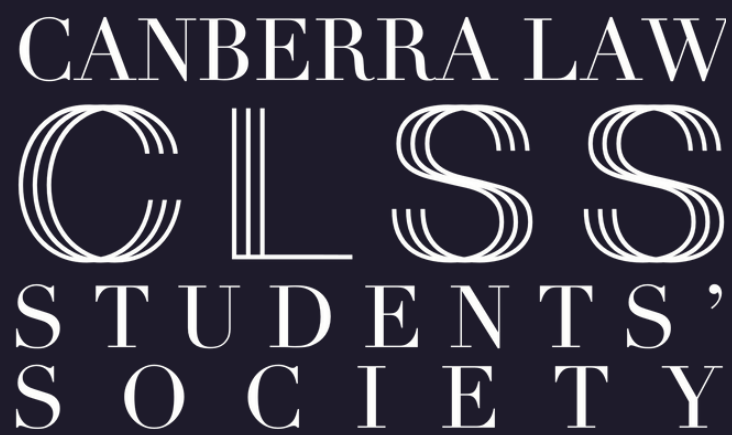




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FIRST YEAR GUIDE

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Canberra Law Students' Society acknowledges and pay respects to the traditional custodians of the land upon which we meet, gather and learn. As law students, we are reminded of the importance of respecting the sovereignty and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and we strive to learn from their knowledge and wisdom as we move forward in our studies and future careers.

This acknowledgement is a reminder of our shared responsibility to promote justice, understanding, and reconciliation in all that we do.

The Canberra Law Students' Society wishes to also acknowledge the continued support of the University of Canberra Faculty of Law, in particular Dr Andrew Henderson.

DISCLAIMER

Whilst the utmost care and effort has been taken to ensure that this guide is accurate and populated with correct and up to date information, this guide is subject to change throughout the year. Please check with the University of Canberra or the Canberra Law Students' Society for the most updated versions and dates.

We acknowledge that this is merely a guide provided by the CLSS and is not intended to reflect the University of Canberra's views.

WELL
GET
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HOME

MEET YOUR TEAM

President's Welcome

Hello and welcome to the University of Canberra and the Canberra Law Students' Society, we are so excited to have you! Whilst it may seem scary now, our job at CLSS is to support you and help you through your journey. Whether that is getting you connected with employers, helping you in your studies or providing opportunities to challenge yourself through competitions, we are always here to help.



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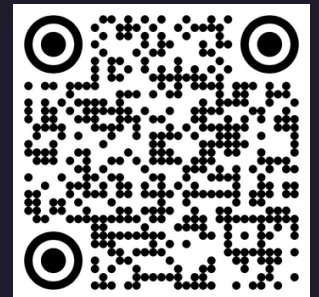
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CLSS Website

GETTING THROUGH YOUR LAW DEGREE

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Participate and Engage

Attending lectures and tutorials, doing your readings and staying on top of your notes are crucial steps to success. Stay tuned for our Priestley's Eleven video series for some top tips and tricks directly from your course convenors.

02

Check out our Templates and AGLC4 Guide

If you are not sure how to structure your notes, write case summaries, need a class and assignment planner, or need a quick guide to AGLC4, the CLSS has got your back with templates and guides now available on our website at: <https://www.canberrallss.com/education>

03

Ask for Help

We have all been there: stuck in the library going around in circles on the same problem question. We are here to make sure you can always ask questions and get a helping hand. We will run several education sessions including Pizza and Priestleys and exam prep sessions for anyone to attend (stay tuned for details). We facilitate a study group raffle, where we will pair you with others in your unit for some peer support. UC also offers Peer Assisted Learning Sessions (PALS) for more support.

04

Balance

Make sure you are not burning yourself out. Have fun and stay balanced. The CLSS runs social events for you to let off some steam and let your hair down including Welcome Drinks to chat to fellow first years and CLSS members and the famous Law Ball at the end of year.

COMPETITIONS

MOOTING

Mooting is your opportunity to practice your advocacy skills and learn courtroom etiquette and vibes in a safe, supportive and low-pressure environment. You will be acting for a party in a simulated court case and be asked to present your written submissions



NEGOTIATION

Negotiation competitions is all about getting a good outcome for your client... while the other side is also try to get a good outcome. Negotiation offers the opportunity to flex your quick thinking, persuasive skills and teamwork.

WITNESS EXAMINATION

Witness Examination is your chance to say “Objection” in Court (well, in our state of the art Moot Court). You will examine and cross-examine witnesses based on the evidence hear. Can you handle the truth?

CLIENT INTERVIEW

In this simulation you are tasked with finding out all you can from a new client with a unique legal issue. With not much time, you must be swift to extract key information through asking good questions and negotiating ethical dilemmas. This is usually a Semester 2 event so stay tuned.

COMPETITIONS FAQS

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Please see our Key Dates page our information nights and competition dates but we otherwise will be posting information to our social media and through Canvas.

Additionally, you can also:

- **Express Interest:** Contact our Competitions Director, Tom Heald at comps.clss@outlook.com to express your interest in participating.
- **Team Up:** Some competitions require teams (e.g., mooting or negotiation), so it's a good opportunity to connect with classmates and form a team.
- **Attend Workshops:** We may offer workshops throughout the year to help you prepare, covering topics such as legal research, public speaking, and competition strategies.

DO I NEED PRIOR EXPERIENCE TO PARTICIPATE?

No! Many competitions are designed with beginners in mind, and you're encouraged to participate even if you have no prior experience. As a first-year student, it's a great opportunity to start building your legal skills from day one.

ARE THERE ANY BENEFITS TO PARTICIPATING?

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| • Research Skills | • Fun | • Legal Application |
| • Networking | • CV Enhancement | • Oral Advocacy Skills |
| • Personal Growth | • Teamwork | • Legal Analysis |

ARE THERE INTERUNIVERSITY COMPETITIONS

Should you have win an internal competition throughout the year, you will have the opportunity to represent the CLSS and UC at the annual Australian Law Students' Association Competitions. Last year, UC placed second in Australia for paper presentation and as AU+NZ quarterfinalists in the ALSA negotiation competition.

In 2025, the competitions will be held at UC and ANU in Canberra, so take advantage of and start with our internal comps running throughout the semester.

CAREERS

At the CLSS, we want to help you consider, connect and control your future career pathway. The following are just a few ways we can help

CAREERS FAIR

Our semesterly careers fair offers you the opportunity to directly engage with employers from across the legal sector and beyond. At CLSS we recognise not everyone wants to go the traditional lawyer pathway, so we have contacted various entities across the public and private sector so that you can understand how your law degree applies.

For those wanting to learn more about the traditional pathway, chat to some representatives from the best firms across Australia. With both big and small companies, firms and departments, you are sure to find your future career fit at the CLSS Careers Fair. See our CLSS Events Schedule, our website or our socials for dates and more information.



INFORMATION SESSIONS AND NETWORKING

Thinking about getting a head start or curious about the pathways to law? The CLSS has partnered with top Australian Practical Legal Training providers to allow you access to information sessions. We also hold clerkship nights that allows you to network with future employers.

SOCIALS

Our society is more than just academic and careers support, we also hold social events for you to relax (or party) and make some new friends.

LAW BALL

Perhaps the biggest event on the CLSS socials calendar, the CLSS Law Ball is your chance to enjoy a three-course dinner (and an open bar) and boogie the night away. We will also be presenting awards for our competition winners and celebrating our amazing CLSS members' achievements.

Follow our socials and watch our website more information regarding date, venue and the all important question: theme!



CLSS x College of Law
2024 Law Ball
GOLDEN AGE OF HOLLYWOOD



EDUCATION

EDUCATION SESSIONS

The CLSS run a variety of education sessions that aim to help you on your academic journey

AGLC4

The Australian Guide to Legal Citation 4th edition (colloquially known as AGLC4) is the referencing style you will be using throughout your law degree. It is regarded as a difficult referencing style to get used to, but never fear, the CLSS is here to bring you the top tips and tricks. You can access our AGLC4 cheat sheet on the CLSS website (located under the Education tab)



Exam Preparation Session

Exam preparation can be hard, but it doesn't have to be. Join a student-led exam preparation session specifically designed for first years. Hear first hand from top students about how to best prepare your notes, what to expect walking in to exam hall, and what not to forget. Come along with all of your questions and have them answered in real time.

Find last year's exam prep session can be found on the CLSS website (located under the Education tab)

Pizza and Priestley's

Make your study sessions better. Come along to our Pizza and Priestley's late-night study session. Arming you with pizza, the CLSS will feed you and help you through your Priestley 11 units.

EQUITY, HEALTH AND WELLBEING

HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOU

EQUITY TEXTBOOK SCHEME

If you are experiencing financial hardship, receive textbooks free of charge thanks to CLSS Equity Textbook Scheme.
Stay tuned for more information.

UC WELLBEING

Helping you transition smoothly during your first year and beyond
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wellbeing@canberra.edu.au

UC MENTORING

Chat to a student mentor throughout your UC journey with UC Thrive
UCthrive@canberra.edu.au

UC MEDICAL AND COUNSELLING

Located in Building 1 Level B

Book appointments via HotDoc

More information available at:

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/on-campus/health-and-support/medical-counselling>

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GET IN TOUCH

If you would like to be apart of the CLSS, we would be delighted to have you!

Please visit our website canberrallss.com or contact our President, Eliza via email at: president@clss.com

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about this guide, please reach out to education@clss.com



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