

I, Emma Campanella, Competitions Vice-President of the Murdoch Student Law Society, submit the attached as my Executive Committee Report.

Introduction

Competitions have ran well this year. We started this year with the intention of having all competitions in person this year which was achieved. The issue this year was maintaining engagement with students. There was a notable lack of engagement with students overall as, during Covid, most people got full time jobs or were at the point of burn out and couldn't take on something extra.

I owe everything this year to my two officers, without them this wouldn't have been possible at all. Both officers went above and beyond to help with this portfolio as well as the committee in general when they were needed. I am so proud to have them as my officers this year and so grateful for their dedication in sticking with the commitment they made when they took this role on.

Internal Competitions

In Semester one, we ran the following competitions: Junior Witness Examination, Senior Wit-Ex, Senior Moot, Junior Client Interview.

In Semester two, we currently have the following competitions slated: Senior Client Interview, Negotiations, Herbert Smith Freehills Mediation and Senior Client Interview..

We have continued to have very good engagement and communication with sponsors. There was strong working and friendly relationships with the firms and were very helpful with hosting grand finals.

Engagement in competitions has continued to be an issue since 2020. This was also something that resulted in the changing and scheduling of a couple rounds. It is hard to find a solution to encourage students to compete as students are burnt out, have other

commitments or are overscheduled. However, I would encourage strong marketing campaigns, and the use of academics and specific unit advertising through LMS.

Intervarsity Competitions

Regarding intervarsity competitions, we had strong engagement with competitors who took place in ALSA this year. With ALSA running face to face again, this meant there was an increase in the number of students who wanted to compete.

We took part in the following ALSA competitions: Red Cross IHL Moot, Witness Examination and Client Interview.

There were no WA localised intervarsity competitions that took place in this year.

Murdoch Mooting Program

Competitions and MSLS have taken a much stronger role in liaising and working with the Murdoch Mooting program this year. Particularly, with the Moot Court Bench.

Other Acting Capacities

N/A

Schedule 1: Responsibilities of the Competitions Vice-President

It is the responsibility of the Competitions Vice-President to:

- coordinate and facilitate competitions held by the Society;
- coordinate and facilitate competitions with other Law Societies and Associations registered with ALSA; and
- correspond with the Murdoch Mooting Program to facilitate internal and external mooting competitions.

It is the responsibility of the Competitions Vice-President, as a member of the Executive Committee, to:

- proactively provide leadership and guidance to the Executive Committee, Committee and Sub-Committee;

- ensure that every Committee Member understands the expectations of their position, the objectives of the position and the objectives of the Society, whether outlined formally in this Constitution or informally in any other guidelines publicly published by the Society;
- represent the interests of the relevant Executive portfolio, Committee members and students;
- oversee the activities of the relevant Executive portfolio and delegate responsibility to the relevant Committee Member;
- assist the Committee in all endeavours, events and projects where appropriate; and
- work one (1) weekly shift in the Café of the Society in accordance with the appropriate By-law.

It is the responsibility of the Competitions Vice-President, under the by-laws in effect as at 13 July 2021, to:

- be the authority on the interpretation of BY-LAW-05 : Competitions;
- drafting the general competition regulations;
- drafting and establishing dedicated competition rules.

Schedule 2 - Competitions Officer Reports

Projects		
Committee Relationships		
Perception of the Society		