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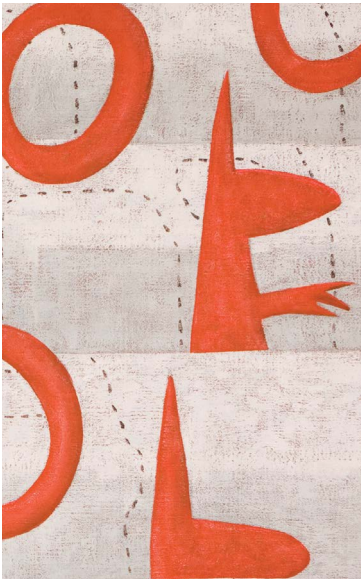
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Week 2  
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2-3 pm

MOOT COURT



# WELCOME TO THE LAW SCHOOL.

Congratulations and welcome to the hallowed halls of the University of Adelaide Law School! This is a wonderful milestone and one that you should take the time to appreciate and celebrate.

Initially, it may be overwhelming entering this hexagonal wonderland (aka the Ligertwood Foyer), but rest assured, it will soon be the site of excessive coffee consumption, weekly gatherings with friends, and a place to seek refuge during SWOTVAC. You will quickly realise that Ligertwood is simultaneously home to some of the most stressed (but well-dressed!) members of the Adelaide Uni campus.

The Adelaide University Law Students' Society (AULSS) is here to help you along your Law School journey. As Director of Education, it is my job to ensure that all of you feel supported and well-equipped to tackle Law School and University life. The Education Portfolio engages with first years through social events, seminars designed to assist you in preparing for assignments and exams, and running first year elections. Keep an eye on your uni emails for upcoming events and AULSS updates! I encourage you to get involved from Day 1 and immerse yourself in uni life (beyond the books)!

Speaking from experience, your Law School experience will certainly be frustrating at times – it won't be a simple case of breezing through the way you may have done in High School. As the infamous Harvey Specter once said, 'the only time success comes before work is in the dictionary.' But my team and I are here to assist you, so don't hesitate to send me an email ([director.ed@aulss.org.au](mailto:director.ed@aulss.org.au)) or drop into the AULSS office in Ligertwood 1.06 to say hello.



This 'First Year Survival Guide' is intended to give you an insight into what to expect during your time at law school, who the AULSS are and how to conquer the peculiar art-form that is studying for law exams. On behalf of the Education Team, we hope that you enjoy reading this guide as much as we enjoyed writing it.

I am confident that your experience at Law School will be both challenging and rewarding, so enjoy every minute of it. I look forward to meeting a lot of you over the coming weeks and wish you all the best as you begin your legal journey!

Azaara Perakath  
Director of Education

Emma Stone  
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# DEAN'S WELCOME.

Welcome to the Adelaide Law School!

Our Law School, founded in 1883, is the second oldest in Australia and one of the oldest in the common law world. In 2018, we will be celebrating our 135 th anniversary. As a new student in the Adelaide Law School you are now part of this proud tradition.

But traditions are worth keeping only if they represent enduring values. The School aims to have graduates who not only understand the law in its context but are also committed to the rule of law, equality, professionalism and social good.

The Mission of the Adelaide Law School states:

“The Adelaide Law School’s activities continue its century-long record of excellence in globally- focussed research and teaching. We are committed to the rule of law, and the promotion of the highest standards of ethical conduct, professional responsibility, and community service. With the aim of contributing to the social good, we examine and critique the law from diverse perspectives, discovering new knowledge and advocating for change. Student well-being is a priority to which we devote energy and innovation.”

The next few weeks and months will be busy as you adjust to your new life as a student of the Law School and the University of Adelaide. Please be aware that the Law School staff and the Adelaide University Law Student Society (AULSS) are committed to assisting you during this transition and on an ongoing basis during your legal education. Ask for help if you need it – we are ready and willing to assist.



The School is also committed to diversity. You will meet students from all parts of the community and from around Australia and beyond. Please take time to get to know your fellow students and make each other welcome.

I encourage you to familiarise yourself with the Law School’s website, this Survival Guide and be alert to the communications from the Law School.

It is a great pleasure for me and the Adelaide Law School staff to welcome you in 2018. I know it will be an exciting and rewarding year.

Professor Melissa de Zwart  
Dean, Adelaide Law School

# TOUR OF LIGERTWOOD

## WELCOME TO LIGERTWOOD.

Don't worry, no one else knows how to pronounce its name either. This iconic eye-sore amid the beautiful boulevard of buildings on North Terrace is now your second home (see map).

**THE COURTYARD** You will enter Ligertwood from the courtyard. Most law students spend their sunny days out here with friends over lunch or coffee under the comfort of the umbrella shaded tables. If you're a rider, you will find a rail along the building to lock up your bike as well. Alternatively, beneath your very feet is an underground car park which offers ticket parking after 4:30pm. The building is also wheelchair accessible via North Terrace at ground level by the underground car park.

**THE FOYER** Your first steps inside Ligertwood will find you in the foyer. To your right is the Law Administration office and a hexagonal-themed student lounge to your left. But more importantly right in front of you, you'll find US, in the AULSS office - where you're more than welcome to drop by and have a chat. This foyer is furnished with all the essentials, including desk seating, charging stations, a water fountain and the law school's beloved St Raphael's coffee stall. Last minute case readings and seminar prep? This is the place to be.

**THE LAW LIBRARY** A flight of stairs down from the foyer, you'll find the heart and soul of Australian legal history - the Law Library. This is your go to destination for resources. This place can be pretty overwhelming, so take the time to introduce yourself to the library staff who are more than happy to lend a hand - trust us in saying that they'll go above and beyond to assist you in your PPL Small Group Discovery Experience in Semester 2. Down here you'll find a computer suite with access to printing, photocopying and scanning. You'll find additional computers and individual study spaces nestled between the rows upon rows of Hansards and legal journals. For group work, it's best to secure yourselves a quiet study booth to the left of the main desk. But if it's SWOTVAC and all those booths are full, you can head further downstairs for additional group study areas.





TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY (WEEK 1)  
**COMPETITIONS INFO NIGHT**

TIME & VENUE TBC

**WEEK 1**

*afternoon tea*  
wed 28 feb 12-2 pm liggy foyer

**WEEK 2**

*legal writing seminar*  
tues 6 march 2-3 pm moot court

**YOUR FIRST MONTH**

**WEEK 2**

*first year drinks*  
fri 9 march, 7 pm, venue tbc

**WEEK 4**

*first year rep elections*  
22-23 march, liggy foyer

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH (WEEK 2)  
**FIRST YEAR DRINKS NIGHT**

VENUE TBC

# MEET THE AULSS TEAM.



## **PRESIDENT** **ALISON JONES**

Welcome to the Adelaide University Law Students' Society!

Starting law school is a defining moment in your student life and future legal career. Whether you're arriving straight out of high school, returning from a gap year, transferring from a different degree or have chosen to study later in life - it's an exciting time for you all!

As clichéd as it may sound, I remember my first week of University and although I was petrified about what to expect I found great reassurance in the AULSS during those starting weeks. If it is any comfort, know that most people are in the same boat when it comes to being nervous about studying law. Being the only person in my school year to study at Adelaide Law School, I entered Ligertwood and lecture theatres knowing less than a handful of people. However, this soon changed when I realised how many opportunities existed to get involved and meet other students. If you too are feeling nervous about what to expect from your first day, week and semester in law, my advice is to say 'yes' to as many opportunities as you can. Getting involved with the wider student community has made all the difference throughout my past four years and I can attribute so many of my current friendships to the events and activities of the AULSS. For example; had I not participated in the First Year Moot, attended Law Ball or auditioned for Law Revue - I would not have crossed paths with students I now consider great friends.

As a First Year there are many opportunities to work with the society. Whether it's attending the First Year Drinks or volunteering for a legal skills competition the possibilities are endless! I get to lead a fantastic committee made up of 32 students and we are all passionate about making sure that your first year is one of the most enjoyable times of your degree.

In addition to the AULSS there are two other student-run groups present within the law school. Lex Salus is here to ensure your wellbeing is maintained throughout your studies and the Adelaide Law Revue produces an annual sketch show for students to enjoy each September. Both of these groups invite student participation and provide unique opportunities and experiences of their own. I strongly encourage you to get in touch with representatives from these groups to see if your interests align.

As for academic advice, I know it is easier said than done but it pays to stay organised with lectures, readings and assessments. However, if you find yourself overwhelmed or in need of extra help then consider attending a Peer Assisted Study Session ('PASS') for your compulsory subjects. When the workload picks up and exams are near my favourite mantra to remember is 'work smarter, not harder' and I can fully attest that attending a PASS seminar is an example of effective study (watching Legally Blonde and liking law school meme pages on Facebook are also effective methods of revision!).

All in all, if there is one thing I can do in my time as President it's to be as approachable and welcoming as possible. I would love to answer your questions about anything University related so please do not hesitate to reach out via email, in person or on Facebook because I have been in your position before and I remember it well. I left my first Torts lecture still unsure what a tort actually was, I had no idea what a 'Pub Crawl' consisted of and the thought of Mooting made me reconsider whether law was the right degree for me. However, beyond the fear of the unknown lay an extremely enjoyable few years! Naturally, there will be times that are more stressful than others, particularly during exams, but know there are many sources of support during these periods and that the AULSS will always be here to help make things easier for you.

Welcome to Adelaide law school – I can't wait to meet you all and I hope you enjoy your law degree as much as I have enjoyed mine!



## **VICE PRESIDENT**

### **HENRY MATERNE-SMITH**

Welcome to the Adelaide Law School! If you don't yet feel quite at home, the AULSS is here to help. Get ready for a year of parties, competitions, social justice initiatives, career opportunities, sport and much more! And perhaps the occasional lecture too.

How do I fit into this? As Vice-President, I take care of the administrative side of the AULSS by managing our finances, organising our meetings and keeping records. I also organise the AULSS Sport program, the Law School Local discount card and the AULSS apparel range. I'm passionate about how the AULSS can create new friendships, build the Law School's culture and improve every student's experience in Ligertwood – that's why I enjoy helping to ensure our enthusiastic AULSS team runs smoothly behind the scenes.

I wish each and every one of you all the best for 2018. I'd also love to hear from you if there's anything we can do to make your Law School experience even better!



## **DIR. OF CAREERS AND SPONSORSHIP**

### **SORAYA PRADHAN**

Reps: India Short, James Williams, Belal Salih, Tyson Leung, Olivia Jay.

Welcome to the start of your time at the Adelaide University Law School! As you've been enrolled as a law student for more than a few days, you have probably heard many stories about how difficult the job market can be. The Careers & Sponsorship team are here to help you navigate your planning for life after Law School (if you can believe that such a thing exists). The Careers & Sponsorship team seeks to get sponsorship from firms, produces guides relating to Law Careers, Non-Law Careers and Clerkships, hosts frequent seminars in conjunction with the Law School and facilitates a range of other programs such as a job opportunities board.

If you are thinking ahead to your future career but don't know where to start I would encourage you to have a look at the services we have to offer and to have a chat with any of our Careers & Sponsorship representatives – we are always happy to help! Have fun, and best of luck for your time at university.



## DIR. OF COMPETITIONS

### SAM LEESON

Reps: Mitch Bruncker, Eliette Kirkbride, Tim Porter, Gaida Merei, Jasmyn Tran, Jack Eccleston.

When you think about being a lawyer, you probably imagine being on your feet in court, winning cases by persuading judges and juries (you'll learn soon that this isn't what most lawyers do – but we'll indulge you). You're pretty far from doing any of this work but the Competitions Team have you covered in the meantime.

We are #blessed with organising advocacy and professional skills competitions. They're designed to let you experience what it's like to be a lawyer – except there's no risk that your mistakes will ruin your client's life! You can practice your skills and mess up as much as you need to. Our friendly judges don't mind. They're here to help!

We've changed it up a bit this year and are adding in a couple of new competitions! More information on them will be available in due course. Law School competitions are a fun way to meet other students and expose yourself (not literally) to legal practice. As always, we're looking forward to seeing lots of first years signing up for competitions. Information sessions and registration will happen a bit later on but if there is anything you would like to know in the interim, email [compsdirector@aulss.org.au](mailto:compsdirector@aulss.org.au).

Good luck for your first few weeks – I can't wait to meet all of you over the coming months!



## DIR. OF ACTIVITIES

### SOPHIA LAPARIDIS

Reps: Lucy Burnett, James Lontos, Annabel Bramley.

Hello from your 2018 Activities Portfolio! Exam dates? Tinder dates? Put them on the backburner. In 2018 you'll be wanting to keep an eye out on the AULSS social calendar. My representatives and I are here to help you mix and mingle with your fellow law students by hosting a variety of new events as well as the annually anticipated ones. In first semester you can expect all your regular faves including Opening Party, Pub Crawl and, of course, the biggest Law Ball in the South Hemisphere (in the biggest location we are yet to be banned from)!!

Don't burn yourself out on your annual mid-year European Summer Contiki tour, because in semester 2 we'll be hosting for you the annual Quiz Night, Law Dinner and Closing Party to boogie away our woes about finishing another year of law school.

We also have some new events on the books – this year we'll have everyone saying 'name a more iconic duo' with hopes of a 'Suits & Scrubs' collaboration with the medical school! So tear your eyes away from those criminal textbooks for a hot minute and bring yourself and your best dance moves to the d-floor. Can't wait to meet you at the parties!

# DIR. OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

## LOUIS GUGLIETTI

Reps: Cloe Jolly, Erin Mack, Georgia Penglis.

The Social Justice Portfolio combines two things that law students hold dearest to their hearts: resume-boosting activities and social events. Most Law School newbies may believe that work experience and clerkships are the only way to score a big-time law job, but (whilst important!), a diverse and well-rounded law experience is what will make the most attractive and employable law graduates ... and that is where social justice comes in!



The SJ Portfolio hosts breakfasts throughout the semester, centred around topical issues such as Indigenous rights, women in the law, mental health and diversity, to name a few! Students have the opportunity to hear a leading speaker on the area discuss an important legal or social issue. You should also look out for volunteering opportunities, Q&A Panel discussions, fundraisers (like the Walk for Justice – don't miss it!) and much more! Getting involved is the best way to ensure you make the most of your law school experience, and for that, the SJ Team have your back – so take time away from the books to come to an SJ event!



## SOCIAL JUSTICE BREAKFAST

STAY TUNED!



SAVE THE DATE

## LAW BALL 2018

Saturday, 26th May



## IT OFFICER

### ELLIOTT SARRE

IT, or as we call it in the industry 'Informational Technological', will comprise a huge part of your law degree. In your first year, you can look forward to the convenience of watching lectures online, Ctrl+F-ing your way through a difficult public law case reading, or getting lost in the rabbit hole that is Westlaw's legal encyclopaedia; luxuries not afforded to law students of years past.

You can also use the World Wide Webicon (what common folk might call the 'internet') to keep up to date with everything AULSS. We've recently launched a new website, where you will find information on upcoming society events and competitions, browse current job opportunities, and access the answer bank. Be sure to also stay connected with the AULSS via Facebook and Instagram.

Where do I come into all of this? I'll be making sure all of the above continues to run smoothly. So, if you don't hear from me all year, I've probably done my job. However, do feel free to contact me at [it@aulss.org.au](mailto:it@aulss.org.au) with any IT related queries. If I'm not fending off hacking attempts from Ukraine, you will most likely find me in the Ligertwood foyer, sipping on a St Raph's latte.



## COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

### CLAUDIA BOCCACCIO

It is a well-known fact that communication is the key to any healthy relationship. It is a lesser-known fact that the most important relationship in your life as a first year law student is that with the AULSS.

The AULSS has a lot to offer - the infamous Law Ball, networking events and opportunities to flex your legal prowess (competitions). All things that will add value to your degree and make your time at law school all the more memorable and enjoyable. Recognising the importance of communication, the AULSS has created the new position of Communications Officer to ensure that your involvement and access to the events, competitions and information provided by the AULSS is facilitated by effective, transparent communication.

It is my role to oversee and assist with all communications of the AULSS with its members (you), third parties and the public. These communications take the form of publications, correspondence and posts. As well as helping communicate with you, I will oversee the AULSS' interactions with the public to maintain the connections that make all the amazing opportunities possible.

Excited to set some ~precedent~ for this role.

## MATURE AGE REP

### DANIEL BARTLETT

Hey Guys, welcome to Adelaide Uni and more importantly the Law School. My name is Daniel Bartlett and I am the mature age representative for 2018. I started studying Law in 2017 and I am heading into my second year now.

Coming into the Uni last year as a mature age student I found it difficult, at times, engaging with other students as a majority of first years tend to be school leavers. I found that it can be a little isolating and discouraging feeling as though you don't quite fit in. A really important part of being the mature age rep for me is to be a person who other mature age students can reach out to or connect with if they need some support or even if you are just looking to meet new people. It will be great to hear from you, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

You can get in contact via email on [matureagerep@aulss.org.au](mailto:matureagerep@aulss.org.au) or jump on Facebook and join the group AULSS Mature Age Students. I'm looking forward to meeting you guys and know you will enjoy getting into your first year of Law!



## FIRST YEAR REP

### YOU?

Every year, first year law students are given the opportunity to be part of the AULSS committee and run for the position of First Year Representative.

One female and one male candidate will be elected by their first year peers. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved early in your degree, showcase your leadership skills and contribute to the Law School community. You will be the voice of your year level and forge long-lasting friendships with students in other years. The Education Portfolio will be your base station, but you'll branch out and get a chance to assist the entire committee as well.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please consider nominating yourself!

Elections will be conducted in late March, so look out for the nomination forms in your uni email inbox! If you have any questions about the election process, feel free to get in touch with the Education Team at [education@aulss.org.au](mailto:education@aulss.org.au).



# YOUR DEGREE PLAN!

The Adelaide Law School offers a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) which can be completed as a single degree or as part of a double degree program. From 2018 onwards, the curriculum has undergone a refresh, so don't panic if the degree plans and subjects sound slightly different to what your siblings or students ahead of you have done!

The program consists of a number of compulsory law courses (covering the 'Priestly 11' – see Glossary) as well as a range of elective courses in areas of specialized interest, including but not limited to commercial (Taxation Law, Intellectual Property), ethics-based (Medical Law and Ethics, Human Rights Law) and socially-oriented (Environmental Law, Family Law) topics. The degree plans that follow illustrate the typical combination of subjects a student will undertake over the course of their study.

## Bachelor of Laws (Undergraduate Entry – Single Degree)

Year 1				
Semester 1	Foundations of Law (3)	Tort Law (3)	Open Elective (3)	Open Elective (3)
Semester 2	Principles of Public Law (3)	International Law (3)	Open Elective (3)	Open Elective (3)
Year 2				
Semester 1	Commercial Transactions (3)	Criminal Law (3)	Open or closed elective (3)	Open or closed elective (3)
Semester 2	Contract Law (3)	Property Law (3)	Open or closed elective (3)	Open or closed elective (3)
Year 3				
Semester 1	Equity (3)	Constitutional Law (3)	Closed elective (3)	Closed elective (3)
Semester 2	Corporate Law (3)	Administrative Law (3)	Closed elective (3)	Closed elective (3)
Year 4				
Semester 1	Dispute Resolution and Ethics (6)		Closed elective (3)	Closed elective (3)
Semester 2	Evidence and Advocacy (6)		Closed elective (3)	Closed elective (3)



## Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry – Single Degree)

Year 1				
Semester 1	Foundations of Law (3)	Tort Law (3)	Commercial Transactions (3)	Criminal Law (3)
Semester 2	Principles of Public Law (3)	International Law (3)	Contract Law (3)	Property Law (3)
Year 2				
Semester 1	Equity (3)	Constitutional Law (3)	Closed elective (3)	Closed elective (3)
Semester 2	Corporate Law (3)	Administrative Law (3)	Closed elective (3)	Closed elective (3)
Year 3				
Semester 1	Dispute Resolution and Ethics (6)		Closed elective (3)	Closed elective (3)
Semester 2	Evidence and Advocacy (6)		Closed elective (3)	Closed elective (3)

### NOTES

- The number in brackets after each subject denotes its unit value. With the new curriculum, almost all subjects are (3) units, apart from the two final year subjects.
- You must complete all of the core courses for the degree, but have flexibility as to the electives you choose
- Studying as a full-time student means that you are enrolled in 12 units per semester

**ELECTIVES** Open (free choice) electives are courses that can be chosen from any other faculty in the University for which students have the required pre-requisite, other than courses offered by the Law School. A list of these courses can be found on the Course Planner at <https://access.adelaide.edu.au/courses/search.asp>. Closed electives are law elective courses that are offered by the Adelaide Law School.

**DOUBLE DEGREES** If you choose to do a Bachelor of Laws concurrently with another degree, your degree plan will look slightly different, and be 5 years long instead of the standard 4 years. For examples of concurrent degree study plans for a Bachelor of Laws, head to the degree finder on the Adelaide University website and scroll down to the 'Related Degrees' dropdown or visit the following site: [www.adelaide.edu.au/professions/current-students/study-plans/](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/professions/current-students/study-plans/).

**EXCHANGE** Many students choose to participate in an exchange with an overseas partner University for one semester (sometimes longer!). If you are thinking of going on exchange at some point during your Law degree (or your other degree if you are doing a double), this may slightly alter your degree plan, so try to plan ahead!

**STILL CONFUSED?** If you need further information, assistance with enrolment, or would like advice on how to structure your degree to best suit your areas of interest or plans to go on exchange, contact the Adelaide Law School on (08) 8313 5063 or email: [lawenquiry@ask.adelaide.edu.au](mailto:lawenquiry@ask.adelaide.edu.au)

# CAREERS FAIR

## WHAT IS THE CAREERS FAIR?

The Careers Fair is an event for students of all year levels to come and meet representatives from different law firms from around Australia. At each firm's stall, you can receive information, talk to firm representatives and find out more about what they do. The Careers Fair is held once a year, and students of all year levels are highly encouraged to attend.

## WHY SHOULD I GO TO THE CAREERS FAIR?

The Careers Fair is one of the best ways to meet people in the legal industry. Firms send representatives specifically to talk to students, so it is an easy way of finding out more about the work, culture and opportunities that different firms offer. There is also lots of free promotional material handed out, so if you need to stock up on stationary this is definitely the way to do it.

## HOW DO I ATTEND?

Register your interest on <https://trilawsa.com.au/Registration/>, then come to the Careers Fair on Friday 16 March 2018 from 11am – 2pm at the Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide! If you have any questions, please contact Soraya at [director.cns@aulss.org.au](mailto:director.cns@aulss.org.au).



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**South  
Australian  
Triversity  
Careers Fair**

**FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2018**

11AM - 2PM • ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE

# FIRST YEAR SUBJECT SUMMARIES.

## SEMESTER ONE

### FOUNDATIONS OF LAW JASMIN TEURLINGS

Didn't undertake Legal Studies in Year 12? Foundations of Law is here to catch you up to speed and then some. So that should be a fair warning to those who did...you won't be able to rest on your laurels for too long! This course will teach you skills in legal research, case reading and statutory interpretation - three great feathers in a legal practitioner's cap. You will also get a taste of basic legal philosophy studying and debating the theories of positivism and natural law - the Case of the Speluncean Explorers will be a great read!

It's important to note that this subject is front-loaded. This means that you'll have double the contact hours for the first three weeks of the semester - two seminars & two lectures a week. This is so that you can learn core legal principles before applying them to other subjects. But fear not - because if you put in the effort at the beginning you will also get to put your feet up a little earlier, as the teaching content wraps up before your other subjects do.

This course could not be better led, with Associate Professor Mathew Stubbs at the helm - a figure loved and adored by all the first years that have come before you. You will also meet fantastic seminar leaders and other academics along the way. But perhaps, more significantly, you will meet much of your fellow cohort through the many group tasks undertaken. So go on and throw yourself into this subject - the friends you make will mostly likely stay with you for the rest of your degree. Have fun!

### TORTS EMMA STONE

What happens when you are the proud host of the party of the semester, but somebody slips on the overflow from the shower in the bathroom? Are you liable? What about when your arrogant mate studying finance gives you the world's worst financial advice, and you act on it? Can you bring an action against them? Thankfully, Torts is here to answer all of your pressing questions.

You will quickly learn that there is no limit to human stupidity. Torts explores an array of hilarious, real-life and falsified scenarios, in both tutorials and lectures, that will teach you when you can and cannot bring an action against someone. Like anything that's new and unfamiliar, it may seem overwhelming at first, but it's a great way to start off your law degree.

You will cover at least one intentional tort (False Imprisonment, Assault, Battery), spend a lot of time on negligence (duty of care, standard of care, causation, remoteness, damages, defences, vicarious liability), as well as a representative range of other torts (including, but not limited to, trespass to the person, nuisance, trespass to land and concurrent liability).

# SEMESTER TWO



## INTERNATIONAL LAW MITCHELL BRUNKER

International Law may be just about the most unique subject you'll take in your law degree. Your High Court cases and Acts of Parliament won't help you here, but once you figure out that State means a country and not South Australia, everything gets easier.

Taught by Dale Stephens, Rebecca LaForgia and Matthew Stubbs, this subject quickly becomes a favourite amongst first-years. Whether you are wondering how Outer Space has any law, curious how Australia manages to avoid any human rights obligations or are just in it to see Dale and Rebecca have yet another political disagreement, this subject has something for everyone!

Assessment warms up with a small online quiz in the first couple of weeks, before the redeemable essay (perfect for taking the pressure off in the exam!) is due around the middle of the semester. Unfortunately, International Law hits you with the all-too-familiar exam but it's made a little easier with PPL being finished by the time exam period rolls around. Good luck, and hopefully you'll enjoy the course as much as I did!

## PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LAW TIM PORTER

After the emotionally scarring experience that is first semester, you will probably be asking yourself a lot of questions, such as: "is law right for me?", "what did I even learn in tort law" and "I wonder if I'll actually have to buy the textbook this semester?". PPL doesn't answer any of these questions, but it does give a really useful overview of public law in Australia.

PPL is basically about the restrictions in the Commonwealth and South Australian Constitutions to prevent someone turning Australia into a dictatorship. During the semester, you will look at the separation of power between the courts, the parliament and the executive government and develop funny in-jokes and "memes" about the case Boilermakers. Unfortunately, you have to actually stay on top of the readings, as they have weekly quizzes on the course content. Unlike most law courses, lectures stop in week 8, and you start doing a "small group discovery": a 2000-word group research project on an important public law issue. This is a great way to develop research skills, which employers care about, and to get to meet a few new faces around law school.

This is definitely a subject to put effort into though as you build on the coursework in Constitutional and Administrative Law. But don't stress too much about it, because you're probably not going to get a job anyway!

## OPEN ELECTIVES

Along with the mandatory core subjects that all first years must take, you will be choosing/ have already chosen some 'open elective' courses. See 'Your Degree Plan' for more info!



# .GETTING INVOLVED.

## COMPETITIONS

### FIRST YEAR MOOT

Semester 2

Moots are a mock case on appeal before an appellate court (like the Supreme or Federal Courts). This competition is tailor-made for you! The First Year Moot provides an introduction to appellate advocacy with a focus on contract, tort or property law. It is a great place to develop your legal research and writing skills and meet some of your fellow first-years.

Suitability for First Years: 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆

### NEGOTIATION

Semester 1

Negotiations are one of the most common forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) used in practice. Competitors act in teams of two to resolve a dispute outside of court between their client and the opposing side's client. This competition does not require any detailed legal knowledge or research, making it far more accessible for first year students.

Suitability for First Years: 🏆 🏆 🏆 🏆

### CLIENT INTERVIEW

Semester 1

Client Interview simulates an interview between a potential client and a team of two competitors. Your goal is to try to help your client understand the law around their problem and provide a legal resolution. However, before that you must coax all of the facts out of your (sometimes uncooperative) client!

Suitability for First Years: 🏆 🏆 🏆

### JUNIOR MOOT

Semester 2

The Junior Moot is another introductory competition for appellate advocacy. While similar to the First Year Moot, it features a number of areas of law that are not studied by first year students and is often undertaken by more experienced students.

Suitability for First Years: 🏆 🏆

### WITNESS EXAMINATION

Semester 1

Witness Examination is the AULSS' trial advocacy competition. Competitors run through an opening statement, closing statement and, of course, examine the witnesses before a mock judge at trial. However, all of the materials are only released 90 minutes before each round! The short preparation time can be quite stressful and the competition itself often requires an understanding of more complex legal concepts.

Suitability for First Years: 🏆

### OPEN MOOT

Semester 1

The Open Moot is the AULSS' premier moot competition. Unfortunately, it is not ideal for first year students. The competition can centre on effectively any area of law, and requires strong advocacy and legal research skills. The First Year Moot and Novice Moot are great places to develop these skills before tackling the Open Moot.

Suitability for First Years: 🏆

SAM LEESON  
Competitions Director  
MITCH BRUNKER  
Open Moot Coordinator

The Activities Portfolio organises all of the social events available for Law Students with the hope of being a fun way to relieve stress and make new friends. All events will be advertised on the AULSS Facebook page, Instagram and website so keep an eye out for more information regarding ticket sales and event dates. 2018 is looking to be a fun-filled year with many memorable events already being planned!

**OPENING PARTY** Friday 16th March at Hacienda. This event formally kicks off the social calendar and provides a way for new and returning students to meet or rekindle over a few drinks in a casual atmosphere. This year, Opening Party is set to be held at Hacienda again in Week 3. Be sure to check our Facebook page for more information regarding online ticket sales!

**PUB CRAWL** Are you a connoisseur of the finest of alcohol? Do you enjoy sporting some of Adelaide's most popular venues? Want to find out how Lorde and Taylor Swift are related to Adelaide Law School? Then say no more because the AULSS will guide you through some of the best bars and clubs to give you a night off from the mid-semester pressures of Law School. Keep an eye on your emails in the coming months to find out how you can get involved and submit your own Pub Crawl T-Shirt design.

**AULSS LAW BALL** As the biggest Law Ball in the Southern Hemisphere, it's no wonder that the AULSS Law Ball is considered the major event on the Adelaide Law School Calendar where law students can get a little 'negligent.' **SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday 26th May! We are thrilled to be returning to Adelaide Oval for a second year. Prepare yourselves for an open bar, indulging in delicious canapés and taking advantage of the roaming photographers and photo booths to capture your memories from the night. Get excited to immerse yourself in the vibrant, exciting theme of the night (which will be announced in the coming months) and dance the night away to great live music and DJ sets. Last year we sold our first round of tickets in less than a minute so prepare to be on your laptop refreshing frantically! Law Students, as always, are given priority for tickets so don't forget to pre-register ahead of ticket sales. Check the Facebook event which will be posted during March. See you there!

**END OF EXAMS PARTY** This event was re-introduced last year and was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of exam season - entry was free and students were treated to a complimentary drink card on arrival.

## ACTIVITIES

**BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY** This event was also a new addition to the social calendar last year. Prepare to welcome the excitement of Semester 2 with another free party on a Friday night.

**QUIZ NIGHT** Last year we sold 300 tickets to the AULL Quiz Night which was hosted by current students Liam Cobain, Andre Vafiadis and Alison Jones. With cheap drinks, tables of 10 and a strict dress-up theme, there was plenty of fun to be had! Stay tuned for information on this year's venue, theme and ticket prices.

**LAW DINNER** Law Dinner was hosted at The Ellington last year and was attended by 130 students who were able to enjoy the company of the Honourable Chief Justice Kourakis and other esteemed guests. After hearing from our keynote speaker and enjoying a three-course meal, the venue transformed into a dance floor. The fun did not stop when the DJ did, as we continued to celebrate at an official after-party!

**CLOSING PARTY** Held after the exams period, Closing Party is the perfect way to celebrate the end of the academic year and party with the friends you've made throughout the year! It is also the final event for the Law Students' Society social calendar; perfect timing if you are in need of an excuse to drown your sorrows or rejoice in the end of exams. Last year was our biggest Closing Party EVER with 350 tickets sold. Be sure to grab a ticket and join us at one of Adelaide's trendiest and classiest venues—it's going to be another big one!

This year's Activities Portfolio has some new events in mind so make sure you follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date!

## LAW REVUE

The South Australian equivalent of Saturday Night Live is back this year with the 2018 Adelaide Law Revue. A mishmash of different aged, different gendered law students will once again gather on stage for a deeply factual, informative and non humorous discussion of the world as they see it. (Satire alert.)

We would absolutely love for some fresh, first year faces to join our motley crew, so if you can no longer contain your inner Thespian, have ever been described as having Hollywood potential, or just simply love to laugh, and we mean LOVE, keep your eyes peeled for emails regarding auditions. Alternatively, if you have ever been described as fun, good with technology or silent but deadly, there will also be opportunities back stage.

Liam Cobain



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

The 2018 portfolio aims to connect students with organizations & build experiences, whilst solidifying our law school's reputation as a prominent contributor to social commentary in SA. Through engagement with students & guest speakers at various events, this year's portfolio will advocate for three key causes; The rights of Indigenous Persons, Asylum Seekers and Women in Law. We also invite you to engage in the annual Justicenet 'Walk for Justice' to raise money to ensure that vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals can have access to legal services too.

# AULSS SPORTS

## SOCIAL SPORTS TEAMS

2017 SPORTS OFFERED:

- MIXED NETBALL
- INDOOR SOCCER
- CASUAL RUNNING CLUB

2018 SPORTS TBA



- > DE-STRESS
- > IMPROVE FITNESS
- > FEEL GOOD

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# GENERAL INFO.

## UNI/SUBJECT MATERIALS

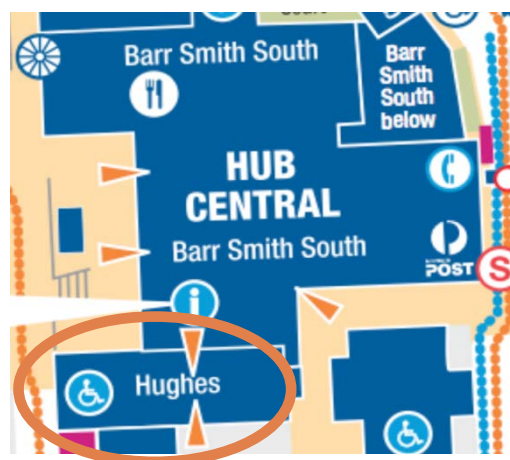
What is unimaginably costly, heavy and the source of many sleepless nights? No, we're not talking about your ego.... just your average Law textbook! Despite their usefulness, they can sometimes be difficult to source at a price that won't break the bank, so the following sources will help you to more easily locate the materials you will need for your subjects.

## THE CO-OP

Start here! Conveniently located in Hub Central (you can't miss it), most, if not all, Law subject textbooks are available to purchase here, as well as other faculty materials. And if you become a member, you can score additional discounts! Bonus tip: at the end of a semester, if you no longer want a textbook to collect dust on your bookshelf, you can always jump on their website (<http://www.coop.com.au>) to check if it happens to be a title the Co-Op will buy back. If it is, it's a chance to recoup some quick \$\$\$!

## ONLINE

Textbook exchange sites such as Student VIP (<https://studentvip.com.au/textbooks/search>) provide an efficient way to find the book that you're desperately trying to purchase for less than the RRP. You can choose from a range of student sellers who may be willing to meet on campus or post books from interstate to your doorstep



## OTHER UNI MATERIALS

When your lecturers tell you to 'pick up additional materials from the ICC', funnily enough, they aren't referring to the International Criminal Court in the Hague! The Image and Copy Centre (ICC) is in fact located right on Campus, on Level 1 of the Hughes Building (see map above). If they are compulsory materials, you will need to first purchase them through the online shop on Unified (see next page for details), and then pick them up from the ICC when you have a receipt to show the staff there. But WAIT! That's not all ... being a law student means you have extra street cred and hence we have our own room in the ICC! Just to the right as you enter is the law materials chamber of secrets. Feel free to take what you need as most are free printed seminar and reading guides. The ICC is open Monday to Friday from 9.30 am – 4 pm.

## PAST EXAM PAPERS

Most first year law students struggle through their first few subjects unaware of this goldmine! Well, this year, we want to make sure you're aware a) that past exams for law subjects exist and b) where to find them. Log onto Unified and from the menu bar at the top of your screen, select 'Campus Life' and then 'Law School' from the dropdown.

Once you're on the Law School page, on the right of the screen there will be a number of folders, one of which is titled 'Past exam papers'. Open that up and you'll have a range of past exams to practice from, come exam time!

## THE BIG 5 ONLINE SERVICES

The following 'Big 5' online services will be your go-to websites during your uni studies:

### 1. Unified

Unified is essentially your online homepage. Once logged on, it will give you access to all the key platforms of your online organisation at uni, such as: your printing quota, email account, library loans, MyUni, Access Adelaide and the Online Shop.

### 2. Access Adelaide

This portal is basically your administration page and you should have experienced it in all its glory when you enrolled into Law. Your enrolment details, end of semester results, exam timetables and unofficial transcript can be found here.

### 3. MyUni

You will need this little uni portal to survive at uni so bookmark it now! MyUni is very important as it contains links to all your enrolled subjects for the year. Within these subject links are where you will find the relevant modules to your lecture slides, assignment instructions (often you will need to submit your assignments via Turnitin on MyUni), your grades and any other information related to your course. Do familiarise yourself with this portal, you don't want to accidentally miss something!

### 4. Email

Two things you should be checking frequently: your bank account because of your growing coffee addiction, and your EMAILS! Lecturers and seminar leaders predominantly use email to converse with all students to communicate tutorial changes, subject announcements, assignment updates etc. Be sure to download the Gmail app on your phone or tablet too so you are always in the know!

### 5. First Year Facebook Group at <https://tinyurl.com/y9f6r7up>

Every year, the Education Portfolio creates a first year Facebook group for the new commencing law students. You are strongly encouraged to join and participate in the 2018 group! It is a social forum for you to keep up to date with first year events but also to ask and discuss questions about your courses, pending deadlines or even have a LOL over relatable law memes.

The screenshot shows the Unified student portal interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the 'Unified' logo on the left and 'THE UNIVERSITY of ADELAIDE' logo on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Home', 'Services', 'Academic', 'Campus Life', and 'Maps'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Unified Quick Launch:** A sidebar on the left with icons for Personalise, Email & Chat, Calendar, MyUni, Access Adelaide, Online Shop, and Course Information.
- Student Accounts-Print Topup:** A section showing a printing account for Period 1, 2018, with a balance of \$0 and \$10.72 available. It includes a 'Course List' table with columns for Term, Course Title, Units, Show Result, and Lecture Playlists. The table lists 'B.Laws Remedies' (3.00 units) and 'Evidence and Advocacy' (6.00 units).
- Student Email:** A section with a large red envelope icon and the text 'Access Student Email'.
- Announcements:** A section with a search bar and a 'Carriers' link.
- GoogleCalendar:** A calendar view for January 14-20, 2018, showing a yellow highlight for the 14th.
- My Library Summary:** A section showing library statistics: (2) Loans, (0) Requests, and (\$0) Payment Outstanding.

# LAW SCHOOL TIPS AND TRICKS.

## EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR AND BEYOND!

1.

### GET INVOLVED

We hate to admit it, but for the first time (probably ever) your parents were right - you are going to have the time of your life at university and make life-long friends. These friends will most likely be your peers, so you will benefit from getting to know them ASAP! The AULSS has so many events lined up this year, including First Year Drinks, Morning Teas & Opening Party (just to name a few!) Get involved, you won't regret it.

### GO TO LECTURES

2.

Uni has given you every incentive to sit at home instead of actually going into the city.. sounds great right? WRONG. Take it from us, you WILL become complacent and you WILL fall behind. The best thing you can do is actually attend lectures (maybe even prepare beforehand?)

3.

### GO TO TUTORIALS

We all know Ps get degrees... but do Ps get jobs? Tutorials are the best way to revise lecture content, put theory into practice with problem questions, and ask your tutor whatever has been playing on your mind. We can assure you, tutorial attendance will set you up exceptionally for exams!

### WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

4.

While we all swoon when Harvey Specter whips out big words like 'inflammatory' and 'henceforth', you'd best leave that to Hollywood. Legal writing should be clear and concise. You never want to confuse your readers. Fortunately, the AULSS will be holding Writing and Referencing seminars twice this year, and there is also a Writing Center accessible to all students.

5.

### PROOFREAD

Double, Triple Check Everything. Picture this... you've just thrashed your way through a 2,500 word Constitutional Law assignment discussing the G&T Act. You're about to hit submit when you realise that the case in fact doesn't concern the G&T Act at all, but rather the G&A Act. Prior to addressing your evident alcoholism, it would probably be a good idea to check for other errors hidden in there too... And then check it again.

6.

## EXPOSE YOURSELF TO THE INDUSTRY

You certainly don't need to have your life all figured out by the end of first year, but it's great to anticipate where you want your degree to take you. Keep an eye out for all the networking events and seminars offered by both the law school and the AULSS. These will be opportunities to meet corporate recruiters, notable practitioners, and even Supreme Court Justices!

## STUDY GROUPS

You've made all these new friends, why not put them to good use and study together? These are your future colleagues, so you may as well get used to working with them. One of the best ways to learn new content is through discussion with your peers!

7.

8.

## BEWARE OF PENALTIES

Unlike in High School, due dates actually mean something at uni. If your assignment is due on Friday the 1st, it doesn't mean you can stay at home and hand it up on Monday. Similarly, word limits are penalised. If the word limit is 1500, stay UNDER 1500. Do not go over.

## HAVE AN OPINION

A common error among law students at all levels is giving fluffy answers that cover a bit of everything, but offer no clear conclusion. Clients want answers. Law is hardly ever black and white, but the best thing you can do is make your opinion clear, and then use lots of evidence to support it.

9.

10.

## BALANCE

It's no secret that starting university is daunting... but you were a person before law school, so why stop just because law school has started? Keep doing all those wild and wonderful things that make you happy! Go for a run, join a sports team, Netflix and chill to your hearts content – take it from us, university is going to be one of the greatest times of your life!



SEMESTER ONE

# COMPETITIONS VOLUNTEERS

CLIENT INTERVIEW - WITNESS EXAMINATION

# EAT + COFFEE + MINGLE.

## TO EAT

### DUMPLING KING

If you've got time to stroll away from campus just down King William Street, you won't regret a quick and easy dumplings sesh for under \$10.

### TASTE BAGUETTE

Located in the Hub, Taste Baguette is great for a sweet treat or, you guessed it, a tasty baguette in between tutorials!

### NANO

Reasonably priced and unpretentious Italian food? Yes Please! Nano is just a short walk away on Ebenezer place: Adelaide's Artisan Oasis.

### EAST TERRACE CONTINENTAL (ETC)

Serving breakfast all day, this is great for a late start to uni!

### JEKYLL & HYDE

All day breakfasts, DIY salad bowls and homemade pizzas. And as day turns into night, Jekyll & Hyde turns into a full dessert and cocktail bar! Located on Union Street (near Vardon Avenue and Rundle St).

# TO DRINK

## GRASS ROOTS

Found in the hub and next to Scott Theatre, Grass Roots is great for a morning coffee or healthy juice. It's also a great spot for lunch, with a variety of fresh salads, pastries, and wraps.

## BAR 9

Located in the David Jones Food Court, it's coffee made with love.

## AROMA CAFE

Another cafe on campus located on the ground floor of the Ingkarni Wardli building (engineering building), provides the perfect on-the-go food and coffee source.

## LARRY AND LADD

A short stroll to Regent Arcade and you'll have barista brewed coffees and gourmet toasties at your fingertips!

# TO MINGLE

## THE BELGIAN BEER CAFE OOSTENDE

Think \$5 pints and a \$10 lunch menus five days a week (including \$10 schnitties!)

## THE AUSTRAL

With its \$11 jugs and fabulous pub menu this is the perfect place to meet after uni and recover from a day of lectures and tutorials.

## UNIBAR

Located on Level 5 of Union House, unibar has a vibe like no other. Think reasonably priced pub food, super comfy lounges and plenty of beers.

## THE HOWLING OWL

A licensed café by day and a relaxed cocktail bar by night. Just opposite The Elephant on Vaughan Pl (just off Rundle Street).

# DEALING WITH LAW SCHOOL.

Navigating Law School requires an entirely different skill-set and approach to study than you're probably used to, whether you've come straight out of high school or completed another degree previously. We've put together this condensed 'How To' guide on some of the essentials that may help you to succeed!

## **Tackling Textbooks / Readings**

Unfortunately, law readings are slightly more densely packed than a BuzzFeed Article (okay fine, we admit it, that's an understatement)! But the following approach should help you cut down on the time it takes you to read those prescribed chapters.

### Pre-Lecture

Before going to your lectures, it's a great idea to skim the readings so that you can gain a general overview of the topic and the concepts won't sound quite so foreign.

1. Flick through the pages and glance over the various sub-headings to get an idea of how the chapter is structured
2. Proceed to skim read the text as best you can (that means you shouldn't have that little voice in your head silently reading every word on the page).

### Post-Lecture and/or Tutorial

3. Read over areas that you found tricky or you didn't quite understand the first time around. The benefit of re-reading after the lecture is that you can also read more strategically now, having an idea of the important parts of the topic that seemed to be focused on by your lecturer.



It's easy to be overwhelmed by the sheer volume of reading that you are expected to tackle in each of your subjects. Often, a significant part of a chapter will be focused on providing a background overview or discussing the historical development of the law, but it's easy when you first start out to think you need to read every last word for fear of missing something important. With practice, you will find that you are able to read selectively and identify key points – a skill that is essential for anyone who chooses to practice law.

Check out Survive Law's "How to read 300 pages in one week without really trying" article at: <http://survivelaw.com/index.php/blogs/study/347-how-to-read-300-pages-in-one-week-without-really-trying>

### Writing Case Summaries

Being able to read, understand and summarise cases effectively is a difficult skill, but an extremely valuable one. Cases are, for most of us, confusing to read let alone actually make sense of. You look at that 80-page judgment staring up at you and feel a sense of dread. But it's only Week 2 and you're eager to stay on top of things. After one paragraph and a bit too much legal jargon, you decide to give up.

It's easy to lose heart, but the key to staying on track (and sane!) is following the process below:

1. Skim through the case without writing or highlighting anything.
2. Read it again, highlighting **key** points (this doesn't mean that your whole page should be covered in yellow!)
3. Write down specific details:
  - The case citation (i.e. *Mabo v Queensland (No 2)* (1992) 175 CLR 1)
  - Name of the court and judge(s).
  - Which party is the plaintiff and which is the defendant
  - Date of the judgment
4. Identify the facts of the case: ideally, leave this blank or merely dot-pointed at this stage, and return to it later, once you're clear about what the issues are.
5. Remedy sought – what did the plaintiff/applicant/appellant want?
6. Prior proceedings – what happened in the lower courts (if the case has been heard before)?
7. Consider the cause of action on both sides (the arguments addressed by each party will help you to determine what the legal issue is).
8. What is the legal issue?
9. Outcome / decision - who was successful in the case? If it was an appeal, was the appeal upheld or denied?
10. Legal Reasoning: the process used by the judges to come to their decision. Trace their arguments in the judgment, including any dissenting judgments.

11. Ratio decidendi: the 'ratio' is the principle of law or the legal reason which was necessary for the court to come to its decision.
  - \*\*TIP: the ratio should be applicable to subsequent cases (not just the one you are reading). It's the sweeping 'general' legal principle that is established in the case that will be used in the future to decide matters involving *similar facts*.
12. Obiter dicta: this refers to the 'other comments' the judge(s) have made which were of interest but were not necessary for the decision made. A good indicator of obiter is where a judge might state that if the facts were different in X way, then Y would be the result.
13. Comment on the impact of the decision of law – how is it significant?

### Answering a Problem Question

You will have done countless assignments before, but none quite like a law problem question. There is no "100% right answer" with law problems. The whole point is to apply the law in order to advise your client in the best way possible. The way you will get marks is to spend the majority of your time applying the law to the facts in order to arrive at a conclusion.

In your first core subject, Foundations of Law, you will be introduced to the acronym, IRAC (or something similar)! Use this as a rough guide in structuring an answer to a legal problem question:

1. Skim read the question / set of facts.
2. Read again and highlight the key points (sounding familiar from the 'case summary' steps?)
  - Write down the names of the parties
  - Identify the key legal issues – what are the arguments you might run?
3. Apply IRAC.

#### Issue

- What is the legal question a court will have to answer on these facts? (i.e. 'A' is the aggrieved party – what action will A bring so that A can be compensated?)

#### Rule

- This is the principle of law that currently stands to resolve the dispute
  - If the rule comes from case law, this is the ratio (reason for the decision)
  - If the rule is contained in statute, this is the relevant provision
  - Sometimes the rule is obvious – other times it may require you to work it out. This is where you can make an argument about what the rule should be, whether that's based on precedent or jurisdiction or something else.

#### Application of Rule to Facts

- ALERT! This is where you will gain the majority of your marks. If you now understand the legal rule– fabulous! But it's not enough just to state the rule without applying it.
- You must step through, as clearly as possible, how the rule applies to the particular facts.
  - How is it factually similar to (or distinguishable) from a case that you know?
  - ARGUE the legal issue (and remember to consider both sides of the argument)
  - Applying the rule to the facts is the only way you can arrive at a tentative conclusion (final step)

## Conclusion

- Base your conclusion on what you have determined above. It is always a good idea to hedge your bets (i.e. don't speak in certainties). So saying something like 'A is *likely* to succeed in an action for negligence' is better than saying 'Therefore A will succeed in this action'.

## **The Art of Good Note Taking**

Writing good notes will be your secret weapon at Law School. It is quite an art form to be able to produce notes that work for you and are effective in an exam situation.

The Education Team 100% advises you to write your own notes throughout the year, every week after a topic is introduced so that you don't find yourself cramming come exam time! Your note taking throughout the semester will form the basis of your exam notes, so give all the methods below a go and see which works best for you.

### Using a computer

You would be hard pressed to find a law lecture theatre that doesn't have dozens of lit up apples! Using a computer enables you to type key points and keep your notes formatted as you go. But beware of the temptation of Ctrl+T-ing your way to Facebook or the Iconic!

### Pen and paper

If you are more inclined to do things the traditional way (I certainly am!), jot down the key points such as case names or concepts that the lecturer explains in more detail. Dot points and clear headings will help here, as will keeping highlighters handy! It is, of course, a slower process and you will probably spend a lot of time trying to keep up, so try to devise a shorthand system so that you can be as efficient as possible!

### Print the lecture slides

Print your lecture slides three to a page so you have ample space for writing, highlighting and doodling. With this method, most of the key points are on the slide already, so you can just note down the important points your lecturer is discussing. Highlight important sections on the slides as you go and take note of how quickly your lecturer is covering a point. The general rule of thumb is "the slower it goes, the more you need to know!"

TIP: It's a really useful idea to format your notes by topic and use tables to consolidate case summaries (see below). Break down topics into sub-topics and try to create step-by-step processes that you can easily follow in an exam scenario. Don't worry, you'll find your rhythm once you get going!

LEGAL PRINCIPLE	CASE	FACTS	AUTHORITY or COMMENTS
Contact must arise <b>from direct contact of the defendant</b> not from 'players' 'acting under compulsive necessity.'	<i>Scott v Shephard</i> (1772) 2 W Blackstone	Firecracker in market place. Exchange of hands. Plaintiff lose eye.	Injury arose from the force of the <b>original act</b> and each of the other players were a continuance of this original act = acting under compulsive necessity.

## Plagiarism

No one likes a copy-cat so stick to your own thoughts! Cite the opinion of others and reference where necessary – it's as simple as that!

## Preparing for Exams

Time to learn the whole course! The best advice we can give you is to practice with your notes – don't just read them. Have them almost done and dusted before SWOTVAC so that you can review seminar questions and attempt past exams using them. They're going to be your greatest tool in understanding the structure of your upcoming exams and will give you some guidance as to what the lecturers are likely to ask (and you'll be a lot more confident in the exam too!)

Aim for 1-3 pages for each topic (this is of course only a guide as some topics will require extensive coverage and can easily take you up to the 8-page mark). This is fine! As long as you can understand your notes and they are as concise as possible, there is no wrong way to condense them. Have each topic start on a new page and tab each section in different colours for ease of access. Try numbering your pages and creating a contents page too – it will save you so much time in the exam room! Most students get their notes bound either at OfficeWorks, at the ICC or do it DIY!

Review, review and review! You can practice past exams and compare your answers to the Exam Answer Bank (<http://aulss.org.au/education/answer-bank/>). Don't forget to amend your notes along the way if you need to. That extra hand-written note might just save you at Wayville!

## Keep Well!

Don't forget to look after yourself, especially during exam period. It can be a busy and stressful time – so take the time to have breaks, exercise, organise a group study session, eat well and sleep at a decent hour! You will find that you're able to achieve a lot more if you do!

ask your parents, they were there.

# SKULLDUGGERY

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## RELAUNCHED

February 22, 8pm, HQ Complex

Tickets: [skuldugger.org.au](http://skuldugger.org.au)

### LIVE THE LEGEND

BAND: QUICKSILVER BEER, WINE, CIDER INCLUDED

ALCOHOL UNLIMITED was once more the central theme of the most popular medical function of the year. The good attendance from the faculty was amply supplemented by those people of other extractions from across the road.

Centennial Hall was sparsely and ethanically lit by means of films, copious slide projectors illuminating the wall (Ray guns and other unusual effects), colour wheels, and occasional flicking of the lights.

The evening's programme included wine, soft drinks, and a variety of other refreshments. These were provided for those who were invited to the party.

Those not so involved with drinking, dancing or fleeing the photographer became otherwise involved. Those not so involved at the ball became so afterwards whether they liked it or not. In this way all balls end up.

The evening being substantial, we trust A.M.S.S. will benefit and also continue its support to make skulldugger 1970 even more unlimited.

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THE LEGEND OF SKULLDUGGERY

SKULLDUGGERY was an annual event of the Adelaide University Medical Society for many years. It was a night of fun and games, and a chance for the students to relax and enjoy themselves. It was a night of music and dancing, and a chance for the students to show off their talents. It was a night of excitement and anticipation, and a chance for the students to have a good time. It was a night of legend and lore, and a chance for the students to live the legend.

Live the Legend - Adelaide Uni Closters - Thursday 24th Feb 2005

# THE HILARIAN

**The Hilarian**, your law school magazine, is the only choice for fake news and phenomenal satire this year!

Heralded as ‘**genius**’ and ‘**trashy**’ by one lone reader in the Law library, the Hilarian has included everything from legal debates, unfounded advice columns and **controversial** memes in past editions.

Much like the Advertiser, the Hilarian is a **sobering experience** that has helped many a student waste time with **irrelevant stories** and poor spelling mistakes and now we want your contributions!!!

As the newest members of our Liggy community, we want your voices heard and are providing you with a platform to release your inner Banksy and **opinions** upon our dispassionate student body!

We want you to unleash your **wit** and creativity to help keep us all entertained and sane during the upcoming semester.

So email us at [hilarian@aulss.org.au](mailto:hilarian@aulss.org.au) or get in contact on Facebook, and during our quarterly releases our editorial team will endeavour to publish your contributions to our **devoted reader readers**.

Your **Trusted Editors**, Ali, Hugo & Nicholas

# MUST HAVE APPS.



## CANVAS

For the tech-nodes amongst ourselves, this is your go-to app. Essentially this app is a more compatible version of the MyUni portal for your smart phone or tablet device. Tip: turn on push notifications to be the first one notified that Torts assignment grades were just released on a night out in town. We'll drink to that!



## ECHO 360

This app essentially allows you to view lecture recordings and slides wherever your smart phone or tablet device is - on the bus, train, car or kitchen!



## CONSTITUTION

Lighten the load of your first year textbooks, by storing Australia's sovereign law-making document right in your pocket. This will certainly come in handy for Principles of Public Law in semester 2 and Australian Constitutional law in the years ahead.



## INSTAGRAM

Zoned out in your Torts lecture? Do something productive and worthwhile with your time and follow the AULSS handle @aulsstagram - (we follow back)! We may not have the answers to your seminar problem question, but we will give you the latest updates on events and activities happening in and around the law school - and maybe a meme or two.



## LOST ON CAMPUS

Can't find room 333 Ligertwood for your Foundations of Law Seminar? Lost on Campus is here to save the day. This nifty application will help you find your lecture theatre, nearest toilet, office or cafe. It will display your current location in proximity to everything around you and give you compass guided directions with an estimated time of walking distance.



## UA STUDENT

The University of Adelaide has got your back with this application. Keep track of your timetable, academic results & other significant university dates at your electronic fingertips. Just sign in with your university username & password to set yourself up.



## UNIDAYS

Most university students are tight in the wallet so save yourself some serious cash and download the UNiDAYS app. As a student you can get discounts on top brands such as ASOS, Sephora, Apple Music, Cotton On, The Iconic, Apple & Misguided to name a few. It's free to join and free to use. So listen up ladies: life is short, buy that law ball dress.

# ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE.

## **PASS**

Standing for 'Peer Assisted Study Sessions', PASS is an opportunity for you to use your greatest asset at university – your peers! PASS sessions are informal weekly tutorials run by senior law students who have excelled in their chosen subject. The hour-long sessions generally cover the course content covered in lectures the week before, but are focused less on teaching and more on enabling participants to ask questions and work collaboratively to improve their understanding of the course. Many students find that having concepts explained by a fellow student, rather than an academic, is a great way to make sure they're on the right track. PASS classes are not remedial – whether you're aiming for a P or an HD you're encouraged to come along. You don't need to sign up or register for classes either. PASS classes are completely voluntary and you can attend as many or as few sessions as you like. PASS sessions are also a fantastic way to get to know your fellow law students and make new friends, while working hard and improving your grades!

## **WRITING CENTRE**

The Writing Centre is a wonderful drop in service for students who need assistance with assignment instructions or are in need of writing feedback. They offer practical advice on issues such as writing, note-taking and or referencing techniques. The staff will not edit or grammar check your paper, but they will help you learn the skills to do this yourself!

## **CONTENT QUESTIONS**

It is advised that content specific questions should be asked during your seminar, on the discussion boards provided or during consultation times, rather than personally emailing a tutor or lecturer. As approachable as they are, seminar leaders will not read through any drafts for you.

## **DISCUSSION BOARDS**

Found under the relevant course on MyUni (Canvas), discussion boards provide a thread of discussion in a Q&A online forum between lecturers, tutors and peers. They provide a platform for students to ask questions which will be responded to in a timely manner. Don't be afraid to answer other students' questions too!

## **CONSULTATION TIMES**

Lecturers and tutors will provide their consultation times for students to drop in or organise appointments via email. These are a great opportunity for you to ask face to face questions and get clarification on certain aspects of the course. Just know that these times get quite busy leading up to exams, so get in early!

# HEALTHY ME?

It's a well-known fact that with a place in Law School comes great responsibility ... and consequently law students experience one of the highest reported rates of stress amongst students. But that statistic shouldn't worry you, because the University has a number of services available to support you when you feel burdened with a million deadlines or have many a sleepless night over that upcoming interview! The AULSS committee is devoted to ensuring that you feel comfortable seeking help if you're feeling anxious or overly stressed.

Below are a number of the University services available to you at any point.

## UNIVERSITY COUNSELLING SERVICE

[https://www.adelaide.edu.au/counselling\\_centre](https://www.adelaide.edu.au/counselling_centre). Your first port of call is the University Counselling Service. The Counselling Service is free, confidential and available to all students enrolled at the University seeking to address issues that may be affecting their study and life. The professional counselling team is available to help you explore options to overcome any challenge, big or small, and it's better to target the problem early than to suffer in silence. The team have also created a website (UniThrive) which provides tips and strategies on how to survive and thrive.

## LEX SALUS

Lex Salus (Latin for 'law and wellbeing') is an Adelaide Law School initiative aimed at promoting law student awareness of the importance of mental, physical and nutritional health across the entirety of your degree. They play an integral role in providing students with fun activities, free food and wellbeing events.

## YOU

The law recognises it, through a remedy known as 'self-help' and we want you to recognise it too! Often, the only one truly standing in your way is YOU. There is a tendency to put grin and bear it so that we don't look weak or lesser than our fellow peers, who seem to be managing everything perfectly. But this is often not the case. Everyone is dealing with differing sources of pressure in their lives. Make an effort to get a coffee between classes and vent about anything and everything with each other – it's a great way to relax and recharge!

## US

That being said, sometimes you may not want to talk to the people you're closest to about something as confronting as mental health, and this is where the AULSS comes in. If you need to talk, don't hesitate to email the President, Alison ([president@aulss.org.au](mailto:president@aulss.org.au)) or the Director of Education, Azaara ([director.ed@aulss.org.au](mailto:director.ed@aulss.org.au)) to organise a time to meet up and talk about what's stressing you out, and figure out a way that we can tackle the problem. Good luck!



# HEALTHY DEGREE.

Transitioning into university is a big step and can sometimes be accompanied by many different emotions. The University has a number of services available, ranging from health to career and transition advice to help you, not only through your first year, but your entire university experience:



## ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY COUNSELLING SERVICE

Ground Floor, Horace Lamb Building  
Tel: (08) 8313 5663  
E: [counselling\\_centre@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:counselling_centre@adelaide.edu.au)  
W: [www.adelaide.edu.au/counselling\\_centre/](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/counselling_centre/)

Adelaide Law School Front Office  
Level 1, Ligertwood Building  
Tel: (08) 8313 5063  
E: [lawenquiry@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:lawenquiry@adelaide.edu.au)  
W: <https://law.adelaide.edu.au>

Ask Adelaide  
Level 3, Hub Central  
Tel: (08) 8313 5208  
E: [enquiry@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:enquiry@adelaide.edu.au)  
W: [www.adelaide.edu.au/student/current](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/current)

## AUU STUDENT CARE

Ground Floor, Lady Symon Building  
Tel: (08) 8313 5430  
E: [studentcare@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:studentcare@adelaide.edu.au)  
W: [www.auu.org.au](http://www.auu.org.au)

Careers Service  
Level 4, Hughes Building  
Tel: (08) 8313 5123  
E: [careers.services@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:careers.services@adelaide.edu.au)  
W: [www.adelaide.edu.au/student/careers](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/student/careers)

University Health (Adelaide UniCare)  
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# GLOSSARY.



## **AGLC**

The Australian Guide to Legal Citation (aka every Law Students' bible). It contains every rule you need to know when referencing in your law assignments.

## **CENSUS DATE**

The last date to withdraw from a course and not be charged \$\$\$.

## **CLERKSHIP**

The law equivalent of an 'internship', usually undertaken by penultimate and final year students. You spend one to three months over the summer or winter break working for a Law Firm (PS: it's pronounced 'clarkship')!

## **DONOGHUE V STEVENSON**

The snail in a bottle case that you'll hear about forever.

## **GPA**

Grade Point Average - average score/7 for the subjects you have completed. They can, like clerkships, be a source of great stress (so study hard and you won't need to worry!). Calculate yours at: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/enrol/progress>

## **OPTIONAL**

Beware! Optional assignments give students the opportunity to choose whether they complete an assignment, or just rely upon their final exam (leaving you with an exam worth 90-100% of your grade in some cases!) Choose wisely.

## **PLAINTIFF**

The person who brings an action against another in court.

## **PRIESTLY II**

The eleven core subjects you must study in order to be admitted to practice in Australia. Don't stress if your courses don't exactly match with these - the Law School has named things slightly differently, but they've got you covered!

## **REDEEMABLE**

A law school life-line. Redeemable assignments don't count towards your final grade if you do better in the exam - but not all assignments are redeemable!

## **STUBBSY**

The source of 98% of your enjoyment on Law Chats. Intrigued? Look out for "Ode to Stubbsy" and "Ode to Stubbsy #2".

## **TAKE HOME EXAM**

Essentially an assignment which you can complete anywhere you like, within a shortened time frame. But it comes attached with stringent conditions and a fairly restrictive word count. Some are 24 hours, whilst others range from a weekend to 10 days.



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# OPENING PARTY

## GROOVIN' THE MOO(T)

Celebrate the start of a new year of Law School  
and boogie with some fresh new friends on the  
16th of March 2018 at Hacienda

See Facebook event for ticket info