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This year the RMIT Juris Doctor Programme celebrated its 10th Anniversary. It is an exciting time for the RMIT Law Students' Society and we are looking forward to another busy year. We are proud to promote the agenda for 2018.

2017 was another year of growth for the Juris Doctor Programme at RMIT. Our cohort continued to engage with the range of events, competitions and educational opportunities on offer. This growth was demonstrated in a significant increase in traffic to our LSS Social media pages and use of the LSS website.

Our 10th Anniversary Celebration provided an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the significant achievements of the JD program at RMIT. With continued projects run in collaboration with the Centre for Innovative Justice and the Mental Health Legal Centre, RMIT provides a progressive and holistic approach to teaching law and looks forward to further developing this approach over the years to come.

2018 promises to be another great year. Our social events in 2017 were a huge success, with higher engagement of the student cohort than ever before. The LSS events team are very excited to plan for the year ahead, providing opportunities for students to engage and network outside of the classroom. We will continue to offer a range of internal competitions and deliver platforms for students to engage in external moots. The LSS publications team also has a busy year ahead, putting together our usual suite of publications with the aim of providing accessible information and support to all RMIT law students. Our second decade as a law school is shaping-up to be as exciting as our first and we hope you can join us.

Welcome
From the President

Elise Steegstra
RMIT LSS President

Thank you for taking the time to review our prospectus. We have had an excellent year in 2017 and I am looking forward to another fantastic year in 2018. As 2018 will be my final year in the JD, I look forward to working with you and our new executive over the coming year.

I am passionate about the RMIT Law Students’ Society and the opportunities we offer law students at RMIT and I hope that after reading this prospectus, you will be as passionate as we are.

The RMIT Law Students’ Society is a vibrant student society that is making a name for itself at inter-varsity competitions, innovative justice programs and networking events. Given the diversity of our student body, it is wonderful to see the development and participation of so many students in many different aspects of student life which would be impossible to offer without your assistance.

2017 was an exciting year with the 10th Anniversary of the JD programme, and saw the RMIT LSS host its first Law Ball! We continue to offer our successful Careers’ Guide networking event, our End of Year Party and a myriad of first year events to welcome new students to the law. 2017 saw the RMIT LSS focus on its equity portfolio, in particular working collaboratively with firms and other LSS/LSAs around the LGTBI+ space to provide safe and respectful support to members and students from that community. 2018 looks to be another great year with the fifth year of our annual personal injury moot competition and a renewed focus on wellbeing in the law.

I hope that you will consider partnering with us in 2018 and be a part of what is sure to be an exciting year. I look forward to the opportunity to sit down with you to discuss how we can work together to demonstrate our value to your organisation and improve our law students experience.
Instagram @rmitlss

The RMIT LSS Facebook page now has almost 700 followers, which is a significant increase from this time last year. Social Media and email notifications continue to be the best way to access the RMIT JD student cohort and the increase in followers is evidence of this. Our RMIT LSS twitter page has more than 1,000 followers and is a great platform from which the LSS can reach out to students and stakeholders regarding news and events. Likewise, RMIT LSS Instagram showcases the events held and participated in by RMIT law students, including events held in collaboration with LSS sponsors.

Facebook statistics Dec 2017

The RMIT LSS website has recently been updated with the aim of being more user friendly and informative. Our major sponsors continue to have a dedicated page, including logos, articles and videos. On our homepage we ensure that all sponsors have their logos prominently displayed for visitors to the site. All publications produced by the LSS are available for download on the website, along with publications from external contributors such as ALSA and the Victorian Law Foundation. We continue to provide our students with information relating to education, competitions, equity, events and careers on our website and have a dedicated Marketing Director to ensure the site is consistently up-to-date.

www.rmitlss.com
In 2017 the RMIT LSS participated in many competitions. We ran a number of internal Client Interview competitions, including hosting our “arch-rivals” from St Patrick’s LSS. St Patrick’s won in Semester 1, while RMIT snatched the crown back in Semester 2.

Competitions

For the fourth year in a row the RMIT Law Students’ Society hosted the Personal Injury moot, which included teams from many Melbourne based universities. This competition was hosted with our new sponsors, Zaparas Lawyers, during law week and the grand final was open for public viewing. Videos can be seen on the RMIT LSS website <http://www.rmitlss.com/personal-injury-moot.html>

RMIT LSS also participated in the Kirby Contract Moot, the Castan International Human Rights Law Moot and the Women’s Moot.

We had our first team ever attend the Vis East Moot in 2017. This was an endeavour spearheaded by the LSS which has now been embraced by the faculty and forms the basis of a new Competitions subject in 2018.
In 2018, the LSS will focus on teaching students the essentials of law school. The skills that are most important for the development of our students often can’t be taught by lecturers in weekly classes, so education sessions concentrating on skills such as legal research, legal writing, and how to think critically will be run to properly prepare new and established students alike for their degree. These workshops will be delivered at strategic times to maximise attendance and give context and utility to the information conveyed.

As well as the basic skills required of a lawyer, sessions will also be run to prepare students for their future career. Learning how to write a curriculum vitae or how to apply for clerkships, PLT courses, and graduate programs are all valuable skills the RMIT LSS hopes to bring to students in 2018.

Publications

In 2018, the RMIT LSS will publish our three annual publications – the ‘JD Intro Guide to Law’, the ‘Careers and Clerkship Guide’ and our journal, ‘McPherson’s Papers’. We are committed to developing high-quality publications that are useful to RMIT JD students. All the publications we produce are available in the law building, the Justice Tom Smith reading room and on the RMIT LSS website.

**JD Intro Guide to Law**
This publication provides an introduction to law school and is distributed to every new RMIT JD student. The LSS is determined to help new students to get the most out of their studies. The Guide highlights some of the challenges and benefits of studying law, outlines the role of the LSS and provides tips for studying and getting around campus. 2018’s Guide promises to be better than ever!

**Careers and Clerkship Guide**
Our Careers and Clerkships Guide is released mid-year, before clerkship applications open. It is our largest publication and provides quality information for students considering applying for clerkships as well as containing plenty of information for students who are unsure of the type of career they want and how they might reach their goals. This publication contains articles from our sponsor firms as well as current and former students. Each of our sponsor firms are featured in the Careers and Clerkships Guide – Gold and Silver sponsors receive 500-word articles and all sponsors receive advertising space in the popular publication.

**McPherson’s Papers**
In 2017, the LSS published its second ‘McPherson’s Papers’ Journal. The Journal contains the five best student essays submitted to the LSS essay competition and is a celebration of the hard-work our JD students put into their essays. Each of the essays was also submitted to the National Essay Competition. In 2018, we plan to expand the ‘McPherson’s Papers’ to include more essays from our JD students, including a broader representation of student’s work.
LSS Events

Introduction to Law School:
RMIT LSS hosted an introductory drinks and nibbles for first year students. This was a great opportunity for the LSS to get to know the incoming students and for them to get to know faces around campus.

The LSS also launched a first year dinner event hosting students to a five course degustation at The Lincoln. This was a more formal welcome to first year students across the board and staff and students were both involved.

Cocktails and Career Conversations:
The RMIT LSS hosted a ‘Cocktails and Career Conversations’ event at Collins Quarter where we launched our Careers and Clerkship guide to kick-off clerkship season. This event helps to prepare students with the information they need for applications and interviews. This evening included many guest speakers and sponsors. Our guest speaker in 2017 was a newly appointed Magistrate. Our students had the opportunity to meet with the sponsor firms and ask questions about practice and what the clerkship and graduate role process is like.

End of Year Party:
The End of Year Party was hosted at the Highlander Bar. This event is for students to unwind, reflect on the year that passed and celebrate their success. At this event we launched our publication ‘McPherson’s Papers’ in which we showcase essays from our top 5 students.

Summer Social:
The LSS hosts a summer social event on a Sunday in January where we invite students to relax over a drink or two. It is popular with students undertaking summer subjects.
In 2017 we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the RMIT Juris Doctor Program. We kicked off celebrations at the Old Melbourne Gaol and speakers included the Honourable Martin Pakula MP, Victorian Attorney General; Mr Bevan Warner, Managing Director of Victoria Legal Aid; Mr Rob Hulls, Director of the Centre for Innovative Justice and Ms Elise Steegstra, RMIT Law Student Society President.

To further highlight this exciting occasion, the LSS hosted its first ever Law Ball, which will now feature a place annually on our social calendar. The Ball took place at The Trust, located within Melbourne’s iconic Port Authority Building, on Friday 11 August 2017. The night began with a surprise acrobatic performance and the venue was decorated to suit the Old Hollywood Glamour theme.

Minter Ellison, our premium sponsors, were given four tickets to the event, delivered a speech and presented a student award on the night. Highlights included the champagne tower, photobooth and, of course, the dancing! This event was the most attended in our RMIT LSS history and the night was a raging success. How could it not be with a champagne tower after all?
Sponsorship Packages

These packages are intended as a guide only. We would love the opportunity to sit down with you and tailor something to your preferred level of involvement.

**PREMIUM SPONSORSHIP**  (P.O.A)
- Two information sessions with video recording hosted on our website
- Three page advert (A4) in our Careers and Clerkships Guide
- One article (500 words) in our Careers and Clerkships Guide
- Unlimited online material distributed to our members
- Naming rights for the Moot Award at the end of year event
- Recognition as Premium Sponsor on RMIT LSS Homepage

**GOLD SPONSORSHIP**  $1,000
- Two page advert (A4) in our Careers and Clerkships Guide
- One article (500 words) in our Careers and Clerkships Guide
- Up to five posts/short pieces in the Fortnightly Bulletin per year
- Up to five posts on the RMIT LSS Facebook site per year
- Recognition as a Gold Sponsor on the RMIT LSS Website

**SILVER SPONSORSHIP**  $700
- One page advert (A4) in our Careers and Clerkships Guide
- One article (500 words) in our Careers and Clerkships Guide
- Up to three posts/short pieces in the Fortnightly Bulletin per year
- Up to three posts on the RMIT LSS Facebook site per year
- Recognition as a Silver Sponsor on the RMIT LSS Website

**BRONZE SPONSORSHIP**  $400
- One page advert (A4) in our Careers and Clerkships Guide
- Recognition as a Bronze Sponsor on the RMIT LSS Website
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