



The University of Plymouth Law Society

WELCOME TO THE SOCIETY AND TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH.

We hope you have settled in nicely!

This year we are hoping we can make up for lost time and ensure this is the best year for our members.

A newsletter will be sent out and added to our website throughout the year. You will be able to find what has been going on and what is going to happen. There will also be lists of future events and competitions to look forward to.

MEET THE COMMITTEE:

President - Thomas Wilson

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Health, Safety & Communications – Chloe Collard

Events & Activities Officers – India Ellis & Mollie Pellowe

Negotiation Officers – Dylan Singleton-Bray & Vasileios Zokaris

Mooting Officers – Molly Bennett & Hetty Summerhayes

Debating Officers – Chloe Holman & Noah Ball

We are all very excited to be a part of your uni experience. If you have any questions and would like to find out more, please contact us via our emails which will be listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Hopefully, by now you have discovered our social media accounts with information regarding the society and what it includes, with regular posts. So, if you haven't followed them yet; go ahead! They are on the last page of the newsletter.

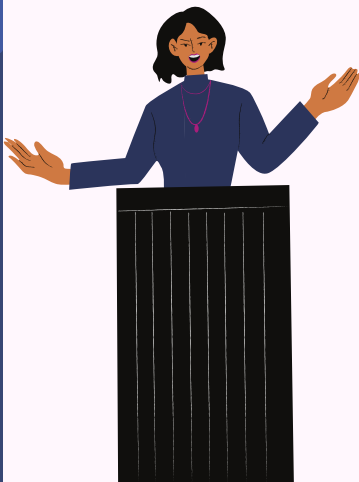


NEGOTIATIONS

BILLY (VASILEIOS) ZOKARIS & DYLAN SINGLETON-BRAY

Negotiations have been going very well. We have heard very nice things about our scenarios, such as being fun and interesting. Also, the general feedback that Dylan and I have provided the participants after round 1 was found to be very helpful and insightful. That was also the case with round 1 as being a non-eliminating round. This gave them the chance to talk and get out of their safe zone which indeed happened and it was apparent in the second round. Also the two law firms that are going to be involved in this year's competition have been very cooperative and excited to contribute. Dylan and I have been very diligent and accommodating with everyone, meeting every deadline and always responding to participants' emails. While we had a great number of over 60 participants, most of them unfortunately have dropped out which is a pity as they did not try the competition. Despite being very accommodating, the participants sometimes have dropped out without notice or very short notice or even have not turned up in their slots which has made the scheduling sometimes very difficult to make. After the third round, Dylan and I are thinking of having another workshop to prepare them as the last three rounds will be judged by professionals and lecturers. The only thing that we want to expect from them is to enjoy the competition and give it a push all the way as it's worth the chance.

DEBATE



NOAH BALL & CHLOE HOLMAN

This year's debating competition has seen two successful rounds so far with participants improving on their feedback each time and coming back better and stronger. The first round consisted of teams debating whether laws influence our morals or whether our morals are influenced by the laws that are put in place, with sources ranging from legalising same sex marriages to women's rights. The second round saw debates about whether the legal presumption of innocence is upheld or not with some views portraying this presumption as actually one of guilt and not innocence.

Taking part in the debating competition run by the UPLS provides essential skills that are transferable to every career path whether it be in law or in another field. It is a chance to enhance your public speaking skills, your ability to construct a coherent argument, and to deliver persuasive analogies and views backed up by legal sources and statistics. Legal research is also a key part of this competition which can help you figure out what you are interested in as well as help you with your academic studies. Our participants are already growing in confidence with each round and they have networking opportunities coming up with professional judges scoring them in future rounds. Finally, debating is an excellent topic to talk about in interviews, which gives you an opportunity to showcase your passion for studying the law.

MOOTING

MOLLY BENNETT & HETTY SUMMERHAYES

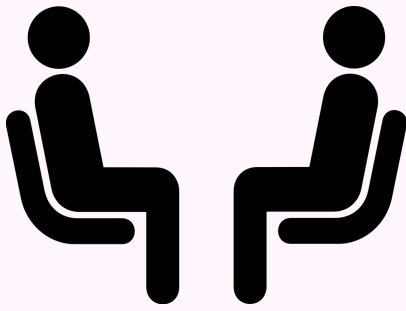
We would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the Mooting Competition this year, it has been an absolute pleasure listening to all of your submissions.

So far, the competition has gone very well. It is clear that everyone involved has researched extensively around the given scenario and has presented interesting and persuasive arguments. Everyone has approached the first round with a great amount of professionalism and confidence.

The only advice we can give is that in order to succeed in mooting, arguments need to be clearly outlined with confidence before they are made. Too much reliance on notes can make it difficult to fully understand the points you are trying to make so trust that you know what you are trying to say. It is also essential that you make sure to take your time and pause between the points you are making to enable the judges to process what you have just said.



CLIENT INTERVIEWING



INDIA ELLIS & MOLLIE PELLOWE

Our Client Interviewing competition consists of 3 rounds in which you, alongside a partner, act as solicitors working in a firm. By using a brief provided by us, which outlines key details, such as your firm, hourly rate, a summary of why your client has come to you, and relevant legal considerations, you will then be able to listen to your client, ask questions, and provide legal advice to try and address their problems. As the rounds progress so should your confidence in addressing the legal issues which your client has come to you with, as well as developing the structure that is needed to carry out an effective interview. This competition is especially useful to apply concepts which you have learnt in modules into a practical situation, as well as covering areas of law you may not have considered before.

MOCK TRIAL

MOLLIE PELLOWE & INDIA ELLIS

Mock Trial is an excellent opportunity to practice legal skills in a court room, in front of real Magistrates. Whether you're interested in being a Barrister, Solicitor, Solicitor Advocate, or working for the courts, police or social work and more, this is a valuable experience to be a part of – it will help you develop skills, feel more confident and look fab on a CV. The competition is held for one afternoon at the Magistrates Court, where the teams of advocates will explain their side to a case and question witnesses. Then the magistrates make their decision.

There are roles for all types of people, if you are feeling shy the role of witness or magistrate are good fits, if you are looking to break out of your comfort zone or wow us with your confidence the role of Advocate (Junior or Senior) could be the role for you. This year we hope to be back in the court room, we look forward to you joining us there!



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

THOMAS WILSON

The last two years have been a very strange and challenging time for all of us, this has posed several challenges for us here at the UPLS. I am very glad to see that we have been able to return to hosting in person events and activities this year. It is my firm hope that the UPLS remains a cornerstone of our members' university experience, not only from a developmental point of view but also in a social aspect. We are acutely aware that, over this time, many of our members will not necessarily have been able to mix with other students in the way that they would have done in previous years, and as such we are working very hard to provide a range of events that enable all of our members to engage with the rest of the society and hopefully to build new friendships. This year we are aware of several possible anxieties surrounding various forms of socialising, we have put in place a number of measures to ensure that all of our events are as safe as possible, and that our members can feel entirely comfortable whilst participating. Through the UPLS competitions, I have been able to see first-hand the level of dedication that many of you have already put in so far this year, this has been really encouraging to see. Speaking for the committee, it really makes our roles feel worthwhile when our members really engage with the UPLS and get a lot out of our activities. As a society we offer such a wide range of different opportunities throughout the year, but ultimately it is the members that make them what they are. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing commitment. I would also like to thank the UPLS committee for all their hard work and dedication so far.

Previous Events:

- 20.09.2021 – Some UPLS committee attended the Freshers Lunch to meet the first-year students
- 21.09.2021 – Meet the Society: UPLS committee introduced themselves and their roles to the first-year students, followed by a quiz
- 23.09.2021 – Societies Fair followed by Post-Freshers-Fair Social
- 28.09.2021 – EGM to elect our new Debating Officer Chloe Holman
- 06.10.2021 – Competition Sign-Up Day
- 15.10.2021 – Negotiations Workshop
- 20.10.2021 – Mooting Workshop
- 21.10.2021 – Negotiation Competition Round 1
- 22.10.2021 – Debating Workshop
- 27.10.2021 – Debating Round 1
- 27.10.2021 – Law 1 v Law 2 Netball Match
- 01.11.2021 – Halloween Social
- 03.11.2021 – Mooting Competition Round 1 Day 1
- 04.11.2021 – Mooting Competition Round 1 Day 2
- 07.11.2021 – Quiz Night in the SU for our chosen charity 'Inside Justice'
- 10.11.2021 – Negotiation Competition Round 2 Day 1
- 10.11.2021 – Law 2 v UPNC Netball Match
- 11.11.2021 – Negotiation Competition Round 2 Day 2
- 15.11.2021 – Cops and Robbers Social
- 17.11.2021 – Debating Round 2
- 18.11.2021 – Law 1 v MedSoc Netball Match
- Football Training Sessions and Matches
- 22.11.2021 – Movie Night
- 24.11.2021 – Mooting Competition Round 2
- 24.11.2021 – Cheese and Wine Workshop
- 24.11.2021 – Netball Training Session
- 25.11.2021 – Law 2 v Geography Netball Match

Upcoming Events:

- 30.11.2021 – Client Interviewing Workshop with Wolferstans
- 01.12.2021 – Law 1 v UPNC Netball Match
- 01.12.2021 -02.12.2021 - Round 3 of Negotiations
- 02.12.2021 – Cheese and Wine Networking Evening
- 09.12.2021 Debating Quarter Final
- 09.12.2021 - Christmas with UPLS
- 10.12.2021 – Client Interviewing Competition Rounds 1, 2 & 3
- 14.12.2021- Client Interviewing, Semi-Finals & Finals
- 15.12.2021 - Charity Dodgeball Fundraiser
- 16.12.2021 - UPLS & Debate Society, debate & social.

Next Semester:

- 31.01.22 - New Years social at Pryzm
- 02.02.22 - Law 1 v Geog Soc Netball Match
- 04.02.22 - Grays Inn Trip

AND MANY MORE:

Our Chosen Charity:

INSIDE JUSTICE

Inside Justice, the charity dedicated to investigating and tackling miscarriages of justice, has launched a new crowdfunding campaign.

There are innocent people in our prisons who without Inside Justice would be bereft of support. Their existence and plight are not well known; the charity Inside Justice is their only champion.

Your support can make all the difference – from the moment of desperation when a person first contacts Inside Justice and needs a caseworker to assess their case, right through to overturning an unsafe conviction which sees the innocent prisoner freed, and possibly even leads to the real criminal being brought to justice.

Inside Justice is a registered charity comprised of expert volunteers who tackle infamous miscarriages of justice across England and Wales. The team is made up of lawyers, journalists, forensic experts and ex police officers all with the common goal of ensuring justice through investigation and scrutiny. With significant legal aid funding cuts and little hope of this changing Inside Justice rely 100% on donations to investigate cases in which wrongful conviction is a genuine concern. In line with the rule of law, the charity is improving access to justice and promoting accuracy within the criminal justice system to promote true justice for all affected by significant crime. Inside Justice have been featured in several BBC documentaries (Conviction, Murder at the Train Station) detailing their most prolific cases and the difficulties they face on a regular basis emphasising the need for their work. I highly encourage viewing their work and hope to see you all at some of our fundraising events this year!

- UPLS Vice President - Emily Counter



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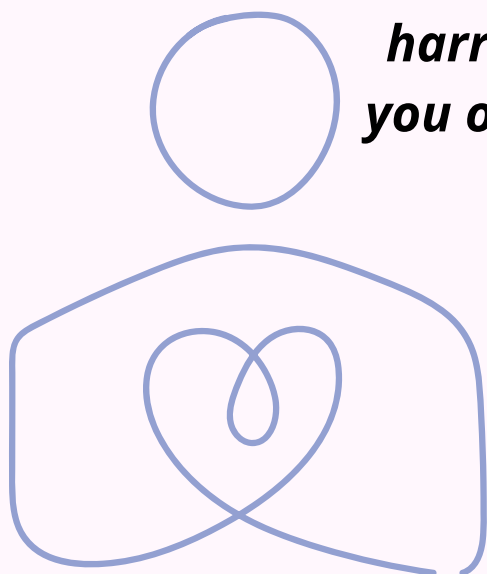
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***The SU have endorsed a
'need a cab' scheme to
help you get home
safely.***

***This is also their guidance on sexual
harrassment and how to know when
you or someone else has been spiked.***



***Please contact somebody
from the SU if you need
further assistance.***

WE CARE

You have the right not only to be safe during your night out but to experience the highest degree of care available. The below is in place to help protect and care for you.

 My computer

 Pics

 Music

Ask Angela
All our staff are trained – just Ask for Angela

Anti Drink Spiking
We have protective drinks covers and drinks testing kits available

Phone Charging
Charge your phone for free so you don't lose your mates and can get home safely

Use of a Phone
If you've lost your phone or it can't be charged then we can call a taxi or friend/family member for you

Bag Check
We'll look after your bag for free, just drop it into the cloakroom

Water
Free water is always available if you need some

Staff Training
Our staff are trained to be vigilante and look out for you – they also know what to do if you need their help

Security Staff
Our security staff are there to look after you and keep you safe. Please let them know if they can help or if anything makes you uncomfortable

Taxi Escort

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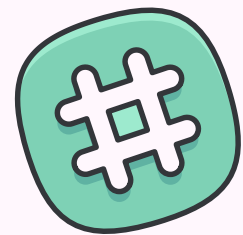
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