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PRESIDENTIAL FOREWORD

It is my greatest privilege to welcome you all to the Law School Community. As a Sydney law student, you are endowed with the opportunity to be a part of the Sydney University Law Society. Having celebrated 120 years in 2022, we acknowledge this monumental step in welcoming you as you join over 3,000+ members. We understand that the law school journey is different for everyone, and we are here to help make it memorable. No matter your interests, SULLS is bound to have something for you.

Throughout the year, we will host fun flagship events like Law Ball, run internal and intervarsity competitions, compete in interfaculty sports, volunteering and mentoring initiatives, opportunities to write, read and edit various journals and publications, and so much more. However, SULLS ultimately aims to facilitate a diverse, inclusive and energised community for law students to meet friends, gain professional experience and participate in university life beyond the classroom.

As the peak representative body for law students, SULLS is here to support each and every one of you throughout your degree. Our autonomous officers represent and cater for our diverse member base through advocacy, events and portfolio specific programs. Our equity program led by our Equity Officer aims to alleviate any financial hardships to ensure that law school feels as accessible as possible. Equally important to us is our advocacy for and with students to address student concerns and issues at the Faculty, university, state and national levels.

In 2023, I am honoured to be leading a remarkably passionate and diverse team of 22 executives who will be working tirelessly to make every SULLS experience the best it can be. You can read more about each portfolio, the Executive's vision and plans for the year and how you can get involved in the following pages. Applications for SULLS Committees also open in O-week to all law students, at any stage of your degree. Should you have any questions about the process or a particular portfolio, please reach out to the respective member of the executive!

To ensure that you are up to date with all that SULLS offers and any important information, sign up to our SULLS weekly newsletter, like our Facebook page, follow us on Instagram (@suls_sydney) and join your cohort's Facebook Group (available on the SULLS



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Facebook page). You can also reach out to us via email, send us a message through Facebook or Instagram if you have any questions. If you are joining us as a new student, or have not yet registered, you will need to register to become a SULLS member (<https://www.suls.org.au/register>) or via the QR code below.

If you have any questions, would like to speak to a member of the Executive or buy merch, you can find us in-person at the SULLS office (Room 103, New Law Building) during our office hours from 10am-2pm on Monday-Thursday, with extended hours for part-time JD and LLM students until 6pm on Tuesday. Alternatively, feel free to reach out to us via one of our social media pages or email. We are always here to help.

Register to become a
SULLS member here:



MEET YOUR 2023 SULS EXECUTIVE

Find out more about the 2023 SALS Executive's vision for the upcoming year and how to get involved!



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VICE-PRESIDENT (EDUCATION)

ROLE

The Education portfolio is grounded in addressing student concerns with our legal education. In part, this involves liaising with Faculty and advocating for student interests in the Law School's decision-making process. In voicing student concerns, this involves consultations with the student body and presenting student concerns in Faculty meetings. As a student point of contact, the role also involves redirecting students to the right avenues when it comes to issues including course progression, special consideration and general complaints. Further, the Education portfolio runs various initiatives to supplement our legal education – including study groups, subject information nights, and exam tip events.

VISION

With the Law School's policies in a state of flux, the Vice President (Education) role in 2023 remains centred around student advocacy and representation to Faculty. Be it the design of the replacement PASS program, changes to exam formats, or a return to in-person learning, the primary objective of the portfolio this year is to represent the student concerns to Faculty, and keep the student body informed about changes to the ever-convoluted university policy. Specifically, the portfolio aims to further consultation with the students and to foster more collaborative relationships with the Law Faculty and the university generally.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **First Year Crash Course & Law School Basics:** a hallmark Education event focused on giving a rundown on how the Law School works and how to excel in this high competitive environment.
- **Staff x Student Coffee Catch Ups:** an opportunity to chat to your tutors and lecturers in a more relaxed environment, debate the latest High Court judgement, and enjoy some free coffee!



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- **Subject Survival Nights:** listen to advice from past students on how to excel in each of the core law subjects, including specific tips on exam preparation, content style, and helpful resources.
- **Town Halls:** a chance for you to voice your concerns regarding your academic life with a focus on any contentious issues.
- **Study Groups:** our initiative to ensure that you can improve your academic performance by working and learning together with other engaged students.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Education Committee (8 committee members):

The Education Committee will work together with a big focus on teamwork and collaboration when organising the portfolio's initiatives throughout the year. This role involves a diverse range of work – from event planning, to content creation, to student consultation and advocacy. We're looking for passionate, empathetic and organised students to help the portfolio make a difference this year.

VICE-PRESIDENT (CAREERS)

ROLE

I organise events and programs giving students the opportunity to seek useful careers information and opportunities. Career events establish connectivity between law students and a wide variety of law firms. Students come away with important clerkship information and a greater access and knowledge of alternative career pathways for both domestic and international students.

VISION

The Careers Portfolio facilitates access to all law students to relevant career information and opportunities across legal and non-legal pathways. Law students will be exposed to a plethora of options and opportunities to make connections with professionals. Key dates for applications will be advertised across SULLS channels so students are prepared for application processes. In the second half of 2023, greater focus will be placed on promoting non-commercial career avenues and events, to meet a variety of students' interests.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mentoring Program:** connecting students with legal professionals and senior students via the Career Mentoring Program, inter-cohort mentoring and the Clerkship Buddy Program.
- **Careers Presentations:** leading law firms host practice group presentations and deliver clerkship presentations.
- **Careers Guide:** an award-winning guide covering all areas of law careers - an essential read for all law students.
- **'Job ready' skills workshops:** practical workshops teaching valuable insights into bolstering students job applications and where to find job opportunities.
- **Clerkship Networking Evening:** a social night for students to connect with legal professionals from leading commercial law firms and learn more about clerkship applications.



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- **Alternative career panels:** panels comprising legal professionals from diverse careers pathways.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Careers Committee (2 x Careers Mentoring Program Coordinators, 4 x Careers Events Coordinators):** Careers Committee members assist in organising and preparing careers presentations and events, interact with legal professionals, and manage initiatives. We are looking for proactive and energetic individuals with strong organisation, communication, and teamwork skills who are passionate about careers.
- **Careers Guide Editorial Committee (1 Editor-in-Chief, 6-8 editors):** The Careers Guide Editorial Committee is responsible for producing the SULLS Careers Guide, an award-winning ultimate guide to law careers. It gives editors the opportunity to work within a team of like-minded individuals seeking to deliver a comprehensive publication helping thousands of students every year.

VICE-PRESIDENT (SOCIAL JUSTICE)

ROLE

My role involves promoting a pro bono ethic within the law school through our volunteer programs and various competitions throughout the year which provide opportunities for students to directly engage with the community and explore social justice issues. I also organise career events that connect students with leading professionals within the public interest field.

VISION

This year, SULLS Social Justice will provide greater mentoring and networking opportunities for students interested in a career within the social justice field by restarting our Social Justice Mentoring Program and inviting more guest speakers from a range of leading organisations for our table talks. SULLS is also excited to introduce our inaugural Social Justice Conference, which brings law students together for a day of panel discussions and workshops. The Social Justice Portfolio aims to provide greater opportunities for students to directly contribute to law reform and policy work.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Youth Justice Mentoring Scheme:** Providing support for young residents held in remand with navigating the legal system.
- **Refugee Language Tutoring Program:** Providing language tutoring and mentoring for young people from refugee/asylum seeker backgrounds.
- **Social Justice Conference:** Taking place in Semester 2, this conference brings students together for a day of panel discussions and workshops on a range of social justice issues.
- **Community Legal Education Program:** An educational program for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to gain basic legal knowledge.
- **Social Justice Mentoring Program:** Pairing law students with leading professionals from organisations in the social justice and public interest field.
- **Social Justice Policy Pitch Competitions:**



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Providing students with the opportunity to develop innovative policy solutions for social justice issues.

- **Dissent:** Flagship social justice journal published as a collection of academic, reflective, and creative works by students on social and environmental justice issues.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Social Justice Committee (5-6 Members):** We are seeking 5-6 students who are passionate about social justice to join the Social Justice Committee. You will be working to help organise and facilitate social justice events and run our policy pitch and policy writing competitions.
- **Dissent Editorial Committee (1 Editor-in-Chief, 6-8 Editors):** We are seeking 1 Editor-In-Chief and 6-8 Editors. Editors will supervise and edit assigned pieces slated for publication in the journal, liaise with their contributors, and assist with the production of the journal overall.

TREASURER

ROLE

SULS is a treasure, and I am responsible for ensuring it maintains its shine. Horrible metaphors aside, as treasurer, I am responsible for allocating spending to each portfolio. I manage the society's spending to ensure the continued financial sustainability of SULS. Each year, I create the Operating Budget for SULS and present this at our Annual General Meeting. I am also responsible for keeping records of revenue, expenditure and capital to reflect the financial position of SULS at all times. By keeping such records accurate and timely, we can allow SULS to pass its audits.

VISION

Treasury will continue the good work of prior portfolio holders. Proper financial management, increased communication with portfolios and increased collaboration with sponsorship will continue to inspire the actions of the portfolio. The portfolio will also take a unique course of action in 2023 with the launch of a finance and law lecture, shedding light on the topical debates pertaining to law, regulation and ethics. Treasury will also take a more active role in the pricing strategy and sponsorship discussions to increase revenue, which will then be used to increase the quality of the society's offerings. Clearer and more digestible treasury updates will be released regularly to our social media platforms. Furthermore, the portfolio will continue to fulfil reporting obligations in order to maintain the society's ACNC charity status.

POLICIES

- The introduction of a finance, law and ethics lecture designed to expand students' perspectives on the role of the law in a dynamic and changing commercial world.
- The launch of the SULS investment project designed to increase the society's financial sustainability.
- Increased collaboration with equity to lower transaction fees, offer equitable pricing solutions and ease the financial burden equity students may face when engaging with SULS.
- New lines of merchandise to improve financial performance and provide students with more avenues to cherish their law school experience.
- Digestible quarterly budget updates that all can understand.



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Treasury Committee (4-5 members)

The Treasury Committee liaises with the Treasurer to fulfil two responsibilities:

- On a regular basis, monitor and analyse the spending of portfolios and SULS as a whole to ensure accurate financial records are kept up to date at all times. This ensures that the society can pass its audits and make fully informed decisions about its expenditure.
- On a strategic level, work on longer-term projects to maintain the financial security of the organisation. This will involve executing current ideas as well as generating new and creative ideas.

A finance/commerce background is preferred but not required.

SECRETARY

ROLE

One of my main priorities as Secretary is to ensure that SULLS is on top of things from a governance standpoint, whether that be in terms of our constitution, bylaws, directors' duties or other legal obligations. It is my honour to be supporting 22 other incredible executives in this way so that they're best able to carry out their roles and implement their vision for the year. Among other administrative responsibilities, I'm also tasked with ensuring that our SULLS Office is stocked and ready to be a welcoming space for all, so please do swing by and also don't hesitate to reach out if you have any suggestions!

VISION

There's always so much going on at SULLS, with countless opportunities to get involved with as a member. However, this means it can also be daunting and hard to keep track of what's available to you! To supplement content on our social media channels which will be taken care of by our fantastic Marketing Director, I'd also like to update our SULLS Weekly and calendar formats to make them more digestible and accessible. There are often cases where students are also unsure if or when they even signed up for SULLS membership, which can be easily confused with only being subscribed to the Weekly. I'd like to collaborate with the Law Faculty so we can ensure our membership database is as accurate and up-to-date as possible. In addition to other small internal trackers and rosters I'd like to introduce, it is my hope that SULLS executives can be efficient, collaborative and approachable as we work to implement various initiatives for our wonderful members!

POLICIES

- **Revamped SULLS Weekly:** We shall take it upon ourselves to create an aesthetically pleasing, jam-packed newsletter that deserves your attention among the countless emails you must receive in a week! For particularly busy periods, we may also have a bite-sized summary of key events and upcoming deadlines.
- **Overhaul of SULLS' membership database:** Since we became incorporated, this inevitably affected how our membership registration process works. We want to make sure this is cleared up for everyone's sake, so that every



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person who wants to be a member and receive (or not) the Weekly is able to do so with minimal confusion!

- **SULLS Office Cleaning Roster:** Our office is a space used by many people, which is fantastic but also means there is the risk of things getting very chaotic, very quickly. We'll have executives in charge of tidying up the space on a rotating basis every week, to ensure the office is a more welcoming and joy-sparking space for all.
- **More easily accessible SULLS Calendar:** We know our members are busy people, so we'll have a calendar that instantly reflects any updates made by our various portfolios. Our fingers are crossed that we can see you at as many events as possible, and hopefully the calendar helps to provide adequate notice for this to happen!
- **Constitutional updates:** Whether it be typo-fixing or more substantial changes to ensure we're in line with regulatory and legal requirements, SULLS will be ensuring that our Constitution and bylaws are accurate and with the times.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Keep an eye out for committee applications and absolutely apply for any and all that interest you!

SOCIALS DIRECTORS

ROLE

Hey! Niv (JD III) and Priya (LLB II) here. Our role this year is to ensure that you have a thriving, exciting, safe and fun time outside the classroom! We are responsible for creating and hosting events.

VISION

We're really keen to make socials this year inclusive and accessible for all of you, with events catering to all cohorts and interests. While we'll be continuing SULLS flagship events, we're also excited to introduce new events, including Drag Brunch and Outdoor Movie Nights! We look forward to promoting a culture of diversity, friendship and overall good vibes, as we recognise the importance of our portfolio in creating core memories for all law students.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Welcome Back Party and JD Drinks:** Reunite with your friends after the semester break at the start of the academic year. If you're a first year, this will be a great opportunity to meet new people across all cohorts. After making it through Foundies, come join your fellow JD peers at a relaxed drinks night.
- **LLB I Law Camp and JD Law Camp:** If you're an LLB I student, get excited for an unforgettable law camp that will help you get settled into university and make lifelong friends. We are also excited to launch the JD Law Camp for JD students across all cohorts this year!
- **Law Cruise:** One of our most popular events of the year, selling out in minutes and may be held in conjunction with UNSW.
- **Law Ball:** The most unforgettable night of the year, Law Ball is our biggest and most exciting event of the year. Bring on your best dresses and suits, we look forward to seeing you there.
- **Final Year Dinner:** Come and join your friends for a final hurrah to celebrate the end of your law degree at Final Year Dinner in the beautiful quadrangle building at the University.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Socials Committee (5-6 members, LLB and JD):

We're looking for 5-6 creative and passionate students to help us bring these events to life! You'll be working closely with us to help organise and facilitate events and work behind the scenes. Training to be a Welfare Officer will be expected and provided, and event planning experience is highly desirable but not required. This is a year-long commitment, with the opportunity to create core law school memories.

CAMPUS DIRECTOR

ROLE

Campus is the hub for law students, and the experience students have at law school depend heavily on their enthusiasm to come to uni each day. As campus director, my role involves leading a team of cohort representatives to attend to students' needs or concerns and organise events and initiatives throughout the year. These events and initiatives aim to pump life into campus and foster a stronger sense of connectedness. The campus committee is the main point of contact for any queries or issues regarding the law school or anything SULLS-related, so please feel free to direct any issues to: campuscommittee@suls.org.au.

VISION

This year, I'm really looking forward to building upon the work of previous campus directors to improve the student experience for all. As a first year student in 2022, I found that the small events and initiatives held on campus through SULLS made coming to university each week an enjoyable experience. It provided a reprieve from academics, and as law students, it's so important to strike a healthy balance. I also want to use this year to strengthen the connectedness that students feel towards SULLS and the law school – an issue that has seemed to plague many post-COVID. This means ensuring that the campus portfolio is active throughout the year with events and initiatives tailored to each cohort. As a woman of colour, I also recognise the need for minority groups to feel supported and a sense of belonging in a space like USYD law. This is why I am also keen on trying to increase cross-portfolio collaboration with the autonomous portfolios this year to create safe and inclusive spaces on campus for students who identify.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Welcome Back Drinks
- Wellbeing Events
- Headspace Subscriptions
- Get together events for each cohort e.g. picnics, coffee catch-ups
- Study sessions
- An amazing race
- Interfaculty trivia
- More cross-portfolio events – coffee catch ups, study sessions, dinners etc.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

2 campus representatives per cohort (each cohort will vote for their respective representatives):

As a cohort representative, you'll be working alongside your fellow representative and the committee to organise a range of events on campus this year. From cohort get togethers to interfaculty trivia events, there is so much room for creative ideas. This role will allow you to serve as a point of contact for your cohort, where your peers can bring their concerns, questions or queries to SULLS. I strongly encourage you to apply for this subcommittee if you are a good team player who wants to represent your peers, run exciting events and foster an inclusive environment at Sydney Law School.

COMPETITIONS DIRECTORS

ROLE

We organise internal and intervarsity competitions throughout the year for Sydney Law students, including moots, negotiations, client interviewing and witness examinations. We also organise workshops designed to help you gain skills in competitions and break into the competing sphere.

VISION

Our vision for SULLS Competitions in 2023 is to make all competitions more diverse, inclusive and accessible. Even if you aren't looking to become an international mooter or barrister, SULLS Competitions is still a great way for you to get involved in a large community with a culture of giving back. We hope that all students, whether experienced or just starting, are excited to participate in competitions throughout the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Competitions Intro Week:** where you can get a taste for different internal competitions
- **Workshops and panels** run by our Education coordinators
- Relaxing **social nights** throughout the year

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Competing:** Mooting, negotiations, client interviewing and witness examination are excellent ways to develop your practical legal advocacy skills, and meet new people at law school! Internal and intervarsity competitions will be advertised in the SULLS Weekly, and the Competitions Facebook Page.
- **Convening:** Convenors create competition draws, host zoom rounds, keep track of competition attendance, and are the main point of contact for competitors. They are also responsible for sourcing our professional judges for the Semi Finals and Grand Final. Applications normally open at the beginning of each semester.



**Christine Aung
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- **Judging:** If you've competed in any competition before, internal or IV, make sure to get involved with judging our internal competitions. Judging callouts are generally open throughout the entire semester on a rolling basis, judges are always needed and appreciated.
- **Workshops:** If you're looking for other ways to give back to the Competitions community, have a go at running an education workshop. Workshops will be run throughout the year for both beginners and more advanced participants. Applications and call outs for workshop convenors normally open at the beginning of semester or the winter holidays for Sem 2.

Subscribe to the SULLS Competitions Calendar at <https://bit.ly/sulscompetitions2023calendar> and join our Facebook group for competing, coaching, judging and organising opportunities via this QR code below:

**SULLS Competitions
Facebook Group:**



SPORTS DIRECTOR

ROLE

As sports and merchandise director, it's my job to cultivate a sense of community through sports and wellbeing initiatives. We all know how difficult and taxing law school can be, so I take a lot of pride in helping to provide students with an opportunity to step away from the library and focus on their physical and mental wellbeing. My portfolio also runs all the SULS merchandise, so don't hesitate to reach out with any suggestions!

VISION

As somebody who grew up playing sports year-round and worked as a sports journalist before enrolling in the JD, I know first-hand the community that can be found in sport. Now that the worst of Covid is seemingly behind us, SULS Sport will be running at full speed once more. This means social events (and food!) at interfaculty sports, more opportunities to get involved with intra faculty events to play against your friends and colleagues, and more prizes to be earned year-round on both the sports and wellbeing sides.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The easiest way to join the community is by attending interfaculty sports, which happen every Wednesday and pit us against our rival societies. Attendees will be rewarded with free merch and other goodies! There are also tons of great events in both sport and wellbeing which will be happening throughout the year and registration is quick and easy. Join the SULS Sports Facebook page and keep an eye out on various SULS Socials so you don't miss registration for the larger events and any external events, like the City2Surf and Sydney Half Marathon.



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Sports (and Wellbeing) Committee (5-6 members):** We are seeking 5-6 people to join the Sports (and Wellbeing) Committee to help with the traditional events run by the Sports portfolio, but also to help with and shape SULS' new 2023 wellbeing initiatives. The Committee will help organise the usual sporting events, but will also have the opportunity to coordinate wellbeing projects and organise inter-cohort mentoring. Applicants do not need to have any previous sporting experience but they must be passionate about health and wellbeing!
- **Merchandise Committee (3-4 members):** We are seeking 3-4 people to join the Merchandise Committee (including designers) to assist with the creation and development of new designs for the SULS' merchandise line. This role entails designing new concepts, liaising with merchandise suppliers and helping with the logistics of selling existing as well as the new merchandise. For the designers, they will essentially have the creative freedom to design what they would like to see from SULS, under my guidance as the Sports (and Merchandise) Director.

PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR

ROLE

As publications director, I oversee the production of 15+ SALS publications, including guides, journals, yearbooks, as well as the production and growth of our 'Citations' blog and 'Footnotes' podcast. Alongside this, I look after 10+ editorial committees, supporting editors and contributors through the editing and writing process and help facilitate writing competitions throughout the year, including the NSW Bar Association Legal Tech Blog Competition.

VISION

My vision for the publications portfolio is to increase digital exposure of all of our current pillars of content by collaborating more closely with other SALS portfolios. I hope to integrate the existing pillars of publications content more closely so that we can fully leverage the wide repository of content that SALS publications has accumulated over the years! As publications director, I will strive to include the voices of our diverse law student body across all of our publications, making it as inclusive and accessible as possible in 2023. Regardless of your background or experience in writing or editing, there will certainly be an opportunity for you to get involved!

POLICIES

- Release bite-sized excerpts from our publications on our socials throughout the year to make the most out of the invaluable content we produce and increase our visibility as a portfolio amongst law students
- Revive our Citations Blog to become a platform to hear voices from the wider law school body
- Improve exposure of our Footnotes Podcast, covering topics and issues that law students care about - facilitated through a suggestion/feedback form embedded within the SALS Weekly Newsletter as well as closer collaboration with other SALS Portfolios e.g. careers, education, social justice, campus
- Increase recognition and visibility of our editors, contributors and designers by hosting an end of year Publications Celebration Dinner/Morning Tea event with the possibility of awards presented!



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Editorial Committee & Contributor Callouts for Journals:** Law in Society, Dissent (Social Justice), Yemaya (Womens, Queer), MOSAIC (Ethnocultural) and more.
- **Footnotes Production Team (1 Executive Producer, 6-7 Producers):** This is a year-long opportunity to work in a friendly, tight-knit team, focusing on telling stories about the law in a unique and intriguing way, spotlighting issues at university and the world. Experience and interest in scriptwriting, hosting, interviewing, audio production, and editing is highly desirable.
- **Digital Content Team (2-3 members):** This is a year-long commitment to join a diverse and imaginative team to manage and edit content for Citations. You will help lead the new creative direction of the Blog and be on the lookout for creative, artistic and analytical pieces to publish! If you are passionate about engagement through digital platforms, look for the callout to be posted on our SALS socials soon!

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

ROLE

As the International Officer, my role is to advocate, support and create opportunities for international students at Sydney Law school. This involves hosting various social, career events as well as academic programs that are aimed at providing opportunities for international students both socially and academically. Although this is a key part of the role, the most important aspect of my job is to ensure that international students feel supported in all areas.

The international committee is here to assist international students needing support so please feel free to direct any questions our way!

- Email: internationalcommittee@suls.org.au
- Instagram: [suls_international](#)
- Facebook Group: [SULS International Students](#)

VISION

My vision for 2023 is to create a stronger sense of community and support for international students within the law school. Moving and living in a new country (often alone) is challenging both mentally and physically and I hope to alleviate some of this stress for international students. This is particularly important for 2023 as the university transitions back to in-person teaching and more international students arrive in Sydney. This will be achieved through many social events, including cross-portfolio events, to provide an avenue for international students to acclimate to the new environment. Additionally, this year the portfolio will emphasise the

UPCOMING EVENTS

- International Students Welcome Meet-up
- IS x POC Speed Friending
- International Students and Staff Morning Tea
- International Students Peer Study Program
- International Students Mental Wellbeing Support Program
- International Students Social Justice Volunteering Program



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- International Students Clerkship Evening
- Visas and Migration Seminar
- International Students Peer Mentoring Program
- International Students Professional Mentoring Program
- Diverse Career Pathways Panel
- International Students Career in Corporations Seminar

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

International Student Committee (8-10 members):

We're looking for students who are passionate about international student rights and wellbeing to join our team in providing compassionate peer support to international students. Join us if you are a veteran IS with tips to help first-years navigate law school; join us if you are experienced in trauma-informed mental health support, or join us because you want to connect with other international students in the Law School! This is a chance to make lasting connections and to make a difference for our fellow international students.

WOMEN'S OFFICER

ROLE

As Women's Officer, I'm here to support and advocate on behalf of all women in the faculty! I organise a range of events and opportunities throughout the year which aim to build a stronger sense of community within the women in SULLS and facilitate further education on women's rights. If you have any concerns about your experience with SULLS (or just want to come by for a chat!), you are very welcome to visit me at the SULLS Office or to reach out through social media.

VISION

We still have a long way to go before every woman in SULLS feels supported, empowered and heard, and I hope that this year, through policies, opportunities and community, I can get us closer to that goal! In particular, I would love to expand and strengthen our existing community of women in SULLS by encouraging greater inter-cohort mingling, including other USYD law societies in our events and most importantly, ensuring that our diverse and intersectional experiences are recognised and celebrated. I also want the Women's Portfolio to take on a more outward focus by providing more opportunities to educate ourselves and engaging in partnerships with organisations that promote women's rights.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- International Women's Day Breakfast
- Women's Mentoring Program
- Intersociety Women in Law Conference
- Educational/Professional Panels
- Weekly Study Group
- Socials throughout the semester (open to your suggestions!) - brunch, movie night etc.
- Partnerships with external organisations (e.g. WLSNSW, IJM)



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Women's Committee:** The Women's Portfolio is looking for 6 - 8 female-identifying students (minimum one LLB, minimum one JD) who are passionate about women's rights and keen to work with me to facilitate an inclusive and welcoming community of women in SULLS! Your role would involve organising events, brainstorming ideas for the portfolio and being a fellow advocate for women's rights in SULLS. If you're keen to join a passionate and diverse group of women, I would love to hear from you!
- **Yemaya Editorial Committee (1 Editor-in-chief, 5 Editors) :** Yemaya is an annual interdisciplinary journal that provides a platform for students to address issues pertaining to gender and sexuality. We strongly encourage you to contribute if you have a creative idea (submissions can range from visual art to poetry to essays) or passion for promoting dialogue!
- **Social Media:** The Women's Portfolio has an online community as well! We have an Instagram (@suls_women) and a private Facebook group (SULLS Women's Group), which will be frequently updated with events, educational resources and social community posts.

INTERIM DISABILITIES OFFICER

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ROLE

The Disabilities Officer advocates for all Disabled-identifying students in the Law School (hereafter is inclusive of invisible disabilities, chronic health conditions, mental ill-health, d/Deaf and neurodivergent people), consulting with them to understand their needs and accessibility requirements. The Disabilities Officer is also responsible for developing an anti-ableist culture, advancing the definition of disability as aligned with the [Social and Human Rights Model of Disability, Universal Design for Learning](#) ('UDL'). We respect [neurodiversity](#) in [law](#) – and [diversity in lived experience of mental ill-health](#) within the legal sector, as well as [disability pride](#).

VISION

In 2023, the Disabilities Portfolio will prioritise outreach and professional development initiatives to destigmatise disability. To combat structural ableism to disabled students' participation in the Law School, we will prioritise consultation to understand issues that they are facing and communicate this with all stakeholders. The Portfolio will promote anti-ableist disability awareness training to develop a disability consciousness among higher education staff. Our vision also includes promoting and further developing the **SULS Accessibility Policy** to challenge assumptions about 'disability' as a visible and/or physical medical condition, rather than a social spectrum featuring a breadth of lived experience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Disabilities x Careers: Professional Development initiatives:

- Intersarsity Disabilities Networking,
- SULS Disabilities Mentoring with the [Disabled Australian Lawyers Association](#)
- 2023 Disability in the Legal Sector Careers Panel.

Disabilities x Publications:

- *2023 Students Support Services Handbook*
- Disabilities & Ableism 101 Infographic

Outreach & Community Building:

- SULS Disabilities Peer Mentoring Program
- Consultation Sessions for Disabled-Identifying Students to develop a 2023 SULS [Disability Inclusion Action Plan](#) ('DIAP').

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Disability Committee (6-10 members; minimum 1 LLB and 1 JD):** We are looking for all Disabled-identifying students who are keen to organise social events and initiatives, which improve the visibility of disabled people within law. Keep an eye out on our social media for committee callouts.
- **SULS Disability Consultation Sessions:** Our **online weekly consultation sessions** expand the Consultation sessions conducted in 2022 for the development of SULS' Accessibility Policy & DIAP. These will be held outside business hours and remotely on Zoom. Further information will be provided in the SULS Weekly.
- **SULS Disabilities Consultation Form:** This allows people with disability to confidentially and anonymously submit their concerns relating to accessibility, disability, and/or lived experience of mental health stigma and ableism. Confidentiality will be respected, and requests for individual advocacy and systemic advocacy will be noted and actioned. You can submit to the Consultation Form below.
- **SULS Disabilities Group:** Join our FB SULS Disabilities group for professional development opportunities and social events here:



Consultation Form



SULS Disabilities Group

QUEER OFFICER

ROLE

As the SULLS Queer Officer, I am the advocate for LGBTQIA+ identifying students in the law school. Throughout the year, I will be running a number of events to try and help all queer law students feel comfortable and welcomed during their time studying here. If you are looking for support or have a concern regarding LGBTQIA+ issues, please feel very welcome to reach out to me.

VISION

My vision and policies in 2023 will be to promote inclusivity and accessibility for all queer identifying students to connect in a meaningful way with each other and the ally community in SULLS and USYD. Queer identifying students are all on an immensely personal and unique journey. We all have different levels of comfortability expressing ourselves on campus and to our peers, and our journey is inextricably linked to our social, economic, and cultural identities. I am committed to ensuring that, no matter what stage of their journey queer students are on, queer identifying students are able to access support and connection with other queer students at USYD.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Queer Committee (5 members)
- Queer Client Interviewing, Semester 1
- Intervarsity Queer Moot, Semester 2
- Queer Mentoring Program
- Queer Coffee Catch-ups
- Yemaya (SULLS Journal of Gender and Sexuality)



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Queer Committee (5 members):** If you'd like to get involved with the queer portfolio make sure to submit an application to join the 2023 Queer Committee! We are looking for people to help organise and facilitate events, as well as to voice opinions and have an input into the various initiatives of the portfolio throughout the year. Being part of a Committee is a fantastic opportunity to get involved with SULLS and to work on projects you are passionate about!
- **Yemaya Editorial Committee (1 Editor-In-Chief, 5 Editors):** Yemaya is the annual interdisciplinary Journal on Gender and Sexuality. It is published by SULLS but accepts contributions from all students of the University of Sydney. It is a platform to express unique creative and informative ideas addressing gender and sexuality (e.g. poetry, prose, short stories, visual art, etc.).

Don't be afraid to get involved in whatever way you feel most comfortable with! We plan for the portfolio to provide opportunities for queer students to engage with their peers through various mediums (i.e. in-person, competitions facebook groups, google forms) to ensure that all are included and heard in an inclusive manner.

FIRST NATIONS OFFICER

ROLE

The role of First Nations Officer is to represent the interests of First Nations students within the law school. My role as First Nations Officer will entail the creation and hosting of social and cultural events for First Nations law students, the creation of professional opportunities through networking events, and advocating for First Nations interests in the law school.

VISION

My vision for the First Nations portfolio is to create an inclusive and interactive First Nations law student community where students who identify as First Nations can come together to interact, socialise and support one another. First Nations peoples represent 3.2% of the Australian population, making them a minority within Australia. Historical wrongs and systemic disadvantages create further barriers for First Nations peoples in their achievement of higher education. My vision for this portfolio is to ensure that our First Nations students in the Sydney Law School feel empowered, supported and included.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- First Nations law students welcome event
- First Nations Law Committee
- Monthly First Nations law student catch ups
- First Nations speaking events
- First Nations networking events



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **First Nations Committee (4 members):** The First Nations Committee is a group of like-minded First Nations law students gathering to discuss ideas and initiatives to increase engagement and expand our community. Please submit an application to join our committee if you would like to get involved with SULLS and further advance the First Nations law students community!
- **First Nations Facebook Group:** Join the First Nations Facebook group page to receive updates, get involved in First Nations events and issues and connect virtually with your fellow peers.

EQUITY OFFICER

ROLE

As the Equity Officer, I will be responsible for the administration of financial grants, the textbook loan scheme and other equity initiatives. I will also be your main point of contact regarding any welfare concerns that may arise within SULLS and such situations will be dealt with in a confidential, respectful and professional manner to ensure that the members and executives of SULLS adhere to our Code of Conduct.

VISION

My vision for the Equity Portfolio is to advocate for approachable and transparent initiatives that help combat the stigma equity students face during their time transitioning through and beyond USYD. In order to reflect the diversity of equity student profiles and experiences, I look forward to working closely with our portfolios to increase awareness of equity student needs, to support students in identifying their eligibility for support, and to foster a safe and comfortable space for students to reach out.

I'd like to work on streamlining the SULLS equity student experience with other available USYD support services. This could look like collaborating with other departments such as the Equity Student Collective, or even expanding the experiences or labels that we use to classify the equity student identity. I am committed to supporting you, whether it's through my capacity as Equity Officer or as an Equity Student Leader, to help you navigate the resources and opportunities available to you. If you have any questions, queries or qualms, please don't hesitate to reach out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SULLS Student Services Handbook, co-edited with the SULLS Disabilities Officer
- Equity Support Schemes (including the Textbook Loan Scheme and Financial Grants Scheme — see [SULLS website](#) for more details)
- Peer-Support Networks & Equity Drop-In Consultations
- Events Welfare Policy



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Equity Committee (4 members):** If you'd like to help brainstorm, organise and run our initiatives, please submit an application to join the Equity Committee. We're looking for a diverse range of input and perspectives to ensure that we consider as many equity voices and experiences as possible.
- **Equity Support Box:** The Equity Support Box gives students the opportunity to make suggestions (anonymously or otherwise) regarding the accessibility of SULLS and Sydney Law School.

ETHNOCULTURAL OFFICER

ROLE

I advocate for students from diverse cultural, racial, linguistic, and religious backgrounds and address issues that students may face while attending Law School and entering the legal profession. While the Law School has celebrated multiculturalism and political discourse, students' lived experiences of racism may impede their educational/social success; therefore, I strive to provide more opportunities for students to interact with the law school and their peers. I hope to invite a variety of legal perspectives to provide students with agency and power when confronted with socio-legal issues involving BIPOC to meet the needs of students, while also promoting critical legal skills.

VISION

As expressed by Maya Angelou, prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future, and renders the present inaccessible. 2023 marks the beginning of an ethnocultural portfolio that is more interactive, empowering, and active. The portfolio will ensure that students are proud of having their voices heard and addressed by focusing on both the individual and collective experiences of BIPOC within the law school. 2023 will witness the start of new events that enable students to engage in discussions and celebrations to provide them with a sense of belonging. The portfolio will push forward opportunities for storytelling, opening debates, and celebrating multiculturalism and art. Additionally, professional development, which was a major focus of previous ethnocultural portfolios, will continue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Intercohort Mentoring Program
- Leadership and Ethnocultural Careers Panel
- Social event celebrating BIPOC heritage
- Annual Shahad Nomani Lecture
- Legally Bound: Our Stories, Our Voices
- Ethnocultural Arts Initiative
- Increased social media engagement
- Ramadan Iftar Dinner
- Mosaic Journal and Launch



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Ethnocultural Committee (4-8 members):** Apply to be part of the Committee to organise events with various initiatives, panels and engagement actionables. Committee members will play a meaningful and major role in ensuring students of colour engage with the portfolio's social media presence and events.
- **Ethnocultural Arts Initiative (2 Chairs, 3 Editors):** This Initiative provides a unique opportunity for diverse law students to express themselves through visual art while also contributing to charitable causes. The artworks are auctioned off to law firms and stakeholders, with the proceeds benefiting POC-focused charities. Apply to be at the forefront of this groundbreaking program.
- **MOSAIC Editorial Committee (1 Editor-in-Chief, 4 Editors):** MOSAIC is SULLS' ethnocultural publication featuring articles, art and communication from people of diverse backgrounds. Beyond academic and legal writing, MOSAIC is distinguished by its storytelling and creative appeal.

Social Media

Instagram: @suls_ethnocultural, @suls_visualisingthelaw

Facebook: SULLS Ethnocultural group

DESIGN DIRECTOR

ROLE

My role as the Design Director involves establishing the creative direction of the SULLS image and maintaining a distinct aesthetic throughout all visual assets. Much of what you see of SULLS will have been curated by the Design team, including social media posts and publications! I also lead a Design Committee that works together through stages of conceptualisation, moodboarding, curating, and designing to showcase each and every project in its own unique colour.

VISION

In 2023, the Design Portfolio hopes to represent the authenticity of the Law School and the diversity of the student body through our designs. Although Law School is often perceived to be a cold and intimidating place, I want our designs to show that it doesn't have to be.

On social media platforms, you will see SULLS in a new, contemporary and trendy aesthetic, whilst maintaining its signature professionalism. On publications, we aim to create a lighthearted atmosphere and connect with students through illustrations unique to the Law School. Through our work, I hope that you will be able to glimpse the authenticity of the Law School in general and feel welcomed by SULLS through our designs.

LOOK OUT FOR

The publications and social media content released at Welcome Week and throughout the year!



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Design Committee (4-8 members):

The Design Committee works together through the design process to showcase each project's unique style. The committee is led by the Design Director to ensure consistency in vision across various projects so that high quality outputs are being delivered. As part of this team, you will have the chance to illustrate and graphic design, whilst simultaneously assisting all other portfolios within SULLS.

Any prior experience with the Adobe Suite or Procreate will be appreciated, but not required. You will learn all the necessary skills needed if you are willing to learn! Above all, we are looking for enthusiastic, responsible, creative, and positive students with excellent time management skills.

If you are looking for a creative outlet in Law School, this is the perfect opportunity to do so!

SPONSORSHIP DIRECTOR

ROLE

None of our initiatives and events are possible without the monetary support of our sponsors. As Sponsorship Director, my role is to secure sponsors which align with SULLS' values, and to strengthen our relationships with them throughout the year as their first point of contact.

POLICIES

- **Diversification:** Continuing the directive of previous years, SULLS will strengthen our relationship with commercial law firms whilst exploring opportunities with non-traditional sponsors. 2023 will see the most diverse sponsorship base yet as we work with boutique law firms, firms in the finance and consulting industry (and more!) to cater to our members' diverse interests. Events sponsored by these firms will approach their respective fields from a legal perspective, acknowledging that the beauty of a law degree is that it can take you just about anywhere.
- **Partnership:** In this upcoming year, SULLS recognises that there is value in partnering with non-commercial organisations. Unlike sponsorships, the nature of partnerships is not largely financial. Instead, we will reach out to social justice initiatives, not-for-profit organisations and Community Legal Centres which contribute to meaningful social change. In 2023, this will look like establishing goals early, collaborating with these organisations to brainstorm initiatives, and securing speakers and educational material for the benefit of SULLS members.
- **Feedback Loop:** In the past, communication between SULLS and its members has been a one-way street. Without much member feedback, sponsors are unable to see the impact they are having on the student body. That is why in 2023, SULLS will be more interactive than ever with attendance trackers, feedback forms and photos celebrating each event. Statistics and reports to sponsors each semester, as well as an End



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of Year Celebration will increase transparency, acknowledge the amazing achievements of SULLS members, and allow us to reflect on how we can be even bigger and better in future years.

TIPS

Keep an eye out for social, educational and careers events sponsored by a variety of organisations in diverse fields! I highly encourage you to utilise as many free resources and to attend as many SULLS events as possible: university is an amazing time to explore all your options, step out of your comfort zone, and develop long-lasting relationships and networks.

MARKETING DIRECTOR

ROLE

As SULLS' Marketing Director, I manage and oversee marketing across all of SULLS' communication channels, including Facebook, Instagram, and the SULLS website. I work closely with all portfolios to ensure effective promotion of SULLS' boundless range of phenomenal events and programs. I'm also in charge of the Content Committee, who are the diligent cogs working behind the scenes to deliver posts and other fun content, as well as the Photography Committee, the hardworking individuals who bring to you the faces you see on SULLS' social media.



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VISION

To further acknowledge the wonderful, zealous souls who make SULLS the society it is today by featuring more faces on our social media! Expanded photography at events will enable SULLS members to connect more meaningfully with the society's incredible and passionate work. Additionally, marketing will be more streamlined in 2023, to ensure consistency in our branding across our various platforms.

LOOK OUT FOR

More personal and humanising styles of content production to engage more sincerely with law students!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- **Content Committee (3-5 members):** The Content Committee will work in a team with the Marketing Director to create content and develop marketing strategies across all SULLS communication channels. The committee will interact with other portfolios to develop a variety of content ranging from photos, videos, articles, memes, and website elements. Committee members are expected to be reliable, responsive,

detail-oriented, and effective communicators. This is a great opportunity to be involved with all portfolios at SULLS at the broad level, and gain digital marketing and communications experience. No experience is needed - you will receive training to help you grow.

- **Photography Committee (8-10 members), x1 Head Photographer:** The Photography Committee will be responsible for photography of SULLS events around campus and editing photos for upload on social media channels. Committee members are expected to be available to attend a few events each semester, and preferably to have their own camera as well as experience editing photos. The Head Photographer will be responsible for overseeing the Committee, including delegation, photo editing, and file management. This is a great opportunity to practise your photography skills and get a chance to broadly interact with all SULLS portfolios.



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