

MLSA | MANITOBA LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Manitoba Bar Association Representative – Michael Badejo

1. Final Mentorship Event For Year on March 11

- a. March is already tightly packed but we're going to aim for a casual event
- b. Should be a good year to have a send-off despite the circumstances
- c. Working on keeping it unique versus the past couple events
- d. Want to send feedback survey at the end of the year for the next individual to hold this office – see what worked and what didn't in the online realm

2. Provincial/National Committee

- a. Exploring student loans and finance
- b. Want to gauge interest in setting up presentations for students and young lawyers alike on money management and financial freedom – reminder of the one with the CPA that we had in 2020
- c. Transitional stage but working with current local and abroad articling students to better the situation and even get small wins like loan deferral and interest rate lowering/offset with sights set on doing more and better
- d. Also exploring articling experience holistically with input from lawyers
- e. More to say on this In the near future

3. High school recruitment

- a. HS Recruitment is very much on the mind of the MBA/Law Society (with past events like Law Day being a significant part of it) but waiting to see how things happen in COVID times; last one was cancelled because of the pandemic

4. General update on MBA

Students Living with Disabilities Representative – Andrew Fenwick

1. Following the exam period and the unjust treatment of people who use accommodations by the Faculty (not blaming just stating facts):

Discussed the possibility of a “know your rights” type presentation for new students with accessibility issues with other MLSA reps.

2. this year has brought many challenges, but it has also shined a light on some forms of reasonable accommodations for MLSA meetings.

That being said, I have had multiple discussions with other reps about the possibility of using a combination of zoom and in-person for MLSA meetings in the post-covid world. This would accommodate people who may not be able to attend meetings on campus for any number of reasons.

Professional Development Committee – Alexis Bailey, Tyson Bannatyne, Devon Molloy, Rebecca Akong, Jordan Sinder, Taylor Antonchuk, Jack Powels, Zoe Stevens

PDC Hosted Events:

- 1) **Law Banquet:** The law banquet is currently set for March 8, 2021 and ticket sales have closed.
- 2) **Small Firm Wine and Cheese:** The small firm wine and cheese will take place on April 1, 2021 more details to follow but it will be virtual and open to 2L and 3L students.
- 3) **Articling Presentations:** We will be having articling presentations for the 2L students on March 23 and 24. We will discuss here how the articling process works, what to expect and what to do if you do not get a job in the recruit.
- 4) **1L Check-In:** We will be hosting a check in for the 1L's in the coming weeks where they can ask any questions they may have on professional development.

CDO Hosted events:

- 1) **Virtual Mock Interview Night:** The CDO will be hosting a Mock Interview night on **Wednesday February 24th, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:30PM.**
 - Those who have RSVP'd have been scheduled for interviews, and Lisa will be opening up a waitlist for those who are interested. Students are asked to monitor their emails for further details.

Firm Hosted Events:

- 1) **MLT Aikins** is planning on having events in mid to late March (between the 17th-19th).
- 2) No other firms have indicated their intention to have events at this time—stay tuned for changes/details.

Spirit Committee – Sue Ahn, Melina Venuto, Anna Siemens, Reid Girard, Dominic Peña

- Candy Grams: Will be making deliveries during reading week. To be determined how much we have raised, but all proceeds will be going to Main Street Project.
- Virtual Yoga: Will be taking place on March 4th. Details to come!
- 1L event: Wanted to plan something for 1Ls exclusively, as they are likely having a difficult time connecting with fellow students right now. Waiting to get response from the 1L section leaders before we proceed.

**Clinical Experience Committee – Amber Harms, Keira Hasenack, Ryan Johnson,
Keith Murkin**

Great job to all Mooters that already competed this month, and good luck to this that are Mooting in the coming weeks! The Annual Mini Moot is happening on Wednesday March 3rd, we have one full day of competition ahead.

No Report Submitted:

- **President**
- **Vice President Internal**
- **Vice President External**
- **Vice President Finance**
- **MILSA**
- **1L Representatives**
- **2L Representatives**
- **3L Representatives**
- **Gender and Sexual Minorities Representative**
- **Women's Representative**
- **Visible Minority Students' Representative**
- **Part Time Students' Representative**
- **Students Providing Care Representative**
- **University Senate Representative**
- **UMSU Representative**
- **Academic Committee**
- **Grad Committee**
- **Social Committee**
- **Sports Committee**
- **Spirit Committee**
- **Accessibility Committee**
- **Community Outreach Committee**
- **Constitution and Policy Committee**
- **Chief Returning Officer**
- **Governance Coordinator**
- **Council Chair**