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**PROUDLY
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Elections Guide 2023

**VOTING COMMENCES
IN WEEK 10**

LET THE VOTING BEGIN!

President's Welcome

Bryan Lau

Dear Law Students,

I am honoured and excited to welcome you to the Adelaide University Law Students' Society Elections Guide for the 2023 Elections. As the current President of this society, it brings me great joy to witness the engagement and enthusiasm of our members throughout the year as we embark on the journey to select our new committee members for the 2023/2024 term.

The Adelaide University Law Students' Society has a rich history of promoting community engagement and providing opportunities for personal and professional growth. Each year, our society is strengthened by the dedication, passion, and fresh perspectives that new committee members bring to the table.

We have recently added new positions into the Committee that were recently passed at our SGM. They are the Engagement Representative, Development Competitions Representative, and External and Intervarsity Competitions Representative. I hope that these new positions will help the Committee to continue to promote community engagement and provide practical opportunities for our members.

There are a number of positions that are still vacant. If you are interested in joining the AULSS Committee for 2024, please look through the "vacant positions" section of this Guide. The 2024 Committee will call for applications for these positions at the start of the 2024 academic year, and the candidates will be chosen through our anonymous co-option process outlined in 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,

Bryan Lau
AULSS President 2023



CONTESTED POSITIONS



Vice-President

LEAH SCHLEIN



It would be an honour to be elected as your 2024 Vice President, a role that is critical to the smooth running of the AULSS. The position requires someone with both the experience and personal characteristics to reliably handle all governance and administrative matters of the society.

I have a strong record of both, having worked in head of governance and operations roles, on executive committees and as a Director, Company Secretary and Public Officer. I have collated many executive and board reports, prepared meeting agendas and minutes, and facilitated meetings that ensure robust and respectful discussion. I have also worked in roles responsible for an organisation's policies and procedures, so can update important AULSS documents when necessary.

Having served on your committee as mature student representative in 2023, I had the pleasure of meeting many new people and listened to diverse feedback. I firmly believe the AULSS plays an essential and positive role in the lives of many students at Adelaide Law School, but we can still do more to support our members.

I value community, diversity and inclusion, and work hard to foster a friendly and supportive environment. If elected I will continue to make myself available to hear your needs and concerns and invite you to visit the AULSS office for coffee and a chat at any time.

I commit to encouraging the AULSS to host events that are accessible and inclusive of all students and reduce costs where possible. I will also work hard to ensure transparency and integrity of AULSS matters, effective communication about the proposed university merger and introduce efficiencies in AULSS processes. I will also review our merchandise range and introduce new options to expand our wardrobes and work with the Treasurer to ensure we remain financially responsible and establish a solid foundation for current and future students.

I am genuine, hardworking, reliable and organised, and it would be a privilege to continue serving on the AULSS committee in 2024. I wish all candidates running in the election the very best because being part of the AULSS is such a rewarding experience. I look forward to being able to make a difference and continue to give back to the law school community.

HAMISH MCNAMARA



Howdy!

My name is Hamish, I am excited to announce my candidacy for Vice-President of the AULSS. If we haven't met, I am hospitality veteran, lover of travel and an active member of the community.

If elected, I will continue to promote a diverse, equal and accessible AULSS and will serve as a voice of reason to ensure the society is truly at the service of its members.

As Director of Social Justice & Equity this year, I have worked alongside my portfolio to bring forth conversations about injustice and inaccessibility and deliver meaningful change within our community.

A highlight of my Term was coordinating our range of educational seminars and events in the lead up to the Voice Referendum, which included hosting the Attorney-General of South Australia to speak to students about the Voice. This culminated at National Sorry Day where I was fortunate enough to deliver the AULSS 'YES' position for The Voice. Delivering public support for such an important social issue is one of my proudest achievements this year, especially as we were one of the first institutions on a national level to do so.

As an Undergraduate Representative across steering committees, I have contributed to university-wide policies which reflect my advocacy of student interests. Therefore, I am well-versed in policy writing and organisational governance and positions me well to fulfill the organisational functions of the vice-presidency.

Having served on the AULSS Executive and on an adjacent society, I have the skills to maximise YouX grants, equipment and the wider university for the benefit of the society and subsequently its members.

If elected, my term would represent my values of promoting diversity and inclusion and would seek to better support AULSS members through initiatives including:

- Work with faculty to better support students arising from marginalised community.
- Expand AULSS sources of funding to better support the societies' members engaging in its programs.
- Revise the 2024 merchandise offering to be more accessible and purchasable via the Website.

I strongly believe students interests and organisational governance should not be mutually exclusive and therefore, my candidacy will reflect my belief that the society should strive to deliver the best interests for its members.

I have enjoyed working on the AULSS and I would love to continue giving back to this community if elected.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out!

UNCONTESTED POSITIONS



PRESIDENT

PATRICIA PAPATHANASOPOULOS



Hi everyone, I'm Patricia. If we haven't already met, liggy is pretty much my second home, I love Taylor Swift and the AULSS competitions program and I am delighted to be running for AULSS President for 2024!

My previous years on the AULSS Committee have made me feel supported and welcomed through both exciting and devastating times. Having met my closest friends through being on the committee and initiatives run by the committee, I have been fortunate enough to directly experience the value which the AULSS can provide. This entrenched sense of community which the AULSS is designed to provide is why I am so passionate about the Committee's purpose and why I would be honoured give back as President.

My vision for next year's AULSS Committee is to have a greater emphasis on advocacy and contributing to the community. This means advocating for the student body, ensuring the committee is accessible to all students, and pursuing more external funding to allow us to contribute to student life as best as possible. In my current role, I strongly advocated for funding for the ALSA competitors and for the wellbeing of my competitions representatives. I would love to continue to advocate for the interests of students, both to the law school and to the legal industry. Having learnt how to run a law society as a committee member on the Law Society of SA and as Director of Competitions, I have the skills to do this next year.

If I am fortunate enough to be president, I will prioritise supporting the committee in fulfilling their roles to the best of their ability, which is why I also aim to address the rates of burnout within the committee. Having had the opportunity to collaborate with the majority of the portfolios, I have a unique understanding of each portfolio which would be invaluable when working with each Director to provide the necessary support.

My experience coordinating with UniSA and Flinders for the past two years means I have the necessary understanding of the other law student societies (and the people involved!) to collaborate in coordinating the Uniform Clerkship Scheme. Having also helped introduce two competitions where the prize is a clerkship, I have a strong understanding of the legal profession and what most clerkship programs require. This is furthered by my experience coordinating with judges and firms in competitions, which will allow me to ensure it runs smoothly.

Having been a judge, delegate, volunteer and competitor at the ALSA I also have the necessary understanding of their processes to liaise with them when sending our competitors to ALSA and managing the AULSS delegation. My current role as Director of Competitions will further enable me to best support the 2024 competitors.

My experiences being involved in the AULSS Committee have been so rewarding, which I would love to receive your vote. Thank you for considering my application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

TREASURER

SALMA MANSURWALA



Dear members of the Adelaide University Law Student Society (AULSS),

My name is Salma Mansurwala, I am a second-year law and commerce (corporate finance) student, and I am honoured to submit my candidacy for the position of Treasurer for the AULSS. I believe my previous experience, fresh perspective and dedication towards the society make me a great fit for the position.

As the Treasurer, I understand the critical role this position plays in managing the society's financial position and I am committed to upholding the highest stands of financial responsibility and accountability. My background in studying corporate finance and my previous experience working at a finance firm have equipped me with a strong understanding of financial obligations and financial management tools such as Xero. Furthermore, I sincerely recognise the importance of diligent record-keeping and timely payments. Moreover, if elected I will remain dedicated to ensuring all AULSS financial transactions are transparently and efficiently managed.

My experience as a Competitions Representative for the AULSS has provided me with valuable skills in time management, organisation, team-work, and communication. Through organising sponsored competitions, I have also gained a unique insight into the challenges and opportunities faced by the AULSS. Furthermore, my previous role as an Events Representative for the Adelaide Business Students Society involved organizing large-scale events and budgeting which enhanced my ability to manage finances and make sound financial decisions. Therefore, as Treasurer I will ensure our resources are allocated sufficiently and our future events and initiatives are well-funded and successful. Furthermore, as Treasurer I will remain committed to maintaining the best interests of the AULSS in all decision-making processes and will always remain approachable for any concerns the committee may face.

My key goals as Treasurer will be to enhance our engagement with sponsors. I will bring a fresh perspective to sponsorships, through seeking out new partnerships and expanding on existing ones. I am committed to ensuring that sponsorship obligations are fulfilled and that sponsors feel valued as essential contributors to our society's success.

In conclusion, I am deeply passionate about the AULSS and am enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve as Treasurer. With my financial knowledge, administrative experience, and dedication to our society's well-being, I am confident in my ability to fulfill the responsibilities of this role effectively and work collaboratively towards making the AULSS even more vibrant and prosperous.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Sincerely,
Salma Mansurwala

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

RUBY STEWART



Hello fellow Law Students! My name is Ruby, and I am running for the position of Director of Communications this year!

I have been a representative within this portfolio for over two years now and would love the opportunity to step up as the Director!

A bit about me – when I'm not cosplaying as Kris Jenner at local Quiz Nights you will most likely find me “watching lectures” in the library (actually watching Modern Family for the millionth time), forcing people to look at pictures of my dog Ned (please follow his Instagram) or aggressively nodding my head in seminars so it looks like I have completed the readings (I have not).

I have also been responsible for making majority of the memes for the AULSS's Activities events. Do you know how hard it is to make 15 memes related to James Bond? Well, I do. He's not a very funny guy. If you ever clicked the 'ha ha' react on any of these (or even considered doing it for a moment) then I think you should vote for me!

As Director of Communications, I would aim to ensure that all the communications from the AULSS are delivered seamlessly and aesthetically. I think we can all agree that as Law Students we do enough reading as it is so I would work to produce content that tells you the important bits you need to know up front.

I know how much it sucks when you miss out on event tickets or the merch orders cut-off date, so if elected as Director of Communications I hope to make every Law Student feel more organised by delivering communications that allow you to be kept in the Liggy loop without having to do too much work on your end.

If this sounds good to you then please consider chucking your vote my way! And also, I was serious about my dog's Instagram, please follow @nedtheaussieterrier J

See you around Liggy!

ACTIVITIES REPRESENTATIVES

CHARLIE HAYES



Hi everyone, my name is Charlie, and I would love the opportunity to be on the 2024 AULSS again!

In 2022, I joined Adelaide Law, and since then, I have loved attending, organising, and hosting events for the law school. I am a huge advocate for studying hard but playing harder. In 2023, I helped organise Law Ball, the Mid Semester Exam Party, brought puppies and games to Ligertwood and have an End of Year Exams Party coming up!

I know how demanding and strenuous a law degree is, so I completely relate to wanting to have fun with friends (and obviously with a drink in hand). Events are one of the best opportunities to relieve stress, meet new people and celebrate all your hard work.

Thank you for considering me again for an Activities Rep in 2024, and I hope to continue to organise more events!

KATELIN LAWRIE



I am a passionate, dedicated, and exemplary member of the law school. I have been a part of the law school community and in my final year, hope to make an impact on the student body as much as possible. I will work very hard and provide the best possible service to the student body, I am eager to learn. I have been involved in many initiatives and my organisational skills are phenomenal. Your events will be in good hands.

CAREERS REPRESENTATIVES

HOLLY SABERTON



My name is Holly and I am ecstatic to be running for one of your Careers Representatives for 2024. I am a vivacious individual who loves a chat and as a penultimate student, understand the stressors faced by students from the beginning of a law degree.

As a previous Social Justice & Equity Representative, I hope to confidently tackle niche inquiries and help provide opportunities for all students ranging from corporate to humanitarian law. I pride myself on my approachability and will work tirelessly to answer any queries students have, providing accessibility for all things careers!

Choosing a career path is certainly a daunting experience and I am determined to help fellow students explore every avenue available after graduation; but importantly how to get your foot in the door before you graduate.

I would love your support and I look forward to seeing you around Liggy!

ETON WILLIAMS



Hey everyone! My name is Eton and I would be proud to be your Careers Representative in 2024. Moving into my third year in the Law School and beginning the process of branching out towards my formal legal career, I am all too familiar with the daunting and competitive process involved with finding work opportunities and clerkships. In 2024, I would endeavour to smooth out the transitional period between finding your feet in your early years at the law school, to then approaching these stressful career opportunities in the last years of your degree. Social networking, interviews, job applications; these are all unfamiliar areas to most law students, and I aim to reduce these stressors with more available workshops and education sessions in the coming year.

As a Competitions Representative in 2023, I grew my networking skills with various legal firms, practitioners and judges. Being able to manage various competitions with sponsors increased opportunities available for Adelaide Law students to grow their own networks beyond the Ligertwood building. I hope to continue to be a friendly face for students with questions about finding broader legal opportunities and would appreciate your support in this election!

Thank you!

COMPETITIONS REPRESENTATIVES

HARRY PASSEHL



Hello, I'm Harry!

I'm excited to be running for the position of AULSS Competitions Representative in 2024!

After serving as a representative in 2023, I've gained valuable experience in organizing and managing competitions. I've had the opportunity to both run and participate in events like the AULSS Witness Examinations Competition and AULSS First Year Moot, so I truly understand the dynamics from a competitor's perspective.

What motivates me to be a representative is my genuine passion for helping students acquire essential legal skills in a practical setting. I find immense satisfaction in overseeing competitions and witnessing the growth of competitors throughout the process. My commitment, dedication, and previous experience will be invaluable assets in ensuring that you have the same enriching experience I've been fortunate to enjoy within this remarkable portfolio.

I humbly ask for your vote and the opportunity to continue contributing to the AULSS Competitions as your representative. Together, we can make this experience even more rewarding for all involved.

Vote for Harry Passehl!

KIRA LOH



This position interests me because I would like to aid in facilitating the current competitions portfolio to become more accessible and comprehensive, so that more students are inclined to participate.

Thus far my experience within AULSS competitions is through first year mooting, where I finished as a semifinalist. I also participated in debating through the Adelaide Uni Debating Club, and have started, organised and judged writing competitions in highschool. These provided me with skills such as communication as both a participant and a member of the organisational team, and development of key criterias and goals. This allows me to understand student needs and assist with the logistical management of these competitions.

My previous leadership roles include being the editor-in-chief of my school's newspaper and being Senior Tour Captain. Both positions required me to facilitate meetings with students and staff, organise groups and information and skill workshops in preparation for key dates, and adapt to last minute changes. These skills can be transferred to the AULSS competitions portfolio; specifically the ability to organise competitions and rounds in advance, and being able to adapt to the situation. For these reasons I believe that I would be suitable for this position.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

AIDEN ZEYANG WANG



Greetings, I'm Aiden, and I'm thrilled to stand for re-election as your International Student Representative for 2024! I'm a passionate communicator committed to bridging the gap between our Domestic and International student communities.

Early this year, I initiated a survey as the inaugural representative to better understand your needs. Since then, I've worked diligently to establish this unique portfolio, organizing events like Pizza and Drinks nights to foster social connections. I've also created an international student group chat where I regularly share job opportunities, AULSS events, important university deadlines, Uni tips-and-tricks and relevant workshops. My aim is to continue and expand these initiatives in the upcoming year, building on the foundation I've laid.

In the second half of this year, we incorporated exchange students into this portfolio, and I'm eager to collaborate with this group to ensure they have a fulfilling Australian experience within the law school community.

I'm seeking re-election to continue advocating for students from all over the world in the Law School, forging connections, and laying the groundwork for a brighter future in the years to come. I hope with my involvement in past positions such as the Student Representative Council General Secretary, University Education Committee Student Representative and AULSS Competitions Representative, I could bring a more diverse, and rich background to be your touchpoint in Adelaide Law School.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

HILARIAN MAGAZINE EDITORS

**CHRIS MARY
JOSH WILSON
ISABELLA MOORE**



Friends, lawyers, countrymen, lend us your ears, we are here to execute a hostile takeover of the Hilarian. ~~Logan Roy~~ Kush Goyal has named his successors, and they are Isabella Moore, Chris Mary, and Josh Wilson. Of course, we'll continue our regularly scheduled programming including Liggy Confessions, disparaging the wider Law School community and discussing the political and economic state of the world right now. But, with new management comes new changes, for example, we are strongly considering releasing an issue in our tenure (no promises).

If Isab spent half as much time on the Hilarian as she does on her fits for a one-hour seminar, you're in for a real treat. Josh, as the eldest boy, will be providing a much-needed pasty white male perspective. Finally, Chris is most excited to file her 4-figure weekly spending on food as a tax deductible for writing restaurant reviews.

We are chronically online, amateur Canva users and most importantly our Mums think we're really funny (no, they're not single, stop asking).

The benches in the Ligertwood foyer have a Hilarian-shaped hole in their hearts. Bring their baby home. Vote for us. What's the worst that could happen?

SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY REPRESENTATIVES

SIMRAN RAI



It would be an honour to be a Social Justice and Equity representative for the AULSS Committee for 2024. I would love to contribute to the already successful work undertaken within the portfolio to support holistic student wellbeing and provide opportunities for awareness around societal issues impacting the legal profession. I am passionate about providing such opportunities as I feel learning to manage wellbeing whilst engaging around these pressing matters will help to ensure a well-rounded and balanced individuals in what can otherwise be demanding career environment. A crucial function is to assist students in achieving personal goals, and I believe that my approachable, outgoing nature coupled with respect for individuality would positively contribute to this purpose. Additionally, I believe my strong organisational and communication skills will help further facilitate opportunities for law students to access a wide range of organisations, clubs and events, both internal and external to the university, which is a fundamental function of the department. I feel strongly that I am able to positively influence the Social Justice and Equity Portfolio by focusing on the holistic wellbeing of each and every students through providing and maintaining a variety of services and opportunities.

DUA JUNAIDY



I am thrilled to have the opportunity to apply once again for the role of a Social Justice and Equity Representative within the Law Student Society. Though my time on the committee has been relatively short, it has been an incredibly enriching experience that has solidified my passion for this role and its potential impact.

One thing that sets me apart is my unwavering commitment to becoming a human rights lawyer. This position aligns perfectly with my long-term aspirations, offering me the chance to network, gain valuable experience, and make a meaningful impact on our community.

My journey in the realm of social justice and community service began long before law school. In high school, I took the initiative to establish a social justice club, that involved meticulous planning, organization, and continuous attention. Through this club, I collaborated with various organizations such as a school supply drive for the Smith Family's, and a seminar for Women Legal Services. Moreover, raising funds for the Children Aid Foundation and Equality Now, and teaching at an underprivileged school in Pakistan for over two weeks.

Looking ahead, I have numerous ideas and plans for the upcoming year should I be selected for this role. One of my primary goals is to host a Criminal Justice Reform webinar by year-end. Additionally, I aspire to collaborate with various organizations to address issues such as educational inequality among underprivileged children, women's rights, hunger, the refugee crisis, housing and homelessness, domestic violence, reproductive rights, and environmental justice. My vision encompasses a diverse range of initiatives, from simple bake sales to raise funds to more comprehensive webinars featuring experts and organizations dedicated to these critical issues.

SPONSORSHIP REPRESENTATIVE

EMILY TRIEU



Hi everyone! My name is Emily and I would love to be one of your sponsorship representatives in 2024! The AULSS provides countless experiences and opportunities to the Ligertwood Student Body (such as the competitions, information nights and social events offered) and I know that stable and well-managed finances are integral to the continuation and growth of such events.

Thus, I am eager to join the sponsorship portfolio, as I am passionate about maintaining the smooth operation of the AULSS, as I know the society contributes a lot to the student experience. I promise to work tirelessly to assist the Treasurer in maintaining and managing sponsorship agreements so that the organisation runs efficiently, whilst aiding in securing further sponsors to expand the opportunities offered for you!

Having been on the AULSS previously, I am confident that I have the skills and experience necessary to succeed in this role. I am passionate about the society and I am committed to helping it continue to thrive. I am a hard worker and I am confident that I can build and maintain relationships with potential sponsors and secure funding that will allow the AULSS to continue to offer valuable opportunities to students.

VACANT POSITIONS



POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE APPLICATION

ONE DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES

ONE DIRECTOR OF CAREERS

ONE DIRECTOR OF
COMPETITIONS

ONE DIRECTOR OF
EDUCATION

ONE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL
JUSTICE AND EQUITY

TWO ACTIVITIES
REPRESENTATIVES

THREE CAREERS
REPRESENTATIVES

FOUR COMMUNICATIONS
REPRESENTATIVES

TEN COMPETITIONS
REPRESENTATIVES

TWO EDUCATION
REPRESENTATIVES

TWO SOCIAL JUSTICE &
EQUITY REPRESENTATIVES

ONE DEVELOPMENT
COMPETITIONS
REPRESENTATIVE

TWO ENGAGEMENT
REPRESENTATIVES

ONE EXTERNAL &
INTERVARSITY COMPETITIONS
REPRESENTATIVE

ONE FIRST NATIONS
REPRESENTATIVE

ONE IT REPRESENTATIVE

ONE MATURE AGE
REPRESENTATIVE

ONE QUEER REPRESENTATIVE

ONE SPONSORSHIP
REPRESENTATIVE