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THE TRU BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the TRU Business Law Society's first newsletter of 2024!

The TRU Business Law Society welcomes you back for Winter Semester! We hope our studying tips and tricks from the previous issue helped you with exams.

In this issue, our Alumni Spotlight focuses on Manisha Gill, a recent graduate of the TRU Law Class of 2023. We have several exciting events coming up, including the BC Business Law Panel & Reception and the Dentons Negotiation! We also want to share some pictures and highlights from the Alberta Alumni Networking event!

We hope everyone is staying warm, and happy reading!

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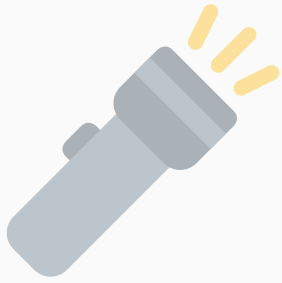
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Alumni Spotlight:

Manisha Gill

Manisha is a part of TRU Law Class of 2023, where she was an active member of the student community. She has been a member of the admissions committee, the Co-President/Co-Founder of the TRU Mental Health and Law Club, the Treasurer/Co-President of the South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA), the Chair of Programming for the TRU Society of Law Students Conference, and an Orientation Committee Member. As well, she was awarded the Dean's Course Prize in her first year for achieving the highest standing in the Legal Perspectives course.



What is your favourite memory from TRU?

I have many great memories from TRU. Starting law school during a pandemic was a challenging task, however, the collegial and collaborative community at TRU made my 1L experience worthwhile. Despite feeling nervous about joining clubs and creating a club during 1L, the upper years were incredibly supportive and encouraging. Furthermore, my favourite memory from TRU was the first few months of 2L and 3L. There were so many exciting activities organized by SLS and different clubs, including a volleyball tournament, orientation day, olympics, softball tournament, and golf tournament. These events allowed you to get to know your peers and enjoy the beginning of law school before things got demanding with assignments and exams.



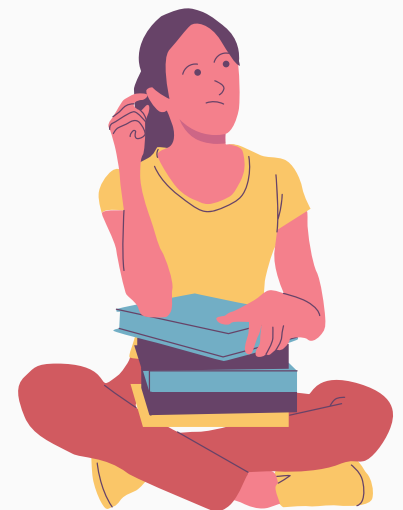
What area of law appeals to you the most, and why?



Commercial real estate and banking/financial specialty appeal to me the most! What specifically appeals to me about commercial real estate is the opportunity to work with a diverse range of clients, such as vendors, purchasers, lenders, and borrowers, on various commercial transactions. I especially enjoy the leasing aspect of real estate as well, where one gets to draft, structure, and negotiate on behalf of both landlords and tenants for industrial, office, shopping center, and retail spaces. On the other hand, banking/financing specialty is equally as interesting because it involves representing both borrowers and lenders in secured and unsecured lending transactions, project finance facilities and asset-based financing.

What do you wish you had known about being an articling student before you started?

I was aware that articling was not going to be easy, but I did not realize how much of a steep learning curve it is. The transition from only writing papers, taking 100% exams, and presenting different topics in law school to hands-on experience is challenging. There will be moments throughout your articles where you will feel extremely overwhelmed. However, this is normal and everything is going to fall into place. Moreover, at the beginning of articles, the type of work and tasks that you receive varies a lot. This provides an excellent opportunity to determine and explore which areas of law you are interested in or not. Therefore, it is important to keep an open mind and embrace diverse experiences before dismissing any given opportunity.



Upcoming Events:

BC Business Law Panel and Reception

Date: February 6th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Atrium

Dress Code: Business formal

The BLS has invited several highly accomplished lawyers from top Vancouver firms to speak on a panel and share their experiences in business law, as well as answer questions about the upcoming recruit. The panel will be followed by a reception. This is a great opportunity to network and learn more about the dynamic nature of business law. We have limited spots to attend this event, so sign up as soon as possible!

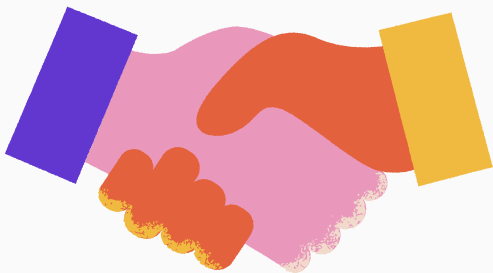


Dentons Negotiation Competition

Date: March 6th

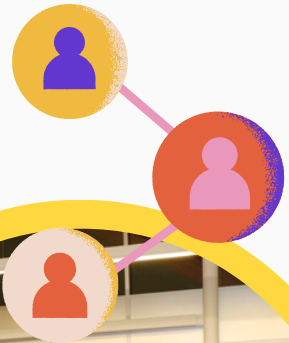
Location: Old Main 3rd Floor

Keep an eye out for the Dentons Negotiation Competition! The Dentons Negotiation is a competition designed to test students' ability to advocate in a real-life negotiation. Open to all 1L students, the Dentons Negotiation is a unique opportunity to demonstrate your ability to craft creative approaches to dispute resolution, think on your feet, and demonstrate your negotiation skills. Stay tuned for more updates!



EVENT RECAP

Highlights from the Alberta Alumni Networking Night



The BLS Alberta Networking Night was a great success! We would like to thank our incredible alumni and student panelists for their participation, as well as everyone else who attended!

