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**PROUDLY  
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# **Elections Guide 2022**

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IN WEEK 10**

**HELLO CANDIDATES!  
LET THE VOTING BEGIN.**

# President's Welcome

## CHELSEA CHIENG

Dear Law Students,

Welcome to the 2022 AULSS Elections Guide! This guide outlines the list of candidates running for positions on the 2023 AULSS Committee and includes positions that are being contested at elections, positions that were filled unopposed, and positions that will be vacant and open for future application.

It has been really exciting to see the amount of enthusiasm and engagement amongst students wanting to join the AULSS both throughout the year during the co-option process and for the upcoming election!

I am also really pleased to see applications for the new positions recently passed at our SGM for the *Queer Representative* and *International Student Representative*. I am excited to see greater diversity and representation on the AULSS, which I hope will continue to expand in the future.

There are a number of positions that are still vacant. If you are interested in joining the AULSS Committee for 2023, please look through the “vacant positions” section of this Guide. The 2023 Committee will call for applications for these positions at the start of the 2023 academic year, and the candidates will be chosen through our anonymous co-option process outlined in Part 3 of the AULSS Constitution (available via our website).

I would like to sincerely thank our Returning Officer, Dr Francesco de Zwart, for dedicating his time to the role and his support during the election process.

I wish all candidates the very best of luck!

Yours sincerely,

Chelsea Chieng  
AULSS President 2022



# CONTESTED POSITIONS



# **DIRECTOR OF COMPETITIONS**

# GRACE JIN



As an upcoming fifth and final year law student I am passionate about making the most out of my experience, and I think an important part of that is by contributing to the law school community in which I have spent so much time and made so many connections.

I am nominating for the Director of Competitions position with a strong AULSS background, including a term writing in the subcommittee of our offbeat and beloved 'Hilarian' magazine, as well as time spent as a Competitions Representative running the Client Interviewing and Family Law Mediation Competitions in 2022, the latter of which I helped design.

From another perspective, I have also participated in AULSS Competitions as a competitor in the past, from the First Year Moot to the Criminal Law Moot earlier this Semester, so feel I can bring well-rounded insight to ensure AULSS Competitions reach their highest potential in 2023.

My experience extends to running Peer-Assisted Courtroom Sessions (PACS) as a PASS leader, through which it has been incredibly rewarding to assist other students in building their confidence in public speaking and advancing their advocacy skills in a stress-free and non-competitive environment. If elected, I intend to integrate PACS better into the law school so that it can be used by students as a stepping stone of sorts into the current AULSS Competitions.

I am accustomed to working in a team environment, and am comfortable making compromises for the best of the team. As an experienced leader and public speaker with strong attention to detail, I am aware of the importance of reliability, organisation, and meeting deadlines. I am also not afraid of bringing new and creative ideas to the table. If elected, I will aim to be a committed, responsible and open-minded Director who promotes fairness and equal opportunity.

I have always enjoyed working with others as part of a team, and am inspired by what can be achieved when individuals put their time and skills together. I have seen this firsthand within the AULSS and know that the Committee for 2023 will continue to achieve incredible things. With my first-hand knowledge of how competitions are organised as well as how they appear from a participating student's perspective, I hope you will extend to me your vote so I have the opportunity to add my experience to the Executive and provide you with quality Competitions in 2023.

# PATRICIA PAPATHANASOPOULOUS



Hi everyone! I'm Patricia and I'm so excited to be running for Competitions Director for 2023!

If you haven't already met me, I'm usually screaming along to Taylor Swift at any AULSS event, and I'm extremely passionate about the AULSS competitions program.

As a coach in the SA Law Society's Mock Trials Competition, I recognise that competing in a new competition can be stressful, but ultimately so rewarding. My favourite part of the AULSS Competitions Program is the unique sense of community.

I have been involved in competitions since the moment I began university, having been involved in Family Law Mediation, Client Interviewing, Witness Examination, Negotiations, M&As, and Mooting.

I believe the large variety of the competitions I have participated in has given me a unique understanding of the competitions from a competitor perspective which I believe would be invaluable as Director.

I am passionate about giving every student the best opportunities possible to build their skills and receive feedback to apply to both law school and beyond. As a coordinator, I enjoyed watching competitors grow and develop their skills as the coordinator of the Open Moot and the Novice Moot in Semester 1. Similarly, coordinating the Triversity Client Interviewing Competition in Semester 2, and volunteering in the 2021 ALSA Client Interviewing Competition has only given me a greater appreciation of the calibre of AULSS Competitions. I have been involved in all facets of the competitions program, and my experiences have only increased my enthusiasm to contribute to it.

If I am fortunate enough to be Director, I will prioritise sourcing opportunities for competitors to grow as advocates, focusing on ALSA-readiness and career-readiness. This will include continuing to build our relationships with other universities for Intervarsity and Triversity competitions, additional Come and Try days, and more individualised feedback in team competitions so competitors can develop their skills to be the best advocates they can be.

My experiences being involved in the AULSS Competitions Program has been so rewarding, which is why it would be exciting to receive your vote for Competitions Director.

Thank you so much for considering my application, and don't hesitate to reach out if you ever have any questions about AULSS Competitions!

# CAREERS REPRESENTATIVES

## VASILIA ANTONIOU



Hi everyone!

My name is Vasilia, and I am running for a position as a Careers Representative on the AULSS for 2023.

It's fair to say as law students we are all incredibly stressed about career prospects, given how overly competitive our field is. As a first year, I know I am worried about when to start planning for the future. However, having attend several networking events over this year I have learnt it's never too soon!

My main aim as a careers representative would be to ensure all law students are equipped with the knowledge and confidence to approach any networking situation. I also look forward to educating myself about all possible avenues for employment and being able to relay this information back to everyone to ensure we are making well informed career decisions. Post law school career planning and networking doesn't have to be a stressful experience and I hope that should I be elected; I can help alleviate some of that stress for everyone.

I consider myself to be an approachable person and would welcome any feedback to ensure that I can provide the best careers assistance for everyone.

Thank you

## JASPER DOWDELL



Hello fellow law students, my name is Jasper and I am excited to be running for the position of Careers Representative for 2023.

I understand career prospects can often feel daunting and overwhelming for many students. As your Careers Portfolio Representative, I would strive to demystify the various career paths available within the legal profession and enlighten opportunities for all law students.

I believe the Careers Portfolio plays a vital role in the Adelaide Law School community and I would seek to equip students with the best knowledge possible to ensure their future success and well-being within the industry.

I endeavour to be a passionate and supportive representative amid what can often be stressful times during the academic year. Effective communication is at the core of my ethos, and I believe the embodiment of a successful representative begins with approachability. I would relish the opportunity to represent and work with law students of all ages, from first to final year.

Thank you for your support.

# JAROD EDDY



Throughout my law and commerce degrees so far, I have taken a highly practical and career-oriented approach to my studies, work and extracurricular activities. This has given me a sound understanding of the different career paths available to law students – both within the legal sphere and outside it. Through researching different professional opportunities and connecting with a multitude of individuals from a variety of industries, I have developed an extensive pool of knowledge and resources that will serve me well as your Careers Representative. I believe this position provides the perfect platform to share what I have learnt and represent the diverse career interests of our amazing cohort.

The difference I believe I can make to the AULSS is broadening awareness of the multitude of career options available to law students. Law students are some of the most sought-after graduates in many different industries due to their innate drive, problem-solving skills, and ability to think critically and carefully about important issues. As someone with experience both in the legal field and outside of it, I have found my law degree universally beneficial and would love nothing more than help our incredible students discover the career path that best suits them

# JACKSON ERHART-BRUCE



Hi fellow law students, my name is Jackson and I am running to be one of your careers representatives for 2023.

I am passionate about providing career support. I know how difficult it can be to get your first internship or clerkship. I have experience applying to many internships myself, as well as attending far too many networking events. I want to use the experience I have gained, as a careers representative, to make this process easier for you.

I have worked on the AULSS in the past and believe that it is beneficial. However, I also believe that it can feel closed off from the majority of law students. I believe that the best way to solve this is by strongly encouraging anyone with an interest in the committee to apply.

From my own experience, I know that the career path of a lawyer is not for everyone, or even most people. If I am elected as a careers representative I will work to increase the number of non-law pathway events.

I hope that I can assist you in finding those internships. Thanks!



# HENRY LEWIS



Hello fellow law students! My name is Henry, and I am running to be one of your Career Representatives for 2023. I am currently an Education Representative and have loved my time on the AULSS. I have thoroughly enjoyed helping law students in everything education related and now I would love to help you all chase your dream career.

As a penultimate year student in 2022, I know how stressful clerkship and job applications are and I hope to be able to support students in every way possible during these processes. A key aspect of this is to ensure students can hear from, and network with, a variety of different employers. I will work tirelessly to equip you with the skills necessary for success in the job market and to help illuminate the many career paths available to law students. Hopefully I can help you all realise the diversity of careers available, including those outside of the traditional legal pathway.

I hope to be able to assist you navigate the job market and help in any way possible. Thanks!

# JESSICA MARCH



Hey everyone! My name is Jess and I would be honoured to be elected as a Careers Representative for 2023.

It goes without saying that preparing to enter the job market can be daunting. As a careers representative, I would endeavour to support law students entering the workforce in three ways:

1. **Variety.** I recognise the great diversity of interests and ambitions amongst law students. The LSS does a fantastic job of providing opportunities relating to private legal practice, though there is scope to broaden the range of pathways we support. If elected, I would advocate for events that better reflect the range of career options available to law graduates.

2. **Accessibility.** Unfortunately, immense inequality remains in the legal profession, and the recruitment process is no exception. I would love to facilitate greater collaboration with groups that address these issues, such as the Asian American Lawyers Association and the Women Lawyers Association.

3. **Skill development.** A major shortcoming of our curriculum is the absence of opportunities to develop professional skills such as networking, resume writing, and interview preparation. If elected, I would promote opportunities to practice these skills, particularly for younger students.

Thank you for your consideration.

# CHRIS MARY



Hi everyone! My name is Chris, and I would love to be one of your Careers Representatives in 2023. I am an incredibly personable individual who loves to have a chat, and you can always find me either at St Raphs or in the Liggy basement.

I am determined to work tirelessly with the Careers Portfolio next year to make accessing information and assistance regarding career pathways more accessible. I am passionate about supporting students to navigate life after finishing their degrees. I know how daunting it can be to figure out what you want to do after university, so I hope I can assist people in finding a profession that they love.

I cannot wait to host careers activities that will allow you all to explore what's in store after university. I wish to make these events as accessible as possible to enable you to express any of your concerns and ask questions to start working your way to your dream job! I also look forward to hosting more events with legal professionals in non-traditional legal careers.

I would be grateful for your support and look forward to seeing you around the law school.

# HAMISH MCNAMARA



My name is Hamish McNamara, I am a third-year law and commerce student and I hope to be one of your career's representatives in 2023!

I am enthusiastic to get involved in the Careers Portfolio as I believe it serves an important function in connecting law students with job prospects here at Adelaide Law school.

I am approachable, a team-player and above all else passionate about student issues and will work to ensure every student no matter their background has equal access to career opportunities!

I will strive to deliver more career opportunities for students including a wider array of employer events from those not only working at law firms, but in government, the judiciary, NGOs, Politics and more!

I will advocate for more workshops on the basics of resume and cover letter writing and mock how to interview sessions to ensure all students can put their best foot forward in the job market.

My goal is to provide students every opportunity to gain experience whilst at Law School this includes promoting more practical learning experiences like legal advice clinics.

I am passionate about delivering outcome for our students and I would appreciate your vote this election!

Thankyou!

# LUCAS MICHAELS



My name is Lucas Michaels and I am hoping to be one of your Careers Representatives in 2022. I am passionate about helping law students navigate the challenges of seeking employment whilst studying and after graduation. I understand the stressors and challenges facing law students about the future, heightened by the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I hope to be a representative for the students that is approachable, I love a chat as you could see if you ever make it down to the Liggy basement. I hope everyone can feel comfortable to come and discuss anything with me and I can provide a good link between the average law student and any career related questions or queries. I also assume many people have no idea what they want to do after the finish the gruesome degree so hopefully I can illuminate potential paths and assist people in finding a career option that they could love.

I would very much appreciate any votes for me, thank you.

# SIMRAN RAI



It would be an honour to be a Careers Representative for the AULSS Committee for 2023. I would love to contribute to the already successful work of the careers department in a manner which I believe is fundamental to enabling students to continue to enter the workforce seamlessly. I am passionate about providing varied opportunities for students to network, essential in a career in both the legal profession and corporate space, which can be both competitive and complex. The careers department provides valuable networking opportunities within the profession and I believe that my approachable, outgoing nature would positively contribute to these crucial events.

I am also keen to help the student body find their niche in law. In addition to supporting networking, a fundamental aspect of the careers department is to give students a taste of working life within the legal profession which is accomplished by providing opportunities such as firm tours and conducting seminars. My ability to converse transparently, approachably and effectively could positively benefit students to explore what life after university might be like and builds on what I believe the ethos of the careers department is in providing students with an authentic experience. Thank you.

# KURT SCHENK



Hey everyone! My name is Kurt and I would be honoured to be elected as a Careers Representative for 2022.

The careers portfolio plays a vital role in bridging the gap between employers and students, making the already daunting process of entering the legal industry a little less intimidating. If elected, I would work to increase the breadth and diversity of offerings the Careers portfolio provides by organising a myriad of information nights, come and try events and Q&A's, as well as working diligently to make the clerkship and graduate application process as easy and accessible as possible.

Having applied at my fair share of law firms, I understand the difficulty undergrads face when looking to enter the jobs market. I have been a 2022 competitions representative and have a breadth of experience working in law, marketing and hospitality. I hope to transfer the skills I've developed into educating and providing opportunities for my fellow students. As your careers representative, one of the key initiatives I would see put into action is the revitalisation of the AULSS Job Opportunities Board, directly connecting you to local employers seeking talent.

Thank you for your consideration.

# ERIN SHORT



My name is Erin Short, and I am excited for the opportunity to be one of your Careers Representatives in 2023. I have a keen interest in helping law students navigate the challenges of seeking employment within the legal industry, both during their study and postgraduate. I understand the difficulties that we all face and how daunting of a task it is to get a start in the industry. I look forward to being able to help fellow students, just like myself, get ahead and kick start their careers!

I endeavour to be a representative for the students that is approachable and available when people need advice or just a good chat about life and law school. If you are anything like me you may have thought you knew what you wanted to do with this degree, but since commencement you realise how many opportunities there really are and are questioning your true direction! Hopefully I can illuminate potential paths and assist people in finding a career path that they will love.

I greatly appreciate and thank you for your support and votes. See you all around the Liggy!

# RAMITH WARAGODA



Hi everyone! My name is Ramith and I wish to be a Careers Representative for 2023.

During my time at University, I have had the pleasure of working across both legal and non-legal fields and thus, I am passionate about supporting other students achieve similar opportunities.

I am determined to work alongside the other Careers Representatives and deliver information seminars which will inform students about the various (legal and non-legal) career prospects which await them while studying and upon graduation.

I consider myself to be an extremely personable individual who is always willing to have a chat and make new friends. If elected, I hope that all students would feel comfortable to approach me and ask questions or express concerns relating to Careers Portfolio matters.

I would greatly appreciate your support for the upcoming election and would consider it a privilege to be selected as a 2023 Careers Representative.

# COMPETITIONS REPRESENTATIVES

## ISABELLA BURGESS



Being a competitions representative for 2022 been such a rewarding and valuable experience. The initiatives put forth by this portfolio truly serve as a means of ensuring that the students are provided with great opportunities to develop key practical advocacy skills and understanding. Over the course of 2022 I was able to successfully orchestrate a number of competitions to best bring about these opportunities. I also found that in competitions we were able to create a space for students to network and connect with their peers and legal professionals in a fun, engaging and educational way.

Going into my final year of Law School my goal as competitions representative for 2023 is to continue to strengthen and further the progression of this portfolio and that of the AULSS. I have a number of initiatives that I would like to present for the coming year to encourage engagement and participation amongst students, particularly those who may shy away from competitions or are in their later years of study and have not yet gained an insight into competitions. I am excited for the new year and to continue my work in this portfolio.

## YURUI (RUI) JIANG



Hello everyone!

My name is Yurui (Rui) Jiang and I am extremely excited to be applying for the position of a Competition Representative in the AULSS!

Competing in First Year Moots and volunteering for the Triversity Client Interviewing competitions opened my eyes to the incredible variety of competitions the AULSS runs. My vision is to help more students engage with AULSS competitions to discover their own skills and strengths!

Through a combination of volunteer work and competing within competitions, I believe that my skills as an excellent communicator, dedicated and enthusiastic individual – as well as my previous experience in a leadership role within the AULSS would make me a great addition to the team. My focal point would be to increase student participation and to help students to feel more comfortable, confident and engaged with competitions – whether it's competing as an individual, team, or even volunteering! It is my belief that skills developed through competitions are not only a great asset to the individual, but extremely beneficial to their future careers. Every student has their own diverse range of skills and strengths, I want to help them shine through competitions! Thank you for considering my application.

# HARRY PASSEHL



Hey all, I'm Harry!

It would be my great honour to be elected as your representative in the AULSS competitions portfolio. Having been a witness volunteer in the wit. ex. competition and a competitor in all the moots offered by the AULSS, I have seen just the tip of how the competitions portfolio can vastly improve your student experience. To facilitate this portfolio so that you may gain vital legal skills and, importantly, have fun is a deep passion of mine.

To comps, I will bring my deep passion but also my experience. I was the President of a competitions-focused committee at my high school, am an officer for the YMCA SA Youth Parliament, am a Vice-President of a few clubs in and out of uni and have worked directly with the CCYP and ECSA on youth engagement programmes. I have experience running events and competitions and skills in the boring (but ever important) admin side of it all.

I will bring all my drive and effort to comps so that you may also get what I have had the privilege to gain from this incredible portfolio.

Vote Harry Passehl

# CHLOE RUNGIE



Hi, I am Chloe Rungie, and I am running to be a competitions representative. I am currently undertaking my Bachelor of Law and arts majoring in politics and international relations. I am currently in my second year. I am dedicated, hard-working and a little competitive. I would like to be a competitions representative because law school has made a positive impact on me, and I would like to have the opportunity to return that not only to the university but to the other students.

I volunteer at St John ambulance as well as working part time as a legal assistant. I love getting involved wherever I can and have subsequently developed a severe caffeine addiction. I would really enjoy the opportunity to be a competitions representative for the Adelaide University Law Student Society and to be involved in organizing opportunities for other students that I was fortunate enough to have myself.

# MARWAN BAKR SALIH



Hello all,

My Name is Marwan Salih, and as some of you may know, I am intending on running for the Competition representative role for the next year.

I find myself to be a suitable candidate as I have great team-work skills, collaboration, and organisational skills. I have a level-headed attitude towards my work. I personally strive for perfection, and I always put my full effort into the task at hand.

I believe that this role will be suitable for me as I have personally participated in two previous competitions hosted by the AULSS, I have found these competitions a great experience as first year law student who was super enthusiastic about their degree. I would want the law student body, first year to last year students to be able to experience these competitions and the learning curve that comes with participating in the competitions. I intend to incorporate and accommodate for as many students as possible and for the students to be able to grow their legal career through the provision of competitive and enjoyable events.

I will endeavour to incorporate and manage competitive events to my best capabilities.

Thank you for your vote,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marwan Salih".

# EVELYN WALKER



As I near the end of my first year of Law, I have found my desire to be involved with my degree and those in it only grows. My overwhelmingly positive experience winning the First Year Moot has encouraged me to pursue seeing such events from the other side, and allow other students to gain the invaluable knowledge, confidence, connections, and skills that I have. I am an experienced leader, having the privilege to be College Captain along with various other school opportunities last year, and would be incredibly grateful for the chance to use the passion for organisation, support, and engagement that I developed during these positions as a Competitions Representative. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know my fellow first years as well as learning from the endless wisdom and advice of my older peers. I hope to only further these connections as a member of the AULSS.

It would be an honour to build on my experiences and make competitions for law students even more enjoyable, worthwhile, and accessible!



# GEORGIA ZHANG

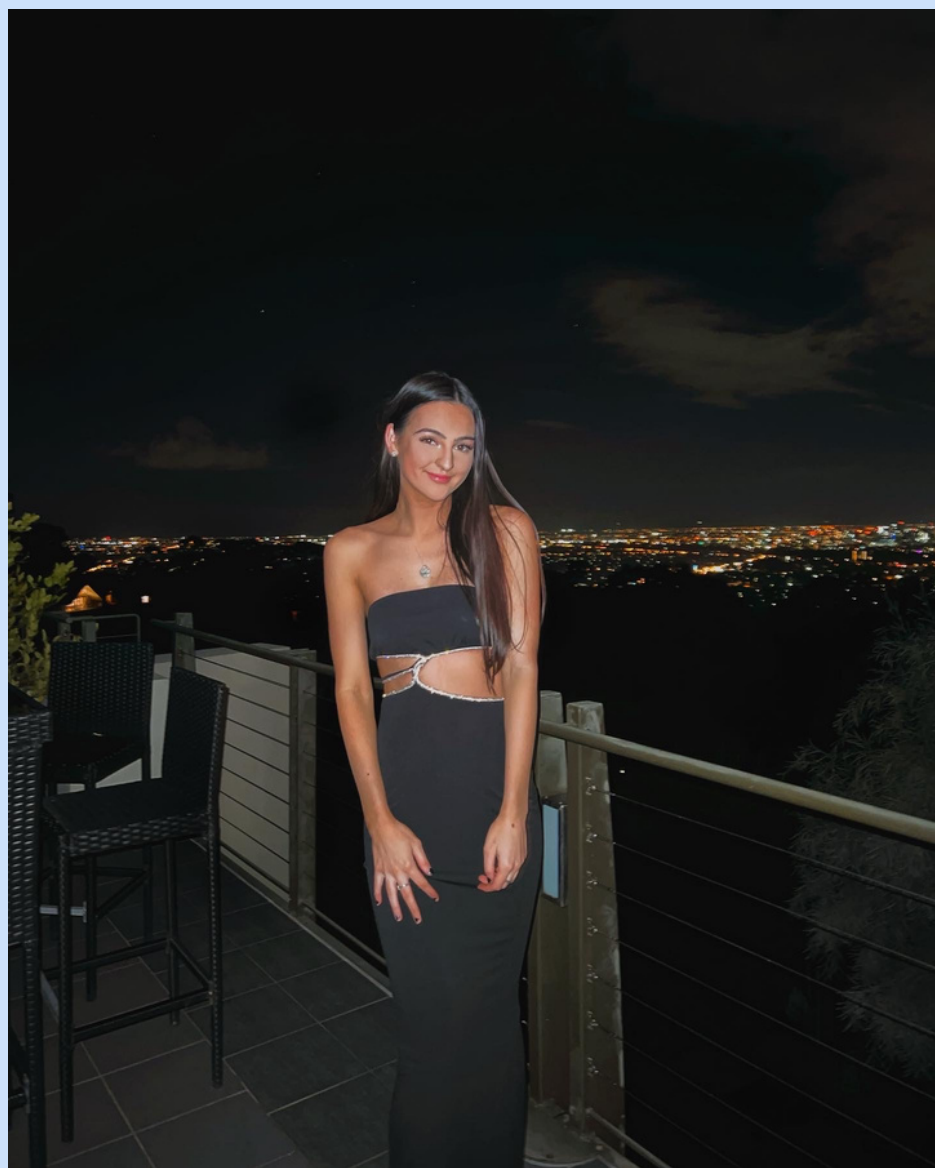


Hi everyone! My name is Georgia, a first year student, and I'm incredibly honoured to be running as one of your potential competitions representatives! Law school has definitely not been as Legally Blonde-y as I would've hoped, but honestly, taking part in the First Year Moot been one of the highlights of my year! I've always been a bit competitive, whether it be in Kahoots or in actual competitions, and I would love to have the opportunity to represent you in the AULSS.

Of course, I understand that this role would involve lots of organisation and liaising with different people, which I have had extensive experience in. Last year, I was Prefect at high school, and I am currently a Co-Schools Chief Administrator for the South Australian Debating Association, which requires me to organise with the school's coordinators to ensure round nights run smoothly. All in all, I hope to make competitions more accessible, and would love to host some friendly, fun competitions that don't require weeks of preparation!

# EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES

## ALANNAH BEGBIE



I am a first year Bachelor of Law and Commerce student incredibly eager to get involved within the Adelaide Law School. I am easy-going and work well with other students and am excited for the opportunity to meet and work with Law students of all ages and year levels.

I am incredibly observant and solution oriented. I find myself always actively wanting to participate within class discussions, and I am able to communicate with ease, but more importantly, am able to listen and work with others around me. I can confidently advocate for students within the Law School and express ideas with ease.

I have experience running school-wide events through a leadership position I held in Year 12, with this position also aiding in my public speaking and discussion skills, as well as conferencing and problem solving through weekly leadership meetings. I have experience in a Representative position, as well as the charisma, confidence, and determination to take on an Education Representative position at the AULSS.

## NAVAH HEIDARI



Hi everyone! My name is Navah, and I hope to be your Education Representative in 2023.

I'm a first-year law/arts student and over the course of this year, I have seen and experienced first-hand the important the role of the Education portfolio in helping students transition smoothly into university life. As a first-year student, I found the friendly (and eventually very familiar) faces of this team a welcome presence in such a confusing time. I have also seen the portfolio's vital role in offering all students additional educational resources to help navigate their law school studies and would love nothing more than to contribute to this.

I have been fortunate enough to have been a part of various student leadership bodies throughout high school as a Student Voice Executive and believe my experience will allow me to support the continuation of the Education portfolio's fantastic efforts and be an advocate for YOU!

Thank you for your consideration!

# ELENI GAIA SARANTOU



Hi everyone! My name is Eleni and I would be honoured to be elected as an Education Representative for 2023. Being your representative will help me ensure all students are equipped with the skills necessary to thrive academically in law school.

The education seminars are a powerful way for students to develop the very specific law-related skills needed to be successful. If elected, I will help facilitate the established seminars on mastering the AGLC which is critical for academic success as well as research and study skills. Knowing how to make your writing sound more academic is sometimes challenging and as such, I would love to help in organising information sessions on structuring legal essays.

I understand how important academic skills are in not only achieving the results that you want, but also in managing a healthy study/life balance. As such, I would love to incorporate the skills I have learnt so far in law school into the established education programmes.

I am always happy to have a chat and cannot wait to help provide the best resources for you in navigating law school!

# QUEER REPRESENTATIVE

## VALENTINO ESPOSITO



Dear members of the AULSS,

My name is Valentino, and I am running for the position of Queer Representative. I know how reassuring and inspirational it can be to see someone who represents you in positions of service, leadership and entertainment, so thank you to the AULSS for introducing this position.

In 2019, I accepted myself and shared who I am with those closest to me. I come from a Catholic family and play men's football, and so I have faced, and continue to face, many challenges that come with being openly gay: friends looking at you in a different way, Parents pretending it's not true, whispers in the change room and homophobic slurs on the pitch. There is clearly so much work for us to do.

I may not be able to do much about the challenges above. But if elected, I can ensure that LGBTQ+ students at the law school will see an improvement in their experiences, support and overall enjoyment during their time at university. I have some great ideas and I am keen to implement them. Regardless of whether I am elected or not, I am always available to anyone seeking support.

Valentino Esposito.

## CLINTON NITSCHKE



I commenced my studies with the Adelaide Law School in 2020. I have always applied myself extensively to my studies, achieving high grades and even winning some student prizes. As well as Law, I am also concurrently studying Criminology. Throughout all the tumultuous times of my degrees so far, the ecstatic highs and the disheartening lows, there has consistently been an underlying feeling: loneliness. Studying at the University of Adelaide has been a great opportunity for freedom and independence on my part, but I have never managed to shake the feeling of always being on the outside, looking in, and a large factor in this phenomenon is my sexuality.

This is why being Queer Representative for the AULSS is so important to me. I hope to create a welcoming environment for new students, particularly those who belong to the LGBTQIA+ family. I want to give these students someone to turn to, a shoulder to lean on, someone who will ensure they feel like they belong. I want to be the Queer Representative for the AULSS that I wished was there when I first started in 2020. I want people to know that everyone belongs, even us outsiders.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

## BHOOMIKA TRIVEDI



My name is Bhoomika Trivedi and I am running to be the first-ever AULSS International Student Representative.

Being a law student is difficult, but being an international student studying in a different country, while trying to adjust to a cultural change, is an entirely different ball game. Having spent some time studying online in my home country and on campus, helped me form a well-rounded outlook on the various issues faced by international students. Whether that be adjusting to a new system of education, finding like-minded people or accepting defeat at trying to find classrooms around the building. There is a constant struggle with yourself and the new learning experiences you end up facing. Not to forget, the added pressure of doing well academically.

As welcoming and accepting the new environment has been, I want to introduce more ways for international students to make our Law School, a home away from home. Transitioning can be extremely challenging. Therefore, I aim to introduce regular events focused on making this process a smooth journey as well as strengthening ties with local students.

I want to enable the Law School to be an even more diverse and inclusive place than it already is.

## SAKSHI VIJAYVERGIYA



Hello! My name is Sakshi and I'm excited to say that I'm running for the position of International Student Representative in the AULSS Committee.

Despite being an exciting experience, studying abroad may be quite difficult at times. Academic difficulties might be compounded by social and cultural differences, language barrier, and other factors. Throughout my first semester, I significantly relied on the resources and learning opportunities provided by the AULSS Education Portfolio.

I had the ideal opportunity to seek guidance and ask questions outside of a classroom environment as a mentee in the First Year Mentorship Program, run by AULSS to enable a smooth transition of first-year students into university life.

I recognise how crucial it is for us international students to have this kind of assistance during our studies, as well as a safe space to freely discuss our concerns and experiences.

I served as the captain in high school, and I believe I possess the attributes needed of a representative.

I would like to make a meaningful contribution to the law society by putting my best foot forwards and start off this position with a bang!

Thank you for your time and consideration!

# AIDEN ZEYANG WANG



Hi, I'm Aiden and I'm thrilled to put my hand up for the International Student Representative position! I'm an enthusiastic communicator and always actively foster communications between Domestic and International cohort.

In the past two years in Law School, I've been around in most of the events, and I always make myself available for a quick chat. As a Competitions Representative this year, I truly enjoyed the experience of encouraging others to take the leap forward and try out some competitions for their first time. I hope I can fasten this momentum on International Students and encourage them to fully leverage their law school experience.

I value diversity, inclusion, communication and foster a friendly and supportive environment for all. Although within this role I will predominantly focus on international students, I will also make myself available to extend partnerships with different portfolios and advance Adelaide Law school's interest as a whole. With my background in Competitions, I will also offer my two cents to anyone interested to gain some practical experience along with their studies, no matter you're international or not.

Being on the AULSS again will greatly afford me the leverage to support you in any ways possible and I'm always down for friendly chat!

I sincerely appreciate your consideration!

# UNCONTESTED POSITIONS



# PRESIDENT

## BRYAN LAU



To my fellow law students, my name is Bryan, and I am running for President of the AULSS Committee 2023. I have been on the AULSS as part of the Education Portfolio for three years, starting with First-Year Representative in 2020, Education Representative in 2021, and Director of Education in 2022. In those three years, I have dedicated myself to assisting students with their educational needs by running educational seminars, creating study guides and collaborating with external Law Societies to provide practical insights on the subjects taught at law school. I have also met many wonderful people through the AULSS, particularly through my role in helping three cohorts of first-year students transition into law school. As I enter my fourth year of University, I would be honoured to continue serving the law school community as President of the AULSS.

A little bit about me: I am hardworking, passionate, and very easy-going. My favourite part about law school is the sense of camaraderie and community amongst the law students. Whether it's the non-redeemable quizzes or the 3,000-word assignments, this shared dilemma creates a unique bond and relatable experience between every law student. I also enjoy meeting new people and making new connections around law school. So, if you ever find yourself stuck in the liggy library with any AULSS/law-related enquiries, please feel free to have a chat with me!

My role as the Director of Education has given me a deeper understanding of how the AULSS runs and the main functions of all the different portfolios. In addition to running our main events, such as the Legal Research Seminar and GDLP Networking Night, my portfolio ran its first collaborative seminar with the Asian Australian Lawyers Association to give law students an insight into the practical aspects of our law subjects.

If elected, my goal is to create more networking opportunities and exposure to the legal industry for our law students by establishing relationships with other law societies in South Australia, interstate, and even overseas! I also wish to focus on helping our students in need by supporting law school initiatives such as the Dean of Law's Fund and leading the AULSS Committee to promote inclusivity and collaboration amongst the law students.

If you have any questions for me before the elections, please feel free to contact me.

Please vote [1] for me, Bryan Lau, for AULSS President. Thank you.



# VICE-PRESIDENT

## FELIX ELDRIDGE



Hey everyone, I'm Felix! I'm a Law and International Studies student, a chicken parmi addict, a puffy vest enthusiast, a 2021 DRE survivor, and I'm running to be your AULSS Vice President.

As someone who has spent two years on the AULSS Committee in the Careers and Education portfolios respectively, I have gained insight into how the AULSS and its portfolios function and thus will be in an excellent position to support the Committee as it delivers for all law students.

I have been heavily involved in the university clubs' community for many years across many roles, I have significant experience taking minutes, preparing agendas, and performing the various onerous administrative tasks that the AULSS VP would be expected to perform.

As a current Board Director with YouX (formerly the Student Union) I am familiar with ensuring that an organisation is compliant with relevant legislation and its own governance rules, which is relevant as the Vice President is also the Public Officer of the AULSS.

As a self confessed constitutional whiz, I'd like to ensure that the AULSS has adequate policies to promote environmental sustainability, balance the ability to foster discussion about social justice issues while maintaining a non-partisan stance, update our election rules and more.

I also want to continue the excellent work of the current Committee by:

- Delivering quality merchandise that minimises surplus items that go to waste, and instead prioritise made to order garments tailored specifically for you, including lobbying for accessible sample items to try on for size to ensure you get the best fit for you!
- Focusing on boosting our engagement with our law school community by promoting our open door policy. Did you know that (if there's someone in the office) any law student can come in and use the microwave or kettle? If you didn't, I want to fix that!
- Negotiating relevant and beneficial discounts for law students that purchase the law school local card so that you continue to get the best value from your membership!

A vote for me is a vote for:  
Value, Virtue, and most importantly Vests!

# TREASURER

## MINNAH BUTT



Hi everyone!

My name is Minha (but I go by Minnah) and I'm a first-year law student with a prior degree in Finance. I recently moved to Adelaide from Canada and was worried about the transition until I started Law School. There has been so much support from students and staff that I felt right at home within a few days. It has been an incredible experience to be around so many friendly, intelligent, and like-minded individuals, and at the heart of all these positive experiences was the AULSS.

I have been thoroughly impressed with the variety and quality of the events the AULSS has put on. I'd love to be a part of an organisation that does so much to help the student body and has a good time while doing it! Naturally, I'd like to take on a role I know I can excel at – Treasurer.

I have performed in this capacity for several organisations including the Accounting Club of Edwards, the Pre-Law Student Society, and the Finance Students' Society to name a few. I also have some experience working in corporate finance and managing not-for-profits. However, above all these things, I have a genuine passion for this type of work. If the money keeps flowing properly, then all the other AULSS functions can keep thriving. As Treasurer, my goals would be to maintain stability, transparency, and have a budget without holes.

For those of you who don't know me, I love learning and I love to chat (arguably, too much). I spend most of my time at the library, the gym, or on the hunt for the best coffee in Adelaide – yes, there is a running list with ratings. My main values are integrity, inclusivity, and working hard for a good cause, which is why I believe I'm the right person for this position. It would be an honour to receive your vote and if you have any questions for me, feel free to flag me down any time!

# DIRECTOR OF CAREERS

## SOFIA TAIT



Hey law students! My name is Sofia, and I would love to be your Director of Careers in 2023. I am a very personable and passionate individual, and I love to bring students all things AULSS!

I know that getting your foot in the door of any career can be extremely intimidating and nerve-racking. So, my goal as Director will be to provide you with the information, resources and support you need! As a penultimate student in 2022, I can gladly say that I have survived the stress of networking, clerkship applications and interviews. Whilst it has been a demanding process, I hope to pass on the knowledge I have gained and bridge the gap between students and the profession.

As a former Communications Representative, current Careers Representative, and negotiations judge and coach, I have developed a love for helping my peers make the most of their time at university.

For this reason, my team and I will work tirelessly to prepare you for a productive and enjoyable year.

Having been the co-creator of ALSA's 2022 Best Careers Publication, the Careers & Clerkship Guide will be back and better than ever in 2023! Alongside this you will have many exciting events to look forward to – think collaborations with the Education and Competitions Portfolio, Tri-varsity Fair, Court tours, firm office tours, and a whole bunch of interactive seminars with the profession both in-person and over Zoom.

Last but not least, I am determined to be your point of call for any queries that you may have. It is important to me to create a space in which you are able to express any of your concerns, ask as many questions as you need, and help you work your way towards the path that is meant for you.

I would love your support and I look forward to seeing you all around the law school – feel free to come say hi and have a chat!

# DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

## HENRY ALLEN



Hi everyone! I am Henry Allen, and I am excited to be running to be your Director of Communications for 2023, a position that offers a very valuable contribution to the Law School experience, and one I would be honoured to hold.

I am currently a third-year Law and Media student and an AULSS communications representative. Through my studies and previous work, I have amassed extensive background-experience in social-media management, AV & written content production, graphic design, and website creation and maintenance. I'm also passionately involved in all aspects of the Law School experience. You may have seen me in one of your seminars or lectures, studying (and/or "studying") down in the law library 'dungeon', or dressed in a blonde wig applying your nail polish at this year's quiz night!

I believe that my experience and expertise would valuably aid me in helping the portfolio achieve its full potential.

My time in the committee has demonstrated how important communication is becoming, especially as we adapt to Covid-19, increased digital study, and recent changes to Law School and faculty operations. Were I fortunate enough to be elected, I'd aim to build upon the great strides taken in past years, and increase the portfolio's effectiveness through:

- Reintroducing weekly updates to our social platforms, to ensure the student body remains continually informed and up-to-date on law school events and developments.
- The introduction of a new, digital 'suggestion box', to directly facilitate the collection and incorporation of your valuable feedback so we can continue to serve you effectively.
- The introduction and publishing of a Communications policy, that will provide a framework and reference from which we can maintain consistency, effectiveness and proficiency in our communications, and better address, respond to and incorporate your queries, suggestions, feedback.

A key focus of the AULSS is putting you, the members of the law school, first. In assisting the Education portfolio this year, I gained insight into how important every element of the AULSS is, from social activities to educational seminars, networking events to social initiatives, for students ranging from first year to post-graduate. I intend to prioritise this focus upon you, the students, in this role, so if you have any queries or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, I look forward to hearing from you.

I look forward to representing you, and thank you for your consideration!

# DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

## TONY TU



Dear Fellow Law Student,

My name is Tony Tu. It would be my privilege to be your Director of Education on the 2023 AULSS Committee. As a second-year mature age law student, who has returned to study Law after completing another undergraduate degree, I have seen the benefits a vibrant and engaged student body can provide. I am very passionate about lifelong learning and promoting a strong campus culture. I hope to my make my contribution to your student life by getting more people into Liggy and North Terrace.

In 2022, I have had the pleasure of serving as a mature age representative within the Education Portfolio.

In this role I have met over forty mature age students in the two events I have hosted, engaged mature age students in our mentoring program and assisted at all the Education portfolio's events and in editing the study guides.

I have seen how the portfolio and our work can impact individual students who otherwise do not have access to the same networking events and connections upon starting their degree. Not only are such events educational in nature, but they are also a great social outlet to further promote student wellbeing.

I have really enjoyed my time as the mature age representative and hope to continue in the Education Portfolio as the Director serving the wider student body. I would be honoured to continue the good work of the previous incumbents and refine our current offerings, while expanding on what has worked well previously.

My priorities if I'm elected are a greater focus on our remote, rural, isolated, and international students, collaborations with external societies & partners, maintaining our focus on first years transitioning to Law School, continuing our library research videos and updating the educational guides as well as leaving a blueprint for 2024 and beyond.

On a personal level, I live with the motto always more, always greater - "Semper Maior". Your student experience, wellbeing and making sure everyone knows they have a place in Liggy will be the mission of the Education Portfolio if I'm elected. Adelaide Law School & the AULSS has been a wonderful part of my life, I hope if I am elected, we can contribute to the fond memories of your time here and add to the good people you met on this part of your educational journey.

Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

# ACTIVITIES REPRESENTATIVES

## GEORGIA CHISWELL



Hi there! My name is Georgia, and I am in my third year of Law and Psychology.

I loved being your activities representative this year. It feels incredibly rewarding watching you enjoy your events; whether you dressed-up like superstars for Quiz Night, pampered yourself for Law Ball, or danced away at the Triversity Pub Crawl. These events transform us from being studious law students to life-long friends. That is why I would love to be your activities representative again.

I love to boogie on the dance floor, but I also value making memories in the quiet corner of the party with a handful of friends. Therefore, I understand the many individual preferences and needs when it comes to events. I wish to represent your preferences so you can feel comfortable and have fun.

After all I have learned this year, I wish to jump back in and provide you with more bright, successful, and enjoyable experiences for you to cherish. I believe my skills in organisation and collaboration will achieve that. I am happy to do whatever it takes to create events that connect our community in hopes that we stick together many years later.

## CHARLIE HAYES



Hi everyone, my name is Charlie and I would love the opportunity to be an Activities Rep on the 2023 AULSS!

In 2022, I joined the law school and loved attending events. This year, I would love to be able to host events and encourage student interaction, showcasing the law school's amazing social culture! In particular, I would love to help organise events such as law ball and end of exams parties!

I am a huge advocate for law school events, I love being able to social and meeting new people and would love to be a part of organising! I also know how stressful a law degree can be—I am currently studying a double degree of law and criminology. Events can make a huge difference in managing stress by providing a great social outlet. Events, alongside with interacting with other people, makes law a lot more inviting and fun. Fostering a positive culture is so important to make the most of our law school experience!

Thank you for considering me for an Activities Rep and I look forward to hopefully relieving everyone's stress as much as possible through organising these fun events!

# KATHRYN JANNES



Hi everyone! My name is Kathryn and I would love to be an Activities Rep on the 2023 AULSS.

I love the Uni social scene and never shy away from an excuse to have a good time—from large scale events such as Law Ball, to everyday one-on-one conversations at the Liggy foyer—I believe harbouring good social connections is so necessary in enriching your Uni experience!

Uni is one of the few periods of your life where letting loose is encouraged, so my goal would be to get everyone out of bed on a Friday night and at our events having a good time (work hard, play hard)! I believe events are one of the few opportunities to meet people we otherwise would not cross paths with, and this can lead to lifelong friendships and networking opportunities.

In 2022, I learned a great amount about Activities, specifically through my contribution as a First-year Rep, where I collaborated with Activities to host a Stress-less event. I also absolutely loved hosting First Year Drinks night, which has made me excited at the prospect of being on the Activities portfolio in 2023.

Thank you for considering me!

# NATALIE NIMON



Hi I'm Natalie and I would love to be on the Activities Portfolio for 2023!

I have been on the AULSS Committee for 2022 and have loved every moment! Not only have I gained a greater understanding and appreciation for the work the Activities Portfolio dedicates, but also a passion for organising events and memorable experiences for the Law School.

I would love the opportunity to continue this in 2023 and see all of your faces enjoying a few mimosas (or 10) and dancing the night away.

With my experience on the Committee, I know what is needed and expected from the role and am ready to put in hard work to create exciting, entertaining and memorable events for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for considering my nomination!

# COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVES

## RUBY STEWART



Over the past year I have created memes and posts for all our Activities events. To give you an example statistic, during Law Ball season I made 17 different ABBA related memes from scratch. Some of them even received a “ha ha” react which was very exciting. I loved making every single one of them and I would love even more to continue managing our Facebook events and creating visual aids over the next year.

As a Communications Representative I hope to design and implement successful social-media strategies that provide law students with a relatable and candid insight into the law school. I am eager to create content that allows for audience interaction, promotes student involvement, and maybe even provides someone with a laugh along the way. Social media is such an important part of everybody’s life, so it is integral that the Law School’s profiles continue to be both visually appealing and informative. As I am completing a double degree of Law and Media I feel that this position is well suited to my skillset and personal interests. It would be amazing to continue in this role and would be wonderful to have your support!



# SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY REPRESENTATIVES

## JENNIFER LAMB



Hi everyone, my name is Jennifer (she/they), and I'm a first year. I am doing a double degree in Law and Arts (Politics and International Relations), and I would love to be one of your Social Justice and Equity Representatives.

I want to make the Law School a safe space for everyone, and tackle issues and injustice faced by the LGBTQ+ community, those with disability and neurodiversity, and address issues of mental health and gender inequality. Along with helping to make our space more sustainable and environmentally friendly. I believe we, as law students, with our knowledge and passion, can make meaningful change in these areas, for a more equitable and just society.

I am an active member of my community through volunteering for my local netball club and I was a School Captain in 2021. I ran workshops about the needs of neurodiverse students, awareness campaigns for women's history month and pride month, and help to develop a system for distributing free period products. In addition, I lead fundraisers for various charities such as the Kids Cancer Project, Headspace and Beyond Blue, through events such as colour runs, ice cream stalls, barbecues, and bake sales.

## LYDIA MEL



Hello, my name is Lydia and I am hoping to be elected as social justice and equity representative. I may be a quiet member of the Society, but I can ensure my contribution to the committee will make a big impact. As someone from a diverse background and typically associated with underrepresented minority groups, inclusivity is very important to me. I am a strong advocate of social Justice and equity issues which is evident in my previous experience with the UNHCR and my current work supporting people living with disabilities. The social justice and equity portfolio embodies inclusivity and its goal of advocating and supporting the well-being of students aligns with my values. Being someone from a diverse background, I believe I have the qualities that would make me a strong candidate for this position as from my lived experiences I understand the importance of embracing diversity, equity, inclusion and an overall sense of belonging. I will sustain the holistic wellbeing of students and promote services as well as opportunities that are beneficial to a law student's experience. If elected I would be honoured to contribute my time and efforts in making a difference to the AULSS community's experience.

# IT REPRESENTATIVE

## SAMANTHA KUAN



My name is Samantha Kuan, and I am applying for the position of IT Representative. As someone in the very unique position of studying a degree in both law and IT, I believe that I have the skills and experience necessary to excel in this role. I have worked on several programming projects as part of my IT degree, one of which involved coding a website from scratch. I am therefore comfortable with web design beyond using an online website-building template, as well as debugging code and any other problem-solving skills that this position would require. I will do my best to ensure that the AULSS website continues to be updated and maintained to a high standard so that students can access the information they need. Given my programming background, I hope you will select me so that I can improve the experience of other law students through my technological knowledge. Thank you.

# HILARIAN MAGAZINE EDITORS

**IKHWAN FAZLI**  
**CERYS DAVIES**  
**KUSH GOYAL**



## Liggy Confession #50:

The most diverse editorial team in the last 12 months are back! With a whole new slew of controversial legal opinions, self-deprecating jokes, and a 10% chance of being sacked by our bosses, Kush, Ikhwan and Cerys are excited to run for the Hilarian for the second time. We would bring a sense of continuity to the Hilarian— keeping old favourites such as our Liggy Confessions, but we also have new, ambitious ideas that we can't wait to share with you all! We were very grateful this year to receive a record number of student submissions\* and want to keep opening up new avenues for community engagement.

Having edited the magazine before, we have experience running the Hilarian, and thus this ensures a smooth transition between this year and next year. Furthermore, we can keep all the posters that you know and love, up on the walls of our beloved Ligertwood.

Whether you actually read the magazine, use it for an (illegal) bonfire, or simply need extra toilet paper, Kush, Ikhwan and Cerys are excited to provide a bigger, better, and more recyclable magazine for 2023.

\*Note: Hilarian records not available prior to 2022

# VACANT POSITIONS



# POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE APPLICATION

ONE DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES

ONE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND  
EQUITY

TWO COMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVES

TWO SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY  
REPRESENTATIVES

ONE ABORIGINAL REPRESENTATIVE

ONE MATURE AGE REPRESENTATIVE

ONE SPONSORSHIP REPRESENTATIVE