



## YOUR QUBLAW COMMUNITY

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ACTIVITIES & STUDENT LED  
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



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Staff and students at the Spring Celebration of staff led co-curricular and student led extra-curricular activities

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Dear Law Student,

Welcome to being a Law student at Queen's. You will see from the contents of this booklet that the opportunities available to you during your time with us extend well beyond the lecture theatre or seminar room and the purpose of this publication is to give you the guidance to make informed choices about how to make the best of your time with us. Apart from making friends, the extra-curricular activities on offer will help you develop important skills and behaviours, which are prized by potential employers.

Our exciting co-curricular offerings are the result of collaborative working between Law School staff and students. Some of these, such as Streetlaw and Mooting, are common experiences available to Law students in most good Law Schools, but others, such as LawPod and The Exploring Law Forum are more bespoke offerings only available to Law students at Queen's.

Not all of the information in this booklet is about activities – there are also detail on some of the student societies that you can get involved in across the wider University, with a focus on those that have a closer connection with the Law School. The QUB Law Society is a prime example run by Law students specifically for Law students. Others were started by or led by Law students.

The list of societies is not closed – if you have a passion to start a society that we have not listed, please do contact either myself, or the Student Experience Co-ordinator.

You will also find details about some of the support that the School provides including guidance on the roles of the Personal Tutor and the Advisor of Studies, and a range of other useful contacts. Please do engage with these services if and when you need them.

So, in summary, my advice to you is not only to work hard at your formal studies, but to get involved more broadly in the life of the Law School. In the oft-quoted words of Pablo Picasso: “Action is the foundational key to all success.”

**Professor Warren Barr**







## Co-Curricular Activities

- Practical Skill Development
- Exploration of Specialisations
- Real-World Experience
- Networking and Mentorship

## There's more to Law than just the courtroom!

**it's about advocacy, impact, and making a difference.**

Co-curricular activities in law school are essential for a well-rounded legal education, offering students the opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge in practical settings. Engaging in moot court, podcasting, or debate teams allows law students to develop critical skills such as legal research, public speaking, and advocacy, which are crucial for their future careers. These activities also provide a platform for students to

explore various legal specialisations, refine their professional interests, and gain valuable real-world experience under the guidance of experienced practitioners. Moreover, participating in co-curricular activities fosters a sense of camaraderie among peers and helps build a professional network that can be invaluable throughout one's legal career.



## Exploring Law Forum (ELF)

### Law beyond textbooks

ELF aims to bridge the gap between black letter law and everyday life. We want to build a community in the School where students can think critically and creatively about the law, all while honing essential skills. ELF enables students to define their own interest in law and legal practice beyond textbooks.

In practice, this means looking at how justice and equality work in the everyday and how the law can be changed, transformed, and critiqued. We do this through a variety of skills-based and creative activities, from voice coaching workshops, book clubs, film events and tech panels.

**Contact:** Dr Marisa McVey

**Email:** [m.mcvey@qub.ac.uk](mailto:m.mcvey@qub.ac.uk)

**Activity is open to:** undergraduate and postgraduate students

**Find out more:** <https://blogs.qub.ac.uk/exploring-law-forum/>



## Student Skills Assistants Programme

### Extra-curricular educational workshops and community building events

The Law Student Skills Assistants are current postgraduate students in the Law School. They provide one-to-one and small group workshops and larger seminars on key legal skills such as essay writing, answering problem questions and how to “do” critical analysis. These supports are all free of charge and are provided

in addition to your modules and students may attend as many sessions during the year as they wish. The SSAs also host free trips to the Queens Film Theatre, movie nights in the Moot Court room, visits to local NGO's, coffee mornings, trips to the courts and Crumlin Road Jail and other social events.

**Contact:** Dr Ethan Shattock or the SSAs directly at the below email address

**Email:** [e.shattock@qub.ac.uk](mailto:e.shattock@qub.ac.uk) or the SSAs directly at [studentskills-law@qub.ac.uk](mailto:studentskills-law@qub.ac.uk)

**Activity is open to:** undergraduate students only

**Find our more:** <https://lawpod.org/podcast/navigating-exam-preparation/>



## Mooting

**To provide students with the opportunity to moot, develop their presentational skills and learn about the law in a practical way. The Mooting Society provides a platform for this within the School of Law. It is also an excellent way of getting to know other students and staff**

Mooting is an activity that simulates a court hearing (which is usually an appeal against a final decision), in which students analyse a problem, conduct research on the relevant legal principles, prepare written submissions, and present

oral argument. Moot problems usually centre on areas of law that are unsettled or that have been subject to recent developments. They usually involve two grounds of appeal, argued by each side.

**Contact:** Dr John Taggart

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**Activity is open to:** undergraduate and postgraduate students

**Find our more:** <https://www.facebook.com/qubmooting/>



## Amicus

**Amicus was founded to fight for those in the US facing a death sentence, who are, for the sake of economy, history, and race, the most vulnerable in society. We are a due process, fair trials organisation and believe the greatest impact we can, and do, have is through frontline work both on the ground and remotely**

Amicus is working with US attorneys on the largest empirical study of its kind, analysing Missouri's sentencing methods in homicide cases. The focus of their investigation is establishing statistical data as to which cases were charged capitally and which ultimately were given the

death penalty. These studies are instrumental in legal efforts to abolish the death penalty in various US states. As an Amicus volunteer at QUB Law School, you will be assigned court records relating to a homicide case, and will be tasked with ensuring that the data extracted from them is accurate.

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**Activity is open to:** undergraduate and postgraduate students

**Find out more:** <https://www.amicus-alj.org/>



## Peer Mentoring Programme

**Second years mentors providing voluntary mentoring to first year and undergraduate international students**

Peer Mentoring is an opportunity for second year students to share their knowledge and expertise with incoming first year and international undergraduate students. The Mentors are volunteers and while they can't help with assignments or preparing for individual modules

etc., they can offer tips on living in Belfast, settling into Law School, using the library, advice on extra-curricular activities in the Law School and how to make the most of your studies based on their own personal experiences. Mentors and mentees benefit from social, cultural and educational events during the year.

**Contact:** Dr Ethan Shattock

**Email:** e.shattock@qub.ac.uk

**Activity is open to:** undergraduate students only.

Mentees must be in first year or be an international undergraduate student.



## Street Law

**Promoting legal literacy**

Street Law was originally developed in Georgetown University in the United States and has now been adopted around the world. Street Law at the QUB School of Law involves undergraduate students undertaking legal research on a particular set of topics, producing educational resources and designing activities and then conveying that legal knowledge to a

particular section of the community to enhance their understanding of how the law works and applies to their daily lives. Students are supported by the academic lead on the programme and a postgraduate student assistant. Students apply to be part of the Street Law programme and learn many valuable skills.

**Contact:** Dr Michael Vincent

**Email:** m.vincent@qub.ac.uk

**Activity is open to:** undergraduate and postgraduate students



## STAR: Student Action for Refugees

**STAR is the national network of students building a more understanding and just society where asylum seekers and refugees are welcomed, supported and can thrive in the UK**

STAR student groups are involved in volunteering locally to work directly with refugees, building understanding and connections, campaigning nationally for policy change and equal access to higher education for refugees, and

learning about refugee protection and the asylum journey in the UK with experts and peers. QUB does not currently have a branch of STAR, and staff would like to work with interested students to establish a STAR group at QUB.

**Contact:** Dr Lauren Dempster, Dr Amanda Kramer & Dr Teresa Degenhardt

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**Activity is open to:** undergraduate and postgraduate students

**Find our more:** <https://star-network.org.uk/>



## Open Source Information and Justice Clinic

**Inovative legal actions that challenge powerful actors involved in human rights violations and systemic injustice**

The Global Legal Action Network (GLAN) and the School of Law at Queen's in collaboration with Airwars run a clinical project in which a small group of postgraduate students will be trained on investigations according to the Bellingcat-GLAN methodology, with a focus on gathering evidence for Airwars' ongoing conflict databases and GLAN's ground-breaking cases.

**Contact:** Professor Luke Moffett

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**Activity is open to:** postgraduate students & UG Final year students

The benefits to students include: enhanced understanding of International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, and International Human Rights Law; applied legal research skills; open source investigation training; report-writing and legal analysis as to the significance of the evidence gathered for submission to official bodies such as UN mechanisms or courts; CV enhancement as a GLAN intern and as a lawyer with online investigations skills, and experience in applying the law to evidence.



## LawPod

*We tell stories about the law*

Lawpod is the Podcast of the School of Law at Queen's University Belfast.

LawPod explores the relationship between the law and the world we live in. To date, LawPod has produced almost 200 episodes and had over 150,000 unique listeners. If you are passionate about the law and communicating knowledge in an accessible way, then LawPod could be for you.

**Contact:** Dr Rosie Cowan, Dr Peter Doran & Richard Summerville

**Email:** lawpod@qub.ac.uk

**Activity is open to:** undergraduate and postgraduate students

**Find our more:** <https://lawpod.org>

As a LawPod Student Team Member, you will work with a small team of your fellow students to create podcasts from idea conception to final production. You will meet new people and learn valuable transferable skills, while making an important contribution to the life of the School of Law.



“ As a student with ADHD and dyslexia, I frequently find it challenging to digest large volumes of information from the page. Finding a tool better suited to my learning style was what first drew me to podcasts.

Sarah McMahon - LawPod

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## Clubs and Societies

- Networking and Friendships
- Skill Development
- Practical Experience
- Community and Balance

## There's more to university than just studying!

**it's about discovering your passions, building connections, and shaping your future.**

Joining a student-led club or society at university offers immense value, both personally and academically. These organisations provide opportunities to build a strong network of like-minded peers, fostering friendships that often last well beyond university. Engaging in extracurricular activities enhances leadership, teamwork, and communication skills, which are

highly sought after by employers. Additionally, participating in clubs can deepen your understanding of specific fields of interest, complementing your academic studies with practical experience. Being part of a society also encourages a sense of belonging and community, helping to balance the academic pressures of university life with social and cultural enrichment.

*This is not an exhaustive list of the many student societies that exist in Queens University Belfast. For more information, please consult the QUB Students Union website. However, these are some of the brilliant student societies that are led by or who have members that are Law students.*



## Alternative Dispute Resolution Society

Alternative Dispute Resolution is getting to “yes”, or closer to it, by way of negotiation and mediation. At the ADR Society we’ll show you how to move your interests closer to agreement. The society runs a mixture of social events and training sessions. The Society has had great success in recent years such as in the European Law Students’ Association Maynooth International Negotiation Competition.

**Contact:** [adr-soc@qub.ac.uk](mailto:adr-soc@qub.ac.uk)

**President:** Jolene Jacob

## Walkie Talkie Girlies

Walkie Talkie Girlies host weekly walks to create a safe space for people to exercise, socialise and get outdoors. We also host charity fundraisers and events to raise awareness for women’s safety. Since our establishment in November 2023, we have amassed over 200 members and have been featured on BBC Radio Ulster. We are open to everyone, provided you share our desire to promote women’s wellbeing and safety. To join, see the link in our Instagram bio or contact us via email!

**Contact:** [walkietalkiegirlies-soc@qub.ac.uk](mailto:walkietalkiegirlies-soc@qub.ac.uk)

**President:** Aisling Cannon

## Student Law Journal

The Queen’s Student Law Journal is a student led bi-annual journal dedicated to showcasing a selection of the best writing from undergraduate law students each year. Taking on the responsibility of editing and curating submissions allows students to hone critical leadership and organisational skills, while also gaining insight into the intricacies of legal scholarship. Interested students should contact Dr Ciara Hackett in the first instance.

**Contact:** [c.hackett@qub.ac.uk](mailto:c.hackett@qub.ac.uk)  
<https://blogs.qub.ac.uk/studentlawjournal/>



## Women in Law

Women in Law are a student-led peer support group for QUB law students and Alumni. They run the hugely successful yearly networking event, which gives students the opportunity to network with Alumni. Previous speakers have included The Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland Dame Siobhan Keeghan and Judge of the High Court Madam Justice Denise McBride (pictured on the left). They also organise an Alumni Mentoring Programme for law students in the School and host seminars and social events.

**Contact:** [qubwomeninlaw@gmail.com](mailto:qubwomeninlaw@gmail.com)

**Co-Chairs:** Eva Kelly and Rachel McClure

## QUB Law Society

The student Law Society is one of the largest academic societies on campus. Its aim is to provide members with the best social and philanthropic opportunities alongside a calendar of educational events during the year. Previous events include the QUB Law Gala, Law Society Annual Open Moot, hugely successful Law Ball and mystery tour. The Verdict is a student led publication under the remit of the QUB Law Society.

**Contact:** [law-society@qub.ac.uk](mailto:law-society@qub.ac.uk)

**President:** Adrienne Devlin



### Senior Status Law Society

A society for students in the Senior Status Law programme in the School. The Society has run social events such as a Jeopardy Night, End of Year Gala, trip to Crumlin Road Jail, along with educational events such as information sessions on qualifying as a lawyer in Canada. The society has created a great community for Senior Status Law programme students.

**Contact:** [seniorstatuslaw@qub.ac.uk](mailto:seniorstatuslaw@qub.ac.uk)

**President:** Sinan Abidi

### Students Against Human Trafficking

We are the Students Against Human Trafficking society! Our goal is to help end modern slavery in our lifetime. Together, by raising awareness about human trafficking and modern slavery, and working directly with International Justice Mission, we aim to give students at QUB a practical way to help put a stop to modern slavery.'

**Contact:** [saht-soc@qub.ac.uk](mailto:saht-soc@qub.ac.uk)

### Commercial Awareness Society

The recently founded Commercial Awareness Society helps students to stay informed about the business world, understand current affairs, and build the skills needed for future commercial careers. We're also committed to promoting diversity and inclusion within the commercial world. Join us for insightful workshops, engaging talks from industry professionals, networking opportunities, and more! You can also expect weekly social media posts on commercial news and key topics.

**President:** Eva Livadaris

**Email:** [Commercialawareness-soc@qub.ac.uk](mailto:Commercialawareness-soc@qub.ac.uk)

### The European Law Students' Association Belfast

ELSA Belfast is a newly formed society at QUB. ELSA in QUB is a local group of the larger ELSA organisation. The society at Queens hopes to focus on educational and mooted opportunities, skills development and learning more about diverse careers in law etc. The society plans to organise several events over the coming year, working with other local ELSA groups and other student societies.

**President:** Luke Arouza Pai

**Email:** [Elsa-soc@qub.ac.uk](mailto:Elsa-soc@qub.ac.uk)

### Animal Law Society

The QUB Animal Law Society was created by a then second year Law student in 2022 and is now one of the largest societies in the University. The society has hosted a variety of events to raise awareness of animal rights issues such as talks with Assisi Animal Sanctuary, Guide Dogs, the British Horse Society, an event with Cavaliers In Need and movie and documentary screenings. The society involves students from lots of academic backgrounds.

**Contact:** [animallaw-soc@qub.ac.uk](mailto:animallaw-soc@qub.ac.uk)

### Lawyers Without Borders

Lawyers without Borders (LWOB) is a non-profit organisation that is determined in achieving their goal of upholding the rule of law worldwide. The Queen's LWOB society's main priority is to aid LWOB in this goal, hence the events planned in this academic year will increase the knowledge of students in this area and progress students' transferable skills. There will be writing opportunities and lectures/seminars on global topics, as well as friendly debates with peers.

**Contact:** [lawyerswithoutborders@qub.ac.uk](mailto:lawyerswithoutborders@qub.ac.uk)

**President:** Crystal Chan





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**When Aisling and I started the society, we aimed to create a safe and inclusive environment where female students could get outside and explore Belfast while building lasting friendships. Seeing the positive impact we've had on our members' physical and mental health has been immensely rewarding.**

*Georgia Salmons - Walkie Talkie Girlies*

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## Undergraduate Support

**A dedicated Advisor of Studies is allocated to each degree programme/year of study.**

The Advisors of Studies are members of the School's academic staff: we provide pastoral care and academic advice to students. The name of your advisor can be found below or on the QSiS portal on Queens Online (QOL). We have specific office hours during the week for meeting with our students - you can book an appointment via QOL – and we can also be contacted by email if you have any queries but cannot attend for an appointment. In addition

to pastoral care issues and other queries (e.g. about resits, module choices, leave of absence, etc.) we can also make referrals to Wellbeing Services and liaise with Accessible Learning Support and the School Office on your behalf. We are an additional point of contact for the Student Voice Committee and the student reps, and (in respect of year 3) for the optional module reps.

**Advisor of Studies Year 1 Lead** – *Dr Paulina Wilson* – [paulina.wilson@qub.ac.uk](mailto:paulina.wilson@qub.ac.uk)

**Advisor of Studies Year 2 Lead** – *Dr Ronagh McQuigg* – [r.mcquigg@qub.ac.uk](mailto:r.mcquigg@qub.ac.uk)

**Advisor of Studies Year 3 Lead** – *Dr Liam Sunner* – [l.sunner@qub.ac.uk](mailto:l.sunner@qub.ac.uk)

**Law and Languages Co-ordinator** – *Dr Louise Rhodes* – [l.rhodes@qub.ac.uk](mailto:l.rhodes@qub.ac.uk)

**Law and Politics Co-ordinator** – *Dr Michael Vincent* – [m.vincent@qub.ac.uk](mailto:m.vincent@qub.ac.uk)

**Senior Status Co-ordinator** – *Doctor David Capper* – [d.capper@qub.ac.uk](mailto:d.capper@qub.ac.uk)

## Personal Tutor

Your personal tutor will be named on your QSiS profile on Queens Online. This is an academic member of staff. This person can be contacted via email and you can schedule to meet with them during their office hours which are available on QOL, their office hours can also be found on LAW1000 on Canvas. They can provide support on academic queries and write you a reference should you need one for further study etc.



## Student Support

### Dr Ethan Shattock

[e.shattock@qub.ac.uk](mailto:e.shattock@qub.ac.uk)

#### Disability Advisor

My role involves acting as a key point of contact between the academic staff of the School of Law, the student support team, and the Accessible Learning Support team. I meet students one to one, I provide a range of feedback and relevant contact information to students, and I always aim to see how student needs can be prioritised in and outside of the lecture halls. I am always contactable, usually in person and online.

### Judith Paxton

[j.paxton@qub.ac.uk](mailto:j.paxton@qub.ac.uk)

#### Student Support Administrator

In my role as Student Support Administrator, I am often the first point of contact for students who are experiencing difficulties. If you are experiencing a wellbeing or academic issue and are unsure who to contact for support, don't be afraid to reach out to me and I will try to assist you, or if I can't, I will refer you to someone who can!

I work very closely with Advisors of Studies, Personal Tutors and the

Disability Advisor at the School of Law. I also have daily contact with Student Wellbeing and Accessible Learning Support services to keep up to date with the support they offer to students, and similar to Advisors of Studies, I can make referrals on your behalf.

One of my main tasks is to process and approve applications for extensions and deferrals, submitted to the Queen's Portal, for students who are unable to meet standard deadlines due to disability or exceptional circumstances. I am contactable via email and will be happy to arrange to meet students in person or on Microsoft Teams.

## Postgraduate Taught Support

### Co-Ordinators of the Masters in Law Programmes at the School of Law

*If you are a current LLM student or a prospective student thinking about continuing on with Masters study in the Law School the below are the Programme Co-Ordinator details for each course should you have any questions.*

**LLM International Human Rights** – Dr Conall Mallory – [c.mallory@qub.ac.uk](mailto:c.mallory@qub.ac.uk)

**LLM Law** – Dr Conall Mallory – [c.mallory@qub.ac.uk](mailto:c.mallory@qub.ac.uk)

**LLM in Criminology and Criminal Justice** – Dr Elizabeth Agnew – [e.agnew@qub.ac.uk](mailto:e.agnew@qub.ac.uk)

**LLM International Business Law** – Prof Joan Loughrey (semester 1) – [joan.loughrey@qub.ac.uk](mailto:joan.loughrey@qub.ac.uk) and Dr Ciara Hackett (semester 2) – [c.hackett@qub.ac.uk](mailto:c.hackett@qub.ac.uk)

**LLM in Intellectual Property Law** – Dr Pratyush Nath Upreti – [p.upreti@qub.ac.uk](mailto:p.upreti@qub.ac.uk)

**LLM in Law and Technology** – Dr Tomás McInerney – [tomas.mcinerney@qub.ac.uk](mailto:tomas.mcinerney@qub.ac.uk)

## Useful Social Media

### **QUB ADR Society**

[https://www.instagram.com/qub\\_adr\\_society](https://www.instagram.com/qub_adr_society)

### **Women In Law**

<https://www.instagram.com/qubwomeninlaw>

### **Students Against Human Trafficking Society**

<https://www.instagram.com/qubsahsotc>

### **Senior Status Law Society**

<https://www.instagram.com/qubssls>

### **Lawyers Without Borders @ QUB**

<https://www.instagram.com/LWOBQUB>

### **QUB Law Society**

<https://www.instagram.com/QUBLawSoc>

### **Animal Law Society**

<https://www.instagram.com/qubanimallawsoc>

### **QUB Walkie Talkie Girlies**

<https://www.instagram.com/walkietalkiegirlies>

### **LawPod**

<https://www.instagram.com/qublwapod>

### **ELSA**

<https://www.instagram.com/elsabelfast/>

### **Commercial Awareness Society**

<https://www.instagram.com/qub.cas>

## Thinking About Further Study?

### **The LLM in Criminology and Criminal Justice**

enables students to understand the law, policy and practice relating to criminal processes, explore the history and ideologies of punishment, as well as consider the practical operation of criminal justice in the political context of Northern Ireland and beyond.

### **The LLM in Intellectual Property**

**Law** offers students the opportunity to partake in The Innovation and Creativity Clinic offers a hands-on, project-based learning experience where students collaborate on real-world legal and technological challenges. Grounded in problem-solving, critical thinking,

and teamwork, students produce legal briefs or opinions on live cases, presented to a panel of industry experts.

### **The LLM in International Human Rights Law**

provides students with an opportunity to gain an in-depth appreciation of global human rights standards and the interrelationship between international standards and national practice. The programme offers a range of optional modules for students to tailor their interests to. Given the history of Northern Ireland, there is a particular focus on ways in which human rights operate in conflict and the role they play in post-conflict societies.

**The LLM (Law)** provides ambitious graduates with a highly flexible

approach to advanced legal studies, focused on the School of Law's specialisms in criminal justice, European law, public and environmental governance, human rights, international business, law and technology and intellectual property law. The programme reflects the School's global orientation and its culture of critical enquiry and as such we encourage you to devise the pathway that best suits your scholarly interests and your career ambitions.

**The LLM International Commercial and Business Law** is designed as a research-led programme for graduates from law and related disciplines who aim to specialise in commercial law, international trade, and cross-border business transactions from a socio-legal perspective. It will help

you understand and master the highly dynamic and complex legal and regulatory regimes governing international business and the global economy.

**The LLM Law and Technology** helps students gain a deep appreciation of how law interacts with technological innovation, for instance, with generative AI; or autonomous vehicles; or algorithmic decision-making in courts. Drawing on the School of Law's substantial profile in technology, e-governance, intellectual property and innovation, students on the programme have the opportunity to develop specialist expertise in law, governance and the 'fourth industrial revolution.'







Dr Pratyush Nath Upreti and students on the LLM in Intellectual Property Law at the Innovation and Creativity Clinic