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# INTER ALIA



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# PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Hello and welcome to our second edition of Inter Alia.

We were incredibly pleased to recently discover that we are the largest society at the University of Exeter. Thank you to all our members for their support, it makes all the effort we put into our events worth it! We have also extended our already large committee to 32 members, which should help us to put on even more events in the coming months. This year (so far) we are also delighted to have over 15 partnerships with top law firms and resources.

October has been a very busy month for us. We have had one of our calendar highlight events: the Annual Careers Dinner; with 70 participants and 8 different law firms all in one Zoom call. It was a delight to be able to put on this event, despite current limitations and we hope that all who attended, thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

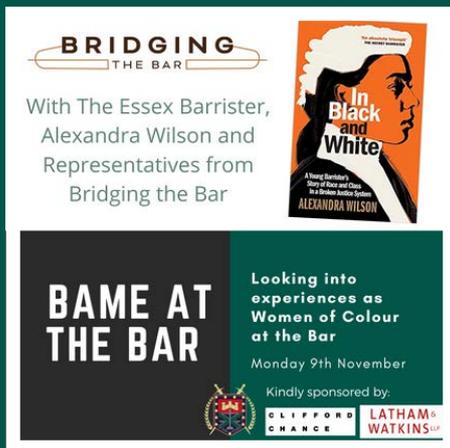
In this publication, we've highlighted a couple of events to look out for this month, but make sure to be following our social media pages to keep up to date with our weekly events - there are so many exciting opportunities coming up.

- Jess and Lucy



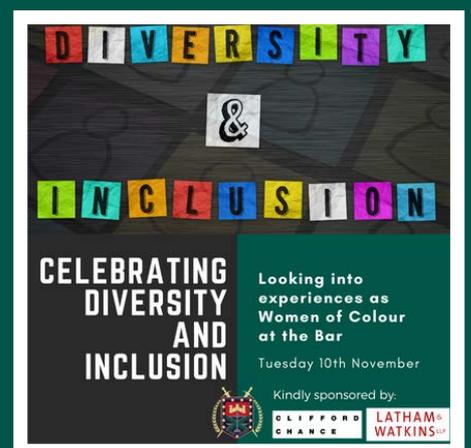
# LOOK OUT FOR

**Pro Bono Week**  
2nd October  
onwards



**BAME at the Bar**  
9th November

**Celebrating D&I**  
**Speaker Panel**  
10th November



*Don't miss them!*

# UELS ANNUAL CAREERS DINNER

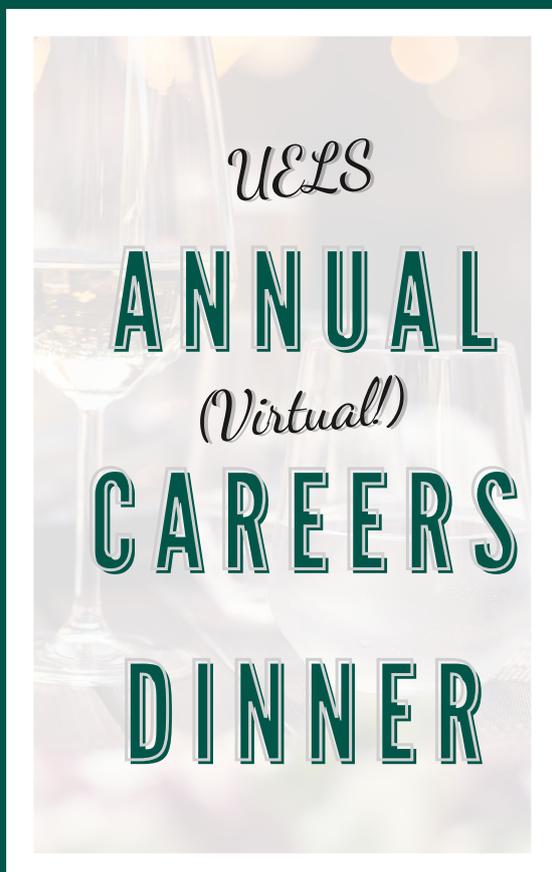
Virtual Careers Dinner gave students the opportunity to meet and discuss any questions they had with world's top law firms including, Latham & Watkins, DLA Piper, Macfarlanes, Baker McKenzie, Hogan Lovells, and more!

As a first year law student, my knowledge of the practical legal world is very elementary but my interest to learn more about it is continuously growing. After a thorough discussion with the firms I chose which were DLA Piper, Baker McKenzie, and Hogan Lovells, I began to gain further insight into the commercial legal sphere from people holding different positions within their respective firms. I noticed that all of the firm's representatives enthusiastically answered everyone's question and without hesitation.

Lastly, another thing I discovered is the reason that makes these firms the best in the world is their enthusiasm for law, the deep care they have for each client, and the willingness every trainee and employee has to refine themselves in order to excel.

Overall, the University of Exeter Law Society made the Careers Dinner event a massive success! It helped students like myself to network and learn much more about the world of law. I definitely advise students who were unable to attend this year to try and not miss out on it next year!

- Lekha Palyapu



I thought the careers dinner would be an excellent opportunity to get to know not only the firms attending, but also other students. As this was my first careers dinner, I wasn't quite sure what to expect or whether it would work over zoom, but it didn't disappoint. Not only did the small breakout rooms give me a chance to speak directly to firm representatives, but the other questions asked provided the additional information I wanted to gather. All the firms ensured that they gave as much information as they could fit into the 20 minutes we had, answering everyone's questions and making as much conversation as they possibly could.

Overall, I found the event incredibly helpful and a great opportunity to understand the different dynamics of each firm. I don't think the fact that it was held virtually had a negative impact on the event, as we were all still able to get to know each firm individually and it was organised brilliantly by Jess, Lucy and the rest of the society. I can't wait for next year's dinner which, hopefully, we will be able to have in person!

- Izzy Moore

# PRO BONO

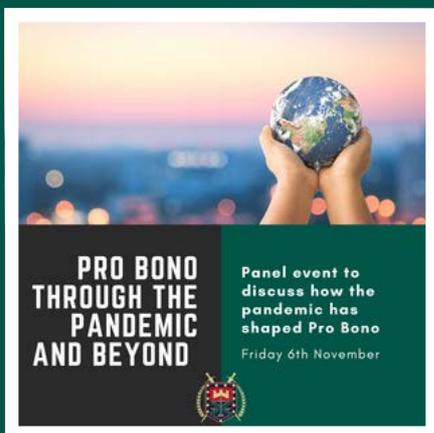
On Friday 16th October we hosted our first Pro Bono Event of the year- 'Pro Bono in Exeter and Beyond'! It was great to see so many of our members in attendance, and we would also like to say thank you to the speakers who attended the event. It was amazing to hear about so many causes that happen right here in Exeter and all over the country, that we can get involved in. It was inspiring to hear how much of a difference our work can really make to those less fortunate than ourselves. If you missed the event but would like to hear more about the opportunities discussed head over to the UELS Pro Bono Facebook Page or check your email for the slides from the event!

- Lauren Hunt, Pro Bono Officer

I am a first year, undergraduate law student and I attended the 'Pro Bono in Exeter and Beyond' Event which was well organised and featured JLAP (Junior Lawyers Against Poverty), Access to Justice, All Hands Together, Exeter Student Volunteers, EX4 Homeless and Howard League for Penal Reform. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the event and hearing about the different charities' values, aims and opportunities for 2020/21! It has provided me with great insight and knowledge into what Pro Bono is all about and the different opportunities which UELS has to offer this year. I look forward to attending more online events like this in the future and getting involved in the charities and their various activities!

- Raina J. Singh

*Upcoming in November!*



Pro Bono Week is Nov 2nd-6th so make sure to get involved with the events we have planned! We are so excited to be celebrating Pro Bono Week for the first time ever! November 2nd will be a fundraiser for Support Through Court, comprising of a fun evening of quizzes and games, November 4th will be a skills event where you can learn what you need to succeed in Pro Bono and to end November 6th, we will have a panel event to discuss impacts of Pro Bono. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

# NEWCOMERS MOOT

Last week saw the first round of our newcomers moot designed for people who have never mooted before. The moot problem question was one of contract law, touching on promissory estoppel so was by no means an easy task. Mooters however rose to the challenge with almost 40 participants over a two day period, all of whom mooted to a very high standard indeed.

We were especially impressed with the number of first year students who chose to get involved and it was difficult to choose the eight finalists. These mooters will be sent through to be judged by lecturers and practising lawyers next week.

If you haven't yet mooted or would like to moot some more, remember that signups for the EMCC (Exeter Moot Court Competition) will be opening soon. Keep an eye on our UELS Mooting Facebook page for more information.

- Alfie & Sneha



The newcomers moot was an amazing experience into what it is like to be a lawyer. I was able to argue in front of 'judges' like a barrister would. It felt a little unnatural using the legal terms to address people but it was useful to get an idea of how to act in court.

This opportunity was able to further develop my legal reason skills and research skills which I find incredible handy. Although I didn't make it to the second round, I really enjoyed myself and would love to take part in future mooting.

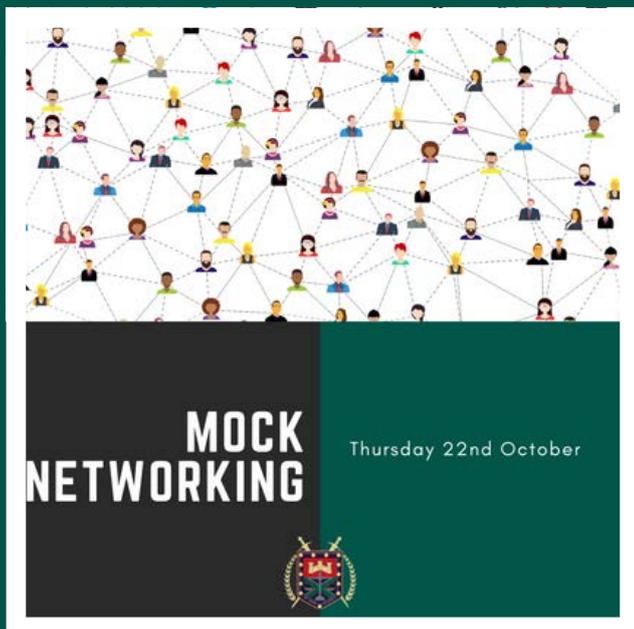
- 1st year LLB Law with European Studies Student

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Lovells

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# MOCK NETWORKING

On Thursday 22nd October, UELS collaborated with Edward Bramley Law Society and Cardiff University Law Society to bring our first ever Mock Networking event. Jake Schogger from City Career Series delivered a fantastic talk, providing tips on putting yourself out there and networking digitally. Highlights of his talk included: networking with an aeroplane arm-rest-hogger, and networking with an arguing couple he shared an UberPool with. Thank you to Jake Schogger for supporting this event.

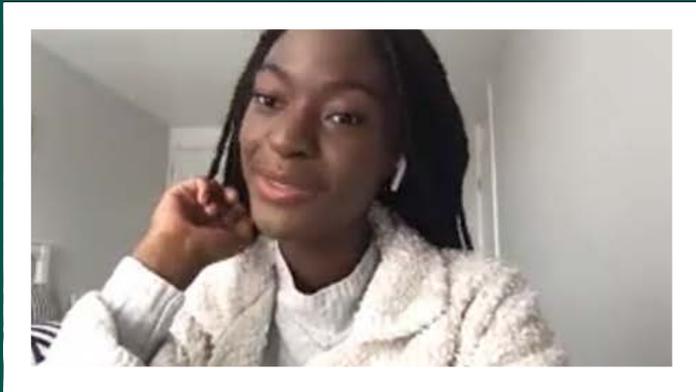


Jake Schogger is a qualified lawyer, career coach, entrepreneur, author, copywriter and consultant. He is the founder and CEO of City Career Series, a publishing company that has sold ~50,000 handbooks designed to help students secure City careers, including the critically acclaimed Commercial Law Handbook.

For more information, visit: [www.citycareerseries.com](http://www.citycareerseries.com) and [www.linkedin.com/groups/8944518](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/8944518) or search for "City Career Series" on YouTube, LinkedIn and Instagram.

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PANEL

In early October, the International Student Panel event has been successfully held. Current students Courtney Jones and Munanga Mubipe, and Ashley Lee, whose an Exeter alumni, joined us for the afternoon. Our speakers shared their experiences on their studies, social life as an international student, as well as explored into pursuing an international career.



As part of the UELS Diversity & Inclusion team, we are committed to create new opportunities for our international and BAME members of the UELS community. We strive to listen and create an open environment, where our international and BAME students feel safe to engage with our society, ask us any questions and seek for assistance anytime.

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On behalf of the society, I would like to thank our speakers for their time and participation and I hope that our participants have benefitted from the event.

**LATHAM &  
WATKINS<sup>LLP</sup>**

If you have any questions concerning international opportunities and would require more support, please get in touch with our International Student Officer, Cherry Wong (cycw201@exeter.ac.uk).

- Cherry Wong

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DIRECTORY

As part of our commitment to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for our BAME and International students at UELS, the Diversity and Inclusion team have collaborated with several international and cultural societies on campus to compile a list of useful local businesses and establishments to cater for our members of varying ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds, to help make Exeter feel like your home away from home. This month, we would like to thank The Asian Society for helping us create an accessible list of businesses and resources for our South Asian members.

**Karma Restaurant:** Exeter EX4 4AU

- A fine dining Indian restaurant with a variety of foods.

**Argee Bhajee:** 13 Buddle Ln, Exeter EX4 1JU

- Available for both takeaway and dining in, Argee Bhajee offers a range of Indian dishes for when you're missing the spices of home.

**The Gandhi Indian Cuisine:** 7/8 New N Rd, Exeter EX4 4HH

- Labelled as the travellers choice 2020, the Gandi specialises in Indian and Bangladeshi dishes.

**Heera International Foods:** 5-6 Well St, Exeter EX4 6QR

- This grocery store stocks all sorts of food from home that you might be craving, from small packed snacks to samosas.



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# DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

For this month's volume of *Inter Alia*, the Diversity & Inclusion team have teamed up with Exeter Law School's very own, Richard Bowyer, to deliver a curated selection of books, journals and academic articles examining the relationship between race, power, and the law (also known as critical race theory). These resources can be accessed for free via the University's library databases.

- **Critical Race Theory: an Introduction** by Richard Delgado
- **Black Skin, White Masks and The Wretched of the Earth** by Franz Fanon's
- **Race Consciousness: The Thematic Content of Racial Distinctiveness in Critical Race Scholarship** by Robin Barnes ((1990) 103 *Harvard Law Review* 1864)
- **Race, Law, Resistance** by Patricia Tuitt
- **The Mythology of Modern Law** by Peter Fitzpatrick
- **Racism and The Innocence of Law** by Peter Fitzpatrick (1987) 14 *Journal of Law and Society* 119.
- **Refugees, Race and the Legal Concept of Asylum in Britain** by Prakash Shah
- **(B)ordering Britain: law, race and empire** by Nadine El-Enany

# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:

## BPP UNIVERSITY LAW

For those that don't know, BPP University is a provider of (among other subjects) Legal Qualifications, including the BTC, LPC, LLM and PGDL. BPP is actually the chosen LPC provider of 60 leading law firms (including 4 out of the 5 'Magic Circle' Firms) and BPP graduates of the BTC have secured more pupillages in barristers' chambers than any other provider!

This term, BPP is hosting a fantastic variety of webinars, virtual open days evenings, online workshops and law fairs to improve students' employability. These events are great opportunities to network, gain new skills and learn more about your career path.

If students attend any 4 BPP Law School online events, they can earn the 'Career Development Certificate' which is a great addition to CVs or Application Forms.

I would really recommend that students get involved in these events as they are a great way to enhance your employability and demonstrate your work ethic despite the pandemic.

All of these events and more can be found at <https://www.bpp.com/events>

If you have any specific questions or would like to be put in touch with someone at BPP, please contact Phoebe Gale at [pg393@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:pg393@exeter.ac.uk)

- Phoebe Gale (Ambassador for BPP)



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# NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## EMPLOYABILITY OFFICER

Hi, I'm Ben and one of the Employability officers. I'm excited to work with Evan to provide exceptional employability workshops throughout the year. I aim to help establish UELS as one of the best law societies in the UK and showcase the high calibre of students we have to firms and businesses.

- Ben ward



## SOCIAL MOBILITY OFFICER



Hello! This year, my goals are to create a more inclusive and welcoming perception of the legal profession. I'm also aiming to set up a mentoring scheme as well as creating resources where students will be able to easily access information on available opportunities that are specifically created for state school educated students.

- Gabriella Mula



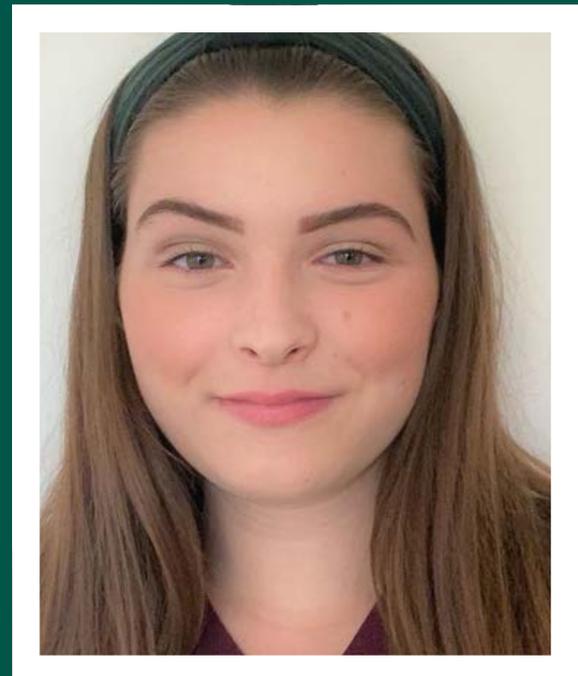
- Ania Hollinshead

My name's Ania Hollinshead and I'm so excited to have been elected as one of the first year representatives. My primary aim is to focus on supporting other first years, helping them feel included and ensuring that this year's virtual events won't be an obstacle in making the most out of Law Society.

I will promote sessions to help first year law students with any struggles they might be having with the course, and organise sessions for non-law students too. Lastly, as soon as the 'soft lockdown' is lifted, I can't wait to work with other committee members to organise face-to-face activities for first years !

## FIRST YEAR SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES

Over the next academic year I have some key goals that I aim to achieve as a first-year representative. My first goal is to encourage as many first years as possible to join the society so that they access many informative and valuable events. I also aim to help students understand the legal world and make it feel more accessible and less daunting. Finally, I want to make everyone feel represented and ensure both law and non-law students feel comfortable within the society.



- Zoe Bushby

# FIRST YEAR BAR REPRESENTATIVE

I'm Lucy and I'm so excited to be first year bar representative. My aim as bar rep for this year is to encourage more first years to consider a career at the bar and let students in general know how they can get there in a way that suits them best. - Lucy Cook



# SECOND YEAR BAR REPRESENTATIVE

As second year bar representative, I have three main aims: to raise awareness and educate students about the Bar, to provide students with the relevant experience needed for a career at the Bar, and to promote accessibility to the Bar.

I plan to hold various events, primarily consisting of informative panel events, advocacy competitions, and workshops, all in webinar form for the foreseeable future.

- Leah Barter



# THIRD YEAR BAR REPRESENTATIVE

My goals as third year Bar Representative are to show my peers, people who want to pursue the Bar and people who're still making up their mind; that it's never too late to start thinking about a career at the Bar; and help them understand the different advantages of being a barrister. I hope to be able to educate people about what it means to work at the Bar! - Adithi Vedante



# UELS COMMITTEE 2020-2021

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**Second Year Bar Representative:** Leah Barter

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**Pro Bono Officers:** Lauren Hunt and Jasmin Cogin

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