



2026 Student and Graduate Engagement Initiatives



THE LAW SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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Introduction

The Law Society is a complex organisation and devising an effective membership strategy is equally complex. The needs of the profession, from students through to the most senior admitted practitioners and other potential members are diverse. Developing an effective membership strategy requires time, collaboration, a mix of evidence and creative thinking as well as a clear understanding of who our members are and what they need from their Law Society.

Law Society vision statement:

The Law Society works with and for NSW legal professionals.

As Australia's largest legal professional body, we work with our members to ensure the integrity of the profession and legal system, through co-regulation and advocacy for law reform.

As a membership organisation, we support the pursuit of excellence across the life cycle of a rewarding legal career.

The Law Society of NSW is committed to improving our engagement with and support of students and graduates as they navigate their transition from law student to practitioner and take the first steps in their legal career journeys.

Our strong focus over recent years on driving student membership has resulted in the significant growth of our student member cohort, with current numbers in the thousands, in parallel with the development and improvement of a range of new and existing student-focused resources, events and programs. Through our close connections with Law School Deans, Faculty members and student law societies across NSW, we are continuing to foster stronger relationships and further our service offerings to this cohort.

As the future of the legal profession, it is important that students are able to rely on the Law Society of NSW to have a strong, supportive presence for them to lay the foundations for a long and prosperous career. We are confident that in 2026, we will continue to see a rise in our student membership numbers which will, in turn, be of benefit to our participating employers, as we again deliver a number of high-quality and engaging initiatives.



Initiatives

The 2026 programs and initiatives available include:

- Graduate and Clerkship Recruitment programs
- Law Students Careers Summit
- Additional Opportunities:
 - Features and display banner advertising in our Student Member e-Newsletter, *Student Connect*
 - Tailored solus eDM
 - Bespoke / Joint Event

Those employers participating in our Graduate and/or Clerkship Recruitment Programs will receive a discounted rate to participate in our other 2026 initiatives.

Initiatives	Cost inc GST		
	Participating employer rate*	Standard rate	
Graduate and Clerkship Recruitment Programs	Complimentary	Complimentary	
Law Students Careers Summit Single Booth	Early bird	\$2,300	\$2,800
	Super saver	\$2,400	\$2,900
	Standard	\$2,500	\$3,100
Law Students Careers Summit Double Booth	Early bird	\$4,550	\$5,650
	Super saver	\$4,650	\$5,750
	Standard	\$4,950	\$6,150
Law Student Careers Summit Sponsorship opportunities (various)	Various		
Student Connect e-Newsletter Feature (sponsored content)	\$550	\$660	
Student Connect e-Newsletter: Top banner display advertisement	\$385	\$462	
Student Connect e-Newsletter: Low banner display advertisement	\$275	\$330	
Tailored solus eDM	\$1,320	\$1,584	
Bespoke / Joint Event	On negotiation		

***Participating employer refers to organisations participating in our Graduate and/or Clerkship Recruitment Program.**

To register for any of the above initiatives, please complete the [online registration form](#).



Graduate and Clerkship Recruitment Programs

The Law Society Graduate and Clerkship Recruitment programs are an integral part of our student and graduate offerings. Allowing us to directly connect students from across NSW with an array of legal employers, these programs present a key opportunity for the Law Society to build and strengthen our relationships with both legal employers and educational institutions.

As part of the programs, the Law Society facilitates discussions between NSW universities and firms to determine the program dates for the following year. This is key to maintaining fairness and consistency regarding offers being made to students and to coordinate recruitment with important university term dates and exam periods. Those participating in our recruitment programs agree to align their Sydney recruitment activities with these dates, as outlined in our [Recruitment Program Guidelines](#).

We maintain open dialogue with our university contacts throughout the programs and this, in parallel with a series of coordinated events and cross-organisational marketing, ensures maximum exposure of our participating employers to student members and universities across NSW which includes:

- a feature on our [online Law Student Portal](#);
- features in communications to our student member cohort;
- features in communications shared to our university contacts across NSW; and
- profiling on our social media accounts.

To continue to be able to improve upon our programs and remain responsive to changes, a survey will also be produced at the conclusion of the programs to gather information for this purpose.



Law Students Careers Summit

The Law Students Careers Summit is an annual flagship event for students provided by the Law Society of NSW.

Open to students from across NSW and all years of study, the Summit allows students to hear from and connect directly with employers from across the legal profession and engage in an exciting program of workshops and presentations aimed at equipping attendees with the professional skills and information to get a headstart on their career journeys and emerging legal trends.

The Summit provides a unique opportunity for employers to connect with students from across the State in one cost-effective and convenient setting on a date that strategically aligns with their recruitment initiatives.

The 2026 Summit will take place on **Thursday, 12 March 2026 at the International Convention Centre, 14 Darling Drive, Sydney NSW 2000.**

Costs for the 2026 Law Students Careers Summit (inc GST) are:

	Single Booth		Double Booth	
	Participating Employer	General	Participating Employer	General
Early bird Until 31 December 2025	\$2,300	\$2,800	\$4,550	\$5,650
Super saver until 31 January 2026	\$2,400	\$2,900	\$4,650	\$5,750
Standard	\$2,500	\$3,100	\$4,950	\$6,150

We are also proud to offer a variety of valuable sponsorship opportunities to enable you to obtain the maximum level of exposure through on-the-day, pre and post-event touchpoints including: Stage, Tote bag, Recruitment Hub, Lanyard and Headshot Station sponsor opportunities.

If you are interested in any sponsorship opportunities, please contact our [Commercial Partnerships team](#).



Additional Opportunities

As part of our strategic initiatives, we are continually looking to expand upon and improve our student-focused offerings to support students and provide further opportunities for our participating firms and employers to connect with this key cohort.

In addition to the main initiatives highlighted, further opportunities for collaboration include:

Student Connect e-Newsletter

Developed by our award-winning LSJ Media team, Student Connect, our bi-monthly tailored communication for student members features informative articles, links to podcasts, information on upcoming events and programs and advertisements from supporting organisations. Student Connect is distributed to our full student membership cohort.

Examples of potential collaboration: feature article/podcast episode with details about your organisation, graduate or clerkship program, or an interview with a recent graduate or clerk. Or you could utilise display banner advertising to provide a quick link through to graduate and clerkship positions available or any other link you prefer on your website.

Tailored solus eDM

Alongside our Graduate and Clerkship Recruitment Programs, participating firms are able to compose a tailored eDM communication to be sent to our full student membership cohort to promote your organisation and encourage applications to your programs. This can be circulated amongst our student members, and universities across NSW.

Bespoke / Joint Event

Alongside our main initiatives, we welcome the opportunity to collaborate on a bespoke or joint event with your organisation. This presents an opportunity for you to showcase your organisation, including your graduate and/or clerkship programs, in-person or online to our large audience.

Examples of potential collaboration: Graduate and/or Clerkship Information Session, Skills/Mock Interview sessions.