

# THE UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH LAW SOCIETY



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year has been a great year for the UPLS, despite all of the difficulties that we have faced. We would like to thank all of our members for taking part in our competitions and attending our events. Without your ongoing enthusiasm and participation, none of this would have been possible.

We have had some great successes over the academic year. We have managed to host two of our largest annual events online, arranged many socials and career events, continued the smooth running of our competitions, and raised money for our chosen charity, Mind. Throughout the year, the entire Committee have tried their best to ensure that we can still offer our members the same opportunities whilst transitioning to the online experience. I am extremely proud of each committee member and would like to thank them once more for all of their hard work this year. However, with the academic year coming to an end, it is now time us all to hand over to the next committee.

We hope that everyone has a good summer break, and we wish you the best of luck with your results. For those of you who plan to become a member of the UPLS again next year, I hope that you are able to experience it face-to-face and enjoy the rest of your time at the University of Plymouth.

## THE NEWLY ELECTED COMMITTEE

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2021, we held our Annual General Meeting. On this night ten individuals were successfully voted in for a role, but three roles remained to be filled. So, inviting our members to apply once more, we held our Extraordinary General Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2021 to form a complete Committee for the next academic year.

Thankfully, a selection of our members put themselves forward for a role in the hopes of building on the society's success. After a selection of great applications and speeches, our members casted their votes for who they would like to see fulfil each role.

Following on from the AGM and EGM, we are pleased to announce your 2021/2022 Committee:

President – Thomas Wilson

Vice President – Emily Counter

Treasurer – Shasenem Chakanova

Secretary and Careers Officer – Hannah Dymond

Health, Safety and Communications Officer – Chloe Collard

Debating Officers – Daniel Smith and Noah Ball

Mooting Officers – Molly Bennett and Harriet Summerhayes

Negotiations Officers – Dylan Singleton-Bray and Vasileios Zokaris

Events and Activities Officers – India Ellis and Mollie Pellowe

Congratulations to you all, we wish you the best of luck!

Remember to keep an eye out on our social medias to learn more about those on the Committee and the opportunities available to you as a member of the UPLS.

Over the year, members of the UPLS should also think about whether any of the roles on the Committee would be suited to you. Being on the Committee is both exciting and rewarding, it is a great way to (1) enhance your CV, (2) develop your own skills and work ethic, (3) meet new and interesting people and (4) have a good time - get involved, enjoy it, and make the most out of it!

# COMPETITION WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

## DEBATING

### Winners

- ★ Emily Counter
- ★ Philippa Deemer

### Runners-up

- ★ Hannah Dymond
- ★ Chloe Collard

## NEGOTIATIONS

### Winners

- ★ Hannah Dymond
- ★ Chloe Collard

### Runners-up

- ★ Kasey Ivens-Ratcliffe
- ★ Isheanesu Chida

## MOOTING

### Winner

- ★ Thomas Swain

### Runners-up

- ★ Harriet Summerhayes
- ★ Husna Khawaja

## CLIENT INTERVIEWING

### Winners

- ★ Mollie Pellowe
- ★ Daniel Parkinson

### Runners-up

- ★ Shasenem Chakanova
- ★ Chloe Holman



## MOCK TRIAL

### Winners

- ★ Holly Parker
- ★ Daniel Parkinson
- ★ India Ellis
- ★ Sophie Dawe

### Runners-up

- ★ Shasenem Chakanova
- ★ Emily Counter
- ★ Sipiwe Daka
- ★ Ruby Forster

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO...

Judge Mousley QC  
Maria Emberson  
Kyle Klesniks  
Judge Timothy Rose  
Clare Dash  
Louise Ferris  
Sophi Carroll  
Ella Thorpe

for judging the above competitions alongside our Officers. We really appreciate you taking your time to support the UPLS and provide our members with invaluable feedback.

# VIRTUAL NETWORKING EVENING

Due to the circumstances of this year, our Events and Activities Officers transformed what would be our 'Annual Cheese and Wine Networking Event' into our 'Virtual Networking Evening'. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2021, many of our members joined together on the platform 'Hopin' to network with a wide variety of professionals within the legal sector.

We would like to thank those who attended from:

- Nash & Co Solicitors
- GA Solicitors
- Foot Anstey LLP
- Curtis Whiteford Crocker
- Gard & Co Solicitors
- Woollcombe Yonge Solicitors
- The Family Law Company
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Devon Chambers
- KBG Chambers
- Colleton Chambers
- The University of Law
- University of Plymouth - Lecturers
- University of Plymouth - Alumni

"Every year the University of Plymouth Law Society organises the Annual Cheese and Wine Networking event, inviting law professionals to talk with students, share their experiences, provide guidance and good tips for students to take in mind and follow on their way to working as lawyers. As a second-year law student, I was given the chance to participate once again in this great event. This year the law society, due to Covid-19 and its restrictions, had to adapt and find other ways of holding events guaranteeing the professionals' and students' safety. And indeed, this year's Virtual Networking Evening was a total success. By inviting professionals not only from Plymouth, gave me the chance to have a constructive conversation about legal life and the ways of entering one. All the professionals were very happy to help and with a smile which made it easier to talk to. Lastly, the President of the Plymouth Law Society was also invited, giving a very meaningful speech about the opportunities Plymouth law firms are giving to the local students and the loyalty and commitment they are expecting back. Overall, a great success for the UPLS and a joyful evening for me. " – Vasileios Zokaris.

## CHARITY

At the beginning of the year, we adopted a democratic system to vote for the charity the UPLS members wanted to support. The charity that resonated the most with our students was Mind. After brilliant support from our Mind liaison, we were hopeful about the coming year and the avenues we could take to fundraise. Even though the pandemic greatly impacted our efforts, we were still able to do what we could to provide some level of support to Mind. We have held online Zoom socials where 100% of the profits were designated to our Mind fund. We also set up a UPLS merchandise shop online so that all of our members could buy various clothing items and accessories associated with the society. Due to another lockdown (or two) and compliance with appropriately strict health and safety requirements, we distributed these items only recently at a very successful distribution event on campus. Again, 100% of the profits from our merchandise sales was designated to Mind which was a great boost for our total. A huge thank you must go to our merchandise suppliers, Fitness for Sport, for being a great help in making this possible for the UPLS. Lastly to round up our fundraising total, the UPLS donated a portion directly for the cause. This leaves us with a **total of £200** to be presented to Mind. We wish circumstances were different this year; however, we are happy to have helped in any way possible to make a change and support the breakdown of barriers to mental health assistance, as well as make this topic a little less taboo! For more information or directions on how to donate to Mind, please follow the link: [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk).



# A NIGHT OF CELEBRATIONS AND AWARDS

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2021, we invited our members to our 'Night of Celebrations and Awards', the virtual replacement of our 'Annual Law Ball'.

With the academic year coming to a close, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate all of our member's achievements and handover to the newly elected Committee after an incredible and unforgettable year.

The evening was a great success and allowed us all to get together for one big final event before working extremely hard to meet our coursework deadlines and revise for any upcoming exams.

Before the event, our Events and Activities Officers organised our Annual Awards. Members were given the opportunity to nominate others in a variety of categories which were then shortlisted and voted for.

The winners of the Annual Awards are listed below:

- Best Mooter – Harriet Summerhayes
- Best Debater – Phillipa Deemer
- Best Negotiator – Hannah Dymond
- Most likely to be a QC/Barrister – Holly Parker
- Most likely to be a partner in a law firm – Abigail Russell
- Best Law Society Member – Kimberley Hurn

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The UPLS owe a great deal of thanks to those who were kind enough to sponsor us this year. Due to your ongoing support, our events can continue to happen, allowing our society to develop into a meaningful establishment in the local community.

For any queries regarding Sponsorships, please get in touch with our Treasurer, Shasenem.

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