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Annual Report

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Message from the President

I am pleased to report another year where the work of the UKLSA provided even greater benefits to its members and the society. This year we were particularly successful in:

- bringing together practitioners and academia for training and development of future lawyers
- promoting good advocacy and offering learning opportunities to aspiring lawyers throughout the UK;
- facilitating an international platform for the sharing of legal knowledge and expertise towards developing domestic and international laws and justice systems;
- offering careers support to all UK aspiring lawyers; and
- promoting equal access to the profession.

Fatos Selita

President of The UKLSA

These achievements were made possible due to the dedicated efforts of many people and the generosity of our sponsors. I extend my greatest thanks to all our contributors and sponsors.

Introduction

The UKLSA is a non-profit organisation. It represents and assists UK law students /lawyers-to-be; and works to improve legal training and towards more developed international laws and justice systems. Our representation covers all those training in the UK to become lawyers - from the beginning of legal training to receipt of a practising certificate or lectureship.

Key work of UKLSA includes:

1. The facilitating of a forum for the sharing of knowledge, news and trends concerning the application of the law throughout the globe, and for further development in all fields of law.
2. Dissemination of fine accessible work to the public throughout the world.
3. The promotion of high quality advocacy.
4. Providing training.
5. Ensuring equal support is available to all those training to be lawyers in the UK.
5. Promoting equal access to the profession and to justice.
6. Tailoring the support as to individual needs to provide opportunities for those less able.
7. Disseminating knowledge on the legal profession to pre-university students to enable them to make an informed decision about pursuing a career in law.

The work of the UKLSA is carried out on a voluntary basis inspired by the desire to make a difference. The generous support of our sponsors, Honorary Board and Patrons has been key to achieving our goals.

Key announcements

Fergus Randolph QC joins the UKLSA Honorary Board.

The UKLSA issues the highest award – a Certificate of Outstanding Contribution – to Dr Markus McDowell, Chief Editor of the Legal Issues Journal.

Future Bar Training: Invited by the Bar Standards Board (BSB), the UKLSA submitted detailed proposal on the Future Bar Training. Considering the training of future barristers is very important for students, profession and the society, we prepared the report with contributions from Law Schools and Law Student Societies from across England and Wales.

The Structure of the Organisation

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Legal Issues Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

In 2015, our Journal made excellent progress. We increased the quality of publication and expanded coverage across the globe. The Journal is now available as in paperback on Amazon worldwide, and for Kindle and iBooks. This makes even obtaining single print copies quick and cheaper than using a traditional printer (and continuously available).

I am proud of all that we have accomplished, and it would not have been possible without General Editor Aristi Volou and the rest of the editors' professional and timely work.

Dr. Markus McDowell

About the Journal

Legal Issues is a journal of original legal research, commentary, and global news. It publishes fine research in all fields of law on the basis of its contribution to the society, originality, interdisciplinary interest, and contribution to development of international laws for better cross-border co-operation and business. Legal Issues also provides important news and interpretation on changes in the legal world and coming trends affecting law, lawyers, and society.

The Journal began in 2011 as the UK Law Student Review. In order for the name to better reflect the Journal's aim, mission, and cross-border coverage, it was renamed Legal Issues in 2015.

Advocacy & Mooting

About

Since 2009 the UKLSA has provided advocacy training opportunities and a UK-wide platform for learning and promoting advocacy. I has organised an annual UK-wide inter-institutional/university Advocacy & Mooting Competition. The competition is unique in that only one team per institution can participate. Each team must be that selected by the respective institution and, where relevant, they will be the winning teams of internal competitions.

The aim of the competition is to provide advocacy training and learning opportunities to all UK law students at an early stage of their career, to prepare better future advocates and to enhance the career opportunities of aspiring lawyers in the UK.

The 2014-15 Competition

The first round of the 2014-15 competition consisted of 32 UK Educational Institutions (see competition map below. The pre quarter-finals rounds were held across the UK to make the competition more accessible to all UK law Schools/Institutions.

The Quarter Finals were hosted by The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn in February 2015. The quarter finalists were The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, Kings College London, Aberesuyth University, University of Exeter, Manchester Metropolitan University, The University of Nottingham, The University of Cambridge and the Open University. The Quarter Final judges included Marie-Claire Bleasdale, Lanre Oke and Fatos Selita.
The event was followed by a drinks reception.

The Semi Finals were held at the Royal Courts of Justice in March 2015, were judged by Tim Ludbrook and David Quest. The Semi finalist were University of Exeter, Manchester Metropolitan University, the Open University and The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. Semi finals The event was followed by a drinks reception.

Competition map

The Grand Final

The Grand Final was held at the Supreme Court and was judged by Fergus Randolph QC. The finalists were University of Exeter and Manchester Metropolitan University. This event was attended by students, lawyers and supporters of the advocates. Both teams showed excellent advocacy skills.

The finalists at the Supreme Court

The winner of the 2014/15 National Competition was Manchester Metropolitan University.

The 2015-16 Competition

Figure 1: UKLSA Moot Cup

38 Educational Institutions from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland entered the first round of the 2015-16 competition.

The first round opened on 26 October and was held in venues across the UK to make it accessible to all UK law Institutions. The with the first round of moots held across the UK (see map figure 2 below for the teams).

The competition will run over the course of five rounds three of which will be held in venues across the UK and the final two in London.

The Grand Final will be held at the Supreme Court on 30 March and judged The Right Honourable The Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, KG, PC.

The second round of the UKLSA National Mooting Competition took place on the 23rd November, with 18 teams participating. Due to the knock-out nature of the competition, such an amount of competitors led to a slight change in the administration of the round. With 8 teams having to pass through, the winner of each respective moot was then judged on their skeleton arguments alone to see which 8 of the 9 would pass through to the quarter finals.

To keep up to date with the successful teams and the progress of the competition please visit: www.uklsa.co.uk/mooting.

2015-16 Round One

UKLSA NATIONAL MOOT ROUND 1

When
26th October 2015

Competing Teams

Leeds Beckett University v. University of Manchester
University of Leeds v. Durham University
Plymouth University v. University of Exeter
Aberystwyth University v. University of Birmingham
University of Leicester v. Warwick University
University of Nottingham v. Sheffield Hallam University
King's College London v. Anglia Ruskin University
University of Hertfordshire v. University of Westminster
Coventry University v. University of Sheffield
University of Edinburgh v. University of St. Andrews
Manchester Metropolitan University v. University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool v. Queen's University, Belfast
Cambridge University v. City University
University of Derby v. Nottingham Trent University
The Hon. Society of the Middle Temple v. The Hon. Society of Lincoln's Inn
University of Dundee v. University of Aberdeen
BPP University v. The Hon. Society of the Inner Temple
University of Southampton v. University of Portsmouth
The Open University v. University of East Anglia

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Equalities

Promoting equal access to the profession and justice

Since 2011 the UKLSA has worked towards promoting equal access to the profession and justice, and has organised UKLSA's Annual National Equalities Conference promoting equal access to the profession and justice. The conference has been made available to all UK law students. To best promote equality, the UKLSA has involved all levels of the profession: from students, to junior lawyers and senior lawyers, to policy officials, to leading justices.

The 2014-15 Conference

The 2014-15 conference was held in November 2014, and was hosted by the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn and supported by the Society of Asian Lawyers. The event was made available to law students and graduates at all UK law schools.

The panel of speakers included:

Narita Bahra, Barrister, 2 Hare Court

Kerry Bretertn, Barrister, Tanfield Chambers, Bar Council

Bobbie Cheema QC, Barrister, 2 Hare Court, the first Asian female High Court Judge;

Oliver Connley, President of Barbri International

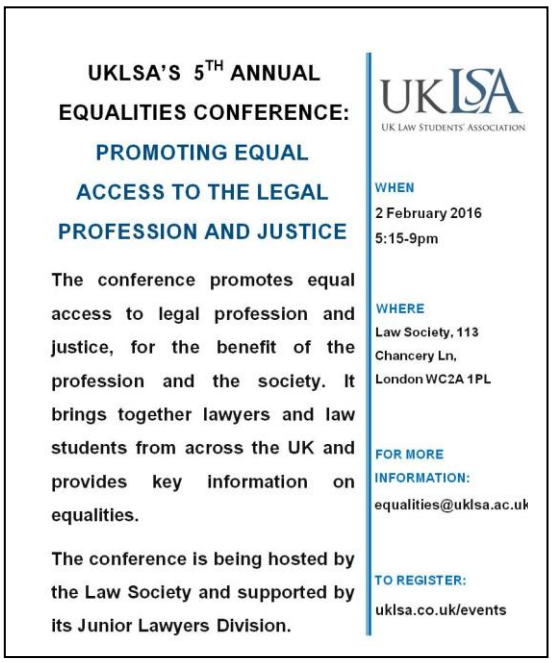
Fatos Selita, Barrister; Attorney and Counselor at Law, NY State, USA; Director of AIR Courses, Goldsmiths, University of London; Lecturer, Tomsk State University.

Tan Ikram, Distict Judge (previously a solicitor)

Tunde Okewale, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers

The event was followed by a drinks reception, which was sponsored by the Society of Asian Lawyers.

The 2015-16 Conference



The UK Law Students' Association is organising its 5th Annual Equalities Conference, hosted by the Law Society of England and Wales and supported by its Junior Lawyers Division.

The Conference promotes equal access to the legal profession and justice. It also provides key related information as well as networking opportunities.

Keynote Speakers include:

Chantal-Aimee Doerries QC, Chairman of the Bar; Barrister, Atkin Chambers

Hilary Heilbron QC, Barrister and Leading international Arbitrator, Brick Court Chambers

Sir Robin Knowles CBE, High Court Judge; Chairman of Together for Short Lives; Chair of Trustees at Legal Advice Centre (University House).

Koser Shaheen, Attorney, Cleary Gottlieb; Vice Chair of the Ethnic Minority Lawyers Division

Jonathan Smithers, President of the Law Society

Conference Chair

Fergus Randolph QC, Brick Court Chambers

If you are interested in attending this event or more information, please email equalities@uklsa.co.uk. To register your attendance, please visit www.uklsa.co.uk/equalities.

Focus for 2016

During 2016 the UKLSA will focus on:

- Sharing of knowledge, news and trends concerning the application of the law throughout the globe for further development of laws internationally for better cross-border co-operation and business.
- Dissemination of fine accessible work to the public throughout the world.
- Providing training opportunities and promoting high quality advocacy.
- Ensuring equal support is available to all those training to be lawyers in the UK.
- Promoting equal access to justice.
- Promoting equal access to the profession.
- Providing increased resources for those less able.

- Disseminating knowledge on the legal profession to pre-university students to enable them to make an informed decision about pursuing a career in law.

We look forward to reporting even greater benefits to the society from the work of the UKLSA in 2016.

The UKLSA Governors and Chair of the Executive Committee

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