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# INTER ALIA



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# PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Happy New Year! And welcome to our fourth edition of Inter Alia.

It has been a very busy first term, holding over 70 events, and we are so grateful to all of our members who have supported these events. We are using this edition of Inter Alia as an opportunity to reflect on the last few months, and look forward to term two.

We also want to thank everyone who has been filling in the surveys we have been sending around. We appreciate the time it takes to complete them, and it's important to us that we have your voices heard in our society. We hope to send round a summary of your feedback and we will ensure that all suggestions will be taken on board.

In the second term we are looking forward to continuing to host many more events. We will be starting off the term with our First Year Society Representatives hosting a variety of events for first years including opportunities to get to know other first year students, and ask questions from second year students. Other highlights to look out for are the Mock Trial Competition hosted by our Bar Group and the final of our Exeter Moot Court Competition.

Make sure to keep an eye out on our social media pages to find out about all the exciting plans we have coming in 2021!

- Jess and Lucy



# UPCOMING EVENTS

W/C 11TH JANUARY

## **Monday 11th**

Escape room  
social!

## **Tuesday 12th**

Breaking Down  
Career Avenues!

## **Wednesday 13th**

First Year Pizza  
Meet & Greet!

## **Thursday 14th**

First Year Q&A  
with Second Years!

*Refreshers Week!*

# PRO BONO

Thank you all for an amazing first term of Pro Bono with UELS! Whether you have attended one of our events or have applied for one of our projects we are so grateful for all your engagement.

Back in October we put on our first Pro Bono event- 'Pro Bono in Exeter and Beyond'- it was great to work with other societies here in Exeter and hear all about the amazing opportunities we have to volunteer! This event saw about 40 people in attendance and it was great to see so many of our members shared our interest of Pro Bono.

November was a big month for Pro Bono, starting off with Pro Bono Week which was celebrated for the first time by the Law Society. We put on three events across the week, a fundraiser, skills event and a panel talk on the pandemics impact on Pro Bono. It was amazing to have so many of our members celebrate the week with us whether it was via an online quiz, improving their transferrable pro bono skills or through hearing our incredible speakers at the end of the week.

Also, in November we launched our Pro Bono Projects for the year! This year we have had to be creative in coming up with projects due to COVID-19 however we managed to more than double the number of projects from last year! The projects we have our Fundraising teams for Support Through Court, JUSTICE and Devon Rape Crisis, Pro Bono Commentary Project, Aspire, Aspire 2.0 and Legal Education. It was wonderful to see more than 160 of you applied for a project and we were highly impressed with the applications which definitely made our job hard.

We have now recruited for all our projects and have begun to get to work and plan out Term 2, we look forward to seeing each of the projects in action and what incredible things everyone gets up to!

- Lauren Hunt , Pro Bono Officer

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# MOOTING

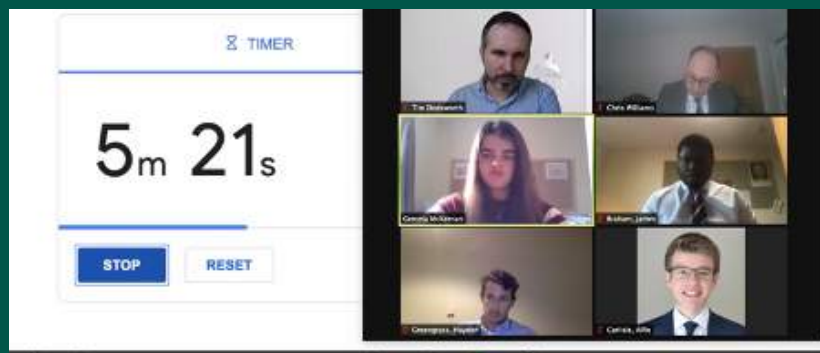
Whilst mooting in 2020 was undoubtedly different, we are proud of what we have been able to deliver thus far. The academic year opened with a series of online workshops to introduce members to the concept of mooting and encourage them to sign-up. These took the form of: Introduction to Mooting, Court Etiquette with David Tyzack QC and Research and Skeleton Workshop, as well as the release of our mooting handbook. We promised to deliver at least two internal competitions over the course of three terms and recently concluded (before the vacation), the Newcomers Moot which is designed specifically for those 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 were sent through to a final on 6th Nov, that was judged by Dr Tim Dodsworth, Dr Ben Hudson and Chris William, a partner with Clyde & Co. Michael Magier was victorious, with Robert Brown and Christopher Duffield coming second and third place respectively.

No sooner was the Newcomers Moot concluded than was work underway to start the EMCC. This competition opened with a round on crime, and will continue with a tort round in late January. For those who progress through to the final in February, which will be on the topic of family law, we are pleased to announce that we have secured a practising barrister to judge.

We are very much looking forward to continuing overseeing the UELS mooting agenda into 2021 and hope that we can get back into the Amory Moot Court very soon indeed!

As ever, don't forget to follow us on Facebook for the latest mooting info.

-Alfie and Sneha, Mooting Officers



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# BAR GROUP

Through our Bar workshops, Jade, the Bar representatives and I have managed to cultivate and inform a group of aspiring barristers. A really rewarding thing for me is seeing the same consistent names in our sessions, as it demonstrates that we are not only delivering what people want from their Bar Officers but are also providing quality that people will return for! Two of my favourite workshops this year were the initial Intro to the Bar and the sessions on Inn scholarships and access schemes. Overcoming the technical challenges of hosting and presenting on Zoom and delivering to an online audience due to Covid was unfortunately not the initial idea of how we would do our sessions, but one we took and ran with, nonetheless. Being reminiscent of my time on the stage, working with fellow committee to prepare and present these workshops has been an absolute joy. I hope you enjoyed them as much as we have!

- Nathaniel Guerrero  
Bar Officer

One of our biggest events this year was our Newcomer's Mock Trial in which 24 of our members took part in a made up trial as an opportunity to practise their advocacy skills. We saw some really impressive skills and are looking forward to hosting the UELS Mock Trial next term taking everything we've learnt to make this even bigger and better. Having our second year bar rep, Leah help out us showed us the amount of work that goes into organising an event like this and we will definitely be giving ourselves more time to organise the next competition to make sure it runs smoothly.

We also held our BAME at the bar event with guest speakers, Blessing Park and Srishti Suresh from Bridging the Bar and Alexandra Wilson, author of 'In Black and White'. This was a great opportunity to hear underrepresented voices and to examine the legal profession from this angle. It also allowed us to advertise the work that Bridging the Bar is doing and the opportunities they have for aspiring barristers from minority backgrounds.

- Jade lee  
Bar Officer

# EMPLOYABILITY

This term's employability has been packed with events that have touched on a wide variety of topics. Our first event being pathways outside the legal profession, where we welcomed Ollie, Eddie and Alex who gave us some extremely valuable insights into the careers they will be/already have begun pursuing. Welcoming the brand ambassadors of many law firms and legal organisations allowed not only our members to meet the ambassadors but also for the ambassadors to tell us a little about the firms/organisations they are representing this year. Our first virtual careers dinner was a huge success also with around 75 members attending, giving members greater insight into working at firms such as Latham & Watkins, Tozers and Clyde & Co. These events were followed by our application workshop, a first-year schemes event, an insight into the world of in-house legal work and a collaboration event with our non-law officer, Haowei, giving us insights into how those who came from a non-law background progressed into the legal profession.

I want to say a massive thank you to all the panellists we had at all our events over this last term, the advice, insights and tips and tricks was truly invaluable and I'm sure all our members found them particularly useful also. Given the circumstances of this term, I completely understand the pressure this has placed on you guys, our members, to try and adapt to online learning whilst thinking about careers on top of your day-to-day lives, so I just wanted to thank each and every one of you who came to these events also.

Looking toward second term, myself and Ben have some more great events planned, including more collaboration with other committee members and some super useful sessions and workshops to help you guys in any way we can to achieve your career aspirations.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have, or even some event ideas you'd like to see – we want to make the sessions as useful to you as possible! Hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and I look forward to seeing some of you at our events in the coming weeks!

- Evan John  
Employability Officer



# DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

What can we say about term 1? It's been a very different start to the year than any of us had hoped for. With almost everything being moved online, we as a society followed suit and have really tried to make the term as enjoyable and inclusive as possible. The D&I team have tried our hardest to make sure that there have been events for everyone to get involved with. The highlight of the term was really the celebrating D&I event in November. It was a fantastic opportunity for us to kick start the years D&I agenda with over 20 amazing guest speakers discussing issues and opportunities in the industry. But we have done so much more than that, each one of us in the D&I team have put on events targeted to each of our roles that have been very popular with students. Even though term 1 has been challenging, the successes we've had have been positive and exciting. We have so much more coming in term 2 as well, we hope that you're looking forward to it as much as we are!

- Ben Gardener, LGBTQ Officer

The University of Exeter Law Society's ethos on diversity is that we should constantly be doing more and that we should be held accountable vehemently when it is apparent that we are not upholding our promise to create a safe, accessible, and inclusive community for all our members. Thus, we urge our members to regularly send us any feedback they have via surveys or polls, using the data to make changes to how we operate our society. Our Diversity & Inclusion team regularly hold meetings to discuss how we can improve and evolve our approach to fostering a more diverse society and there is a constant effort between our team members to hold events with a more intersectional approach which reflect the diverse nature of our membership base. While last term was tumultuous, we are determined to improve your membership experience. Thus we are currently evaluating your feedback to create changes for this term.

-Rawan Alsamawi, BAME Officer

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# DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

While the pandemic brought unprecedented circumstances and challenges when planning our activities and projects last term, the Diversity & Inclusion team were determined to create a safe, accessible and inclusive society experience for our members. Backed by three leading law firms and with the support of our fellow committee members, we managed to pull off 17 virtual events and collaborated with a multitude of different organizations across campus and within the legal field, such as Queer Lawyers of Tomorrow, University of Exeter Feminist Society, The Law Society of England & Wales, Bridging The Bar and the Exeter Law School.

Early in September, we also had the pleasure of collaborating with the Exeter University Feminist Society on the 'Share The Mic Now' project, an initiative spawned by the Black Lives Matter movement which saw over 15 society Instagram accounts being taken over Black women for a week to shed light on racism and the importance of the BLM movement

Furthermore, last term saw the launch of "The International Student's Directory", a project led by the University of Exeter Law Society in collaboration with over 17 cultural societies to provide our members of different ethnic or cultural backgrounds with information about local businesses or establishments that provide various goods or services tailored to students of different cultures.

-Rawan Alsamawi, BAME Officer

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# WELFARE

Stalking and harassment are unacceptable and really frightening for victims. UELS wants to make sure its members are aware that we will not tolerate this behaviour from any of our members. If you are experiencing stalking, harassment, or any other unwanted behaviour from individuals within our society, uni community or more broadly in Exeter, we want you to know that UELS Welfare is there for you.

If you need help in an emergency, please call 999.

The Devon and Cornwall police are also available via webchat online at <https://chat.devon-cornwall.police.uk/webchatLogin.php>

If you need immediate assistance on campus grounds (including in uni halls), the 24-hour number for Estate Patrol is 01392 722222.

If you need someone to talk to, you can call Exeter's Nighline at 01392 724000.

There is also a victim support line available at 0845 3030900.

If you are wondering about legal options in dealing with any of these situations and don't know what first steps are available to you, the Citizens Advice Bureau is reachable at 0844 4994101 or online via webchat at <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/web-chat-service/>

If you are looking for a resource with something else and you don't see it here, you can email our Welfare Officer at [cdj203@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:cdj203@exeter.ac.uk) or you can reach out to UELS Welfare through our social media channels as well.

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# MEMBERS VOICE

## *Your thoughts on Term 1!*

Whilst 2020 may not have been seen as the ideal year by many to commence university life, looking back I can now say without a doubt that it was absolutely the right decision for me.

Although this past term I studied remotely as a LLB Law student, I was able to engage and take part in all that the university had to offer. In particular, the University of Exeter's Law Society, through their many enriching virtual events, offered me the opportunity to meet and interact with law firms, gaining a greater insight into the type of work and experiences of both solicitors and barristers. One such event was UELS's Virtual Careers Dinner which allowed me the opportunity to network with different law firms, accessing information about schemes on offer. Further, it is through UELS's hosting of Essential Skills in Pro Bono that I was able to gain practical experience of how to introduce myself and give advice to a client.

One event I especially enjoyed participating in, hosted by UELS, was their Mediation Workshop with Macfarlanes in which I acted as one of the legal advisers to one of the two parties to mediate a settlement on the client's behalf. This was a very interesting event where I had to utilise my negotiating skills whilst representing the client.

UELS went on to host various events throughout the first term such as an Intro to Our Pro Bono Projects; UELS Newcomer's Mock Trial and Exeter's Moot Court Competition, all of which I found greatly rewarding and which enhanced my experience of studying Law at the University of Exeter.

I look forward to participating in more of these virtual events hosted by UELS in the New Year!

- Raina J. Singh

# MEMBERS VOICE

The first term with UELS was amazing. I loved how there were a variety of events each week that was very inclusive. Each event was extremely useful in supplying information like the pathway into becoming a barrister or how to deal with essay writing. Holding the mock trial and moots were incredible experiences that gave an insight of how to work as a lawyer as well as able to develop various skills. I especially liked the events with guests where they talked about their experiences which brought the profession to life.

- First year student studying LLB Law  
with European Study

My first term experiences with UELS are incredible! Started my journey with introduction to bar, meeting our student ambassadors, mooting workshops and ended with Quiz night and Pro Bono. UELS provided different opportunities for students to learn to plan their future career and develop different skills. There are also workshops on essay writing and notes making which give first year students like me more ideas on how to get prepare for their formatives. My highlight of term one was the Exeter moot court competition! It gave me a chance to practise my legal writing skills and practise public speaking. I feel more confident and passionate about being a future lawyer after joining these events. Can't wait to know what events are coming up in term two!!

- Angel Lai

Over the course of my first term at Exeter University, it is undeniable that the Law Society has provided me with an array of valuable experiences that have each been incredibly beneficial! One of my favourite events has been the White & Case Virtual Dinner. In particular, this dinner allowed students to speak to various members of the international firm, including both trainees as well as partners. This was an exceptionally valuable opportunity, as I was able to gain an understanding of the core values of the firm and what qualities the firm looks for when interviewing potential trainees. I would highly recommend getting involved with the Society and participating in any event they have on offer!

- Nia Matthews

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