



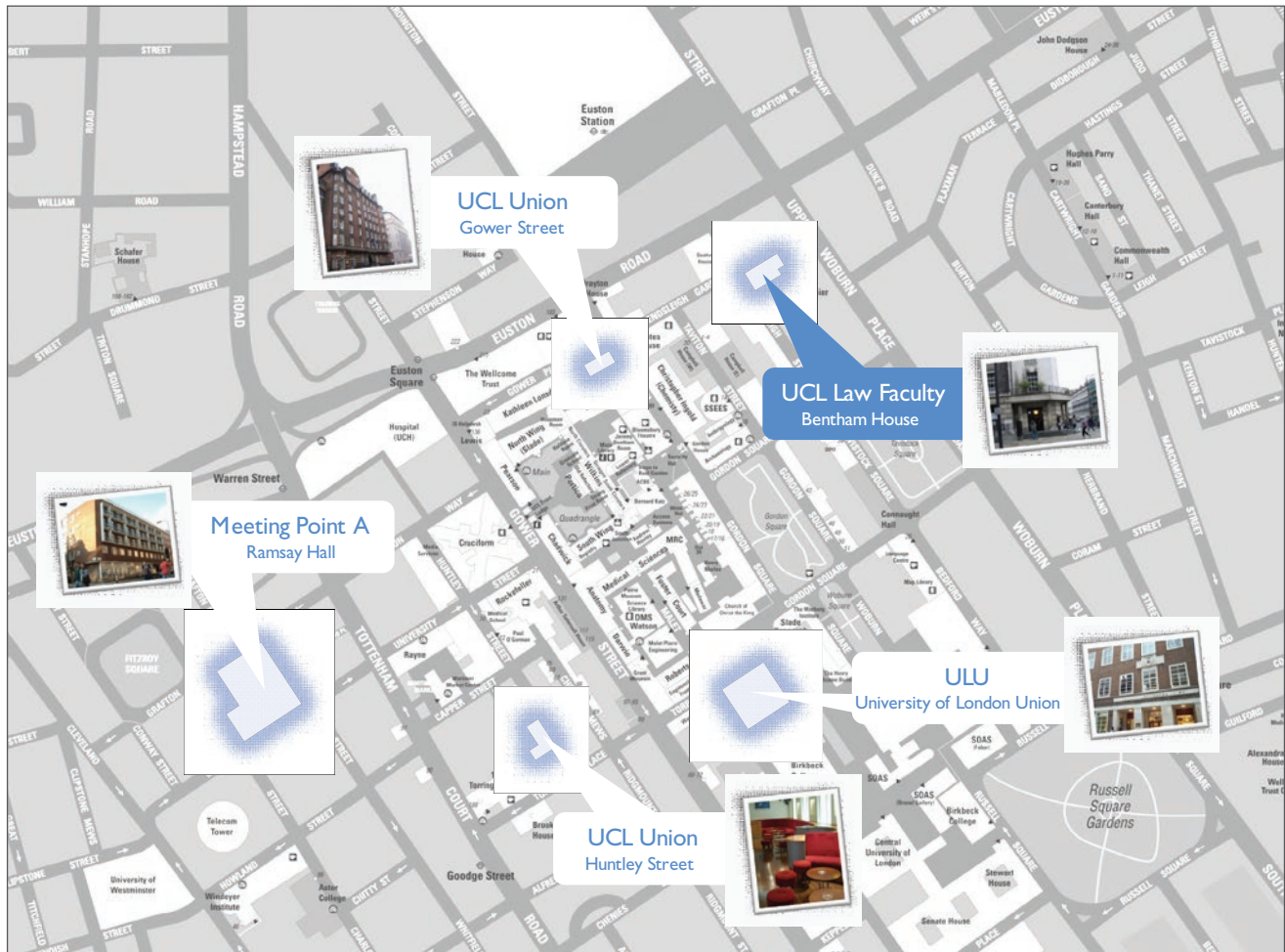
UCL LAW SOCIETY **FRESHERS' BOOKLET**

2015/16

IN ASSOCIATION WITH DLA PIPER



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A BRIEF NOTE

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UCL LAW SOCIETY

Dear Fresher,

Congratulations! You got in. You're now a student at one of the best law schools in the world.

Unsurprisingly, this is also where the real work begins, where you take your first shaky steps into the so-called "real world". Thankfully, you've got some time before you have to worry about that. I'm sure you're all familiar with Freshers' week, which is cute, I suppose. Here at UCL Laws, we do Freshers' Fortnight. Your lovely Social Secretary, Rory, has been tirelessly planning what will likely be two of the craziest weeks of your life. You'll read more from him later.

The Law Society will be an integral part of your student life at UCL. Our committee members will be there for you throughout the year, organising everything extra-curricular that happens in our community. These include the socials, the careers program, the sports teams, the academic competitions, the pro bono projects, and so on.

You will have no shortage of things to do and people to meet at UCL Laws. After all, that is what we as a society do best. The faculty will make you stellar academics, but we will give you the opportunities to make yourself into the well-rounded person that you want to be and that employers want to meet. Trust me on this - in mere months you will find yourself amongst some of the worlds' top legal professionals, close friends, colleagues, and perhaps even partners (who am I kidding, this'll probably happen before the first week is over).

Which brings me to my last point. You only get to experience Freshers' Fortnight once. Throw yourself into the deep end, let go of your inhibitions and take on everything with an open attitude. Sure, it seems daunting, but trust me when I say that if you keep a positive mind-set, you won't regret a single second of it. Get involved with everything the Society has to offer and embrace new experiences.

Remember two things: be yourself, and you belong here. You didn't get your place because other candidates were lacking, you got it because you were outstanding, and each one of you deserves to be here.

That's it from me. If you have any questions for myself or any of the other committee members our emails are on the website, www.ucllawsociety.co.uk.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Ryan Chu

President

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UCL Law Society 2015/16

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

FROM DLA PIPER

Dear Freshers,

Welcome to UCL!

You may not be thinking, as you arrive for Freshers' fortnight bright eyed and bushy tailed, about the fact that what you do over the next three years may have a real effect on your career. In fact, you've probably not even thought about careers. However, if you use your time at university (relatively) wisely you can help make your life easier once you graduate.

We understand that during your first year your academic studies are unlikely to be your top priority! For many of you it'll be your first time living away from home and although exciting, it can also be relatively daunting. This can affect your work as you may not feel totally settled for a while.

You'll find that the style of teaching is very different to that at school or college and you are likely to be left to work independently and with a lot less guidance than you're used to. You'll also be told that your first year grades don't count towards your degree.

All of these factors mean that first year exams are often not taken particularly seriously and you aren't overly concerned about their result as they don't carry any final weight in your degree mark.

However, the bad news is that when it comes to applying for summer schemes at law firms during your second year, your first year grades will be the only marks recruiters have to gauge what degree grade you're likely to achieve. It's no good having marks of 43, 48, 52 & 51 and saying you're on course for a 2.1 as the evidence says otherwise.

It's worth getting involved in different societies and clubs as this will help you to meet a range of different people and get the most out of life at university – it's honestly not all about Pot Noodles and The Chase! Keeping yourself busy will help to develop your time management skills, something that law firm recruiters view as very important. At UCL you're really lucky because you have a very well organised and pro-active law society, who are likely to arrange a variety of events.

You'll find as a first year student, that many formal work experience schemes will be closed to you, however there are other ways you can gain insights into the legal profession. Firstly, the law fair. Although this may seem a little overwhelming use it as a way to collect brochures (and some useful freebies!) which will help you understand the different types of firms that are out there.

Secondly, many firms will run open days in their offices. These can be an excellent way to find out more about individual firms as you'll get to speak to their employees and get a feel for their working environment. Keep an eye on the websites of the firms you're interested in and also on your law society notice boards. Some firms, including DLA Piper, recognise the difficulty facing first years in trying to get experience and will run events specifically for you. DLA Piper will be hosting first year events throughout the year and further details can be found on the back of this booklet.

Finally, work experience. During the summer you could try and gain work experience at a smaller high street firm. This will help you to understand basic legal procedures, learn client interview technique etc.

Good luck with your first year. Enjoy it and make the most of your time at university as it will fly by, but the friendships and associations you will form will be very important for the future and provide a framework for whatever career route you decide to go down.

I wish you all the very best.

Sally Carthy

Head of Graduate Recruitment
DLA Piper UK LLP

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION FROM THE OVERSEAS OFFICER

Dear Overseas Freshers,

Congratulations on your offer to study at UCL Laws! I look forward to welcoming you in person. Rest assured that the Law Faculty and Law Society committee will do their best to support and assist you in every possible way.

As an international student myself, I understand the confluence of excitement and nervousness that comes with leaving home for London. However, it is going to be an exciting and fun-filled year with events ranging from the traditional Freshers' Fortnight to the mouth-watering Chinese New Year Dinner. There will also be a tour around the law faculty for incoming students right before the start of the school term - details will be out soon.

The undergraduate student body at UCL Laws is incredibly diverse, comprising of students from approximately 45 different nations! Whether you are from: the Lion City, Asia's World City, Malaysia Truly Asia, one of the many beautiful European countries, the United States, or anywhere else in the world, I am confident that you will find a piece of home at UCL Laws. The undergraduate student body has always been very friendly and lively, and at the start of the school term, you will be assigned to a lovely law family to guide and support you.

For now, sit back and relax before the whirlwind that is law school, sweeps you off your feet. If you have already started packing, do check out the 'UCL LL.B Law Freshers 2015-16' Facebook group, where you can find the Overseas Packing List.

Feel free to contact me if you have any queries!

All the best,

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UCL Law Society 2015/16

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

FROM THE SOCIAL SECRETARY

Dearest Fresher,

Congratulations! You made it. Out of the thousands of applications received, you are now a member of one of the best places to study Law in the world. Get ready for plenty of challenges, lots of hard work but most of all... some of the best social events you'll ever experience.

Our continuing (un)official motto at UCL Laws is: Work Hard, Play Hard; and, as your Social Secretary I fully expect 100% effort on the play hard part. Now whilst many of you will be keen to go mad over buying one of the hundreds of Freshers' event tickets for when you arrive in late September, the Law Society committee has worked tirelessly over the summer to create an absolutely jam-packed Official UCL Laws Freshers' Fortnight Pack. We're talking two weeks' worth of events ranging from club nights to enjoying various activities across London—your home for the next three years (at least).

UCL Laws is a very tight knit community. We're basically one big happy family, which you're now a part of. This isn't like school where year groups stick to themselves; during the first few weeks you'll make loads of new friends from

first, second, third and even fourth years. You'll be assigned law parents to guide you through every new challenge that starting university presents and you'll meet loads of people in your year who are in the exact same position that you are. Don't worry about the course, the new challenges or any other questions you may have; make friends, have fun and live for the memories during the first two weeks and we guarantee everything else will fall into place afterwards.

Whether you're excited, nervous or downright terrified, to quote the one and only Douglas Adams...DON'T PANIC! Ask anybody who's been; university will produce some of the best years, friends and memories of your life. Whether it's that guy who you sit next to on the France bus, the girl you chat to at Bloomsbury Bowl or that one person who's out first every single time in paintball, get ready for two absolutely mental weeks, followed by an even better 3 years.

The Official UCL Laws Freshers' Pack wristband goes on sale from 1st September and can be found on our website at <http://www.ucllawsociety.co.uk>,

or via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1440930556209345/>. The range of events in the pack means that there's something for everyone, whether you want to make friends whilst busting shapes in some of the world's premier bars and nightclubs, exploring attractions in the city or showing everybody who's boss on the paintball field. Buy yours now before they sell out!

Enjoy what remains of your summer and we look forward to meeting you on the 27th.

Kind Regards,

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UCL Law Society 2015/16



WHAT'S IN-STORE? GET READY FOR THE PARTY!



27TH SEPTEMBER

WELCOME TALK AND THE ROCKET

Welcome to UCL Laws. Today is the day you take those first steps as a Law fresher. The committee will introduce ourselves, what we do, and the plan for the next couple of weeks. Then it's time for Mr. President to give you an uplifting speech before you receive your welcome packs from the faculty, and (for those lucky enough to have bagged themselves a Freshers' Pack) a trendy Freshers' t-shirt and wristband.

Next, the fun begins. We'll whisk you off to our age-old watering hole, The Rocket, for your chance to find out a little bit more about the committee members by playing "Fresher Bingo" and most importantly, meet your course mates for the first time.

Location: UCL Main Quad

Meeting Time: 10:00

28TH SEPTEMBER
PUB CRAWL

Look forward to a traditional Freshers' fortnight activity, the infamous Pub Crawl. Here's where every future lawyer learns the absolutely crucial ability to hold your alcohol for those all-important networking events.

We'll also be teaching you one of the most important lessons you'll encounter during your entire course, the hallowed UCL tradition that is "Burlington Bertie". This will serve you well in many of the clubs and societies associated with the university. Learn the words well... or regret it in France. Even if you don't like drinking, do come along. Meet first years; make friends with potential law parents in the upper years and soak in the atmosphere that Bloomsbury has to offer, as it will be home for the foreseeable future. This isn't just a binge-drinking event.

Location: UCL Main Quad

Meeting Time: 18:00

Dress Code: Freshers' t-shirts





29TH SEPTEMBER DEBATING WORKSHOP AND ZOO BAR

Our Speaker Secretary, James Bowler, will talk you through the various debating opportunities open to you as a UCL law student. Debating is a key skill for any aspiring lawyer and will no doubt prove useful to you in the future.

Then it's off to Zoo Bar, one of London's best student venues, you bunch of party animals. LSE *boo... hiss* use this as their sports night and I haven't heard any complaints from them. We've got a VIP room set aside for you lucky people with a well stocked bar and plenty of space. Grab your party shoes and get ready to dance all night.

Location: UCL Main Quad

Meeting Time:

14:00 (Debating)

Meeting Time:

20:30 (Zoo Bar)



30TH SEPTEMBER PRO BONO TALK, MEET THE PARENTS AND BLOOMSBURY BOWL

There's a range of different ways to fulfil that desire to care for people, which influenced you to study law (hopefully). Our Pro Bono Officer, Julia Martens, will tell you a little bit about the range of pro bono schemes that UCL Laws has to offer.

Next up kids, its time to meet the parents who will be there to advise and guide you through the challenges ahead of you in first year. 'Law Parents' have been in your position before; they know what you're going through, where the best places to eat/shop/party are and can make things a little less daunting for you with some friendly parental wisdom.



After you've had some time to get to know them, your folks will bring you to Bloomsbury Lanes where you get to experience yet another UCL Laws tradition. With karaoke, Ping-Pong, bowling and lots more, this is one event you definitely don't want to miss.

Location: UCL Main Quad

Meeting Time (Pro Bono): 14:00

Meeting Time (Meet the Parents): 18:00

Meeting Time (Bloomsbury Bowl): 22:15



1ST OCTOBER CLIENT INTERVIEWING INTRODUCTION AND MYSTERY NIGHT

Client interviewing is one of the best competitions you will take part in as a first year; providing plenty of networking opportunities and the chance to meet members of the upper years. Our Vocational Officer, Roshni Mehra, will take you on a whistle stop tour of the competition and then it's time to party.

As for the mystery, nothing needs to be said right now. Don't ask any questions and here's your musical clue: Boom boom, wub wub wub.. fssshhhhhhhh sssshhhhhhhhhhhh tsssssssssssss...

Mystery Event Meeting Location: UCL Main Quad
Meeting Time (Client Interviewing): 19:00
Meeting Time (Mystery Event): 22:00

2ND OCTOBER MUSEUM DAY

London is well known around the world for having some of the biggest and best museums there are. What could possibly be better than an informative and interactive visit to some of the best exhibitions and attractions at two of London's best museums whilst recovering from last night's mystery and preparing for the madness that is France tomorrow?

Location: UCL Main Quad
Meeting Time: 12:00





3RD OCTOBER FRANCE

This isn't Disneyland folks. Prepare yourselves to experience the traditional initiation into the Society. Get stuck in, go beyond your comfort zone and remember: we've all been there. Learn "Burlington Bertie", get a good night's rest and please don't miss the bus.

Location: UCL Main Quad

Meeting Time: 05:15

Dress Code:

School Uniform



4TH OCTOBER LONDON DAY

How best to recover than a day exploring museums, galleries and more? Come along for a bit of culture, sightseeing and all that touristy jazz that you're ashamed to admit you're looking forward too.

Location: UCL Main Quad

Meeting Time: 12:00





5TH OCTOBER CAREERS INTRODUCTION AND BAR RUMBA

There are careers insight opportunities every single week organised by our Careers Secretary, Jan-Alexander Greiwe; Bar Careers Secretary, Matt Hastings and dedicated in-house careers advisor, Stephen Gurman. Whether you're interested in becoming a solicitor, barrister or neither, there's bound to be something for you. Make sure to attend and hear about the various firms, chambers and companies they've lined up to send representatives—ready to impart some invaluable careers advice.

Bar Rumba is everything the UCL lawyer needs and more; good music, fun people and a renowned student hotspot, this is one night you definitely don't want to miss. We've got you all a spot on the Guestlist (n'awwww, thanks guys), just arrive before 11pm or you'll miss out on all that free entry goodness.

Location: UCL Main Quad

Meeting Time (Careers Intro): TBC

Meeting Time (Bar Rumba): 20:30

6TH OCTOBER COMPETITIONS INTRODUCTION AND NORDIC BAR

There are a huge amount of competitions open to you as first years; our various competitions Officers, Orestis Sherman (Junior Moots) and Roshni Mehra (Negotiations) will provide you with all the information you could ever possibly need on the various competitive aspects of UCL Laws.

Mentioned on countless 'Bars you have to Visit in London' websites, Nordic Bar is a really distinctive venue. Scandinavian themed, with Ping-Pong, a shot wheel and more, this is one place you'll definitely want to see. The venue's exclusively ours so come, socialise and remember, there's no rest for the wicked!

Location: UCL Main Quad

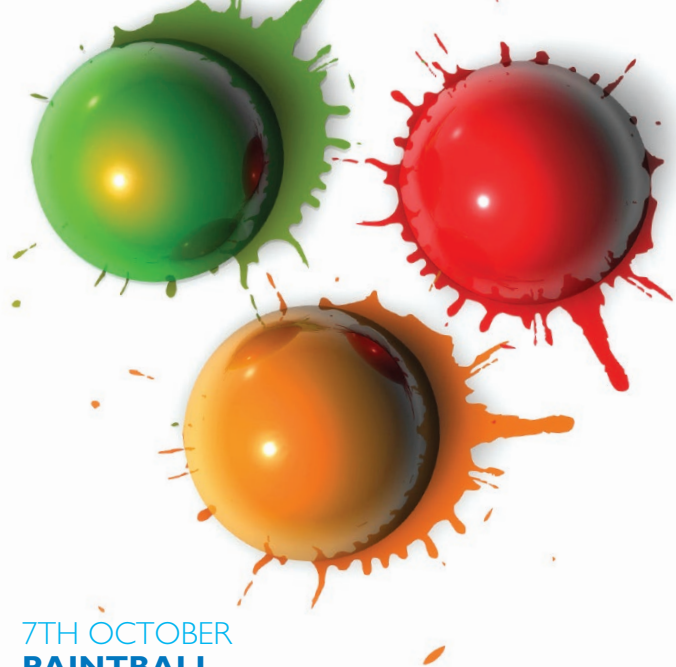
Meeting Time (Competitions Intro):

16:00

Meeting Time (Nordic Bar):

20:00





7TH OCTOBER PAINTBALL

What else could better prepare you for a career in Law? – kill or be killed - here's hoping you have what it takes! All jokes aside, this is always a really fun day. Just run really fast if you happen to be against anyone who's done national service... they're actually rather good at this.

Location: UCL Main Quad

Meeting Time: 14:30



8TH OCTOBER SALVADOR AND AMANDA'S

This really is one of our many stomping grounds, we use them for Freshers' AND our end of year party – is it bad that some of us are on first name terms with the staff? Enjoy Spanish music, mainstream music, salsa dancing, actually – any dancing goes to be honest. Oh, and the Sangria's not bad either...

Location: UCL Main Quad

Meeting Time: 18:30





9TH OCTOBER BLACK TIE BOAT BALL

Exactly what it says on the tin, a party... on a boat... in black tie. There are plenty more formal events you'll be able to attend throughout the year, but this is the first, so dress to impress. We've, as always, bagged ourselves a private party cruise along the Thames. With two bars, a DJ, dance floor and London landmarks by night, this really is something special.

Location: Temple Pier

Meeting Time: 19:30

Dress Code:

Black Tie/Cocktail Dresses/Heels



10TH OCTOBER REGENT'S PARK DAY

Alas, it's nearly over. One last day to enjoy the sun, rest up, relax and reminisce on the last two weeks with your peers. Unwind with all your new friends, laugh at each other's outrageous tales (they'll probably be retold until you all graduate and beyond) and enjoy what one of London's most attractive parks has to offer.

We'll also have the captains of each of the UCL Laws sports teams with us, to give you all a taste of what to expect from the active side of life as a UCL Law student. Come along if you think you have what it takes to be the next football, rugby or netball star, just fancy a kick about in the sun or want to spend some time with your brand new family. Once again, congratulations...you're one of us now.

Location: UCL Main Quad

Meeting Time: 14:00



A FEW LAST WORDS

FINAL THOUGHTS

It seems like yesterday that I was sat in your position, nervously waiting out those final few weeks before the big move-in day. The realisation that this is like nothing like anything you've experienced before can be a little daunting I'll admit. However, take it from me, at the ripe old age of 19, it'll also be one of the best experiences you'll ever have.

My advice? Enjoy. There are 170 people in the exact same position as you right now. Get involved, push yourself and lose the fears, inhibitions and concerns you may have. This is the start of something big; those first two weeks are an opportunity for you to bond with your year group, the older years and the committee. We're here to answer any questions you may have, so feel free to get in touch at any point. Join the Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1440930556209345/>), check the Law Society website (<http://www.ucllawsociety.co.uk>), and when you arrive, enjoy the first two weeks of the

new adventure that is university. Chat to absolutely everyone, form as many new friendships as you can and above all, be yourself; nobody's going to judge you here. I loved every minute of my Freshers' Fortnight, and I sincerely hope that you do to.

With regard to the fortnight, we do absolutely, 100 per cent, encourage you to really step out of that comfort zone, enjoy the experience and forge life-long memories with your new friends. That being said, we aren't monsters; we understand if you absolutely don't drink, really hate paintball or just can't stand karaoke. We won't force you to do anything against your will. Whilst the committee want you to push yourselves, if somebody's got you cornered on that paintball field, we will understand if you just say enough is enough.

Don't worry about the work yet, there's plenty of time for that. Your tutors will be understanding of the fact that first year

is a huge transition and that you may fall behind. Ask your law parents if you have a question, that's what they're there for. Anything goes, from "where's the best fried chicken at 4am after a night out?" to "how do I prepare for a tutorial?" We've all been there so please ask away.

There is one last challenge for those who think they have what it takes. Any fresher who manages to attend every event in the Freshers' Pack and get a selfie with every committee member over the course of the Fortnight will become the "Freshers' Champion", complete with ultimate bragging rights and a reminder of your new status printed on the back of your t-shirt for everyone to see.

And that's all folks; don't forget to pick up your Freshers' Packs from September 1st. Remember, be brave and take risks; nothing can substitute experience.

**Ciao,
Rory**

PEARLS OF WISDOM

PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE AGES

- Know your UCL email address and check it often (set it up on your phone, laptop, etc.) All Law Society events are publicised via email. Also, it's pretty much the only method the faculty and your tutors will use to contact you.
- Join the UCL Law Facebook pages – they're how we let you know what events (socials, careers and competitions) are happening and where, advertise ticket sales and keep in touch.
- Bring some passport-sized photos along when you arrive. They're useful for if you're joining clubs, societies, applying for part time work or getting student cards.
- Don't panic about the summer reading list. As long as you've given it your best, your tutors will be sympathetic if you can't quite understand bits of it – Law can be tricky after all.
- Go to careers events throughout first year. They are a great place to network, get a feel for different firms and make your vacation scheme applications in second year an awful lot easier. You will also develop a much better idea of what the legal world is exactly and could be chatting away to Partners from some of the world's top Law Firms.
- When planning the first two weeks, don't get pushed around by promoters for various freshers' events. Whilst some are fun, the majority end up being open to anyone who can get themselves a ticket, whether they are a student or not. The Law Freshers' Pack is tailored to incoming law freshers as a way of welcoming you into our community; bear this in mind when you're buying tickets for the first couple of weeks.
- For France: REMEMBER YOUR PASSPORT! Stay with the group all day and definitely don't decide to get on a coach to Belgium when we leave (it may be hard to believe but it's happened). We will be less than impressed if we have to come and collect you.
- Always bring some form of photo ID with you, proving that you are over on a night out or you will be refused entry. Overseas students beware – some venues won't accept foreign ID's, even if they are valid.
- Apply for a student Oyster card. It will save you a lot of money and hassle when using public transport to get around the city. It's often cheaper in the long run to buy a travel card on your Oyster over the course of a month than to pay for each journey separately.
- Get out there and meet as many people as you can, whenever you can. Everyone else is just as nervous as you are so don't worry, and be friendly! If you meet somebody maybe make a note of where you met them so you don't end up with a list of random people's numbers in your phone.
- Use your laptop to make notes during lectures, as you will constantly be swapping bits around and changing them. Paper tends to get messy, lost or covered in crossings out and constant rewriting is a pain. This will also free up more time to enjoy your surroundings and for you to do other things.

LAW SOCIETY COMMITTEE 2015/2016

Here is a list of the newly elected members of the UCL Law Society Committee for 2015/16. We will be here for you all year, working towards giving you the best university experience possible. We hope that by the end of Freshers' Fortnight you will know us all a little better. Please feel free to contact any of the Committee if you have any queries, fears or doubts. We will always do our best to help you and point you in the right direction!

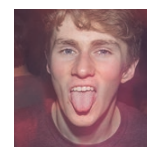
President



Ryan Chu
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General responsibility and oversight

Social Secretary



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Responsible for organising the Society's social calendar.

Treasurer



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Responsible for the Society's finances.

Careers Secretary



Jan-Alexander Greiwe
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Responsible for organising of the Society's careers calendar.

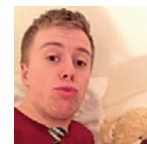
Secretary



Hyerin Park
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Responsible for the organisation of the Society.

Bar Vocational Officer



Matt Hastings
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Responsible for organising the Society's Bar careers calendar.

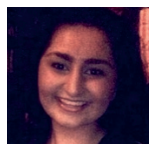
Senior Moots Officer



Responsible for organising the Senior Moots Competition and external moots.

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Publications Officer



Editor of Silk v Brief.

Firoza Dodhi
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Final Year Student Representative



Society representative for final year students.

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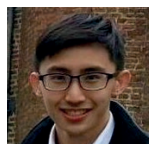
Junior Moots Officer



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Overseas Officer



Responsible for the well-being of overseas students.

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Second Year Student Representative



Society representative for second year students.

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Vocational Officer



Responsible for organising the Client Interviewing and Negotiations competitions.

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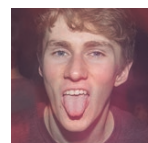
Pro-Bono Officer



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First Year Student Representative



Society representative for first year students.

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Sports Officer



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Webmaster



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We know that gaining work experience with a large international firm is difficult as a first year law student or second year non law student, so we are offering the opportunity for you to gain an insight into what life is really like as a commercial lawyer.

Please note that only first year law and second year non-law undergraduate students are eligible to apply. The day will start at around 10 am, end no later than 5.00 pm and lunch will be provided. Our London First Year Insight Day will take place in March 2016.

Sally Carthy
Head of Graduate Recruitment,
DLA Piper





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