



National Student Survey - have your say

Final year undergraduates, tell the world how you feel. Make your views on the NTU experience count in the National Student Survey (NSS).

The NSS is an annual survey which provides final year undergraduates with the opportunity to feedback on their course and university experience. It only takes a few minutes to complete online at www.ntu.ac.uk/soNTU and we'll even give you £5 printing credit for your time!

Your feedback is valuable as it enables us to see what we're doing well and follow up in areas that need improvement. Your answers can also help the next generation of students choose the right university and course.

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Pro bono opportunities

Nottingham Law School has an award-winning pro bono scheme and you can take part in a number of voluntary activities that will help to enhance your legal skills whilst giving something back to the community.

We currently have 14 students working on four active case files for the Innocence Project – an organisation dedicated to the investigation of alleged wrongful convictions with the ultimate aim of overturning convictions given to innocent people. You can also get involved with the pro bono activities provided by Lex Law Society. Our popular Law Society was voted 2011 Society of the Year by NTU Students' Union and arranges a host of activities including visits to the Inns of Courts, networking evenings, volunteering activities and of course the unrivalled annual Law Ball.

If you want to find out about the pro bono activities you could take part in please visit www.ntu.ac.uk/probono.



Lex Law Ball



Nottingham Law School

The Verdict



Welcome to The Verdict, the news bulletin from Nottingham Law School.

Law student launches new legal website

A final-year LLB student from Nottingham Law School has instigated the launch of a valuable new website aimed specifically at Law students.

The Student Lawyer (TSL) was the brainchild of Lewis Cheney who wanted to create a free online resource that was accessible to aspiring solicitors and barristers. He had previously helped out at other law websites, but felt there was something lacking, so set about planning a new website that was written for Law students by Law students.

Lewis worked with a team of LLB students from a variety of Law schools to create a website with current, useful and thought-provoking content that is accessible to Law students of all levels. They successfully launched The Student Lawyer in the summer of 2011 and it has been going from strength to strength ever since.

Lewis says: "We wanted to create something that any aspiring lawyer could enjoy. We've put together an amazing team and filled the site with fantastic articles. We wanted to make it really easy for law students to get involved and contribute to the site too. By contributing to



TSL, you can show future employers how impressive you really are."

Editor-in-Chief Althea Brooks explains: "TSL provides an engaging overview of legal topics on a daily basis. There's something for everyone: book reviews, in-depth features, handy tips for mooting, and current news items. What's more, it spans the whole student experience from undergraduate to trainees / pupils. A great way to keep your finger on the pulse of law and the legal profession."

Take a look at www.thestudentlawyer.com to see the articles for yourself and follow [@tsl_tweets](https://twitter.com/tsl_tweets) on Twitter to keep up-to-date with the latest news.



Fantastic new courtroom facilities

Nottingham Law School have unveiled a stunning suite of brand new facilities that enables our students to hone their legal skills in a realistic professional setting.



There are three authentic wooden-panelled courtrooms located in the Chaucer building on the City site. Two of these are full criminal court set ups, complete with judge's bench, dock, witness stand, seating for the jury, barristers, solicitors, probation officers, press and the public. The other court has a civil set up, again with judge's bench, witness stand, seating for the barristers, solicitors and the public.

Staff, students and open day visitors have been thoroughly impressed with the new facilities and we are already making the most of them in advocacy and mooting sessions. The courtroom has also played host to the first round of the prestigious ICLR mooting competition which saw Nottingham Law School take on Lincoln University. Final year LLB students Luke Jones and Jay Dunn won this round and will now go on to face Manchester Metropolitan University.

In addition to the courtrooms there are also three new mooting rooms. Mooting is the oral presentation of a legal argument and is perhaps the closest experience you can have to appearing in court whilst at University. We have a strong mooting tradition at Nottingham Law School and these outstanding facilities will help our students to gain these skills in an authentic environment and hopefully keep the competition victories flooding in.

Visit our facebook page, www.facebook.com/ntulawschool to see more photos of the courtrooms and the first exhibition moot to take place in the new surroundings.

Derby shield victory

Final year LLB students Daniella Mandel and Michelle Davies have recently won the annual Derby Shield friendly moot against the University of Derby.

The moot was based in medical law and the case concerned a victim who had been assaulted by an unknown attacker. In hospital he was diagnosed with persistent vegetative state, and a doctor completed initial tests for brain stem death before removing his artificial ventilator and feeding tubes. The facts further indicated that the victim had been having an affair with the doctor's wife and therefore the doctor might have acted with an intention to kill him rather than acting in the patient's best interests.

A murder charge against the doctor had already been dismissed because the judge held that initial diagnosis of brain stem death meant that the patient was already legally dead. Michelle and Daniella acted as the respondents on behalf of the acquitted doctor and faced technical legal questions on whether death in law does occur upon initial diagnosis of brain stem death, and whether the withdrawal of treatment from patients in a persistent vegetative state, where a direct intention to kill is present is permissible in law.

Daniella says: "The preparation for a mooting competition is extremely challenging. Michelle and I spent well over 100 hours researching relevant case law and academic opinion before being able to formulate our legal arguments. It was definitely a wonderful feeling to win the competition after all the hard work! We enjoyed the entire process and look forward to competing as a team again in future competitions."

Did you know?

Legal professionals, judges and educators will be gathering for a special performance of Court in the Act at Nottingham Playhouse, an improvised court case featuring the audience as the Jury, sponsored by Nottingham Law School. Fifty Nottingham Law School students have also been invited to the dress rehearsal of the production thanks to free tickets from the Playhouse.

Postgraduate discounts for NTU students

Are you thinking of staying at Nottingham Law School to complete your postgraduate legal training? Then you'll be pleased to know that if you're a current NTU student and you choose to study either the Graduate Diploma in Law, Legal Practice Course, Bar Professional Training Course or one of our Masters in Law you will automatically receive a 10% progression discount off the tuition fee.

There are also a number of competitive scholarships available for all of these courses meaning you could get up to £2,000 off the cost of your tuition. For further details and the full terms and conditions please visit

www.ntu.ac.uk/scholarshipsnls.

"Studying Law at a top-class university is one thing, but having an amazing law society is something else. Lex has been the cherry on the top for me."

Mohammad Bouz Al-Jidy
LLB (Hons) Law