



# OXFORD LAW SOCIETY

TRINITY 2018 TERM CARD



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# President's Welcome

It is my pleasure to warmly welcome you to the Oxford Law Society for Trinity Term 2018. Looking through this term card, I am filled with immense pride at what we have been able to achieve. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to lead one of the university's most ambitious and prestigious societies as well as working with a talented committee of individuals, who deserve my immeasurable thanks.

Trinity Term is undoubtedly the highlight of the Law Society's year. Oxford is flooded in warmth, the sun is shining and the days are longer. With this backdrop, we built a term card that combined the importance of networking with the desire for social events. The popular 'Tea & Cakes', courtesy of Herbert Smith Freehills, is being hosted at Kupp with a truly amazing view across the city. A taste of the Iberian Peninsula follows with 'Tapas & Sangria', sponsored by Travers Smith, which well and truly heralds the summer.

I am also pleased that we have introduced several initiatives this term. 4th week is Diversity Week. It showcases the work of firms as well as charities in improving access to the legal sector. The importance of this cannot be understated but is often

rarely discussed. Human rights and pro bono events are featured throughout the term. Speaker events break the monotony of socials and presentations. The range of the term card is truly extraordinary and hopefully provides something rather different.

Of course, this term owes a great deal to my predecessors – Thomas Fadden, Amith Yedugondla and Jeremy Yao. They have been instrumental in their support and advice. Without them, we could not have achieved a fraction of what we have been able to do.

Finally, thank you to our members. Your engagement and enthusiasm is crucial to the continued success of Law Society. I hope that you are encouraged to take advantage of our opportunities, whether through attending events or joining our committee.

I wish all our members a fantastic term!



**Ali Qureshi**  
President, Oxford Law Society

# About Us

The Oxford Law Society is one of the largest and most recognised societies at the University of Oxford, enjoying a dual reputation as students' primary resource into the legal profession, as well as the university's leading social society. Our exciting and varied programme of presentations and events means that there is no better society to develop your legal career, whilst enjoying a range of fun, social events at the same time.

Our opportunities allow members to polish their applications for various programmes, from Vacation Schemes to Training Contracts, with tailored one-to-one sessions. In addition, we are hosting events specifically for first year students interested in a legal career, sponsored by Norton Rose Fulbright.

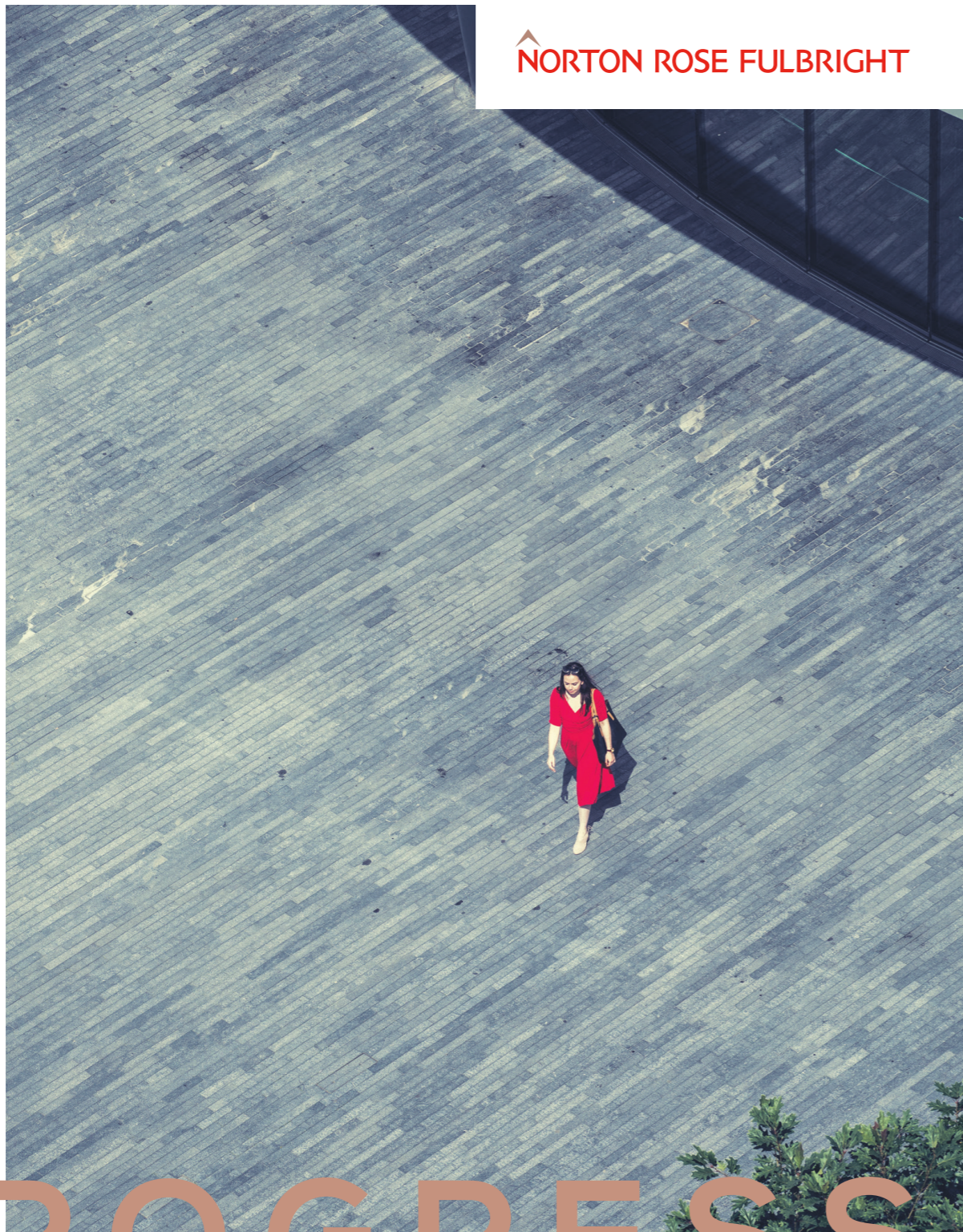
Law Society is also renowned for its social events. Each term kicks off with the legendary President's Drinks. The term continues with a plethora of social events, including Breakfast & Networking, Tapas & Sangria and Puppy Party. To end the term, we have our highly-anticipated 'Oxford Law Society Trinity Term Ball', which always promises to be one of the most extravagant events in the Oxford social calendar. Set in the heart of 250 acres of Cotswolds countryside, Aynhoe Park is the perfect venue for a summer

ball. It promises to be a night that simply cannot be missed.

Through our diverse range of opportunities, Law Society offers an exciting and unrivalled experience for its members. There really is no excuse to miss out.

More information on how to become a member can be found later in this term card.





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## How to Join

Membership entitles you to unlimited and free access to our presentations and events, in addition to eligibility to purchase a ticket to our Ball each term. Law Society's opportunities are equally applicable to all students irrespective of academic discipline, and 60% of members are pursuing a non-law degree.

### HOW MUCH DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?

Membership of Law Society represents outstanding value for money, and members quickly see the return of their membership fee. There are two membership options available:

1. Degree: £40
2. Annual: £25

### HOW CAN I JOIN?

Students can join Law Society in one of two ways:

#### 1. Membership Drives

Students are able to join Law Society in person at membership drives, the details of which are contained in the events section of

this term card. Students have the opportunity to collect some highly sought-after Law Society stash, including hoodies and jumpers. Early attendance is therefore advised.

Please note that only cash is accepted at membership drives.

#### 2. Law Society Website

Students are able to join Law Society at any time through our website: [oxfordlawsoc.com/join/](https://www.oxfordlawsoc.com/join/)

Please note that Law Society stash is not distributed to online sign-ups.



President's Drinks  
2nd May, The Alchemist

# Committee



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President



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Treasurer



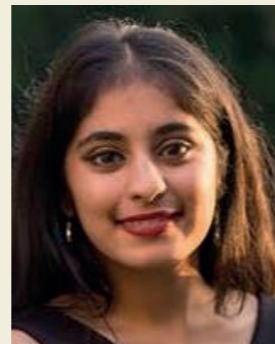
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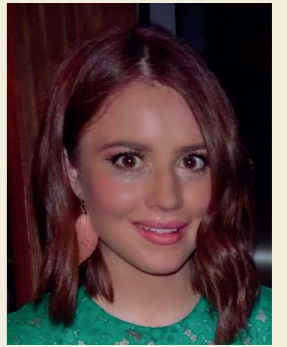
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# Overview of Events

## PRESENTATIONS

**Future of Fintech** – Find out how Fintech is developing, bringing together financial products and technology and transforming the way the financial sector does business.

**Pro Bono and the Law** – Hear about the work of Oxford Pro Bono Publico (OPBP), an organisation dedicated to promoting the practice of public interest law.

**Development of LegalTech** – Get on top of your commercial awareness by learning more about the use of technology to provide legal services, modernising the legal system.

**Delivering Justice through ProBono** – Network with lawyers from Jones Day and hear about Oxford Legal Assistance's recent pro bono projects, and how you can get involved.

**Non-Corporate Law Panel** – Discover the diversity of career opportunities related to law, from medical to family, human rights to criminal and environmental – there's many careers out there aside from corporate law.

**Coding your own 'Smart Contract'** – There is a rumour that smart contracts will revolutionise the legal industry and put lawyers

out of jobs. Get ahead now and learn how to code in an interactive session.

**Training Contract/Vacation Scheme Application Skills** – Let us demystify the process of recruitment and empower you to secure vacation scheme placements and, ultimately, a training contract.

**Chambers Student** – Hear from Antony Cooke, Editor of Chambers Student Guides about how best to research law firms.

**Blockchain and Law Panel** – Discover how blockchain technology can be used to support and supplant the law.

**Islamic Finance Law Panel** – Stand out at interviews by knowing the means banks and other lending institutions raise capital in accordance with Islamic law.

**Transactional, Advisory and Contentious Practice Areas Panels** – Learn to differentiate between contentious and non-contentious work and improve your understanding of different practice areas.

**Human Rights and Law** – Enhance your understanding of Human Rights Law and find out about what Amnesty International does.

## DIVERSITY WEEK

Diversity Week is a new initiative to speak with firms about their commitment to improving diversity and inclusion, and to appreciate the City's efforts to be more open to students from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented. There are workshops from organisations such as SEO London, Aspiring Solicitors and Bright Network, and networking opportunities with Reed Smith and Norton Rose Fulbright.

## SPEAKER EVENTS

**Chris Stoakes** – Find out what commercial awareness is with an interactive workshop from inspiring author, solicitor, financial journalist and lawyer trainer, Chris Stoakes.

**Chris White** – Listen to the Founder of Aspiring Solicitors, a former Norton Rose Fulbright Lawyer, and discover the importance of increasing diversity and access.

**Funke Abimbola MBE** – Hear from Funke, a leading BAME lawyer and diversity campaigner, on gender equality, race diversity and social mobility.

**Richard Susskind OBE FRSE** – Author, speaker, and independent adviser to national governments, will be speaking about the role of Artificial Intelligence, Online Courts and the Future of Legal Service.

**Rosie Watterson** – Rosie, a blogger and Future Trainee at Herbert Smith Freehills, will be offering advice on the solicitor application process.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**Tea and Cakes** – Enjoy this exclusive op-

portunity to network with representatives from Herbert Smith Freehills in a relaxed and informal setting. You will be able to ask any questions you might have about a career in law, over a delicious selection of cupcakes and warm beverages.

**President's Drinks** – Kick off your Trinity term in stylish fashion in The Alchemist. With the rooftop bar, watch the sunset roll over the Oxford skyline while sipping on the best cocktails in the city. An open bar in an iconic setting awaits. This is not an event to miss out on.

**Breakfast and Networking** – Join us at the HandleBar Cafe with Slaughter & May', ahead of their Training Contract deadline.

**Mock Trial: An Improvised Court Case** – Join some of the UK's finest improvisers for a show filled with flashbacks, barmy barristers and rib-tickling reconstructions!

**First Year Event** – Get ahead of the game by networking with representatives from Norton Rose Fulbright before the long summer.

**Puppy Party** – While 5th week blues may leave you feeling ruff, the return of Oxford Law Society's Puppy Party has the potential to turn it around.

**Tapas and Sangria** – A classic Spanish style banquet is the perfect setting for an informal dinner where you can candidly speak to representatives from Travers Smith.

**Ice Cream Indulgence** – Make the most of Trinity's good weather with delicious ice cream in front of the RadCam.

**Trinity Term Ball** – Aynhoe Park is a truly perfect ball venue, encapsulating the vibrancy and joy of summer. A promise of an unforgettable night.

	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>1st Week</b>		<b>Membership Drive</b> 11:00-13:00 <i>Faculty of Law</i>	<b>Membership Drive</b> 12:00-14:00 <i>Lincoln College</i>	<b>Membership Drive</b> 12:00-14:00 <i>Somerville College</i>			
<b>2nd Week</b>		<b>Future of FinTech</b> Lydia <i>19:00, Roy Griffiths (Keble)</i>	<b>Chris Stoakes</b> <i>19:00, Okinaga (Wadham)</i>	<b>Tea and Cakes</b> Herbert Smith Freehills <i>12:00-14:00, Kupp</i> <b>President's Drinks</b> <i>20:00, Alchemist</i>	<b>Breakfast and Networking</b> Slaughter & May <i>9:30-12:30, Handlebar Cafe</i>	<b>Mock Trial: An Improvised Court Case</b> <i>19:00-21:30, Oxford Town Hall</i>	
<b>3rd Week</b>		<b>Pro Bono and the Law</b> LawSoc/OPBP <i>19:00, Danson (Trinity)</i>	<b>Development of LegalTech</b> Mischon de Reya <i>19:00, Danson (Trinity)</i>	<b>First Year Event</b> Norton Rose Fulbright <i>19:00, Vaults and Garden</i>	<b>Delivering Justice through Pro Bono</b> LawSoc/Jones Day/OLA <i>19:00, AllBarOne</i>	<b>Non-Corporate Law Panel</b> <i>19:00, Habakuk (Jesus)</i>	
<b>4th Week</b>		<b>Diversity Week</b> <b>Aspiring Solicitors</b> <i>19:00, Okinaga (Wadham)</i>	<b>Diversity Week</b> <b>Diversity and Drinks with Reed Smith</b> <i>19:00, Memorial Room (Jesus)</i>	<b>Diversity Week</b> <b>Demystifying the City with Norton Rose</b> <i>19:00, Okinaga (Wadham)</i>	<b>Diversity Week</b> <b>SEO London</b> <i>19:00, Seminar Room (Corpus Christi)</i>	<b>Diversity Week</b> <b>CV Sessions</b> <i>14:00, Harold Wilson (Jesus)</i> <b>Bright Network</b> <i>18:00, Okinaga (Wadham)</i>	
<b>5th Week</b>		<b>Coding your own 'Smart Contract'</b> LawSoc/CodeSoc <i>19:00, SNSC (Worcester)</i>	<b>Training Contract Application Sessions</b> Careers Service <i>14:30, Harold Wilson (Jesus)</i>	<b>Vacation Scheme Application Sessions</b> SEO London <i>12:00, Harold Wilson (Jesus)</i>	<b>Puppy Party</b> <i>10:00, JCR (Christ Church)</i> <b>Chambers Student</b> <i>19:00, Habakuk (Jesus)</i>	<b>Blockchain and Law Panel</b> LawSoc/Oxford Blockchain <i>19:00, Oxford Foundry</i>	
<b>6th Week</b>		<b>Islamic Finance Law Panel</b> LawSoc/ISOC <i>19:00, Danson (Trinity)</i>	<b>Transactional and Advisory Practice Areas Panel</b> <i>19:00, Danson (Trinity)</i>	<b>Tapas and Sangria</b> Travers Smith <i>19:00, Al-Andalus</i>	<b>Chris White</b> <i>19:00, Danson (Trinity)</i>	<b>Contentious Practice Areas Panel</b> <i>19:00, Okinaga (Wadham)</i>	
<b>7th Week</b>		<b>Funke Abimbola</b> LawSoc/OxWIB <i>17:00, Okinaga (Wadham)</i>	<b>Richard Susskind</b> <i>19:00, Danson (Trinity)</i>	<b>Ice Cream Indulgence</b> Lydia <i>TBC</i>	<b>Human Rights and Law</b> LawSoc/Amnesty <i>19:00, Danson (Trinity)</i>	<b>Rosie Watterson</b> <i>19:00, Danson (Trinity)</i>	
<b>8th Week</b>		<b>Trinity Term Ball</b> 18:00 <i>Aynhoe Park</i>		<b>Termly General Meeting</b> 11:00 <i>Cube (Faculty of Law)</i>			



Oxford Trinity Term Ball

11th June, Aynhoe Park

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# Verdict Magazine

Verdict, Law Society's termly magazine, has built a reputation as a premier publication, featuring helpful careers advice and original contributions from renowned figures in the legal sphere. These have included Cherie Booth QC and Baroness Hale.

In past editions, there have been guest articles as well guides for interviews and applications. Commercial awareness pages have provided short summaries of topical issues with key points of analysis. Topics explored have ranged from data privacy developments to the implications of changing criminal law legislation. With over 6,400 readers, it is one of the key student publications in Oxford examining legal issues.

## ESSAY COMPETITION

The magazine runs a prestigious essay competition on a topical issue each term. The title will be announced in our newsletter email during term time. In addition to publication within the magazine, the winner will receive a guaranteed ball ticket and the runner-up will receive a prize of £50.



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## Social Benefits

Law Society members enjoy the following entrance deals to some of Oxford's most popular club nights. Presentation of a Law Society membership card allows:

### **TUESDAY**

Fever: Queue Jump until 23:00 with a friend

### **WEDNESDAY**

ATIK: Queue Jump until 23:00

### **THURSDAY**

JT's Cocktail Bar & Club: Queue Jump until 23:00 with a friend

### **FRIDAYS**

Fever: Queue Jump until 23:00



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