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# THE TRU BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023!

Welcome back!

In this issue, we open with a message from our co-presidents, Olivia Marty and Matthew Vreugde.

Our Alumni Spotlight focuses on Paige Mueller. Currently a Judicial Law Clerk at the Supreme Court of British Columbia, Paige answers questions about her favourite classes, memories, and the skills she developed during her time at TRU. This issue also highlights the incredible TRU Business Law Society Podcast, hosted by Rhythm Jethi and Eky Singh.

Happy reading!

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## A Message From Our Presidents

BY OLIVIA MARTY AND MATTHEW VREUGDE



Welcome back!

We hope everyone enjoyed some time away from school and is back feeling recharged and ready to tackle the Winter semester. The Winter semester is an exciting time; it's an opportunity to reflect on where we succeeded during the Fall semester and to find areas to correct course. It's also an opportunity to enjoy marquee law school events like the SLS Conference and Law Ball. It's important to allocate time to enjoy the events and activities your peers provide – it will enrich your experience and engender far fonder memories than an extra hour in the reading room.

If you're looking for ways to connect with the Business Law Society, check out our podcast and upcoming events. Last year, the BLS hosted the inaugural 1L Negotiation Competition with Dentons.

We're excited for the return of this Event. It's a platform for 1L students to apply their freshly sharpened reasoning skills in a fun and collegial setting. This year the event will be in-person and accompanied by food, beverages and prizes. We plan on hosting other exciting events this semester as well, so keep an eye out for those.

Enjoy the semester and we encourage you reach out to any members of the BLS if you have any questions about navigating law school, your studies or future employment.

Warm Regards,

Matthew Vreugde and Olivia Marty

## Alumni Spotlight: Paige Mueller

Graduating in 2021, Paige was deeply involved in the law community during her time at TRU. She was part of numerous societies and student initiatives, including the TRU Law Human Rights Club, TRU Environmental Law Club, TRU Law Oral Advocacy Club, and the TRU SLS Conference. Paige also volunteered with Pro Bono Students Canada, served as Co-Chair of the Society of Law Students Legal Conference, and was an executive of the TRU Pan-Asian Law Students Society. In her final year, Paige represented TRU at the Wilson Moot and was an editor of the Canadian Journal of Comparative and Contemporary Law. Paige was also awarded Dean's Course Prizes in Civil Procedure and Insurance Law, and was a Dean's List recipient.



After articling with Fasken, Paige is now a Judicial Law Clerk at the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

### What is your favourite memory from TRU?

I have so many great memories from TRU, so it's hard to narrow down to one! I think my favourite memory is studying/hanging out in the library with my friends. Some days we would help each other work through tough concepts and inhale Starbucks together. Others, we would just tell jokes and hang out. I remember the TRU Law community the most.





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### Are there any skills or experiences from your time at TRU that helped you in your work?

Being practical and being collegiate has helped me while articling at Fasken, and as a law clerk at the Supreme Court of British Columbia. Many of my professors were current or recent practitioners, and were able to teach us how to be practical when facing legal problems. You don't often have weeks to run a legal issue to the ground, so being able to quickly think on your feet and deliver a useful product has helped me immensely. Additionally, TRU Law fostered in me the importance of being collegial and friendly. It is a trait that is valued by both lawyers at the firm and judges.

### What were your favourite classes at TRU?

My favourite classes were employment law and insurance law with Professor Ted Murray. After the required courses of 1L and 2L, I was excited to take electives that interested me. Professor Murray offered practical and thorough lectures that taught me a lot of skills that I carried into articling - even though my practice will not focus in either area.





## The TRU Business Law Society Podcast

The TRU BLS Podcast is a program provided by the TRU Business Law Society. Rhythm Jethi and Eky Singh, current 2L students and hosts for season 3 of the podcast, will talk with leading industry and legal experts on topics that relate to business law. This podcast aims to provide students, lawyers, and the general public with insights from some of the greatest legal professionals in Canada, in a business law context.

On Episode 1 of Season 3, Eky and Rhythm are joined by Anika Klassen of McMillan Vancouver. If you are a 1L, or interested in the journey from student to associate, this is one you don't want to miss! Our hosts discuss Anika's journey from undergrad to becoming an associate, specifically how to navigate law school, plan for the OCI recruit, and what to expect in different positions as you progress from becoming a summer student to an associate.

For anyone interested in mergers and acquisitions, make sure to check out Episode 2 of Season 3 of the podcast! Eky and Rhythm are joined by Paul Blyschak of Fasken, Calgary. Paul discusses the basics of M&A law practice, including the key players and steps involved in an M&A transaction, the pros and cons of being a "rainmaker in M&A" and the life of an M&A lawyer. Our hosts also explore Paul's career journey and his upcoming book, "M&A Agreements in Canada: Transactions & Litigation."





## Upcoming Events: Dentons Negotiation Competition

Keep an eye out for the Dentons Negotiation Competition happening on March 8th!

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.

The event is in-person and will consist of sixteen teams of two people.

Stay tuned for more updates!

