



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

WESTERN PRE-LAW SOCIETY

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WELCOME BACK WPLS!

We hope midterms went well and that you're feeling ready for the month ahead.

As we move into the final stretch before exams, this newsletter has everything you need to stay organized and up to date. We've included key reminders, event details, and helpful information to support you as we wrap up the semester.

The WPLS community is here to support you through the final months of the semester and help you finish strong!



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WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT RECAP

Our Wine & Cheese Night was a huge success! With almost 80 attendees, the room was filled with great energy, great conversation, and of course great wine and snacks.



It was the perfect evening to unwind and network. Members had the chance to meet other students, chat with current law students, and engage with our incredible panel speaker: Dr. Adrienne Shnier!



A huge thank you to everyone who came out and helped make this event such a memorable and successful one!



Meet Dr. Adrienne Shnier!



Adrienne Shnier

Founder & CEO, Apply Yourself Global



Education



Bachelor of Arts (BA), Honours - (11')



Master of Arts (MA), Health Policy & Equity - (12')



Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Health Policy & Equity - (16')



Doctor of Law - JD, Law - (19')

“Focus on Your Own Path Not Someone Else’s”

The highlight of our Wine and Cheese Night was our inspiring panel speaker, Dr. Adrienne Shnier, who shared grounded, practical advice for anyone pursuing a future in law.

One of the biggest takeaways from the night was the reminder to stop comparing yourself to others. Whether it's test scores or how fast someone else seems to be progressing, comparison only takes away from your own progress.

Dr. Adrienne Shnier highlighted that getting into law school isn't about who gets there first. Everyone's journey looks different, and that uniqueness is your biggest strength!



Podcast Spotlight: “Success Unlocked”

We were encouraged to explore Dr. Adrienne Shnier's podcast, Success Unlocked, which dives into questions like:

“How does the future version of you make decisions that benefit the current you?”

Ark Aid Mission: Holiday Big Give Gala 2025

Holiday Big Give Information!

Every night, over 2,700 people in our city face the cold, uncertainty, and loneliness of life on the streets. This holiday season, we have the chance to change that story. The Holiday Big Give is a citywide call to action — a collective effort to raise \$500,000 so that more people can move off the streets and onto their path to home. When schools, businesses, churches, and families come together, hope becomes possible.

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THANK YOU!

We were honoured to attend the Ark Aid mission Holiday Big Give Gala this month!

We're grateful for the opportunity to support the amazing work Ark Aid does in our community.

Thank you, Ark Aid, for having us—it was such an honour to be recognized and to be part of such a meaningful evening.



DELILAH'S BAR NIGHT

Members had the chance to interact with each other and chat with executives in a casual, low-pressure environment.

WPLS bar night was an amazing chance to meet new people in the club and get social at one of our favourite university bars here in London!

We hope you all had a fun night!

WPLS Trip to Toronto!

We had the opportunity to explore multiple stops throughout the city and experience a full day of tours and hands-on insight into different areas of law. It was a day filled with learning, networking, and fun. Thank you to everyone who came out!

Toronto Recap:

Stop 1: Ontario Legislative Assembly



Stop 2: Lincoln Alexander School of Law



Stop 3: Ontario Court of Justice



Stop 4: Goodmans LLP



Goodmans^{LLP}

Stop 5: Norton Rose Fullbright LLP



NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT

WPLS Toronto Team!



Meet Sandro Pierini!



Sandro Pierini



BMOS, Accounting & Finance - (23')



Honours Business Administration, (HBA) - (27')



Doctor of Law - JD, Law - (27')

About Sandro!

Sandro is in his first year of law school at Western Law, where he is beginning to explore different areas of legal study and student life. He completed his undergraduate degree at Western and chose to stay here for law school. Sandro is now pursuing a dual degree with Western Law and the Ivey Business School, all while being a key asset to the Western Mustangs football team as a fullback for over four years.

Q: What surprised you most about your first year of law school?

A: The people! Everyone was super kind and I've already made some of my best friends in law school. Contrary to popular belief, you will still have time to meet new people and have fun, so make sure you take the time to enjoy it as well.

Q: How do you handle stress during exams?

A: Making a study schedule at the outset can help alleviate a lot of the stress that comes from the whirlwind of exam time. If you can make a schedule that leaves you finished in time for the exam and stick to it, you'll be much better off. It also helps to remember that you were smart enough to make it here, so you're smart enough to figure out whatever comes your way while you're there.

Q: What advice would you give someone applying to law school?

A: Take it as seriously as you take yourself, treat the application process like any other test or essay that you do in a class. Give your personal statement some serious effort and sell yourself! Set aside enough time to study for the LSAT and stick to your study schedule; consistency will pay dividends!

Test Your Legal Knowledge!

(Legal Jargon Edition)

Read each definition and see if you can guess the correct legal term before checking the answer below.

QUESTION 1

A finding of "not guilty" in a criminal case, after which the accused is free to go without a criminal record.

Answer: Acquittal

QUESTION 2

A finding that an accused person is guilty of an offence. A conviction usually results in a criminal record, unless a discharge is granted.

Answer: Conviction

QUESTION 3

A previous judicial decision that serves as a guide for judges in future cases with similar facts and legal issues. Lower courts must follow the decisions of higher courts in their jurisdiction.

Answer: Precedent

QUESTION 4

The individual charged with an offence in a criminal case or being sued in a civil case.

Answer: Accused/Defendant

QUESTION 5

The party who initiates a non-criminal legal proceeding or requests a court order.

Answer: Applicant/Plaintiff

Closing Remarks

We had an amazing month filled with fun events and great opportunities. As exam season approaches, we want to wish everyone the best of luck on your upcoming exams and final assignments!

Stay tuned for what's ahead in the New Year. We have lots of exciting events planned for January and can't wait to reconnect with you then! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

Make sure to check in with our Instagram page for updates!

Some tips to help you excel this exam season:

- 1. Prioritize your sleep: Your brain performs better when rested.**
- 2. Stay hydrated: Water helps with cognitive function.**
- 3. Take real breaks: Short breaks can reset your energy and prevent burnout.**
- 4. Stay organized: Use a planner to structure study blocks.**
- 5. Stay connected: Study with a friend, ask for help, and use campus resources.**



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SEE YOU SOON!