts from escalating into disputes.

Other Electives

LAW5317 Principles of Privacy & Freedom of Information

This unit provides a comprehensive and critical examination of current issues relating to laws which affect public information in the possession of, or generated by, the Federal and Victorian governments, including statutory authorities and municipalities. Its key focus is on the freedom of information and privacy laws.

LAW5319 Law of Employee Relations

This unit focuses on the law of employee relations. There is an emphasis on issues such as the contract of employment, the rights and obligations of employers and employees, rights in respect of unfair dismissal and redundancy and remedies for breach, collective (enterprise) agreements under the Commonwealth *Fair Work Act 2009*, the process of negotiation, the legal status of such agreements and procedures for enforcement, the role of unions and the Fair Work Commission in these processes and procedures, modern awards and the legislative prescription of minimum entitlements in the National Employment Standards.

LAW5343 Privacy & Surveillance: Law, Policy and Governance

The emergence of new technologies, including AI and technologies based on the Internet of Things, coupled with recent events, such as the revelations of Edward Snowden and the Cambridge Analytica

scandal, have placed new attention on privacy and surveillance in contemporary public debates. This unit traverses the complex patchwork of common law and statutory regimes which protect the privacy of personal activities and communications in Australia. It also examines the role of data protection and anti-surveillance laws in guarding against the potential harms posed by new applications of Big Data Analytics.

LAW5344 Negotiation: Essential Skills for Dispute Resolution

This unit provides comprehensive coverage of the theory and skills of Principled Negotiation and its applications in mediation. Students will explore a coherent and systematic framework for understanding negotiation and its implications for a mediator's role, practice using guidelines for getting the best result in negotiation, practice techniques for diffusing conflict within the mediation process, identify key assumptions that help define the various ADR processes available and apply them in choosing an appropriate process for disputes as well as examine the practical and ethical tensions commonly faced by mediators.

LAW5353 Cybercrime

This unit provides an overview of the legal issues which arise when electronic and telecommunication devices are used in the commission or facilitation of crime. Such devices allow offences to be committed on an unparalleled scale, sometimes with international ramifications, yet with a greatly reduced chance of detection. Therefore, they present a significant challenge to investigative agencies and to conventional notions of crime and jurisdiction.

LAW5355 Advocacy

This unit will develop a deeper theoretical understanding of the essential role of advocacy in the adversary system. It will enable students to better appreciate the way in which cases evolve through the courts and how factual and evidentiary foundations relate to the legal results. Students will better understand the nature of the skills which are required of advocates, their ethical obligations and the importance of the advocates' role in the courts' decision-making process. This will be of benefit to students contemplating practice at the Bar as well as to those who will work in litigation and other dispute resolution areas.

LAW5359 International Human Rights Law & Women

Securing the protection and promotion of the human rights of women remains a challenge in the 21st century. Notwithstanding the significant advances in international human rights norms relating to women, systemic discrimination and inequality are part of everyday life for many women in the world. This unit examines the international human rights obligations and standards pertaining to women, including relevant international treaties, customary international law and the domestic means of implementing international norms.

LAW5370 Discrimination Law & Human Rights at Work

This unit will examine topics such as the right of disabled persons at work, the rights of older workers, compulsory retirement age, flexible working practices, the right to return to work/part-time work from maternity leave and other types of discrimination in the workplace. This unit studies federal and Victorian legislation which have brought anti-discrimination policies into the workplace. The unit also investigates whether human rights are inherent and the social, industrial and legal context of anti-discrimination laws.

LAW5381 Human Rights Advocacy

It is one thing to know about human rights law, but another to be an effective advocate. This unit addresses what human rights advocacy is, how to develop a human rights advocacy strategy and how to be an effective human rights advocate. The unit skillfully balances in-depth academic analysis of the topic with case studies that illustrate the successful implementation of human rights advocacy strategies.

LAW5393 Law of Workforce Management

This unit will focus on the law of managing workforce behaviour which relates to aspects of the individual employment relationship under the contract of employment, legislative regimes, negotiated agreements and employment practice and policy. Questions of how far employers can control the behaviour of employees at the workplace and in their private lives and what legal controls, limits and freedoms are available to employers and employees will be addressed. Topics covered will focus on issues such as discipline at work in both private and public sectors, workplace bullying and sexual harassment as well as the legal processes and procedures for addressing such issues via legislation.

LAW5409 Principles of Family Law

This unit provides students with an understanding of the fundamental principles and concepts in family law and the policies underlying them. It commences with an examination of what is meant by 'family' and the challenges facing family law with the increase in diverse family forms. Students will analyse the practice and process of family law, including the non-adversarial procedures which have been established to encourage parties to resolve their disputes without the necessity of resorting to litigation. The efficacy and relevance of financial agreements, child support arrangements and consent orders are also discussed. The unit then examines the basic principles relating to the division of property following the relationship breakdown of couples. The unit also delves into the dynamic and volatile area of disputes surrounding parenting arrangements.

LAW5428 Health Law

This unit provides a comprehensive introduction to, as well as critical analysis of, issues in the study of health regulation, case law and policy in Australia. Topics covered in the unit include an introduction to the regulatory framework of the Australian health system, public health law, the law of consent and refusal to medical treatment, privacy and confidentiality of medical records, abortion, regulation of assisted reproduction technologies, regulation of human biological material and the regulation of emerging health technologies.

LAW5454 Climate Change & Displacement

This unit will provide an up-to-date overview of the links between climate change and citizen justice. It will discuss the phenomenon of climate displacement, providing an understanding of the dynamics of climate displacement, the countries which are now, and in future, most heavily affected and the legal and policy measures that will be required to ensure that all climate-displaced persons are afforded rights-based and viable solutions to their displacement. Students will have an in-depth understanding of the legal issues involved, how the human rights of climate-affected persons can be invoked and where work is underway to protect the rights of those affected.

LAW5463 Children's Law in Action

Using a child-centered approach, follow the development of legal issues that impact children as they grow. Examine the evolution of modes of legal representation for children, starting with the role of an independent children's lawyer in family law proceedings. As children grow, their legal rights develop, as do their legal responsibilities. Explore how this can involve state interference in the family unit through child welfare laws and the cross jurisdictional issues that can arise from this involvement, especially in relation to criminal law and intervention order matters.

LAW5464 Negotiation & Influence: Strategy & Skills

Like it or not, you are a negotiator and communicator. Whatever your role, whichever your industry, developing an ability to effectively negotiate and communicate with influence is absolutely essential. Drawing on ideas first developed at the Harvard Negotiation Project and from a variety of other research perspectives, this unit is designed to rapidly improve participants' ability to negotiate and influence.

LAW5469 Family Violence, Gender & Law

This unit focuses on legal responses to the pervasive problem of family violence. It considers the nature and adequacy of our laws in preventing, identifying and responding to gendered family violence. Students will examine areas of law relevant to family violence issues and legal processes designed to prevent and respond to family violence issues, including family law, criminal law, civil protection orders and human rights law. A focus of attention will be on the appropriateness and quality of various formal and informal processes in cases of family violence.

LAW5470 Exposing Failures & Wrongdoing: Royal Commissions and Public Inquiries

Royal Commissions and public inquiries play a significant role in exposing corruption, governance failures and wrongdoing. This unit is designed to equip students to understand the functioning of royal commissions and public inquiries and to deal with them from different perspectives. It will examine key features of the functioning of commissions and public inquiries, including the rules relating to their powers and processes as well as contemporary policy issues.

Placements and Professional Practice

LAW4803 Clinical Placement

Students will engage in a legal placement hosted by either an external organisation or at a Monash Law Clinic. Under professional supervision, students will undertake a range of activities involving work for end-clients/beneficiaries of that host organisation. Students will contribute to the development of legal solutions to complex problems that occur in the context of the practice culture they experience. Enrolment is by application only. For more information, see this [link](#).

LAW4811 In-House Clinical Placement

Students will engage in a legal placement hosted at Monash Law Clinics in partnership with another organisation. Under professional supervision, students will undertake a range of activities involving work for end-clients/beneficiaries of that partner organisation. Students will contribute to the development of legal solutions to complex problems that occur in the context of the practice culture they experience. Enrolment is by application only. For more information, see this [link](#).

LAW5050 Professional Practice

Students undertake a practical placement at a community legal centre which endeavours to meet the needs of its community. Under supervision by qualified solicitors, students will provide legal advice to clients, undertake ongoing casework, brief Counsel and, in appropriate cases, represent clients in court. Students acquire a diverse range of practical legal skills essential for legal practice, including the capacity to undertake legal research and apply such research to factual scenarios as well as the ability to synthesise professional, technical and ethical knowledge acquired in the JD and apply it in a practical legal context. Enrolment is by application only. You must have passed 72 points of study in order to enrol in this unit. For more information, see this [link](#).

PAYING FOR THE JD

The costs associated with paying for the JD depend on the type of place and whether a student is a domestic or international student. There are various financial support options available to all students, subject to eligibility requirements.

Full-Fee Place

When applying for the JD, all students automatically apply for a full-fee place. A full-fee place will cost AUD \$42,000 a year, based on an annual full-time load of 48 points (eight units), with the entire JD costing an estimated AUD \$126,000 in total.

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

CSPs are awarded to top-performing domestic applicants through a competitive selection/ranking process based on academic merit. There is no exact GPA requirement. No application is necessary as all eligible applicants are automatically considered for a CSP. For more information, see this [link](#).

Fee Support

Students may be eligible for the government HELP Loan Schemes, FEE-HELP and HECS-HELP. Please note that for 2021, the HELP loan limit was AUD \$108,232. This included any previous HELP loans that you may have taken in your other studies.

1. FEE-HELP: Students in a full-fee place may be eligible for this loan from the government. Due to the loan limit, JD students will still need to pay the difference out of pocket. For loan eligibility requirements, see this [link](#).
2. HECS-HELP: This loan from the government is available for students who have been offered a CSP. For more information, see this [link](#).

Income Support

The Monash JD is an approved masters by coursework program and, as such, students may be eligible to receive income support while undertaking the JD, including Youth Allowance, Austudy or a Pensioner Education Supplement. For eligibility, application and payment information, see the Services Australia [website](#).

Scholarships

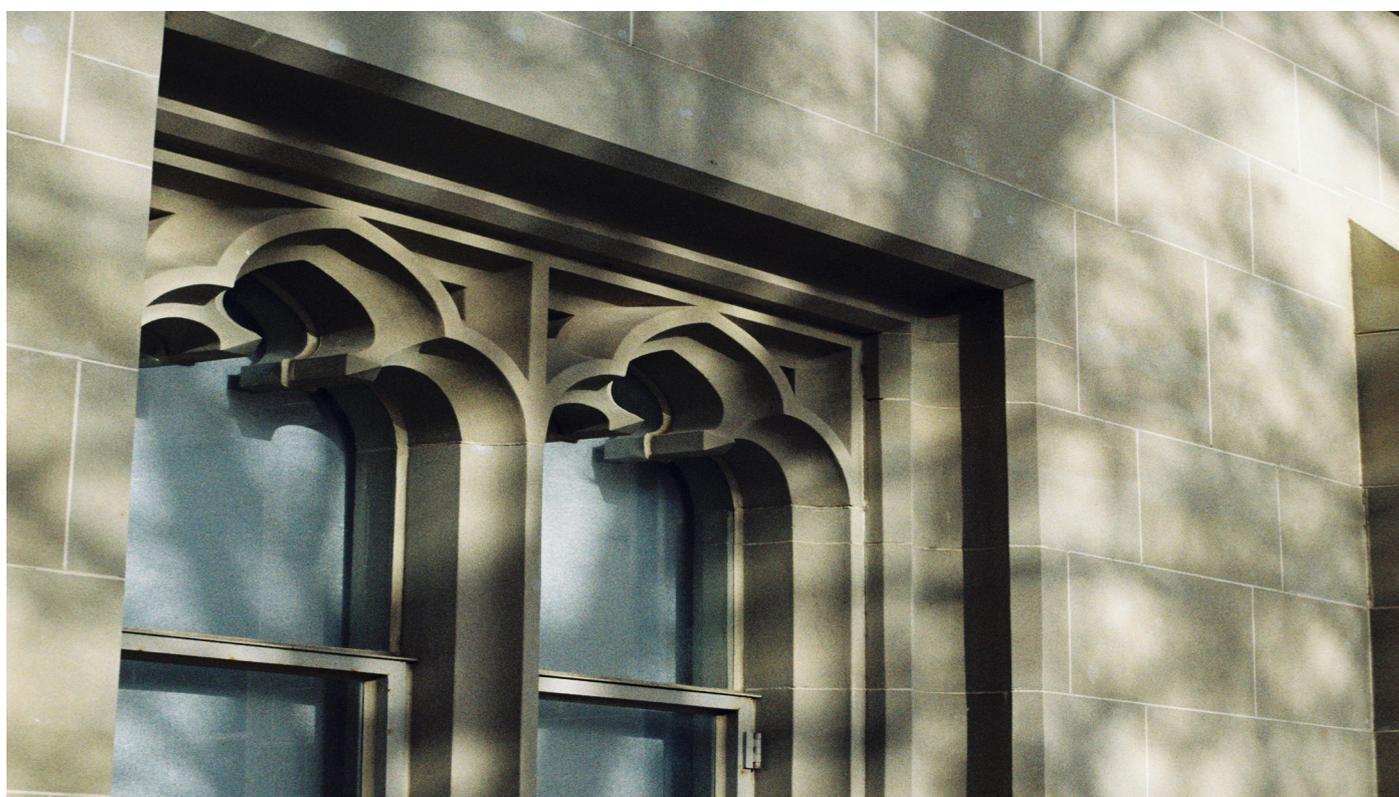
Scholarships are available for JD students at Monash. Each scholarship is different in its application process, scholarship value as well as eligibility dates. To view a full list of JD scholarships, see this [link](#). Some scholarships offered for JD students in 2022 include:

1. Monash Juris Doctor Law Dean's Scholarship (academic excellence);
2. Achieving Potential Support Scholarships (disadvantaged circumstances); and
3. Dodson Indigenous Juris Doctor Scholarship (Indigenous Australian background).

KEY DATES

Academic Dates for 2022

Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
Teaching Period: 10 January - 1 April	Teaching Period: 2 May - 22 July	Teaching Period: 22 August - 11 November
Orientation Day: 5 January	Orientation Day: 26 April	Orientation Day: 16 August
Easter (University Close Down): 15 - 19 April	Exam Period: 1 - 10 August	Exam Period: 21 - 30 November
Exam Period: 11 - 20 April	Results Published: 29 August	Results Published: 19 December
Results Published: 9 May		



TIMETABLES

Class Timetables

Timetabling for Monash University is managed through the central timetabling platform, Allocate+. Students are able to allocate themselves into different streams for core units. Allocate+ can be accessed through the my.monash portal. Part-time students are prioritised for allocation into evening classes, but are still required to submit their preferences as allocation into evening classes is not an automatic process. The Allocate+ user guide can be found at [here](#).

Exam Timetable

The Monash JD exam timetable is released six weeks before the exam period. An email is usually sent to your student email account to advise of its release. An individualised exam timetable can be found in Allocate+.

JD DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

I am thrilled to present the JD Guide for 2022 and am unashamed to admit that this was my lifeline in my first year. On behalf of the Monash Law Students' Society ('LSS'), and the greater student body, I would like to thank Alessia Di Paolo and Raviana Sailo for their hard work in putting together this incredible resource.

I am excited to be your Director this year. If you are anything like me, you probably have no idea what a clerkship is (or how it is meant to be pronounced!). You may also be wondering what career options are available if commercial law is not for you. Or perhaps, what even *is* commercial law? We have all been there and this Guide will quickly help you get across everything you need to know.

In addition to putting together this JD Guide, the Monash LSS will be there every step of the way during your law school journey. We will be your one-stop shop, providing everything from social events to student-run tutorials, competitions and career-boosting opportunities. Law school is a fruitful experience and there are an array of experiences that you can enjoy. To get the most out of it, I encourage you to take a "yes man" attitude and explore as many options available as possible.

I suggest getting involved in the LSS competitions in your first year. For those following the full-time course structure, your first two trimesters are the best time to compete as you will have more capacity due to a lighter study load. The competitions are a great chance to develop practical and translatable legal skills that are relevant to the workplace whilst reflecting on what kind of lawyer you want to be.

Anecdotally, the transition from science papers and memorising hormones in the body to legal research essays and open book exams can be tough. Even if you are not from a science background, learning how to do law can be hard and there is a steep learning curve. PubMed and Google Scholar no more! Please don't be hard on yourself if you feel like it is taking a little while to figure it out. Take advantage of the LSS student-run tutorials and the Peer Mentor Program to get you on top of the transition. Everyone has been in your shoes and we are all happy to help - all you need to do is ask!

When writing this, I reflected on what I wish I knew when starting law school. I want to remind you all that being accepted into this course is an incredible achievement. Congratulations, and please don't forget that you are talented and brilliant. Imposter syndrome can be a slippery slope and comparison is the thief of joy.

Finally, I have developed life-long friendships during my time at Chambers, without whom, my experience would have been totally different and a lot less colourful. Take advantage of the close-knit campus. Trust me, you will need someone to complain to when writing a take-home exam over the weekend.

Please don't hesitate to reach out at jd.director@monashlss.com if you have any questions or just to have a good old yarn.

Natalia Zivcic (she/her)

Director of JD



LSS EDUCATION

As the Director of Education and Equity,
I would like to extend the warmest welcome to you.

Hi, there! I'm Alessia and I am your Director of Education and Equity for 2022. After nearly two years of studying the JD online, I am *ecstatic* to be back in Chambers. I am lucky enough to oversee two distinct portfolios, Education and Equity. My team will be hosting a diverse range of events to assist you in your studies and promote wellbeing.

I oversee the famous LSS student-run revision tutorials as well as this very JD Guide. When I first started the JD, the LSS student-run revision tutorials were an absolute lifesaver. It's a great way to cement your subject knowledge and practice answering questions with a high-achieving student. I could not recommend them enough, whether you're a new student or a prehistoric third-year like myself. This Guide too will help you navigate through the course. It has been a pleasure compiling it for 2022 and having a glimpse into all the events and initiatives the LSS has planned for the year. Also, keep your eyes peeled for this year's edition of Non Sequitur Magazine, our very own JD publication, which has created a space for students to express themselves creatively. Feel free to reach out to myself or my team at jd.educationequity@monashlss.com.

Alessia Di Paolo (she/her)

Director of Education and Equity



EDUCATION CALENDAR

Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
24/01	17/05	15/09
Discussion Group	AGLC4 Crash Course Seminar	AGLC4 Crash Course Seminar
27/01	23/05	19/09
AGLC4 Crash Course Seminar	Discussion Group	Discussion Group
02/02	24/05	21/09
Plain Legal Writing Seminar	Plain Legal Writing Seminar	Plain Legal Writing Seminar
08/02	31/05	27/09
Contract Law A Mid-Trimester Tutorial	Contract Law A Mid-Trimester Tutorial	Contract Law A Mid-Trimester Tutorial
09/02	02/06	28/09
ALRM Revision Tutorial	ALRM Revision Tutorial	ALRM Revision Tutorial
16/02	07/06	04/10
Public Law & Statutory Interpretation Mid-Trimester Tutorial	Public Law & Statutory Interpretation Mid-Trimester Tutorial	Public Law & Statutory Interpretation Mid-Trimester Tutorial
21/02	13/06	10/10
Discussion Group	Discussion Group	Discussion Group
22/02	15/06	12/10
Criminal Law & Procedure Mid-Trimester Tutorial	Criminal Law & Procedure Mid-Trimester Tutorial	Criminal Law & Procedure Mid-Trimester Tutorial
16/03	06/07	03/11
Exam Skills Seminar	Exam Skills Seminar	Exam Skills Seminar
23/03	07/07	21/11 - 25/11
Intersection of Mental Health & Disability in the Law Panel	Discussion Group	SWOTVAC Revision Tutorials
28/03	18/07	
Mindfulness Workshop	Mindfulness Workshop	
04/04 - 08/04	25/07 - 29/07	
SWOTVAC Revision Tutorials	SWOTVAC Revision Tutorials	



LSS TUTORIALS

As the Tutorials Officer, I am responsible for preparing the LSS Tutorials for each trimester. We understand that, sometimes, lectures are hard to follow and some extra revision from the JD's top-performing students is a sure fire way to help you excel in your studies. The LSS is here to help our student body at all times. Information about the tutorials will be posted to the Monash Postgraduate LSS Facebook page. The tutorials are held after hours at either 4pm or 6pm, perfectly timed for our working students. If you have any questions, feel free to send them through to jd.tutorials@monashlss.com. For those interested in becoming a tutor, it is the perfect addition to your CV and shows commitment to your studies, intellectual brilliance as well as a desire to help others. Send an email to jd.tutorials@monashlss.com for more information.

Student-Run Revision Tutorials

If you'd like to consolidate what you have learnt during SWOTVAC or are unsure about how to approach exam preparation, the LSS Student-Run Revision Tutorials are here to help. These tutorials are presented each trimester during SWOTVAC. High-achieving students prepare and present a two-hour tutorial on core subjects. This will involve an overview of the subject, tips and suggestions for the exam as well as covering a past paper. The tutor will also highlight common mistakes that students often make. The tutorials are facilitated by the LSS and run by students, allowing tutors to exercise their creativity and outline areas they believe to be the most important for revision. The tutorials also provide a great opportunity to discuss with your peers the more complex aspects of the course.

After the tutorials, students will have access to the presentation as well as the tutors' notes. This provides a strong foundation to springboard into writing your own comprehensive notes. Many students attest that the tutorials have assisted in their exam preparation by effectively tackling exam questions and providing a welcome break from studying at their desk alone.

Mid-Trimester Tutorials

The LSS also hosts a variety of mid-trimester tutorials to assist new law students in their first and second trimester. As well as an overview of the course content covered so far, these tutorials equip new law students with recommendations and strategies to tackle their studies. This year, the LSS will host Principles of Criminal Law and Procedure, Principles of Contract Law A and Principles of Public Law and Statutory Interpretation.

Lan Nguyen (he/him)

Tutorials Officer (JD)

LSS ACADEMIC ADVOCACY

Hi, all! My name is Amy and I am your Academic Advocacy Officer ('AAO') for 2022. As the AAO, I act as a point of contact for JD students as an advocate for the student body as well as a support officer for any of your academic-related concerns. Whether it's an issue with assessments, curriculum content, course offerings, grievances with staff or requests regarding timetable and lecture recordings - I'm your go-to person.

Another big part of my role involves regularly liaising with Faculty regarding students' feedback on all things academic. As a representative for JD students during the course of their studies, I regularly sit on the Faculty Education Committee, multiple student representative panels and disciplinary hearings. This year, I'm committed to addressing various cohort-wide academic concerns and present these issues through regular correspondence with the Law Faculty. If you have any concerns, reach out to: jd.academicadvocacy@monashlss.com.

Amy Baik (she/her)

Academic Advocacy Officer (JD)



NON SEQUITUR MAGAZINE

Hello! I'm Amanda and I'm the Editor-in-Chief of Non Sequitur Magazine, a Monash postgraduate law publication which celebrates the diversity, creativity and wealth of experience that makes up our cohort. Non Sequitur is a space that allows law students to showcase their interests, stories and talents beyond the confines of the legal profession. Founded in 2020 by Maxwell Davie and Sonia Mackie, Non Sequitur is a relatively new publication. Still, our past two editions have been dynamic, reflective and diverse in every sense of the word, and it's been made possible because of our wonderful little community. I am so excited to see what this year's edition will bring and I hope that you're a part of it.

We publish annually and welcome work including art and photography, poetry, vignettes, short stories, academic and personal interest essays as well as any form of creative expression that can be expressed in a 2D form. Keep an eye out on the LSS and Non Sequitur Magazine Facebook pages if you're interested in submitting or drop by the LSS office to pick up a copy! I'm always just an email away at nsmagazine@monashlss.com for any questions you may have.

Amanda Tan (she/her)

Editor-in-Chief of Non Sequitur Magazine

LSS EQUITY

The Equity portfolio plays a vital role in the culture and community at Chambers.

The LSS has recently seen the additions of a BIPOC+ Officer, Simerjeet Kaur, a Disability Support Officer, Emilia Mosiejewski, a Women's Officer, Jessica Walsh and a Queer Officer, Chloe Rosenberg. It is a privilege to be working alongside these incredible people who will go on to celebrate diversity and promote inclusion and equality in their upcoming events for 2022.

There is a lot happening this year, so please reach out at jd.educationequity@monashlss.com for a chat!

Alessia Di Paolo (she/her)

Director of Education and Equity



EQUITY CALENDAR

Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
23/01	28/05	25/08
Queer Community Picnic	Queer in the Law Panel & Networking Night	Queer Mixer
01/02	10/05	29/08
Disability Support Morning Tea	Financial Literacy Workshop	Wear It Purple Day
02/02	11/05	01/09
Legal Volunteering Seminar	Environmental Justice & How You Can Help Seminar	Cultural Diversity Breakfast
07/02	16/05	08/09
Book Club	Book Club	Women in Law: Pathways & Possibilities
17/02	18/05	09/09
Women's Bar Night	Disability Support Morning Tea	Queer Film Night
23/02	19/05	12/09
Breaking Barriers & Promoting Representation Seminar	BIPOC+ in the Law Panel & Networking Night	Book Club
08/03	22/05	13/09
International Women's Day Panel	IDAHOBIT Brunch	Disability in the Law Panel & Networking Night
21/03	25/05	14/09
Allyship & Advocacy: Decoding Race & Class Seminar	LGBTQIA+ in the Law Panel	Legal Volunteering Seminar
23/03	08/06	20/09
Intersection of Mental Health & Disability in the Law Panel	Legal Volunteering Seminar	Diversity Panel
24/03	16/06	29/09
BIPOC+ Bar Night	JD Keynote Speaker	Bike & Blend
27/03	04/07	30/09
Wellness Picnic	Book Club	BIPOC+ Hang Out
31/03	13/07	13/10
Women in Law Breakfast	Housing & Homelessness Seminar	Women's Workshop (TBD)

MEET THE NEW EQUITY OFFICERS

Chlo is described by those around them as always up for a laugh and extremely good at pretending they know what they're doing: two essential qualities of your JD LSS head gay.

This year's Queer calendar will feature plenty of gay times all round. The Queer Office is hosting the *Queer in the Law Panel and Networking Night* on the 28/05, where you, a queer lawyer-to-be, will be thrust into the world of professional queer lawyers in an evening of networking and mingling. To kick off trimester 3, we are organising the annual *Queer Mixer* on the 25/08. This is an amazing opportunity to meet fellow queer students from other law schools!

I'm always keen for a chat, so feel free to email me at jd.queerofficer@monashlss.com.

Chloe Rosenberg (she/they)

Queer Officer (JD)

My name is Jess, and I am the Women's Officer for 2022, along with my sub-committee, Carmen, Lilly and Nikki. As this is a fairly new role, we are extremely excited to introduce initiatives at Chambers that will benefit women and female-identifying students studying the JD.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all at our *Meet Your Fellow JD Women Night* at Juliette Melbourne on 17/02, a wine bar that prides itself on showcasing female winemakers. The Women's Office will be also be hosting a number of panels, like the *International Women's Day Panel* on the 08/03.

Carmen, Lilly, Nikki and I thrilled to create a welcoming space for all students in the JD. Contact us at jd.womensofficer@monashlss.com.

Jessica Walsh (she/her)

Women's Officer (JD)



Hi, my name is Emilia and I'm the Disability Support Officer for this year. As this role is new to the LSS, I am excited to make my mark and get the ball rolling. I am passionate about educating people about the extra support they can receive while studying.

Join me at the *Disability Support Morning Tea* on the 01/02 and the 18/05 where you can meet other students in your cohort and learn what services Monash University and the LSS offer. In trimester 3, the Disability Support Office will be hosting the *Disability Support Panel and Networking Night* where lawyers with invisible and physical disabilities will speak about their experiences in the professional world.

My aim for this year is to create further discussion from the disabled community to support their studies (whilst also making great friends along the way!). Contact me at disabilitysupport@monashlss.com.

Emilia Mosiejewski (she/her)

Disability Support Officer (JD)

Hello! My name is Simer and I am honoured to introduce myself as the 2022 BIPOC+ Officer!

I've organised a multitude of events for this year to increase visibility and representation of BIPOC+ persons. Join me at the *BIPOC+ in Law Panel and Networking Night* on the 19/05 and the *Cultural Diversity Breakfast* on the 01/09 for stimulating conversation with leading BIPOC+ legal professionals.

As a representative of BIPOC+ students completing the JD, I am more than happy to hear any questions and concerns experienced by BIPOC+ students, so please forward any queries to jd.bipocofficer@monashlss.com.

Simerjeet Kaur (she/her)

BIPOC+ Officer (JD)

LSS WELLBEING SUPPORT

The LSS is here to provide wellbeing and stress management initiatives to make your transition into the JD more manageable. We have the following initiatives occurring throughout the year to promote wellness and rest.

Wellness Picnic

Come make memories you won't forget on the 27/03 and enjoy a beautiful sunny day in Flagstaff Gardens with a group of JD students - free food and laughter are provided.

SWOTVAC Survival Week

In the lead up to exams, our beloved Boof and Kaz, the LSS therapy dogs, will be available for cuddles after a long day of studying. We will also provide some snacks to get you through reading cases and practice exams.

Mindfulness Seminar

Come and learn how to practice mindfulness in your everyday life as a law student on the 28/03 and the 18/07. Mindfulness helps to reduce stress and anxiety as well as strengthens your ability to focus. The tips you learn in this seminar foster social and emotional growth that can be implemented through all of your life's endeavours.

De-Stress Bar Night

Join us after classes in the city on the 29/06 for a drink and a good time! Unwind and leave the stresses of the day behind you with your friends and the rest of the JD cohort.

Bike & Blend

Bike and Blend will return again on the 29/09! The Bike and Blend team will provide bikes for students to blend their own customised smoothie while they pedal out their stresses and pressures. Enjoy your smoothie with friends after your hard efforts.

Please feel free to contact the Equity and Wellbeing Officer, Yerus, at jd.wellbeingequity@monashlss.com about any of these events. Always remember to reach out, get enough sleep, nutrients and movement and allow yourself to have hobbies and endeavours outside of law school.

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Equity and Wellbeing Officer

COUNSELLING RESOURCES

The counsellors at Chambers offer Telehealth and face-to-face appointments. They are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 5pm. To make an appointment to see a psychologist, call (03) 9905 3175 or email health.clayton@monash.edu and request an appointment for Chambers.

Students studying interstate or outside Australia can contact the following email to make a free Telehealth consultation at counselling-clayton@monash.edu.



LSS ACTIVITIES

Being the Activities Director is more than just planning events,

I consider myself the overseer of the social ecosystem at Chambers and the ‘first available friend’ to every new student. This year, I will be available either during my office hours to any student who wants to chat or via my email at jd.activities@monashlss.com. With that said, creating, planning and running events is a substantial portion of my job. My team and I create and run a series of events which seek to capture the interests of every student. No matter who you are, we promise to have something on the calendar that appeals.

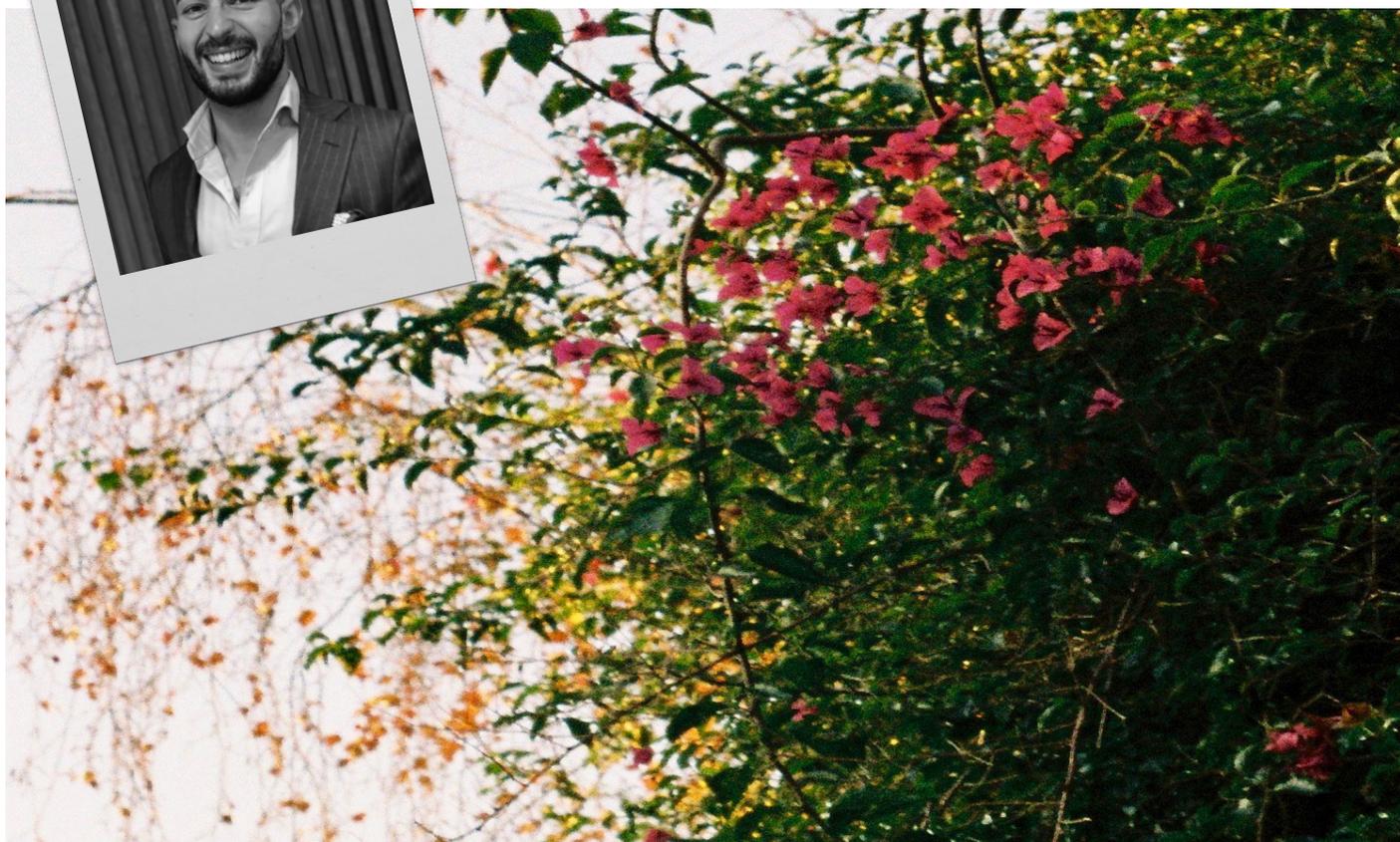
You ever heard of *Cocktail Night* or *Barefoot Bowls*? How about the Peer Mentor Program? Well, all these events are run by us, the Activities team. We run events which bring like-minded students together and foster friendships that will last. We are the JD’s official party planners.

The JD can be many things - we believe one of those things is fun. That’s why we’re here; that’s what we do. I’m raising a glass to your future in law and to the exciting, enriching path ahead of you.

Your friend,

Abdullah Al-Azzawi

Director of Activities (JD)



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Trimester 1
27/01
Peer Mentor Program Drinks
06/02
Barefoot Bowls
20/03
Moonlight Cinema

Trimester 2
20/05
Peer Mentor Program Mini-Golf
26/05
Activities Event (TBD)
14/07
Strike Bowling Tournament

Trimester 3
26/08
Winter Cocktail Night
12/09
Peer Mentor Program Wine & Cheese Night



PEER MENTOR PROGRAM

Starting law school can intimidate even our bravest; the Peer Mentor Program ('PMP') is here to smooth that anxious transition. Through the program, brand new students are paired with seasoned veterans to facilitate friendships and guide students in their first trimester. Each trimester, the LSS hosts a PMP event where Mentees are able to meet their Mentors and socialise with others in their cohort.

To get involved in the PMP, students should keep their eyes peeled for information posted on the Monash Postgraduate LSS Facebook page. If you miss out on the deadline for sign-ups or would like further information, contact the Peer Mentor Coordinator, Anastasia Dolkas, at jd.mentoring@monashlss.com.

The sign-up dates are as follows:

- For trimester 1, from the 27/12 to the 24/01;
- For trimester 2, from the 19/04 to the 17/05; and
- For trimester 3, from the 08/08 to the 05/09.

Mentees

A Mentee is a first-year student who will be paired with a student Mentor. The PMP is an incredible way to meet other students in your cohort as well as learn tips and tricks from your Mentor. The mentoring relationship is what you make of it. Mentors are there to assist in navigating the course, provide general advice about approaching assessments and the exam period as well as being available to chat about their experience as a JD student. In order to be eligible as a Mentee for the PMP, you must be a new, incoming student starting their first trimester of the JD.

Mentors

A Mentor is an experienced student who has completed at least three trimesters of the JD. They must be able to commit to contacting their Mentee at least three times throughout the trimester. There is no other requirement or previous experience needed, you may just like the chance to share your own experience in the JD and be a friendly face around Chambers.

LSS COMPETITIONS

My name is Ashley, and I am thrilled to be the Competitions Director for 2022.

My vision for the JD Competitions portfolio is to facilitate an arena for growth on a professional level, where students can challenge themselves and expand their skillset beyond the traditional classroom setting.

I aim to provide students with a myriad of competitions in which to immerse themselves and enhance their advocacy and legal writing skills. The extensive competitions offered by our portfolio cater to the diverse needs of law students by ensuring that there is something for everyone.

To enhance your law school experience, I highly recommend partaking in one or more of the many competitions offered as this is a great way to collaborate with other like-minded students and network with legal professionals. Furthermore, the presence of esteemed legal professionals allow students to receive practical advice beyond the traditional law school setting and is an invaluable experience.

The JD Competitions team runs a 'how-to workshop' prior to each competition. These workshops outline the structure of each competition and provide students with impeccable tips on how to excel in the competition. The workshops feature guest speakers, comprising of past winners and legal professionals who can provide insight into their approach and experience. Students have advised us that they have benefited immensely from the workshops as the vital information provided helped them put their best foot forward in the competition.

I look forward to seeing you at some of our competitions, please come say hello to my team and introduce yourself! Any questions can be directed to jd.competitions@monashlss.com.



Ashley Chandyoke

Director of Competitions (JD)

COMPETITIONS CALENDAR

Trimester 1
12/01
Negotiations Workshop
24/01
Negotiations Round 1
31/01
Negotiations Round 2
02/02
Negotiations Semi-Final
07/02
Negotiations Grand Final
02/03
JD v LLB Day

Trimester 2
09/05
Moot Workshop
11/05
Legal Hackathon Workshop
16/05
Moot Round 1
18/05
Moot Round 2
23/05
Moot Semi-Final
25/05
Moot Grand Final
01/06
Legal Hackathon Preliminary Round
30/06
Legal Hackathon Presentation Day

Trimester 3
25/08
Client Interview Workshop
01/09
Client Interview Round 1
05/09
Client Interview Round 2
07/09
Client Interview Semi-Final
12/09
Client Interview Grand Final
14/09
Women's Moot Workshop
19/09
Women's Moot Round 1
21/09
Women's Moot Round 2
03/10
Women's Moot Semi-Final
10/10
Women's Moot Grand Final

Negotiations Competition

The Negotiations Competition focuses on competitors striving to achieve the best outcome for their respective 'clients'. Two teams of 'solicitors' are tasked with negotiating a deal based off a fictional set of facts. The competition is aimed to reflect dispute resolution in the real world as the competitors attempt to reach a suitable agreement that corresponds with their clients' interests. While both teams are provided with the same set of general facts, they are also given additional secret facts, concealed from their opponents. This gives competitors the opportunity to deploy and develop their problem-solving and creative thinking skills. This competition prioritises adaptability as that is what is required of lawyers in a negotiation setting.

JD v LLB Day

This competition brings LLB and JD students together to compete in three rounds, ranging from Negotiations to Client Interview to the Witness Examination Competition. Competing in the JD v LLB Day will allow students to practice a wide range of skills which are essential in their career as lawyers. The competition is open to all LLB and JD students.

Moot Competition

The Moot is a prestigious competition where students can gain an insight into the work of advocates and barristers. The competition replicates the moot court experience, providing an invaluable opportunity for students to practice their advocacy and legal research skills. This competition promises to be one of the most formative experiences in your law school experience and is not to be missed. One of the most invaluable parts of the Moot Competition is the exposure to advocacy and courtroom litigation alongside feedback from an experienced bench of judges. Competitors who reach the Grand Final will also have the exhilarating chance to present their arguments in the Federal Court in front of a live audience of their peers.

Legal Hackathon

After a successful inaugural year in 2021, the Legal Hackathon will be offered again in 2022. The competition provides both LLB and JD students the opportunity to embrace technological innovation within the legal sector by exploring efficient solutions for common problems.

Competitors will be tasked with solving persisting issues experienced in the legal sector by drawing upon innovative ideas and pre-existing legal knowledge.

Working in small teams, competitors are encouraged to explore diverse and creative solutions to answer some of the most prominent issues that pervade the legal sector. This competition provides competitors an avenue to collaborate with like-minded individuals in offering practical solutions to challenging problems. Serving as a stepping stone for students wishing to pursue careers in technology, media or telecommunication, the Legal Hackathon operates as a well-rounded experience.

Women's Moot Competition

The second annual Women's Moot Competition is a joint initiative between the Competitions and Social Justice and Equity portfolios. The competition aims to provide female-identifying and non-binary students with the opportunity to develop their advocacy skills and network with female legal professionals. The Women's Moot strives to increase students' perception of accessibility of pursuing a career at the Bar, which remains heavily male-dominated. Requiring both written and oral submissions, this competition will provide a platform for aspiring female barristers to practice their legal research and advocacy skills. The Women's Moot is open to all female-identifying and non-binary LLB and JD students.

Client Interview Competition

The Client Interview Competition replicates a real-life client interview session. Acting in a team of two 'solicitors', competitors are required to obtain critical information, discover the key issues faced by their client and provide legal advice accordingly. Students will have the opportunity to develop their communication and advocacy skills when interacting with clients in a professional setting.



COMPETITION TRICKS & TIPS

Tip 1: Attend the Workshops

The workshops provide students with the necessary information and guidance relating to the competition. The guest speakers provide insightful tips to students on how to set themselves up for success and thrive in the competition.

Tip 2: Construct Hypothetical Problem Questions

Creating hypothetical problems will test your ability to problem-solve and work under pressure. Adopting this method will help you identify your strengths whilst identifying areas that need to be work on prior to the competition.

Tip 3: Rehearse, Rehearse and Rehearse!

We all know the saying, “practice makes perfect.” It is crucial that you rehearse your arguments often and present them in a professional manner. While rehearsing, make sure you are working according to your strengths.

Tip 4: Seek a Mentor

If you want to further enhance your performance, you are more than welcome to seek a mentor to help you prepare for the competition. Students who have previously sought a mentor have found it to be extremely beneficial. However, this is optional, and the workshops provided by our portfolio are sufficient.

Tip 5: Challenge Yourself

Don't be afraid to enter a competition, it is an invaluable experience where you will develop a new skillset and adopt a legal mindset. Competitions will provide an enriching opportunity to develop your advocacy and



LSS CAREERS

Hello, everyone! My name is Sophie, and I am your JD Careers Director for 2022.

I'm so excited to bring some fantastic and educational events for this year - the widest range yet. If you have zero idea about what you'd like to do with your law degree, don't worry! You're not alone - I hope that this year's events can provide you with some support and help you think outside the box of where you'd like to go in your career.

My role involves coordinating and running careers events, programs and seminars for LSS members. These include networking events, expert panels and guides, which I hope you will make the most of. We have some returning and new events planned for 2022 - I hope to see you there!

I would strongly encourage you to join the Monash LSS Careers Information group on Facebook, the Monash Postgraduate LSS page on Facebook and the Monash LSS profile on LinkedIn to ensure that you're keeping up-to-date with the latest events and opportunities that the LSS will provide throughout your time in law school. Otherwise, feel free to shoot through a message to careers@monashlss.com for more information.

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CAREERS CALENDAR

Trimester 1
01/03
Beyond Law School Panel 1: Innovation & Legal Technology
15/03
Professional Mentoring Launch & Networking Evening
22/03
Expert Panel 1: Intellectual Property
29/03
Expert Panel 2: Mergers & Acquisitions
05/04
Breaking into Law Panel
07/04
Mastering Clerkship Applications: Setting Up for Clerkship Success

Trimester 2
02/05
Expert Panel 3: Employment Law
10/05
Clerkship Guide Launch & Networking Evening
17/05
Beyond Law School Panel 2: Government & Public Sector
23/05
Clerkship Q&A (Graduate Panel)
05/07
Mastering Clerkship Applications: Cover Letter and Resume Writing Workshop
26/07
Alumni Networking Evening
18/08
Beyond Law School Panel 3: Journey to the Bar

Trimester 3
23/08
Mastering Clerkship Applications: Interviewing & Networking Seminar
29/08
Beyond Law School Panel 4: Associateships
07/09
Beyond Law School Panel 5: Criminal & Family Law
26/09
Beyond Law School Panel 6: Personal Injury & Medical Negligence

Beyond Law School Panel 1: Innovation & Legal Technology Panel

Love technology and curious as to how it will impact the future of law? Come along to this panel to hear legal experts in the area of innovation and legal technology as they explain their career and how you too can follow this path. Includes a Q&A component.

Professional Mentoring Program

Students who participate in the Professional Mentoring Program will be paired with an industry professional from commercial law. Students will foster a relationship with their mentor and receive helpful career advice. There will be an official launch evening for the program where students will meet their mentors and network with other industry professionals.

Expert Panel Series: Intellectual Property, Mergers & Acquisitions & Employment Law

Hear from the partners of some of Australia's leading corporate firms share their experiences and thoughts on the practice area in which they specialise. With topics ranging from Intellectual Property, M&A and Employment Law, the Expert Panel Series is a great way to meet experts at the top of their field, gain insight into their work and learn more about their firm.

Breaking into Law Panel

Just started the JD and have no idea where to start? This panel is aimed at first-year students and provides insight into commencing your legal career. Topics will include working opportunities and volunteering.

Mastering Clerkship Applications: Setting Up for Clerkship Success

This seminar is an opportunity for students to hear recent clerks explain the details of the clerkship application process and their clerkship experience. Following the presentation, a panel of recent clerks will be available to answer all your questions on applications, interviews, cocktail evenings and anything else clerkship-related.

Clerkship Guide Launch

The annual Clerkship Guide is an important resource for all students undertaking the clerkship process. Partnering with commercial firms and practical legal training providers, the Clerkship Guide contains important information on firms, contacts and clerkship dates. Make sure to download your copy when it's released!

The Clerkship Guide Launch and Networking Evening is the largest commercial law and networking event of the 2022 calendar. Graduates and HR representatives from some of the largest leading commercial firms will be in attendance to mingle and answer all clerkship-related questions.

Beyond Law School Panel 2: Government & Public Sector

If you have an interest in government work and politics, this is the event for you. Solicitors, public policy advocates and more will tell you how they used their degree to facilitate a career in government or public sector work. This is perfect for students wishing to look beyond the commercial law career path. Includes a Q&A component.

Mastering Clerkship Applications: Cover Letter & Resume Workshop

Resume and cover letter writing is often difficult and confusing. We will be running a workshop in order to provide students with some guidance and answer any questions. Even if you have perfected your resume and are an expert in cover letters, we still recommend attending!

Clerkship Drop-In Sessions

Looking for some one-on-one guidance with your clerkship application? The LSS is proud to present, 'Clerkship Drop-In Sessions'. This is an invaluable opportunity for students applying for clerkships to receive individual feedback from students who have successfully gone through the clerkship process. During the 20-minute session, each student will have a chance to discuss their CV and cover letter with a highly experienced student advisor via zoom. This event will give students more confidence and peace of mind during the clerkship process.

General Careers Guide Launch & Alumni Networking Evening

The Careers portfolio is excited to bring you the General Careers Guide, released mid-September. This Guide will include information on various and diverse areas of law, including, but not limited to, criminal law, in-house counsel, environmental law, personal injury law, associateships, cyber law and entertainment law.

The night of the launch will also include an alumni networking evening where students will have the opportunity to network with members of the Monash Law alumni community.

Beyond Law School Panel 3: Journey to the Bar

Considering a career at the Bar? A panel of barristers will explain their journey from graduation to successful careers at the Bar. Students will learn how to embark upon a career in advocacy as well as its advantages and disadvantages. Includes a Q&A component.

Mastering Clerkship Applications: Interviewing & Networking Seminar

Don't have LinkedIn? Nervous in interviews? This is the seminar for you! The panel will be composed of graduates and junior lawyers who have recently gone through the clerkship process and will provide an overview of their experience clerking. They will also give some insight into life as a graduate lawyer and how they got there. Preference will be given to penultimate and final-year students, but we expect that there will be places for all that apply. We encourage first-year students interested in undertaking a clerkship to apply in order to gain an understanding of the interviewing and networking process.

Beyond Law School Panel 4: Associateships

If you have ever dreamed of working alongside an esteemed judge, this panel will tell you how to get there. We hope to bring previous associates to judges from a number of different courts who will give insight into working at the courts. Includes a Q&A component.

Beyond Law School Panel 5: Criminal Law & Family Law

Does advocacy interest you? Do you like dealing with people? If so, the Criminal and Family Law Panel is for you! Students will hear from practitioners and barristers in these areas about the type of work they undertake as well as the challenges and benefits of a career in criminal or family law. This will be an invaluable opportunity to gain insight into two popular areas of law. Includes a Q&A component.

Beyond Law School Panel 5: Personal Injury & Medical Negligence

Have an interest in medicine and advocacy? Join industry professionals from the areas of medical negligence and personal injury and hear how they came to practice in the field. Includes a Q&A component.

Meet the Firm Series

Firms will run their own events in which students can attend in-person or online (firm dependant) to network and ask HR representatives and recent graduates all their burning clerkship and firm-related questions. This is an opportunity for students interested in clerking or working at a commercial firm to get to know the firm itself and gain exclusive insight into its culture and practices.

Practical Legal Training (PLT) Seminars

Completing the PLT is a requirement for any student wishing to practice as a lawyer. Therefore, selecting a PLT provider is an important choice to make. The LSS recommends attending both sessions offered by Leo Cussen and the College of Law.

Clerkship Mock Interviews

This is an excellent opportunity to gain some authentic interview experience before clerkship applications open mid-year, with each sponsoring firm (to be released, keep an eye on social media!) conducting 15 to 20-minute interviews in-person and via zoom. The interviewers will have read through your CV, academic transcript and cover letter prior to the interview, making the experience as realistic as possible.

INTRODUCTION TO CLERKSHIPS

A seasonal clerkship (pronounced *clark-ship*) is a paid internship at a law firm or government organisation, typically lasting three or four weeks. Clerkships are open to penultimate year students, with some firms offering clerkships for final-year students.

Clerkships are a great way to gain practical legal skills and to build your professional network. A clerkship is an important step for those wishing to secure a career in commercial (and non-commercial) law firms as a graduate lawyer. Clerkships ordinarily run over three periods: around December of your penultimate year or in January or July of your final year. Students are then ready to accept a graduate role once they have completed the JD.

The Monash LSS Clerkship Guide, published annually, is an excellent source of information for students who want to apply for clerkships.

Who should apply?

Students wishing to explore career options with law firms, particularly firms with a commercial focus, professional service organisations and government departments, are encouraged to apply for clerkships.

How do you apply?

The clerkship application process begins in July of your penultimate year. Application dates are determined by the Law Institute of Victoria ('LIV') for signatory firms. Signatory firms are law firms that use the LIV clerkship guidelines and dates. Information is published on participating firms' websites and can also be found in the Monash LSS Clerkship Guide. Applications are typically open for one month between July and August. Applicants will usually be asked to submit their academic transcript, a cover letter and CV. Some firms will include additional short-answer questions with the application or require applicants to complete psychometric testing. Students wishing to apply are encouraged to start their research early and prepare cover letters and their CV in advance. When applying for firms, it is important to learn about the firm and the sector in which you wish to work. Students should make themselves aware of the firm's HR representative by name as well as the firm's values and strategic goals. Depending on the firm, there may be more than one round of interviews. Some firms also host a cocktail evening throughout this period to provide an opportunity for students to meet the lawyers working for the firm. During August and September, firms will review applications and will offer successful applicants an interview.

Offers

Offers are made in October in accordance with LIV guidelines and there are strict requirements regarding accepting a clerkship offer. If you don't receive an offer, it's important to remember that a large number of students don't undergo the clerkship process. Many students go on to have successful and fulfilling careers without ever having completed a clerkship during law school. If you are still interested in completing a clerkship, bear in mind that some firms accept final-year students for clerkships.





PRE-PENULTIMATE PROGRAMS

Allens Dive In Program

The Allens Dive In Program is an introductory program to help equip students with some of the skills required to apply for a clerkship, paralegal position or internship. You'll get a glimpse into life at a top-tier commercial law firm. It will give students an idea about the type of work Allens undertakes, details about their areas of practice as well as practical tips for preparing for legal work.

After successfully completing the program, you will be a part of the Dive In alumni and invited back to the firm in your penultimate year, ahead of applying for clerkships. You will receive more specific guidance on navigating the recruitment process, which sets students up for success when applying for clerkships.

Applications are welcomed from pre-penultimate students. The program runs across three separate afternoons across May to June. For the specific dates, keep an eye out on the Monash Postgraduate LSS Facebook page.

King & Wood Mallesons Insight Program

The Insight Program gives students a high-level overview of how King & Wood Mallesons is structured as well as what areas of law they practice and the type of clients they work with. This program provides students a chance to listen to some of the staff talk about their experiences supporting their community programs, including pro-bono legal services, charitable giving, volunteering initiatives and community partnerships. There is also the opportunity to shadow one of the King & Wood Mallesons lawyers.

The Insight Program is aimed at law students who are not yet able to apply for clerkships and desire to gain further knowledge and experience to assist them in the clerkship recruitment process. However, if you are eligible for a clerkship this year but are unable to participate, King & Wood Mallesons would still like to hear from you. The program runs across four separate sessions across March to November. For the specific dates, keep an eye out on the Monash Postgraduate LSS Facebook page.

White & Case Mentoring Program

The White & Case Mentoring Program provides students the opportunity to engage in open discussions with women from White & Case who have worked in the industry. Students can expect to discuss career aspirations, progression and challenges as well as receive advice from mentors based on their own career journey. This experience is incredibly illuminating for female-identifying students to understand what it's like to be a successful female lawyer in a traditionally male-centric industry.

The Mentoring Program runs for six to nine months, starting in October, for pre-penultimate female-identifying law students. For the specific dates, keep an eye out on the Monash Postgraduate LSS Facebook page.



LEGAL VOLUNTEERING

One of the most rewarding experiences throughout the JD is utilising your knowledge to help the wider community through legal volunteering. Legal volunteering provides students with a meaningful way to gain experience in the legal profession as well as connect with people who share the same values and passion for a particular cause. Volunteering also shows future employers that you have the necessary skills, drive and conscientious nature to thrive in the workplace. While it may seem like gigs are difficult to come across, there are lots of opportunities to get involved.

Community Legal Centres

Community legal centres ('CLCs') provide students with a great opportunity to volunteer throughout their degree. There are 56 CLCs in Victoria that provide free legal advice and assistance to those in the community to whom legal assistance is inaccessible. CLCs come in all shapes and sizes, some offering general legal advice and others are more specialised; either in the types of matters they provide advice or the clients they service. Students have the opportunity to fulfill a variety of tasks at CLCs, such as providing administrative support, paralegal duties and research tasks. Students from all levels of their degree are encouraged to apply.

Monash Community Legal Centres

Monash Law offers a guaranteed clinical education experience for all students which can be credited towards your degree. A full list of participating organisations can be accessed via this link: <https://www.monash.edu/law/home/cle/clinics>. Organisations that offer volunteer positions include the Monash Law Clinics (located in Clayton and Melbourne) and the Springvale Monash Legal Service. Both services provide free advice and assistance in a wide range of areas of law to members of the community in Melbourne, Clayton and Springvale. The Monash Law Clinics are divided into two practices: family law and general law. As the name suggests, the family law clinic specialises in family law. The general law clinic provides advice on areas like criminal law, motor vehicle accidents, debt, neighbourhood disputes and social security problems. Various other services are run through the clinics, such as the National Justice Project, the Castan Centre Indigenous Internship and the Anti-Death Penalty Clinic. The Springvale Monash Legal Service is a CLC started by Monash law students in 1973 that has since fostered a partnership with Monash Law. The Springvale Monash Legal Service provides assistance in relation to civil litigation, criminal law, employment law, family and child support, family violence, general legal advice, sexual assault and youth services.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Other ways to utilise your legal knowledge in order to help the community include policy research, drafting law reform submissions, editing publications and volunteering for a commissioner. The Castan Centre for Human Rights Law website hosts a volunteering guide that lists a variety of different opportunities for students. Opportunities often arise within other community organisations, so follow your favourite organisations on social media (as well as the LSS!) to stay in the loop.



LinkedIn FOR LAW STUDENTS

Starting your LinkedIn profile is an intimidating experience. It's difficult to put yourself out there and maintain *another* social media account. In spite of this, LinkedIn is a fantastic tool to connect with industry professionals, seek professional and volunteering opportunities as well as nurture your budding career. The LSS has compiled the following tips to get you started.

Tip 1: put effort into personalising your profile

Writing something meaningful about yourself in the 'About' section provides an ideal opportunity to communicate your personal brand. It allows you to express who you are, what you value and, most importantly, what value you could add to an organisation without being bound by the conventions of a cover letter.

Tip 2: don't be reluctant about promoting yourself and all that you do

Your LinkedIn should include all of your 'relevant experience', which is broader than what you think. Professional experience is not the only kind of relevant experience. Non-professional experience that demonstrates a competency or quality that an employer may be seeking is still valuable. Employers put a high value on interpersonal skills. You could demonstrate that you have these skills in anything, from working on a volunteer project to your involvement in coaching the local swimming team. If you ever feel tentative about promoting yourself, take some inspiration from your peers' discussion of their achievements on LinkedIn. You'll feel far more confident in highlighting your own strengths and accomplishments.

Tip 3: start building pre-clerkship experience

Take the opportunity to complete a pre-penultimate program or virtual internship and include it on your LinkedIn. Virtual internships are open to all law students through Forage. Forage provides law students a range of virtual experiences that you can complete at your own pace with various law firms. There are also non-legal internships that are structured into self-guided learning modules. This gives students early exposure to the types of tasks that one would undertake as a clerk. For more information, see this [link](#).

Farewell from the Editor,

What an absolute pleasure it is to have met you through this Guide. This new chapter of your life will be full of exciting changes and challenges!

As a slightly more seasoned law student, I want to give you the tightest hug and lip-gloss covered smooch on your head because, goodness me, there will be days when that's the best that you can offer a friend. I hope that this Guide will serve you well in navigating your new life as a Monash law student. Whether it is in your academic, social or personal journey, I hope that whenever you feel lost, something in here will redirect you to the right person.

The LSS is full of people who want to provide support and are ready to help. So again, I want to give you a warm welcome into this family and I hope you will soon feel at home.

This Guide will be like your Google map around the JD and the life of a law student. It has been written solely for you because studying law can be daunting and unravelling and, for those times, we want you to remember that you are not alone and deserve to be here just as much as everyone.

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I wish you the absolute best, not that you'll need it - you're going to do amazing things in all and whatever you do.

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