



LAW ACTIVITIES GUIDE

Introduction

This Law Activities Guide is intended to provide concise and objective information on the different activities we have in law school. We hope that through this guide, you will be able to gain a better perspective of where you are in the grand scheme of things, as well as understand what you can do in Law school.

You're a Member of Law Club and NUSSU!

Every matriculated student in law school is a member of two entities! You're a member of the NUS Students' Law Club (affectionately called "**Law Club**" for short), and also the NUS Students' Union ("**NUSSU**").

What does this mean? What benefits are there, you may ask. Well it's simple – you get to participate in Law Club and NUSSU activities, you get to receive the welfare benefits that come from being a Law Club and NUSSU member, and you also get access to Law Club and NUSSU resources.

What's NUSSU?

NUSSU is the apex student leadership organization in NUS, and you can read up on them at <http://www.nussu.org.sg/>!

Law Club is one of the 14 NUS faculty constituent clubs. Therefore, Law Club sends two Management Committee members to the NUSSU Council to represent our interests. Typically, the President and Vice President of the Law Club will be the two sitting on the NUSSU Council.



So...Law Club?

Law Club strives to promote and safeguard your interests, as well as upholding the school spirit, unity and pride. Law Club also endeavours to be recognized as the quintessential pillar of a law school experience by establishing a culture that champions student life, promotes community partnerships and pursues strategic alliances.

Many big words there! Really, all we're trying to say is, look for us if you have any problems in law school! We are your bridge to the school administration, and we will raise your issues and concerns to the school.

Also, Law Club handles many events/initiatives which you will hear about in Law School, some of which are:

1. Inter-Faculty Games
2. Law-Medicine Games
3. Justice League
4. Law Fraternity Games
5. Welfare Week
6. Exam Welfare
7. Chillouts (some of which are in collaboration with the subsidiary clubs!)
8. Law Careers Fair
9. Moratorium
10. Law Beach Games
11. Class Committee Initiatives (headed by the Class Committees)
12. Orientation Activities – Law Camp, Rag and Flag, Matriculation Week (headed by the Freshmen Orientation Central Committee)

As you can see from the above, Law Club also oversees two groups of entities, namely Subsidiary Committees and Subsidiary Clubs.

Subsidiary Committees include the (a) Class Committees and the (b) Freshmen Orientation Central Committee.

Subsidiary Clubs include the (a) Law Students International Relations' Committee, the (b) Mooting & Debating Club, the (c) Criminal Justice Club, the (d) Pro Bono Group, (e) Justified and the (f) Singapore Law Review.

Admission into any of the Subsidiary Committees is open to all Law Club members (i.e. you). Admission into any of the Subsidiary Clubs is open to all Law Club members (i.e. you), subject to the Subsidiary Clubs' individual selection processes.



So What Are My Options in Law School?

Simple! Basically you can...

1. Run for the Law Club Management Committee
2. Represent Law Faculty and run for the NUSSU Executive Committee
3. Sign up for the Law Club Subsidiary Committees
4. Sign up for the Law Club Subsidiary Clubs
5. Run for the Law Club Subsidiary Club EXCOs

I Want to Run For The Law Club Management Committee!



Good for you! Serving the school is a unique calling, and this will be one of the best times in your university life. What exactly do you want to do, though? Take a look at the positions that we have up for elections in the **35th Law Club Management Committee!**

Maybe you want to run for **President**, or **Vice President**? These two positions require someone with a vision, someone with the passion! The Vice President also looks after all the Subsidiary Clubs (to be explained later)! If you're interested in these positions, do contact the incumbent President, Danial Hakim, at president@nuslawclub.com, and the Vice President, Lee Wei Liang, at vicepresident@nuslawclub.com!

Or you could be the **Honorary General Secretary**, taking charge of the Law Club's administrative issues as well as leading the Class Committees (to be explained later). The current Honorary General Secretary is Jotham Tay, and can be contacted at hongensec@nuslawclub.com.

You could also be the **Corporate Relations Director**, getting in the sponsorship moneys that our **Finance Director** would absolutely love! Speaking of the Finance Director, he guards our moneys and prepares budgets! Our incumbent Corporate Relations Director is Tricia Teo, and she can be contacted at corporate@nuslawclub.com; our current Finance Director is Khoo Jun Jie, who can be contacted at finance@nuslawclub.com ☺

Maybe you're skilled at publicity and outreach efforts (as well as being savvy on social media platforms), you can be our **Publicity Director**, taking charge of our merchandise and online presences! The current Publicity Director is Lim Yun Heng, whose address is publicity@nuslawclub.com.

Alternatively you might want to organise sporting tournaments and play a key role in the sporting culture in law school – if so, be our **Sports Director**! If sports ain't your thing, consider being our **Academic Director**

and taking charge of all academic issues and concerns (including the often talked about moratorium!). Our incumbent Sports Director is Joshua Lin (sports@nuslawclub.com) and Academic Director is Samuel Koh (academics@nuslawclub.com) ☺

And of course, one of the key aims of Law Club is to provide welfare for our students. Be the one spearheading our welfare efforts by running for **Welfare Director**! Work alongside closely with all the different directors as our **Events Director** and come up with activities that do not fall within the field of sports, academics and welfare! For Welfare, the current Director is Charmaine Lim (welfare@nuslawclub.com), and for Events, our incumbent Director is Clarence Tan (events@nuslawclub.com)!

Currently, the 34th Management Committee has two additional positions, that of the **Creative Director**, held by Sam Yi Ting (creative@nuslawclub.com) and the **Resource Director**, held by Li Linzhe (resource@nuslawclub.com). However, these positions **will not be contested** in the upcoming elections. This is because they are either specialist positions (e.g. the Creative Director should be an individual who has formidable Photoshop and designing skills, and should there be no candidate who possesses such expertise, it would not make sense to force one of the elected candidates into the position), or subject to whether the incoming MC requires such positions to be established based on their needs (e.g. the Resource Director), which the incoming MC can then choose to enact under the purview of one of the positions with voting rights. More importantly, there can only be 10 voting positions in the MC, which will be mentioned in the next page.

Speak to any of the current Management Committee members to gain a better insight into the workings of the committee!



How Do I Run for the Law Club Management Committee?

Good question!

All positions will be filled by election, and elections are split into two phases, (a) the External phase, (b) the Internal phase.

The External Phase

| Period | Allotted Days | Actual Dates |
|--|---------------|---------------------|
| Information Session | 1 day | 11 August 2014 |
| Nomination Period | 6 days | 11 – 16 August 2014 |
| <i>Confirmation</i> | 1 day | 17 August 2014 |
| Campaign Period | 6 days | 17 – 22 August 2014 |
| External Elections | 1 day | 23 August 2014 |
| <i>Consolidation</i> | 1 day | 24 August 2014 |
| Announcement of External Elections Results | 1 day | 25 August 2014 |

During the nomination period, all students are invited to propose nominations (including self-nominations). During this phase, all nominations and elections are *for the purposes of obtaining entry into the Management Committee, not for any particular position*. This means that you can run and campaign in teams and inform the electorate about which positions you are aiming for – should you feel that it would aid your campaign – but you will not be running for any particular position.

All Law Club members will form the electorate, and the top 10 nominees with the highest votes will obtain entry into the Internal phase – in accordance with the 10 voting rights accorded to Law Club under Regulation 9 of the Statutes and Regulations of the National University of Singapore, based on the size of our student body. Should the incoming Management Committee require more manpower for the execution of its duties, the respective Directors can then bring in/co-opt members into Committees set up under their purview via interviews or the appropriate mechanisms. However, these members will not have voting rights.

The positions contested for the 35th Management Committee are:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Honorary General Secretary
4. Finance Director
5. Sports Director
6. Academic Director
7. Welfare Director
8. Corporate Relations Director
9. Publicity Director
10. Events Director

The Internal Phase

| Period | Allotted Days | Actual Dates |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Internal Nominations & Elections | 1 day | 29 August 2014 |
| <i>Announcement</i> | 1 day | 30 August 2014 |

The top 10 nominees – along with the voting members of the outgoing Management Committee – shall form the electorate in this phase, and vote for the respective positions which the 10 aforementioned nominees will assume in the 35th Law Club Management Committee.

I'd Rather Join Subsidiary Committees!

Maybe you don't want to be in the Management Committee, that's alright too! We have two amazing Subsidiary Committees that you can join and also contribute to student life!

Join the **Class Committees** (in particular, your year's Class Committee, e.g. Year 1 Class Committee) and take up the leadership roles of unifying your class! This will range from organizing Class-wide activities to consolidating Class-wide concerns!

You can also join the **Freshmen Orientation Central Committee (FOCC)**! Remember the amazing orientation experience you had? Be part of the committee to provide the same experience to the incoming freshmen!

Entry into these committees are not by election! Rather, there'll be a period of nomination (including self-nominations) and interviews shortly after the new Management Committee is formed, and the new Law Club Management Committee, along with the incumbent Class Committee and FOCC members, will update the school population accordingly of the relevant dates and times ☺

Just to note – there might be other new committees established by the incoming Law Club Management Committee which you can be a part of, so do keep a lookout for those as well!

I Want to Represent Law School in the NUSSU Executive Committee!

Only one person gets to represent law school in the NUSSU Executive Committee! This person will serve on both the NUSSU Executive Committee and the NUSSU Council, spearheading initiatives and taking up roles in the highest student leadership body within NUS. Upon being elected by law school, you will then be allowed to contest for the top posts within the NUSSU Executive Committee itself at a later date.

The details of this year's election process will be made available soon, as the process is decided upon by the main NUSSU Executive Committee ☺

The role of the NUSSU Executive Committee Representative is a vital one. If in doubt, do speak to any of the Law Club Management Committee members and they will direct you to the former NUSSU Executive Committee representatives.



NUSSU Law 2014 Freshmen Orientation

Okay, Maybe I'd Rather Join Subsidiary Clubs!

If you aren't interested in running for the Law Club Management Committee or any of the Subsidiary Committees, consider joining the Subsidiary Clubs (and even running for their Executive Committees!)

We've provided short write-ups from the various Subsidiary Clubs to give you a better insight into their workings!

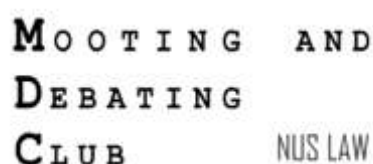


Law Students' International Relations Committee (LSIRC)

LSIRC provides support for law schools' activities involving law students from overseas countries. Some of our current activities include running the Buddy programme for foreign students on the Student Exchange Programme to NUS Law and hosting visiting law students from overseas universities.

LSIRC is also a local chapter in the Asian Law Students' Association (ALSA). LSIRC has friendly connections with other law faculties in Asia and actively participates in ALSA activities. LSIRC is the platform for NUS Law students to reach out to fellow law students from all over the world, especially our neighbours in Asia. LSIRC members have the opportunity to join study trips organised by our counterparts in overseas ALSA chapters, where they can make firm friendships and learn about life as a law student overseas. LSIRC members can also organise similar study trips to host foreign law students, introducing them to Singapore and ensuring that they have an enjoyable stay here.

This year, LSIRC will continue to foster links with our international friends through our current activities, and carry on with organising events such as Children's Day and Valentine's Day celebrations.



Mooting & Debating Club (MDC)

At NUS Law, mooting competitions are the most prestigious competitions a student can participate in. Many distinguished members of the legal profession, including senior counsels, judges and the law minister, were once top mooters at NUS.

Given the prestige of mooting competitions, MDC occupies a truly privileged position. It is responsible for organizing various local mooting competitions such as the Mallal Moots and the Advocacy Cup. MDC members will have the opportunity to liaise and work with representatives from the big law firms which sponsor the various mooting competitions, and also distinguished members of the legal profession invited to preside over the moots.

These are rare opportunities that would enhance any law student's experiences in law school and position them for an exciting future career.

But MDC is not just about the serious stuff. It is a place for us to come together in a cosy group, meet new people (perhaps even your future employers!), chill out, have FUN and yes, of course, enjoy FREE FOOD! Who says law school has to be books, notes and muggers all the time? Come join us and we will show you that law school can be food, fun, friends and much more.



Criminal Justice Club (CJC)

The NUS Criminal Justice Club ("CJC") was formed in September 2009 to raise awareness of important criminal justice issues amongst law students. Under different student-driven projects, we engage in our own research and events to pursue a range of criminal law-related objectives, and will continue in the upcoming year to pursue various avenues to promote general awareness on such relevant issues. More information can be found at <http://justice.sg/>. The CJC currently has three main projects.

The Innocence Project is a student-led initiative that seeks to provide recourse to individuals who believe they have been wrongfully convicted of crimes. The first of its kind in Singapore, the Innocence Project is a collaborative effort among the **CJC**, the Pro Bono Services Office and the Association of Criminal Lawyers in Singapore. More information can be found at <http://sginnocenceproject.com/>.

The Military Justice Project is an initiative aimed at increasing awareness of the military law governing Singapore Armed Forces personnel among the general public, servicemen and their families. We are currently working with partners such as the Pro Bono Services Office to condense this relatively unexplored field of law in order to educate the general public and servicemen about the structure and process of military law.

The Criminal Law Website is a collaboration between the CJC and the Law Society. Students write headnotes for unreported judgments, which are then published in a database and made more accessible to criminal defence lawyers. The website will also feature interviews with practitioners and academic articles on criminal law.

In addition to these ongoing projects, the CJC organises various activities to further explore related criminal law topics and criminal practice. The Criminal Justice Conference is a dialogue session to discuss selected criminal law related topics with panelists of varied backgrounds. The Attorney-General's Cup, an annual competition between NUS and SMU, is the only criminal law moot in Singapore. Lastly, Dialogue Sessions are organized as platforms for esteemed guests to share their insights. Previous prominent speakers include ex-CJ Chan Sek Keong and the Law Minister, K Shanmugam.



NUS PRO BONO GROUP
To inform. To involve. To inspire.

Pro Bono Group (PBG)

"Pro Bono Publico" – for the public good. It was in this spirit that the NUS Pro Bono Group was founded.

Dedicated to serving people through more than 14 expanding projects, the NUS Pro Bono Group is a student-run organization for beneficiaries both local and overseas.

In NUS Law, the Pro Bono Group organizes various projects for members to enjoy themselves while fulfilling this obligation. Our activities include volunteering at legal clinics, teaching legal concepts to secondary school students, and even participating in research projects led by professors. The Group also publishes a regular newsletter and has organized seminars with distinguished lawyers. With more than 200 members and over 14 different projects running every year, there is something for everyone and you can find out more at <http://nusprobono.com/>.

Come and experience the joy of service and interaction with diversity! Through migrant workers-related projects, find the joy of empowering a migrant worker. See the law beyond the books, in legal clinics or University Court Friends, assist lawyers and court staff, and witness how the law can make or break a person's life – a sobering experience. Through our youth programmes, seize the chance to enhance awareness of important legal issues to young minds. Make your education go the distance through an even more exciting recent development involving overseas trips to neighboring countries. With 14 over projects and a chance to develop your own, this is the place where you will be inspired by not just your beneficiaries or activists in your field, but also even by your fellow peers and students.

Join us, and together we will involve, inform, and inspire. For the Pro Bono Group is where NUS Law students experience and discover the meaning of true legal service.

JUSTIFIED

Justified

Justified is the go-to website for all the recent happenings in NUS law. It is to law school what soccernet is to football fans, what 9GAG is to army boys and what Facebook is, to well, everyone. We provide regular coverage of school events, be they the IFG, inter-year soccer matches, prestigious moots or the occasional (and much-needed) stress-relieving party at the Upper Quad. Sometimes, we even get down to the hard-hitting stuff like career fairs, training contract applications and interviews with practicing and non-practicing lawyers. (Though for the most part, we try not to stress our readers out)

But it's not all work and no play. Our writers are encouraged to venture outside the legendary CJ Koh law library, as scary as that may be, and perhaps even catch a musical or dine at that hip new burger joint. If writing reviews isn't their cup of tea, they can write articles extolling the awesomeness of Batman or highlighting the game-changing maneuvers of LawMed DOTA. Basically, here at Justified, we're easy-going and we like to have fun.

And though we may say so ourselves, we're pretty handy with cameras too. The Justified team consists of both writers and photographers so you not only read about what's going on in law school, you see it as well! As a plus point, the photos we take can be used as definitive proof that law students (or at least some of them) don't spend all their time studying.

We also moderate Overheard@BTC, a *shhh* "secret" Facebook group only accessible to the NUS law student population. Maybe it's an online platform for school-wide exchanges and discussions. Maybe it's not. We're not allowed to say. Forget we mentioned it.

Intrigued? Or was this TLDR? Either way, we'd really love it if you paid us a visit at justified.nuslawclub.com to get a taste of the shenanigans and vicissitudes the NUS law student experiences!

If it's not on Justified, it never happened.



Singapore Law Review (SLR)

The *Singapore Law Review (SLR)* is a legal scholarship managed exclusively by a selected group of students from the Law Faculty of National University of Singapore. The aims of the *Review* are three-fold:

- To promote legal thinking and writing, as well as awareness of current legal issues and their implications amongst the students of the Law Faculty;
- To provide an academic forum of discussion for students, academics and members of the legal fraternity; and
- To present opportunities for its members to hone their skills in editing and writing, together with a platform for intellectual discourse amongst themselves.

The *Review* publishes a journal, the *Singapore Law Review*, and has its own online platform, which contains news on the SLR and short articles. It also has its annual lecture, the *Singapore Law Review Lecture*, the latest of which was delivered on the 10th September 2013 by the Honorable Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon.

The *Singapore Law Review* was conceived in 1969 and is the oldest undergraduate student-run law journal in the world. It features as an integral part of the legal education landscape in Singapore, publishing cutting-edge articles by not only students, but also professors and other prominent members of the legal industry. Members of the *Review*, as editors of the journal, will be trained on a personal level to select, edit, and publish articles, and will get firsthand experience of being in charge of the reviewing its pieces, through a team reviewing and editorial process. This will provide editors with an edge in editing, research, citation, analysis, critical evaluation, as well as working in a team. The journal is published on an annual basis, and is currently in its 31st issue, with the 32nd issue projected to be out by late 2014.

The *Review* also organises the *Singapore Law Review Lecture*, the longest running legal lecture series in Singapore. Through the kind sponsorship of local law firms, this lecture series makes possible the tradition of public lecturing by luminaries in the legal field. Previous speakers of the *Lecture* include Professor Walter Woon, the then Attorney-General of Singapore, and Tun Dato' Sri Ahmad Fairuz bin Dato' Sheikh Abdul Halim, former Chief Justice of Malaysia. The *Lecture* is traditionally well attended not only by law students, by also members of the Bench and the Bar. Members of the *Review* play an active role in the planning, organisation and execution of the *Lecture* and are assured seats for the lecture itself, thereby having the chance to interact and work with renowned individuals within the industry. The next *Lecture* is scheduled to be held in late 2014.

Can I Run for the Subsidiary Clubs EXCOs?

You can – but not anytime soon! The election periods for Subsidiary Club EXCOs are typically in Semester 2 around Apr – May. You should first participate in the Subsidiary Club as a member from now to then!