



Vice President Report 2025

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Role

One of the most rewarding, yet challenging aspects of the Vice President (VP) role is how new and undefined this position is. This year, we tried something new where we combined the Inner Committee Relations portfolio (formerly known as the Grievance portfolio) into the VP role. I knew going into this role that my priority would be supporting the rest of the Executive in any way necessary as well as acting as a voice for the first-year representatives joining our society.

Start of year

The beginning of the year is always hectic, with lots of paperwork and introductory meetings and sponsor communications. We began the year by attending meetings with our sponsors and ensuring we maintained professional relationships with each firm. This year, we had new sponsors express interest in our society which was very exciting! We also focused on recruitment as going into the year we had some key positions such as Treasurer still vacant, but thankfully the DLSSG ended up with a wonderful committee.

First Year Program

The heart of the VP role is leading the First Year Program.

I kicked off promotion at our first event, *Legally Launch*, by directly engaging with first-year students and introducing them to the society. To help applicants better understand which portfolio would suit them best, I created a quiz that we shared on our social media. We received very positive feedback, and I would highly recommend continuing this in future years.

We had strong interest in the program, and I personally interviewed over 15 candidates. Selecting the right people was difficult, but my advice to the next VP is simple: **trust your gut**. Choose those who bring energy and passion as the rest can be learned.

Once selected, the First Years were introduced to the wider committee, and I'm so proud of the group we assembled. The program was a lot of work, but it was incredibly rewarding to support these students at the beginning of their law school journey and act as a positive role model.



Law Ball

Having served as the Functions Director last year, I was well-placed to assist this year's team — particularly in the lead-up to Law Ball. I helped with filling DUSA forms, venue selections and general event preparation. Law ball is a HUGE event and requires all the assistance it can get so I was thrilled to offer Emily, and her wonderful team help whenever they needed it.

Inner Committee Relations

Fortunately, we did not face any major grievances or complaints this year- a testament to the strength and cohesion of this year's committee.

When minor concerns did arise, I addressed them with empathy and compassion. In most cases, people simply needed someone to talk to. I made a point of reminding the committee at every meeting that I was available for any issues, society-related or otherwise, to ensure everyone knew they had a safe and confidential space to be heard.

Summary

Serving as VP of the DLSSG has been an incredibly meaningful experience. I joined the society in my first year of studying so it's quite the full circle moment finishing my degree as VP. This role remains flexible and evolving, but I believe that's what makes it so special. Its inherent flexibility allows each VP to shape the role based on the needs of the society and your own strengths.

After five years with the DLSSG, it's bittersweet to say goodbye. I am deeply grateful for all the opportunities and connection this society has given me. Above all else, I appreciate all the friendships I have made along the way. My advice to the next VP is to trust your gut, listen to your fellow committee members and most importantly enjoy every moment of it.

All my love,

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