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THE TRU BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the October edition of the TRU Business Law Society Newsletter!

The Business Law Society is excited to welcome you back for another year at TRU Law! We hope you had a wonderful summer, and are ready to dive into all the opportunities this year has to offer.

This issue's **Alumni Spotlight** features Arjun Dhaliwal, a member of the Business Law Group at Harper Grey LLP.

Our co-presidents share their advice for the year ahead on page 4, followed by **Upper-Year Insights** on page 5, where 2Ls and 3Ls offer practical tips to help you navigate 1L.

Make sure to follow us on instagram **@trubuslawsociety** for upcoming events, including the Alberta & BC Alumni Panel.

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Alumni Spotlight



Arjun Dhaliwal

As a member of the business law group at Harper Grey LLP , Arjun is responsible for handling diverse types of files. In his current capacity, he assists senior counsel with a variety of business transactions.

Arjun originally joined Harper Grey as summer student in 2021. He articulated with the firm in 2022 and was brought on as an associate in 2023.

Outside of work, Arjun spends his time golfing, watching sports, and enjoying time spent with his family and friends.

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

Absolutely – Business Associations and Mergers & Acquisitions were particularly helpful for me, and I've been able to draw on these courses during my practice. However, my main advice is to prioritize courses you genuinely enjoy, rather than taking courses for the sake of checking certain boxes. Much of what you need for practice is learned on the job, so law school is a great time to sharpen your critical thinking skills – which is much easier to do when you enjoy the subject matter!

Alumni Spotlight

Arjun Dhaliwal



If you could have a conversation with your 1L self, what advice would you give?

I'd tell myself not to sweat the small stuff, even though it's hard to know what that is in the moment. Law school can feel overwhelming, but most setbacks are temporary and rarely as big as they seem. Trust that things will work out, and focus on enjoying the experience. The friendships you build with your classmates can last a lifetime, and once you graduate, you won't get this time back.

What do you find the most rewarding about business law?

The most rewarding part for me is seeing a transaction through to completion and knowing we've helped our client achieve their intended purpose. Each deal is like a puzzle with unique pieces, and it's our job to figure out how they fit together. Clients often come to us with complex challenges, and it is satisfying to work through the mechanics and guide them from start to finish. That moment when all of the pieces fall into place is always fulfilling.



A Message From Our Co-Presidents



Jay Joshi



Sarah Warsh

We are so excited to welcome you to a new academic year and to share the release of our first BLS newsletter for 2025/2026 academic year! We are thrilled to serve as your Co-Presidents, and are looking forward to the exciting months ahead.

Whether you're just starting out or returning, the BLS is here to help you navigate your path into the legal world. Our goal is to provide you with opportunities to broaden your network, gain insight into the business law field, and get a head start in the job market.

One of the best parts of TRU Law is the sense of community and mentorship that exists here. We're fortunate to work with incredible alumni across BC and Alberta who are eager to connect with students like you. Through our events and initiatives, you'll also have the chance to meet and learn from legal professionals who are passionate about sharing their experiences and supporting future lawyers.

In addition to our newsletter, we encourage you to take advantage of the many events we'll be hosting throughout the year to connect with professionals and learn more about business law. Keep an eye out for our newsletter with updates on upcoming events, lawyer interviews, and practical tips to help you succeed both in law school and beyond.

Join us at our events, connect with your peers, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Here's to a successful and memorable year ahead!

Upper-Year Insights

If you could go back, what would you tell your 1L self?

Rachel Getz

J.D. Candidate 2026



Move through this year slowly. Things may feel overwhelming at times, but rest assured that everyone is in the same boat. Enjoy being present with those around you, discover the parts of school you're most passionate about, and lean in. Also, take the time to get to know your professors and the faculty! Attending TRU comes with some of the best support from people who are on your side and want to see you grow.

Mitchell Brazinha

J.D. Candidate 2026



Looking back to my 1L year, I would love to have told myself that everything was going to work out. So for current 1Ls, give yourself some grace. Get involved at school and enjoy the short time you get to spend here because it goes by quickly. Work hard at school, but remember that there's more to these 3 years than a letter grade.

Kirah Janzen

J.D. Candidate 2026



I'd tell my 1L self to just fake it till you make it! Colour-code that Google Calendar from day one — it's honestly the best for time blocking and keeping deadlines realistic. Prioritize your friends (they'll keep you sane). And spend a few hours every week doing something totally unrelated to law — for me, it was running and reading.

Adam Miller

J.D. Candidate 2027



If I could go back, I would tell my 1L self that you don't have to fit into some idea that you have in your head or anyone else's idea of what a lawyer is. You're going to have more fun, learn more, and probably find a job that's a better fit if you lean into your personality!

Chaeli Cowan

J.D. Candidate 2027



Reflecting on my 1L year I wish someone would've told me how much fun law school can be. One of the most valuable things you can take away from your time here is truly your relationships and connections. I think it is so important to get involved in the TRU community and join clubs because it really makes the entire experience so much more fun!

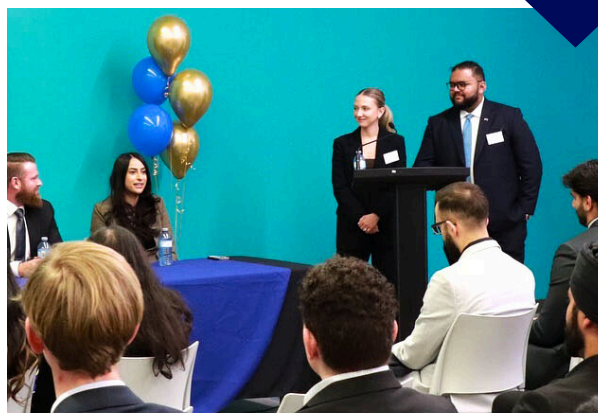


BLS Pillar Events

ALBERTA ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

We are looking forward to the annual Alberta Alumni Networking Night. This event is a great opportunity for 1Ls and other interested law students to learn from the experiences of lawyers at notable Alberta law firms.



BRITISH COLUMBIA ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT

FEBRUARY 5, 2026

This event offers 1Ls and other interested law students the opportunity to gain valuable insights from TRU alumni who are now practicing at leading BC and Vancouver law firms.

DENTONS 1L NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

MARCH, 2026

This is an amazing opportunity for 1Ls to practice your advocacy skills, enhance your resumes, and network with lawyers after the event. It will be teams of two!



More information regarding official dates, exact times, locations, and sign up forms to come.