

Sub-Committee:

Key leadership:

Chair: Caitlyn Suchanow

Vice Chair: *Vacant*

Secretary: *Vacant*

Key Objectives for 2024 and 2025

The key objectives of the International Law Sub-Committee for 2024 and through to 2025 is to build the sub-committee into a robust and accountable community that provides for a plethora of opportunities for members of NSWYL who wish to pursue international law careers. This combined with regular updates to our members on developments and opportunities happening within the international law space.

To achieve this, we have identified some key actions ensuring we are meeting our objectives:

1. **Building a robust and accountable sub-committee** starts with the leadership team, it is the first and foremost objective to fill all the vacant positions within the leadership team. This will allow for a more supportive and accountable sub-committee and also provide consistency to our members.
2. **Skills enhancement:** Providing opportunities for skill development and knowledge enhancement within the realm of international law. This ranges from discussions with industry experts, providing submission opportunities for our members to engage with policy changes, and creating exciting events that provide members with the opportunity to showcase their skills. We aim to achieve this through the following ways:
 - a. Make at least two policy submissions in the 12-month period.
 - b. Host guest speakers that focus on publications, moots and other tangible skills development.
 - c. Hold events such as the international law essay competition, that encourages and builds professional and persuasive writing skills, with publication opportunities.
3. **Continue to foster our supportive Community:** Ensuring our sub-committee is a supportive and vibrant community is crucial for our 2024-2025 objectives. We strive to create opportunities for networking, collaboration among our members, promoting a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere and a sense of belonging to the profession. We aim to achieve this through the following ways:
 - a. connecting and collaborating with the SCLSS sub-committee to engage with law students across various universities.
 - b. Develop relationships with university organisations and clubs.
 - c. Build better relationships with other committees to further the young lawyers' program.
 - d. Hold the 'Coffee and Counsel' event again where members are partnered with career professionals where they can not only network but also gain insights into the professions.
4. **Build on our Advocacy and outreach:** We are committed to advocating for important legal causes and engaging with the international law community. This includes being a part of key conversations and providing our members with the platform to engage in advocacy campaigns, advocate for policy changes, and collaborating with external stakeholders to promote the principles of international law. We aim to achieve this through the following ways:
 - i. Respond to at least X2 Submissions a year;
 - ii. Holding the 'Global Gazette' during our regular meetings to encourage members to discuss various areas and issues in international law.
5. **Empowered and informed:** We aim to ensure that our members are up-to-date with the developments in international law, aware of the current key cases, this is facilitated through regular updates in the form of newsletters and monthly robust discussions on the current developments within international law. We aim to achieve this through the following ways:
 - i. Monthly distribution of 'Insights'- keeping our members informed.
 - ii. The 'Global Gazette' during our regular meetings to empower our members.

Key Sub-Committee Initiatives/Projects achieved since Mid-Year Assembly 2024 (include initiatives, projects, submissions and publications)

Since the Mid-Year Assembly 2024 we have achieved the following initiatives:

- Made a submission to Parliament on the *'Criminal Code Amendment (Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes) Bill 2024* (Cth).
- Holding an election in our November to fill all vacant positions;

- Achieved one of our objectives that we identified at MYA which was to build a supportive and vibrant community including collaboration among our members and whilst this is an ongoing objective we are proud that we have created this brilliant community and have wonderful member collaboration through our global gazettes each and every month which is so wonderful to be apart of; and
- We have managed to maintain our monthly newsletter 'Insights' - which has been no small feat with plenty of leave taken by the leadership team!

Further comments to the AA Forum

We look forward to organising more events in the 2025 calendar year, with stable leadership and the opportunity to familiarise myself with the processes this year. I am confident in our ability to submit and host a wide range of events next year. It is the international Law's intention to try and host at least 3-4 events next year and look forward to a strategy planning session with the NSWYL executive team to ensure the success of these events. While specific dates are forthcoming, we anticipate hosting some of the proposed events for next year below:

1. **Guest speakers/thought leadership seminars:** engaging discussions featuring experts and leaders in their respective fields, aimed at deepening our understanding of key international legal issues.
2. **"Coffee and Counsel" event:** building upon the success of last year, we're excited to reintroduce our popular "coffee and counsel" event. Where we pair members with experienced career professionals for informal networking opportunities. It's a chance to engage in meaningful conversations, seek advice, and forge valuable connections in a relaxed setting and align with our 'Networking and Engagement' objective.
3. **International Law Essay Competition:** Were looking to bring back the international law essay competition, where the successful winning essay to be published in NSW Law Society's Journal or Website. This competition provides a platform for aspiring legal scholars to showcase their expertise and contribute to the discourse on international law. Participants will have the opportunity to delve into pressing global issues and present their insights through scholarly essays. This event aligns with our objectives of fostering leadership and skills development within our membership.

NSWYL- are grateful for the support of Emily Bolding this year (without their help I would have been seriously lost!!) and also NSWYL president Taylah Spirovski who has helped facilitate many conversations and allowed us to overcome some hurdles, with which I would not have known what to do!

We are excited to see what next year has in store!