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# THE TRU BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to the TRU Business Law Society's first newsletter of 2023!

The TRU Business Law Society (BLS) is your portal from law school to the world of corporate and commercial legal practice. Established in 2019, the Business Law Society has a mandate of facilitating professional and personal development, offering networking opportunities for students interested in business law, and providing practical and meaningful exposure to transactional legal work.

This issue opens with a message from our two co-presidents, Khushy and Ian. Our Alumni Spotlight focuses on former BLS president, Olivia Marty!

Happy reading!

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## A Message from Our Co-Presidents



We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to all of you as we embark on a new academic year at TRU Law. We are honoured to serve as Co-Presidents of the BLS and are excited for the school year ahead of us.

Starting or returning to law school can be both thrilling and challenging. It is a time of growth, exploration, and cultivating connections that will last a lifetime. The BLS is here to support you in entering the job market with a broad legal network. Whether you're a returning student or just beginning your legal education, our student group provides opportunities to expand your knowledge and build your network.

Collegiality and mentorship are a cornerstone of the TRU Law experience, both as students and graduates. The BLS is honoured to work with incredible alumni from firms across BC and Alberta who are eager to connect with the student body. We also provide the opportunity to connect with other legal professionals willing to speak with students who show an interest in business law. Our mission is to connect students with practicing lawyers and provide a window from law school to the practice of law.

Keep an eye out for our newsletter, which provides information on upcoming BLS events, interviews with lawyers, club updates, and tips throughout the school year.

Our dedicated team is committed to providing resources, events, and a supportive community to help you thrive in your legal career. We encourage you to get involved, ask questions, and take advantage of the myriad of opportunities available within our student group! Join us at our events to connect with fellow students and professionals who share your passion for business law. We are so excited to see you there!

Cheers,

Ian & Khushy



## Alumni Spotlight: Olivia Marty

### What is your favourite memory from TRU?

I have many great memories from my time at TRU. Among my favourite moments are the ones where I attended school organized events, BLS functions, as well as the casual gatherings with friends outside of school.

I particularly enjoyed participating in the 1L orientation week, dressing up for the Halloween party, participating in the golf tournament, and attending law ball. As for the BLS events, the alumni networking nights and the wine and cheese networking evenings were consistently some of my favourites. Additionally, I have fond memories of hosting board game nights, trying different food experiences in Kamloops, snowboarding at Sun Peaks, or venturing out for a hike.

Overall, my experience at TRU wouldn't be the same without the amazing people I became so close with and got to share these experiences with over the years.



### What do you find most rewarding about business law?

So far during my articles at a business law firm, the thing I have found most rewarding about business law is the availability of a diverse practice areas. Business law encompasses a wide range of practice areas, including capital markets and securities, intellectual property, employment law, business law for non-public companies, competition and regulatory, financial services, and commercial real estate. This diversity enables me to explore different facets of business law, helping me determine my preferred area of specialization.





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### Would you recommend that students interested in business law enroll in any particular classes?

In addition to the mandatory 1L contracts class and upper-year business associations, I highly encourage students to consider enrolling in a few elective courses with a business focus. I personally found the mergers and acquisitions course to be exceptionally beneficial for both PLTC and gaining a fundamental understanding of a contract and how to draft clauses. Additionally, I would encourage students to take courses such as unjust enrichment, secured transactions, and real estate.

While an advanced research and writing class may not have a direct business connection, I encourage students to take one. Regardless of your chosen area of legal practice, including a career as a solicitor, research skills are indispensable and will be useful during your articles and into any area of practice. This class increased my confidence in my research abilities during my articling period and proved invaluable for solicitor-type work as well.

### Are there any skills/experiences from your time at the BLS that helped you in your work?

During my time as an executive with the BLS, I acquired several crucial skills that have proven essential in my legal career. Networking with business lawyers was one of the key skills I developed. The events we organized provided opportunities to connect with like-minded professionals. This skill is vital in the legal profession as it opens doors to new opportunities, mentorship, and eventually the establishment of client relationships.



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### Are there any skills/experiences from your time at the BLS that helped you in your work? (Continued)

Teamwork was another skill I improved on while serving in different roles at the BLS, from being an event coordinator to co-president. Collaborating with fellow BLS executive team members on various projects and initiatives enhanced my ability to work effectively as part of a team. This skill is particularly important in law firms, where teamwork is often required for files, and close cooperation with other articling students is common.

Participating in the club also helped me refine my time management skills. Balancing club activities with coursework and personal commitments proved to be a valuable experience. This ability has been essential in my current role, enabling me to efficiently handle various tasks at work, meet deadlines, and manage personal commitments outside of the workplace.



## TRU Business Law Society BC Alumni Networking Event

Next month, we are hosting our annual Alumni Networking Event. This event is a great opportunity for 1Ls and other interested law students to learn from the experiences of TRU alumni currently working in a business law practice.

The event will take place on **Wednesday, November 1st**, from **7:00pm to 9:00pm PST over Zoom**. A panel of six alumni will be cycled through the breakout rooms, where they will share their experiences and answer students' questions.

We hope to see you there!

