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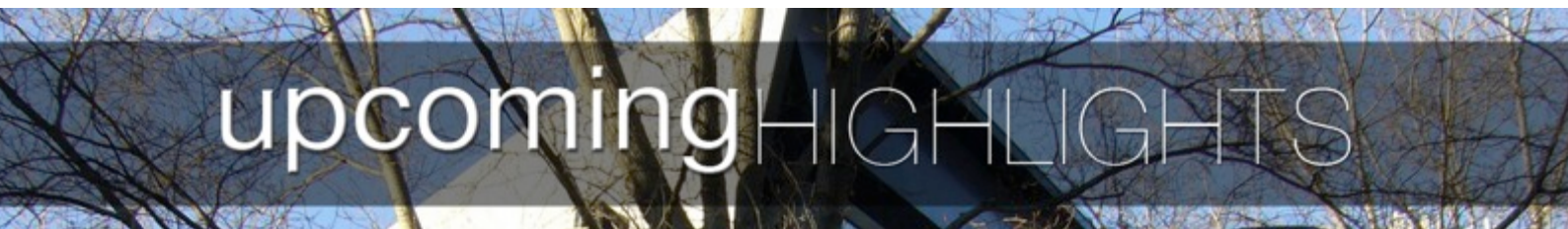
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GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC CAREERS WEEK

Don't want to be a corporate lawyer? Come to Government and Public Careers Week and discover the vast array of non-corporate career opportunities available.

During Week 9, UNSW LawSoc will be holding panel discussions and workshops with organisations from many different sectors - including government, development, international law, human rights and education - to help you discover all the excellent opportunities out there.

Attending organisations include:

- Reprieve Australia
- Projects Abroad
- The Aurora Project
- Voiceless

PAPER PRESENTATION COMPETITION 2011

The only competition in law school that allows YOU to voice your own legal ideas, for example:

- Should Tasmania be separated from Australia?*
- Should conjoined twins be considered as one or two legal persons?*
- Should we reform our double jeopardy laws?*

YOU can talk about any interesting or creative legal issue you want.

This competition involves:

- Researching and writing an essay on ANY legal topic of your choice (creative is better)
- 10 minute presentation in front of a panel of judges

Submissions open now and close on Friday 16 September, Week 8. For more information visit the UNSW LawSoc website.

Email your paper to the coordinator at paperpresentation@unswlawsoc.org.

ELECTIVES GUIDE

Want to share your thoughts on your electives you've experienced? Send your feedback to electivesguide@unswlawsoc.org to contribute to UNSW LawSoc's student handbook.

STUDENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

The next Student Liaison Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 August at 12pm in the Roundhouse Drawing Room. The meeting will be hosted by the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Students) & Registrar, Professor Joan Cooper.

All students are welcome to attend. During this meeting, you will have the opportunity to ask Professor Cooper questions relating to student life at UNSW.

ALSA 2010 ACADEMIC JOURNAL

ALSA has recently released its 2009-2010 Academic Journal, which includes the top placing national works from the National Essay Competition, and the winning Paper Presentation piece. It is available online from:

http://www.alsa.net.au/images/2011/2010_ALSA_Academic_Journal.pdf.

ALSA'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPLEMENT

In 2011, student mental health has continued to be a strong focus for ALSA. Recently, ALSA launched its ALSAtv YouTube Project on depression and mental health issues, featuring excerpts from an address by Marie Jepson, Director of the Tristan Jepson Memorial Foundation, and an interview with the Commonwealth Attorney-General.

Continuing this project, ALSA has produced an LSS Mental Health Supplement to provide LSSs with more information and ideas on the sorts of events, activities, and initiatives they might choose to run on campus to raise awareness and to advocate directly on student mental health and wellbeing.

The ALSA LSS Mental Health Supplement can be downloaded from:

http://www.alsa.net.au/images/2011/2011_ALSA_Mental_Health.pdf.

YELLOW SHIRTS

Be part of one of the biggest and best O Weeks in Australia! Yellow Shirts is a great way to develop skills, meet a whole bunch of new people, and help others in a way that can make a lasting difference.

To apply visit: <http://www.oweeek.info/ysapp>

Email: o.week@arc.unsw.edu.au

Applications close: Friday 2 September

INTERVARSITY SPORTS DAY

It's that time of the year again where UNSW Law shows off the skills we possess on the sporting fields.

The sports which will be played on the day include: Soccer (mixed), Netball (mixed), Touch Footy (mixed) and Rugby.

USYD, UTS, Macquarie Uni, Newcastle and Wollongong are preparing their troops, so it's time to get ready. We welcome anyone (from all skills levels) to play, heckle or support!

When: Sunday 11 September, 9:45am

Where: Macquarie University Sports field, Talavera & Culloden Rds, Macquarie Park

The day runs until 4pm, and an after party will be held at the Ranch hotel nearby.

To register for a sport:

https://docs.google.com/a/unswlawsoc.org/spreadsheets/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dHRmNUltVWFqX1hVWVB2WGhmaHc3QkE6MQ

SALVATION ARMY LEGAL

Salvos Legal is having another Lecture Series with amazing speakers lined up.

Some of the speakers include The Hon. Justice Ian Harrison (Supreme Court of NSW), the Hon Justice Kevin Bell (Supreme Court of VIC), David Jackson AM QC and Chief Superintendent Anthony Trichter (Commander Police Prosecutions, NSW Police).

When: Saturday 22 October

Where: 140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

For the full timetable and to register, visit: <http://salvos.org.au/salvoslegal/salvos-legal-humanitarian/salvos-legal-lecture-series/registration-form/>.

All monies raised go to pay for disbursements for Salvos Legal Humanitarian clients.

5TH ANNUAL STUDENT 4 STUDENT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

When: Saturday-Sunday 24-25 September

Where: University of Wollongong

This is an event organized and run by students from the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE) at the University of Wollongong. Exploring the theme 'Limitless' along with the topics: Strength. Vision. Networks and Market Me.

Aim of the conference is to provide tertiary students from across Australia with the opportunity to explore aspects of leadership, develop their skills and knowledge and facilitate interaction with like-minded individuals from other tertiary institutions.

For more information, please contact Swati Dharmaraj on 02 42218009 or swati@uow.edu.au or visit <http://www.studentleaders.org.au>.

NSW YOUNG LAWYERS' EVENTS

One of NSW Young Lawyers' (NSWYL) major focus for 2011 is the 'Mental Health of Young Lawyers and Students'. Upcoming major events include:

- 1) The Tristan Jepson Memorial Lecture: 'Profit, Success and Happiness: Can you have it all? Julie McCrossin in conversation with the legal profession.

When: Thursday 29 September
More Information: <http://www.tjmf.org.au>

- 2) Launch of the Mental Health Website

When: Tuesday 8 November

NSW YL are seeking input from law students and lawyers with personal stories, anecdotes and tips from your experience with depression, anxiety or other mental health issues.

To contribute or to find out more please email mentalhealth@nswyounglawyers.com.au. All input will be kept completely confidential.

LIBERTY AND SOCIETY CONFERENCE

When: 2-4 December

Liberty and Society is a live-in weekend conference where young people from all over Australia and New Zealand come together to discuss issues related to individual freedom, the role of government and the social foundations of a free society.

Successful applicants will receive a scholarship to attend the conference, covering food and accommodation. Travel subsidies are also available.

Applications Close: Friday 28 October

Register at: <http://www.libertyandsociety.org>.

SCLSS INTERVARSITY COCKTAIL EVENING

When: Friday 14 October, 7:00pm

Where: The Club, Kings Cross

Tickets: \$35 + booking fee

The Inaugural SCLSS Intersivity Cocktail Evening promises four hours of unlimited drinks and food. It also promises music and a burning dance floor all night long. Get your friends together because tickets are bound to sell out fast – think Law Ball, but all NSW law students competing for the same tickets!

For further information visit:
<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=197271350336338>

Tickets on sale Thursday 1 September, 9:00am from <http://www.trybooking.com/UKV>

UNICEF FUNDRAISING TRIVIA NIGHT

Join the NSW Young Lawyers for an entertaining evening of trivia, fundraising,

prizes and auctions and give children a voice by raising money for UNICEF.

When: Tuesday 20 September, 6:30pm

Where: Aurora Bar & Lounge, Aurora Place Cnr Phillip and Bent Streets, Sydney.



Cost: \$60 (Students: \$50).

Hot food and alcoholic beverages provided.

GAWAD KALINGA GLOBAL SUMMIT 2011

When: 14-16 October

Where: University of Sydney Law School

In October 2011, the third Gawad Kalinga (GK) Global Summit will be held in Australia, hosted by Sydney University Law School and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

Since its official launch in 2003, GK has established over 2000 villages (and more than 60,000 homes) in the poorest areas of the Philippines, empowering those communities to manage their own development and to support that of their neighbours. It has become a peace and nation building organisation working in both Christian and Muslim areas within the Philippines, and among Indigenous communities.

The Summit will be an opportunity for Australians to see firsthand GK's work in communities around the world, to critique its approach and to hopefully engage with its development in Australia.

To register, email gkaustralia@gk1world.com or phone James Palomo on 0450 303 576.

UNSW LAW SCHOOL FAREWELL RECEPTION

Come along and celebrate the close of a chapter with drinks and canapés with staff and students.

When: Friday 14 October, 6.30pm

Where: The Establishment

Dress code: Formal Attire

Cost: \$15 + bf

UNSW LawSoc welcomes the following:

- UG students who commenced study in 2007 or before;
- UG students who are completing study this semester or next; and
- JD students who are completing study this semester or next.

Tickets on sale from Wednesday 24 August, 9pm at <http://unswlawsoc.iwannaticket.com.au/>

For more information, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=132792070148570>

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH AMBASSADORS FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSIGNMENTS

The Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) Program is now calling for applications for its latest round of volunteer assignments.

The AYAD Program provides overseas volunteer opportunities to hundreds of young skilled Australians looking to volunteer in Africa, Asia or The Pacific. The program is open to any Australian citizen aged 18-30 and assignments are 3-12 months. There are 100's of assignments on offer across all industry sectors, from Human Rights to Agriculture to IT.

The Program, funded by AusAID, provides

- Paid Volunteer work through living allowances
- Training before, during and after your Africa, Asia or The Pacific volunteer assignment
- Medical and emergency support whilst in-country
- In-country support to all volunteers to help you settle in

For further information, contact Alice McCormack on 1800 225 592 or (02) 8364 8502

RURAL & REGIONAL INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Rural & Regional Internship is a new and exciting project at UNSW Law School. The aim of R&R project is to develop internships through the UNSW Law School that support organizations in rural and regional areas.

These opportunities will also be open to other students interested in experiencing legal practice in a completely different environment to that of the corporate law firm.

This internship will offer law students the opportunity to work with organizations in RRR areas including CLCs, ALS, Legal Aid Offices, private law firms and local branches of Law Society.

During the internship candidates will provide legal assistance, research and advocacy services to RRR communities while gaining valuable professional skills.

If you are from rural and regional areas in Australia or are interested in the R&R Internship project during winter or summer breaks or by other arrangement, please send a short email detailing:

- Your interest in the internship
- Include your hometown & postcode
- (Optional) Provide details of any organizations you may know of where you would be interested in interning

Send your email to Zahra Farahani at z3292367@unsw.edu.au or Francis Gibson at f.gibson@unsw.edu.au

OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITIES: ONE YOUNG WORLD

When: 1- 4 September

Where: Zurich, Switzerland

The Second annual One Young World Summit promises to be bigger, brighter, louder: 3 days of world leading and world changing talks for young leaders featuring the world's most established personalities that represent change for good.

AIESEC



Have you ever wanted to go on a different kind of exchange?

AIESEC UNSW will provide you with the opportunity to embark on an exchange program in another country. AIESEC is present in over 110 countries and allows you to diversify their global knowledge and perspective as well as to challenge themselves.

To find out more, head to <http://www.aiesecunsw.org/>.

U8: GLOBAL STUDENT PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT

The U8 is a global student network that connects students from around the world to discuss international development issues.

Website: <http://www.u8development.org>.

U8 is hosting a global online summit in November to connect students from all around the world for a weekend of truly inclusive discussion.

You can get involved by setting up a U8 group or to link with the U8. Groups that decide to link with U8 will have the opportunity to use all the U8 resources, take part in our summits, and share views about the issues that are important to them, whether it is climate change, Human Rights, poverty and so on. It is also a chance to meet and debate with students from all over the world.

For more information about what the U8 is, how a U8 group works or what the Summit will involve contact Micaela: micaela@u8development.org.

WORLD MUN 2012

The UNSW United Nations Society is now taking expressions of interest for the UNSW delegation to Harvard World Model United Nations (WorldMUN) 2012! The prestigious conference is to be held in March 2012 in Vancouver, Canada, for the duration of a week.

UNSW is taking 20 delegates to the conference. To submit your expression of interest or to make inquiries about the program, contact Mira Bouchmouny, Head Delegate for WorldMUN 2012: worldmun@unswunsociety.org.au. Include your name, primary email address and mobile phone number for contact purposes.

NSW LAW REFORM COMMISSION SUMMER INTERNSHIPS



The NSW Law Reform Commission is inviting the following students to apply for legal internships during the 2011/2012 summer vacation: students in their final year, students entering into their final year in 2012 and recent law graduates.

Interns work as volunteers on a full-time basis.

An internship provides an opportunity to work closely with the Commissioners and law reform staff and contribute directly to the development of proposals for law reform.

Depending on the reference this could include undertaking research, contributing to drafting consultation documents, assisting with consultation processes, or helping draft reports.

Interns should be available to work 8-12 weeks full-time commencing in December 2011 or January 2012. Applicants are invited to indicate their availability when applying.

Information is available on their website: http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/lrc/ll_lrc.nsf/pages/LRC_internship.

If you have questions, email Abi Paramaguru on (02) 8061 9263 or email abi_paramaguru@agd.nsw.gov.au.

Applications close: Friday 30 September.

AURORA NATIVE TITLE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Program introduces law students and graduates to career opportunities in native title, policy development, social justice and Indigenous affairs and aims to provide assistance to under-resourced and over-worked Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs) as well as to Various other organisations working in these areas Including Indigenous corporations, government bodies, community groups, not-for-profit, policy organisations and others.

Applications are open to law students who have completed the Property Law component of their legal studies. Placements can start at 2 months and may continue for up to 1 year.

For more information and to apply please visit the website at: www.auroraproject.com.au

Applications close: Friday 2 September

NSW YOUNG LAWYERS 2011 ANIMAL LAW ESSAY COMPETITION

Get involved in the evolving and dynamic Animal Law Movement.

The winning essay will be eligible for publication by the Australian Animal Protection Law Journal (subject to peer review) and cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

For more information including topics, terms and conditions: <http://alc.younglawyers.com.au>.

Entries close: Friday 28 October, 5:00pm

LAW, CAMERA, ACTION 2011

What is it like being a law student? What do you get up to during a typical day at UNSW Law?

Tell us your story in a short film for your chance to win an iPad 2!

UNSW Law wants to see what '*A Day in the Life of a Law Student*' looks like so we can share it on our new website, UNSWTV and YouTube. This is your chance to get noticed and have your say about your experiences as a student here.

Your film should:

- Be about 'A Day in the Life of a Law Student' featuring one or more current UNSW Law students.
- Be 2-3 minutes in length.
- Be filmed in HD and less than 1GB in size.
- Be your own original work.
- Be entertaining and fun!

Prizes:

1st prize will win an iPad 2, valued at \$579.

Two runner ups will receive \$100 worth of iTunes gift vouchers.

Submissions close: Monday 19 September

Full entry conditions can be found at:

<http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/FilmComp>.

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<http://www.facebook.com/UNSWLaw>
Join the faculty for all the latest on our exciting 40th anniversary celebrations and updates from the student, faculty and legal worlds!



<http://twitter.com/#!/UNSWLaw>
Don't miss out on any updates from UNSW Law. Sign up today and follow your interests!

CAPS (COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES) WORKSHOPS

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

This weekly session will look at meditation from a mindfulness perspective. Mindfulness skills are a great way to deal with stress more effectively and improve concentration. You may attend as many or as few as you like but it's best for you if you can come regularly. Duration: 1 hour.

Mindfulness meditation has been found to benefit people in a range of ways including:

- Improvements in mood & emotional wellbeing (i.e. less depression, anxiety, stress)
- Improvements in experience of chronic pain
- Increased concentration
- Increased awareness: living more in the present & less in the past or the future
- Increased appreciation of life
- Increased awareness of habits in thinking and feeling, hence more able to see thoughts as thoughts and feelings as feelings and not get so caught up by them
- Increased opportunity to change unconscious habits.

Running every Monday starting from Monday 18 July - Monday 17 October (except Monday 29 August), at 12-1pm, Quadrangle Building Level 2 East Wing Room 2008

To register, visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XHZYDVQ>

UNSW PRACTICUM EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Students wishing to go on a research exchange can do so through the UNSW Practicum Exchange Program. This program gives UNSW students the opportunity for a short term (usually 2-6 months) research internships at many of our international partner institutions. As a continuing student at UNSW you can:

- Undertake research projects at some of the top universities around the world
- Be supervised by some of the best researchers in your area of study
- Travel to exotic locations and meet other students to create your own profession network for the future.

Information sessions will be held for students interested in going on an outbound practicum in S1 2012.

When: Wednesday 31 August 10 am

If you would like to register for this session or register your interest please go to the following link: <https://www.surveys.unsw.edu.au/survey/155842/275c/>

A list of our current exchange partners can be found at:

- Student Exchange Partners
<http://www.international.unsw.edu.au/exchange/exchangepartners.html>
- Practicum Exchange only partners
http://s3.amazonaws.com/media.international.unsw.edu.au/uploads/file/2011/06/08/PracticumPartner_list.pdf

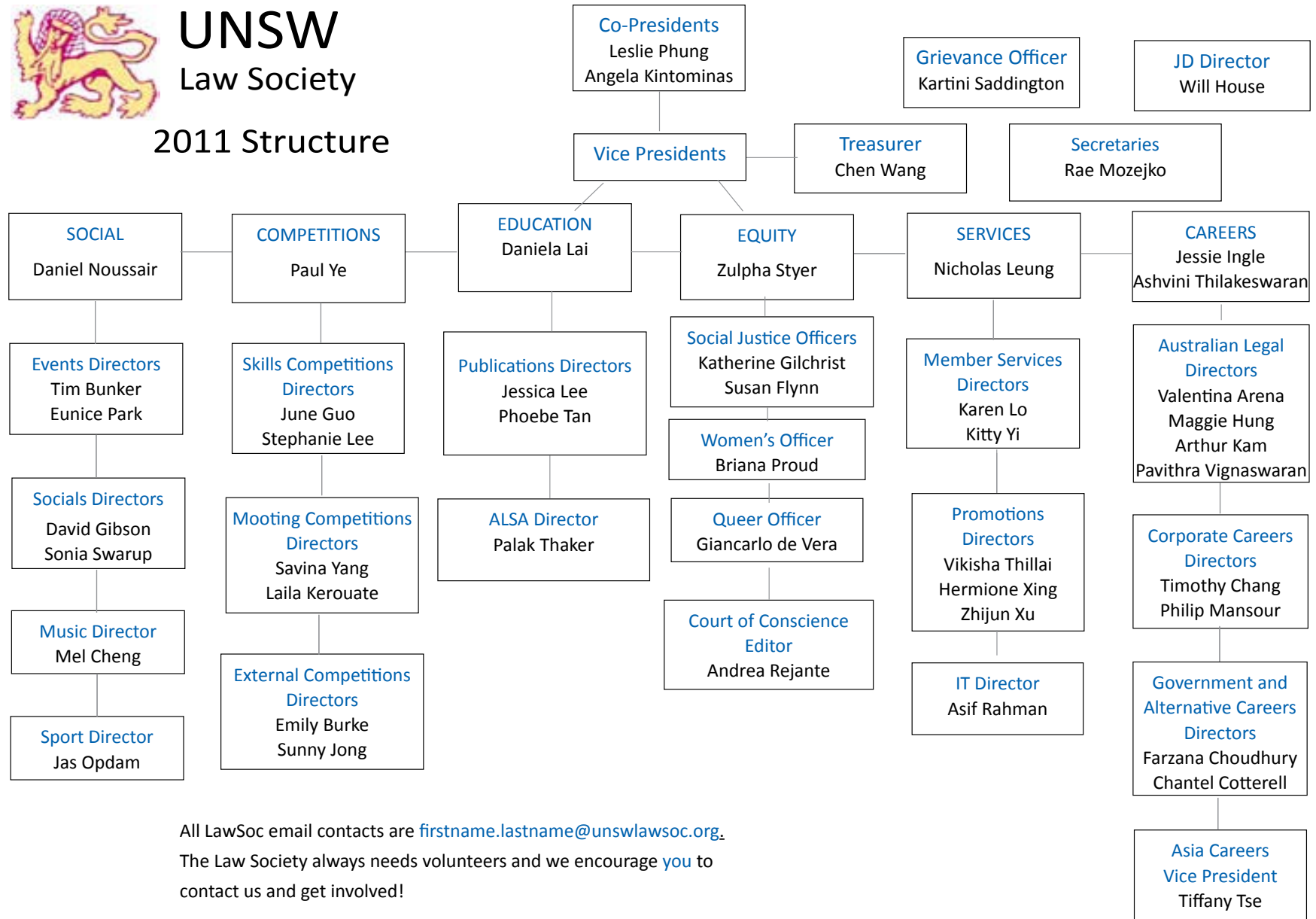
Further information about the Practicum Exchange Program go to Research Exchanges at:

<http://www.international.unsw.edu.au/outbound-exchanges/> or email: practicum@unsw.edu.au.



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 The Law Society always needs volunteers and we encourage you to contact us and get involved!



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