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## FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

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Before the beginning of every semester, I worry whether we can continue to succeed as well as we have done in the past. As a School, we set high standards of ourselves. Can we continue to recruit some of the best and brightest students of your generation, can my academic colleagues continue to be recognised as among the very best in the UK and beyond, can we maintain our league table position in the top 10 and, perhaps most importantly, can we continue to strengthen our sense of worth as a community? I think the answer to all these questions at the end of the Autumn semester was an unqualified yes.

More people applied to study in the Law School for entry in 2017/18 than ever before. At undergraduate level we now receive nearly 5000 applications, making us one of the most popular choices for the study of law in the UK. Postgraduate applications were also higher than ever before and the quality of both has risen. In a time when applications to universities are declining slightly the Law School is spectacularly bucking the trend.

My colleagues have continued to excel. It is invidious to pick out one but I do want to highlight the achievements of Professor Pinar Akman. She was one of five legal academics in the UK to receive a Leverhulme Prize. The award, of £100,000, recognises the achievement of outstanding researchers whose work has already attracted international recognition and whose future career is exceptionally promising. I could mention many other significant achievements but the fact is that my colleagues and your teachers continue to be recognised as among the very best in the world in a wide range of subjects.

Our league table position in the top 10 appears relatively secure for the moment. The Times / Sunday Times table had Law at 8th and Criminology at 5th. In the Times Higher Education Global rankings we are 64th. Considerable room for improvement in the latter league table as there are some UK universities that are above us that we should be way above. What is clear though is that our move into the top 10 was not a 'one-off'. There can however be no complacency.

Finally, and I hope I do not kid myself in this respect, I get the sense that we are thriving as a community. Head of School suppers are better attended than ever, Equality Cinema attracts large audiences and the School seems busier than ever. A litmus test as always for me was Law's Got Talent. What an evening that was. The acts get better every year, the audience was the biggest and best ever, the hosts would not have looked out of place on TV, and Paul Wragg did Donald Trump (I think). My particular thanks to Abdul Adekola for all he did to ensure the evening was the success it was. There is of course more that we can do but I was particularly heartened by a tweet after a recent Head of School Supper which showed

a picture of a burger followed by the hashtag #mylawschoolsbetterthanyours. I 'LOLD' (I think).

So there we are. The Autumn semester was a good one and my worries about that semester have subsided. Now of course I am worrying about the Spring semester ...



*Alastair C. Mullis*

Professor Alastair Mullis  
Head of School

# Third Annual International Conference on Competition Law



On 15 September 2017, the Centre for Business Law and Practice and the International Centre for Law and Economics jointly organised the School's third annual international conference on competition law.

This year's topic was 'Competition Law in a Global Context: Analysing the Trans-Atlantic Divide.' The conference considered the long-controversial divide between US and EU competition law regimes. It consisted of four panels of experts, unravelling the full spectrum of contemporary competition law issues. Topics covered ranged from anti-competitive agreements to the objectives of competition law as well as notable contributions from leading academics, practitioners and regulators.

The keynote panel was moderated by Dr John Temple Lang of Trinity College Dublin, and involved a vigorous debate between current and former competition law enforcers from both sides of the Atlantic. The debate between Dr Rainer Becker of the Directorate-General of Competition of the European

Commission, Dr Philip Marsden of the UK's Competition and Markets Authority, Tad Lipsky, formally of the Federal Trade Commission, and Dr Arvid Fredenberg of the Swedish Competition Authority mainly focussed on the convergence and divergence between the approaches of different enforcement agencies in the different jurisdictions.

The conference was preceded by Professor Pinar Akman's Inaugural Lecture, entitled 'In Search of Principles for Abuse of Market Power'. In this lecture, Professor Akman set out potential different understandings and interpretations of anticompetitive unilateral conduct, and the resulting lack of universally accepted principles. Through the reading of a poem entitled 'Tom Smith and His Incredible Bread Machine', written by R.W Grant, Professor Akman illustrated the incoherence, and sometimes even absurdity, which the rules in this area can exhibit.



## A Workshop on Professionalism and Vulnerability

*On 27–28 October 2017, ‘A Workshop on Professionalism and Vulnerability’ marked the launch of a new collaboration between the School of Law at the University of Leeds and Emory Law School at Emory University, Atlanta, USA. The ‘Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative’ will be directed by Professor Martha Albertson Fineman and Dr Stu Marvel and housed within the Centre for Law & Social Justice at the School of Law in Leeds.*

The workshop in October represented the beginning of a multi-year project that will provide a comprehensive focus on vulnerability. The project will look at the vulnerability of the professional, the professions, the client, and the larger society to more readily understand the social ramifications of professional behaviour. The project will also seek to explore how a vulnerability focus might help us to rethink fundamental questions of social and structural responsibility, as well as the role to be played by legal and institutional norms. The working group believes that a turn to social obligations, as framed by the vulnerability analysis, can have a potentially radical impact on the world of work.

We have seen a radical transformation in the organization of work. From medieval guild labour, followed by the rise and dominance of unionization, to the stripping of workplace protections and the rise of a culture of individual gain and individual responsibility, the organization of work continues to change. However, our relationship to labour and the workplace continues to structure human lives, even as the relationship between those who employ and those who are employed has fundamentally shifted.

The workshop used the lens of individual and institutional vulnerability to examine historic,

comparative, and contemporaneous depictions of professionalism and provided an initial discussion of ideas that will inform future directions for the project. This new approach is proposed at a point at which core features of professionalism have been undermined by the pressures of neo-liberal market imperatives, alongside a post-modern cultural scepticism about professions’ claims to expert knowledge.

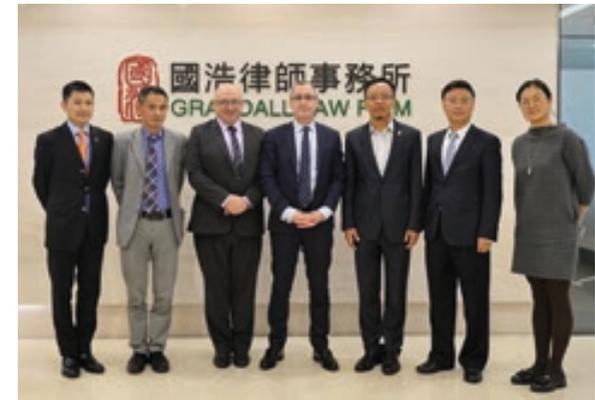


## A Partnership in China

*In November 2017, Professor Alastair Mullis and Professor Roger Halson met with a delegation of the senior officers of Grandall Law Firm led by Chief Executive Partner Mr Hongbing Lv who was accompanied by Managing Partners Mr Charles Guan and Mr Henry Huang as well as Ms Sun Yan.*

The meeting took place in Grandall’s impressive Shanghai Offices with the aim of exploring future collaboration and areas of mutual interest. Several exciting opportunities were identified including internships at the firm for students from the School of Law at the University of Leeds and visits to the School by members of the firm for specialist courses. A memorandum of co-operation between Grandall and the School of Law is being prepared.

Grandall Law Firm, previously known as ‘Grandall Legal Group’ was founded in June 1998 and was the first law firm authorised by the Ministry of Justice of the People’s Republic of China to use the name of ‘Legal Group’. ‘Grandall’ is one of the largest trans-regional partnership law firms in China. It has offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Hangzhou, Guangzhou, Kunming, Tianjin, Chengdu, Ningbo, Fuzhou, Xi’An, Nanjing, Nanning, Jinan, Chongqing, Suzhou, Changsha, Taiyuan, Wuhan, Zhengzhou, Shijiazhuang. It is also a truly international firm with offices in Hong Kong, Paris, Madrid, Silicon Valley and Stockholm.



## Alumni Supper Events

*Last semester saw the relaunch of the popular School of Law Alumni Supper series, with three events taking place in November 2017.*

Each event, themed on a particular area of professional practice, welcomed back members of our alumni community to speak about their careers since graduating from the University and more generally about their chosen field including routes into the profession.

On 1 November, John Flathers – Head of Real Estate at Irwin Mitchell, and Ruth Bamforth – Director of Pensions at Walker Morris headed up a commercial law themed evening. A week later, on 6 November, Stephen Durham – Partner and Head of Family Law at Cuttle & Co Solicitors Oldham, and Laura Guillon – Associate Family Solicitor at Hall Brown in Manchester, spoke to interested students at our family law event. Later in the month, Steven Kay QC – international lawyer and Head of Chambers at 9 Bedford Row London, returned to the School on 24 November to share his experiences in the field of international criminal law.

At each event our returning alumni shared career related stories and addressed the current debates and areas of concern in their respective fields of practice. Students were invited to ask questions of our guests before breaking off into an informal networking session. There was also an opportunity for a smaller group of students to attend dinner with our alumni after each event where discussions continued into the evening.

The Alumni Supper series will continue throughout the year with a view to covering other areas of practice in both commercial and non-commercial law and the criminal justice sector. Keep your eyes peeled for further information!



Stephen Kay QC

## Equality Cinema

The School of Law's Equality Cinema is a new monthly event that celebrates diversity and inclusion through the screening of a wide range of interesting, entertaining and relevant films. The cinema is housed in the School of Law and open to all students and staff.

At its launch in October 2017 the Equality Cinema screened 'Dear White People' to mark Black History Month. 'Dear White People' is a social satire that follows the stories of four black students at an Ivy League college. The tongue-in-cheek film explores racial identity in acutely-not-post-racial America while weaving a universal story of forging one's own path in the world.

'The Danish Girl' was the second film to be screened in November 2017. The film tells a fictitious love story loosely inspired by the lives of Danish artists Lili Elbe and Gerda Wegener. Lili and Gerda's marriage and work evolve as they navigate Lili's ground-breaking journey as a transgender pioneer.

The final screening of the semester, 'Marvellous', told the funny, moving and true story of Neil Baldwin who was diagnosed with a learning disability but refused to be defined by the label. He carved out an extraordinary life as a circus clown, lay preacher, university welfare officer and kitman for Stoke City Football Club.

The popcorn will continue to flow throughout 2018 so keep a watchful eye on the EC billboard for the screenings coming to you this year.



## Law Reform on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

In August 2017, a UN Committee issued 'concluding observations' on a UK report outlining its compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The Committee made a number of recommendations on the basis of the report, predominantly in the area of mental health and capacity law. Earlier in 2017, the Law Commission had also published recommendations on how the deprivation of liberty safeguards under the Mental Capacity Act should be reformed.

In November 2017, the Centre for Law and Social Justice at the School of Law teamed up with Doughty Street Chambers London to host an interactive seminar that would examine the implications of these reports.

The session was chaired by Oliver Lewis – Barrister, Associate Member of Doughty Street Chambers, and Professor of Law and Social Justice at the University of Leeds and welcomed speakers from both the School of Law and Doughty Street Chambers, Aswini Weeraratne QC (DSC) spoke about using the CRPD in English courts while her colleague Ulele Burnham (DSC) discussed equality and discrimination. Dr Bev Clough spoke about the deprivation of liberty safeguards, Professor Anna Lawson spoke about independent living and Dr Amanda Keeling focussed on the Mental Health Act.

## Judicial Diversity Initiative Event

*On 15 November 2017 the Judicial Diversity Initiative (JDI), based at the School of Law, brought together academics, students, practitioners, judges and policy-makers for a workshop and celebratory reception to mark the work of the JDI, and the development of its website.*

The JDI is an inter-institutional group which serves as a forum for bringing together a range of stakeholders with the aim of promoting the equal participation of women and men from diverse backgrounds in the judiciary in England and Wales by 2020. JDI activities include tracking, analysing and disseminating official data on judicial appointments; maintaining an archive of relevant policy material, academic papers and lectures; promoting debate through seminars, online discussion and the dissemination of academic and policy papers; and responding to consultation papers on judicial diversity initiatives. The JDI executive committee includes Professors Hilary Sommerlad and Iyiola Solanke, and a research student, Byron Karemba, all based in the School of Law.

The workshop, which comprised of around 30 practitioners, was made up of a roundtable of discussants and an 'interactive audience'. The afternoon was divided into two halves, each with a theme, and the discussants reflected on the theme through the lens of their own research or practice. The issues on the table were then opened out to the audience for further discussion.

The first session on 'The current situation and the reasons for the slow rate of progress' was led by Kate Malleson, with contributions from Erika Rackley, Iyiola Solanke, Tamas Gyorf and Hilary Sommerlad. The second discussion focussed on 'Ways forward and the significance of the recent (apparent) progress' and was led by Graham Gee with contributions from Alan Paterson, Rachel Cahill-O'Callaghan, Karon Monaghan and Byron Karemba.

In addition to the workshop participants, the evening reception also welcomed members of the School's Equality and Diversity Committee, representatives of the student led group 'Women Breaking Barriers', and members of the School's alumni community. A keynote address was delivered by Dame Laura Cox, a former judge of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court and an executive member of the JDI. Dame Laura welcomed the recent appointments of senior women, but warned against complacency in light of the evidence of persistent structural barriers to diversity.

## Professor Pinar Akman wins Philip Leverhulme Prize



*Professor Pinar Akman, Director of the Centre for Business Law and Practice, has been awarded a prestigious Philip Leverhulme Prize. The award recognises the achievement of outstanding researchers whose work has already attracted international recognition and whose future career is exceptionally promising.*

Professor Akman is an expert in competition law and will use the Prize to further her research, in particular, in the area of competition law and online technology markets.

The £100,000 award will enable Professor Akman to focus on researching some of the most controversial and topical aspects of the application of competition law in the next two to three years.

## Paradise lost for tax havens

*Professor Rita de la Feria, Professor of Tax Law, has spoken to BBC Radio 5 live about the questions which have arisen following the leaked Paradise Papers.*

In the last few months Apple, Lewis Hamilton and Bono have been in the spotlight over leaked tax arrangements, alongside many other big companies and wealthy individuals. Whilst none of this is illegal it does raise questions about morals and the laws surrounding tax evasion.

Professor de la Feria pointed out to listeners that since the financial crash and Panama papers, “there have been quite a lot of attempts to decrease the levels of tax avoidance and a lot of measures to increase transparency... There is a bigger issue though - every time you close a loophole another one may open so it is a bit of a cat and mouse situation. You’re always one-step behind, so long as companies have their incentive to move headquarters to get a lower rate of taxation.”

She suggested that this will continue to be the case until a better way to tax corporations at international levels is found: “The only medium to long term solution is to remove incentives. Two current proposals are the Global Formulary Apportionment and Destination Based Tax which both aim to do that.”

Whilst acknowledging that a global agreement is unlikely to be achieved given countries competing for company headquarters, Rita proposed that it is theoretically possible for the UK to reform its tax system in a way that prevents movements to tax havens.



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## Rethinking Surveillance and Control

Dr Maria Grazia Porcedda, Research Fellow (CRITiCaL Project), edited the book “Rethinking Surveillance and Control: Beyond the Security versus Privacy Debate”, along with two colleagues from the Centre for Security and Society of the University of Freiburg, Dr Elisa Orrù and Dr Sebastian Weydner-Volkman. The book, published by Nomos, features a foreword by Dr Reinhard Kreissl, Head of the Vienna Centre for Societal Security.

The book is based on the premise that the trade-off between privacy and security is both unsound and conceals important aspects of surveillance and control. Accordingly, the authors analyse the symbiotic relationship between liberty and security, and the emptiness of both concepts when considered in isolation. They explore and contextualise different notions of risk, surveillance practices and the value of the rights to respect for private life and protection of personal data. Thereby, they show that surveillance and control neither necessarily attain security, nor always pose a threat to privacy and, conversely, that protecting privacy does not necessarily hamper security provision. Moreover, the authors argue that surveillance and control, mediated through technology, express and sustain specific power relationships. The book offers a kaleidoscope of perspectives, ranging from critical studies to international relations, law, philosophy and sociology, to rethink surveillance and control.



**Maria Grazia Porcedda**  
Research Fellow  
(CRITiCaL Project)

## Strict rules for net neutrality

Net neutrality is again in the news after the Federal Communications Commission in the US announced that it will scrap the previous regulations that safeguarded the principle. In Europe net neutrality is enshrined in the Open Internet Regulation 2015/2120, but the debate on the necessity and proper scope of the relevant rules is still ongoing.

Dr Konstantinos Stylianou has researched and published on net neutrality, and was quoted in Channel 4’s story arguing that the current rules are disproportionately strict compared to the problems and causes that net neutrality rules seek to address. Instead, a more flexible approach that combines elements of ex ante regulation and antitrust may be more appropriate in this case. Dr Stylianou also elaborated on his views in two op-eds in the LSE Medial Policy blog and in The Conversation.



## Professor Adam Crawford on ‘Security, Democracy & Cities’

Professor Adam Crawford was invited to give the opening plenary address at the international conference on ‘Security, Democracy & Cities: Coproducing Urban Security Policies’ in Barcelona on 15-17 November 2017. Organised by the European Forum for Urban Security, the Government of Catalonia and the City of Barcelona, the three day international and interdisciplinary conference was dedicated to the coproduction of urban security policies.

The conference marked the thirtieth anniversary of the European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS) since its founding in Barcelona in 1987. The work of EFUS – a network of over 250 European cities - is based on the belief that security is a common good that must involve the coming together of multiple stakeholders in urban life and that relies on a balance between prevention, sanction and social cohesion.

The conference was attended by some 800 delegates from around the world. They debated and shared experiences concerning ways of tackling vulnerabilities and discrimination, organised crime, victim support, the governance of public spaces, nightlife management and the prevention of violent radicalisation, amongst other issues. The conference addressed the subject of shared governance between different territorial levels as well as the participation of the private sector and of civil society – particularly citizens – in security policies.

Professor Crawford’s opening speech – entitled ‘Thirty Years of Urban Security Policies: The Road Taken and the Challenges Ahead’ – reflected on the development of urban security policies across Europe, as well as the future challenges that both practitioners and researchers will need to confront in forthcoming years.

An array of international commentators provided responses to Professor Crawford’s speech drawing on particular jurisdiction-specific developments and assessments: Rossella Selmini (University of Minnesota), Andre Lemaitre (University of Liege), Vasco Franco (Nova Lisboa University), Claudia Laub (Director of Projects at El Agora, Argentina), Susanne Wolter (Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony), Bernard Rivaille (Deputy Mayor, City of Lormont), and Josep Lahosa (Director of the Spanish Forum for Urban Security).



## Professor Subedi invited to launch new human rights research network

Professor Surya P. Subedi OBE, QC, was invited to launch a new Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research established at the Asser Institute in The Hague by eight leading Dutch universities.

As the chief guest at the inauguration ceremony, he delivered the inaugural keynote speech on ‘The Effectiveness of the UN Human Rights System: Reform and the Judicialisation of Human Rights’. In his speech, he presented a critique of the workings of the UN’s human rights institutions and offered his

ideas for reform of the UN system and argued for the judicialisation of human rights at the international level.

The ceremony was attended by academics and researchers from universities across the Netherlands, human rights defenders and diplomats based in The Hague. During his visit to The Hague, Professor Subedi also delivered a master class at the Asser Institute for PhD scholars from universities across the Netherlands on ‘The Shift of Power to the East and the Resurgence of the BRICS and its Impact on the International Human Rights Agenda.’

## Perspectives on the Future of Cybercrime

The internet has changed the ways people behave as well as the crimes they commit. As part of a series of events to mark the 30th anniversary of the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, this public lecture showcased research being undertaken within the Centre on the following major funded projects: TAKEDOWN (H2020), CRITiCaL (EPSRC) and EMPHASIS (EPSRC). These projects investigate crimes committed both online and offline that enable transnational criminal and terrorist organisations to thrive, as well as technical studies on crimes in the cloud, bitcoins, data breaches and ransomware.

Dr Alena Yuryna Connolly and Professor David Wall presented on ‘RANSOMWARE: the technical and human dimensions of extortion crime’. Dr Maria Grazia Porcedda then presented her paper on ‘Data Breaches: Cloud-enabled (law assisted) cybercrime’. Finally, Dr Roberto Musotto and Professor David Wall presented a paper on ‘Modelling Trans-National Organised Crime Groups and Terrorist Networks in a Changing Socio-Political and Socio-Technical Landscape’.



## News in Brief

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*Professor Anna Lawson* was made an honorary bencher of Middle Temple in November 2017.

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*Professor Iyiola Solanke* has been appointed a Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence from January to July 2018, where she will be working on judicial diversity in Europe.

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*Dr Gauthier de Beco* is now a member of the Economic and Social Rights Academic Network UK and Ireland (ESRAN-UKI) and has published the paper ‘Protecting the Invisible: An Intersectional Approach to International Human Rights Law’ with the Human Rights Law Review.

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*Professor Michael Thomson* published (with M. Fox), ‘Bodily integrity, embodiment, and the regulation of parental choice’ in the Journal of Law & Society, in December 2017.

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*Professor Louise Ellison* addressed the first London ‘Victim’s Summit’ on 21 November on the topic of trauma and victims’ engagement with the criminal justice system.

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*Professor Conor O’Reilly* delivered the presentation ‘Capturing (Im)mobility: The Challenges of Kidnapping Research’, to the UNODC/Migration Policy Centre Workshop on ‘When Smuggling Goes Wrong: From a Crime Against Sovereignty to a Crime Against Persons’, at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy in October 2017.

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**Professor Emeritus Clive Walker** gave a plenary speech: ‘Victims of terrorism in the UK: the rise of regulatory responses’ at the Main Theme Panel on Legal Remedies for Victims of Terrorism at the annual conference of the Union Internationale des Avocats, 61st Congress, Toronto, 29 October 2017.

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**Professor Peter Whelan** signed a publishing contract with Oxford University Press for his next monograph, which will be published in early 2019. The monograph analyses the issue of parental liability in EU competition law.

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**Professor Graham Dufield** is a Project Partner on a £325,250 funded project with the Darwin Initiative, Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, titled ‘Access and benefit sharing in policy and practice’, 2017–20.

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**Professors Joan Loughrey and Andrew Keay’s** paper ‘The Concept of Business Judgment’ was recently shortlisted for the SLS Best Paper Prize 2017.

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**Professor Gerry McCormack** wrote an article for the Journal of Business Law – ‘Brexit and its Implication for Restructuring and Corporate Insolvency in the UK’ with leading practitioner Hamish Anderson.

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**Dr Paul Wragg** was part of a team that has successfully bid for an AHRC grant of £523k FEC with AHRC income contribution of £418k, titled ‘Defining Freedom of the Press: A cross national examination of press ethics and regulation in ten European countries’.

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**Dr Chloe Wallace** has published an article with ‘The Law Teacher’ titled ‘The pedagogy of legal reasoning: democracy, discourse and community’.

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**Lydia Bleasdale and Professor Andrew Francis** have recently completed empirical work which is designed to analyse the views that younger lawyers hold about training and support needs, their values and priorities – ‘Millennial Lawyers and a Profession in Transformation’. The work explores how well these views are known and understood by those in HR and leadership roles within law firms.

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**Professor Norma Martin Clement** is undertaking a project looking at the experiences of staff and students in the new collaborative lecture spaces on campus with the Leeds Institute for Teaching Excellence (LITE) titled ‘The Use and Impact of Collaborative Lecture Theatres’.

### Postgraduate Criminal Justice students present their research to practitioners

In 2016/17, three Masters students from the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies (CCJS) undertook collaborative research with West Yorkshire Police (WYP) and partners to inform their dissertations. Tahir Abbas, Oliver Bowling and Louise Baldwin worked on projects developed with Superintendent Sam Millar (WYP) and Louise Hackett (Leeds City Council), which were supervised by Dr Sam Lewis from CCJS. Abbas examined liaison and diversion services for young people who come into contact with the police in Leeds and Wakefield. His interviews with practitioners found evidence of good practice in both sites, and informed a series of recommendations for practice development. Baldwin explored the use of CCTV cameras in Leeds. During interviews with CCTV operatives, CCTV technology experts and local managers, she gathered information on the use and impact of CCTV that illuminated local practice. Bowling reviewed local, national and international strategies to address begging. His mixed-methods study, which combined a content analysis of policy documents from five northern cities with observations of local outreach work and interviews with practitioners, explored the dissonance between local begging strategies and practice.

At a dissemination event held in the School of Law in October 2017, the students presented their findings to Superintendent Millar and practitioners from Leeds and Wakefield. Attendees described the projects as ‘very informative’ and ‘timely and valuable’, and noted their impact on local policy and practice. Bowling’s findings, for example, are informing an ongoing review of the Leeds begging strategy, whilst Baldwin’s observations may shape revisions to the documentation used by WYP when requesting CCTV footage to support criminal investigations. Speaking about the projects, Dr Lewis said: ‘We are grateful to WYP and partners for supporting our postgraduates again this year, and pleased that WYP intend to share the findings with other key stakeholders including the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. These studies provide a fantastic learning experience for our students, whilst also affording valuable insights for local policy makers and practitioners.’

**Dr Sam Lewis**  
Lecturer in Criminology and Criminal Justice



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## Magali Eben becomes an American Bar Association Antitrust scholar-in-residence

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In this prestigious role, Magali Eben, a PhD student at the School of Law, will conduct research in the US and will receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

The American Bar Association's Section of Antitrust Law International Scholar-in-Residence Programme provides funding of \$10,000 each for two scholars to visit the United States to pursue competition policy-related research in the spring of 2018. The scholars are expected to visit the United States for a period of eight to twelve weeks, commencing on or after 1 March 2018, and coinciding with the 66th Annual Spring Meeting of the Antitrust Section scheduled for 11-13

April 2018. During their time in the U.S., the scholars will conduct research, meet and interact with members of the U.S. antitrust community, and attend the annual Spring Meeting in Washington DC.

For her PhD thesis, Magali is examining the issue of defining markets in EU competition law in the context of online services. She will continue this work while researching in the United States as an ABA Antitrust International Scholar-in-Residence. Magali is co-supervised by Professor Pinar Akman and Professor Peter Whelan.

## Abdulaziz Adekola Captains University's Basketball Team

*Congratulations to Abdul, for his fantastic achievement on being selected as Men's First Team Captain of the University of Leeds Basketball Team. The team has just been promoted to Division 1.*

Abdul reflected on his appointment to the role: "as a team we make the most of what we get and go beyond expectations and I think this is why we are doing so well. We compete against the big sporting universities in the North of England: Leeds Beckett, Northumbria University and Sheffield Hallam to name a few.

Personally, I think it is nice and healthy to have something that I am quite passionate about beyond my degree, it makes for a brilliant escape and provides a different environment compared to lecture halls and the library."



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## LawSoc additions

*It was a successful term for LawSoc; with Law's Got Talent, a successful careers dinner and a brilliant Christmas foodbank drive in aid of the Trussell Trust.*

LawSoc also has two new committee members, first year representatives, who were elected in October – Gemma Shohet and Quinton McAndrews.

Gemma and Quinton applied for the role for similar reasons, they are both eager to get to know people, be an active member of the School of Law and promote inclusivity in to the School's community. Both Gemma and Quinton have enjoyed attending the School's Equality Cinema screenings and are looking forward to the Law Ball later in the semester.

On an academic note, both Gemma and Quinton are thoroughly enjoying their studies so far, with them both very keen on Foundations of Law and particularly enjoy seeing examples of current cases.

## An international perspective

*Liberty Brief recently spoke to Kristian Ferreira, first year student on the two year LLB Law programme. Kristian is Canadian, and has dual citizenship with Trinidad and Tobago, he is also a former professional footballer. Proudly, Kristian represented his country playing football at the Pan American games in 2015, where he trained independently in Canada before joining his team to compete.*

### What made you choose to study law?

I believe there is great comparison between law and football. The way a lawyer would prepare for a case or a negotiation by analysing the tactics of the opponent is clearly as fundamental as preparing for a game. The discipline and dedication required to become a successful lawyer are skills I have developed by being a professional athlete.

### What are your thoughts on Leeds?

I cannot believe how welcoming the School has been, Leeds really does feel like home – it just takes a little more navigating. I particularly enjoyed the Head of School's supper, it was a fantastic evening.

### What is your favourite place in Leeds?

I love going to Kirkgate Market at the weekend, it feels very local and has a great buzz about it.

### Favourite food?

Definitely a Cornish pasty.

### What English football team do you support?

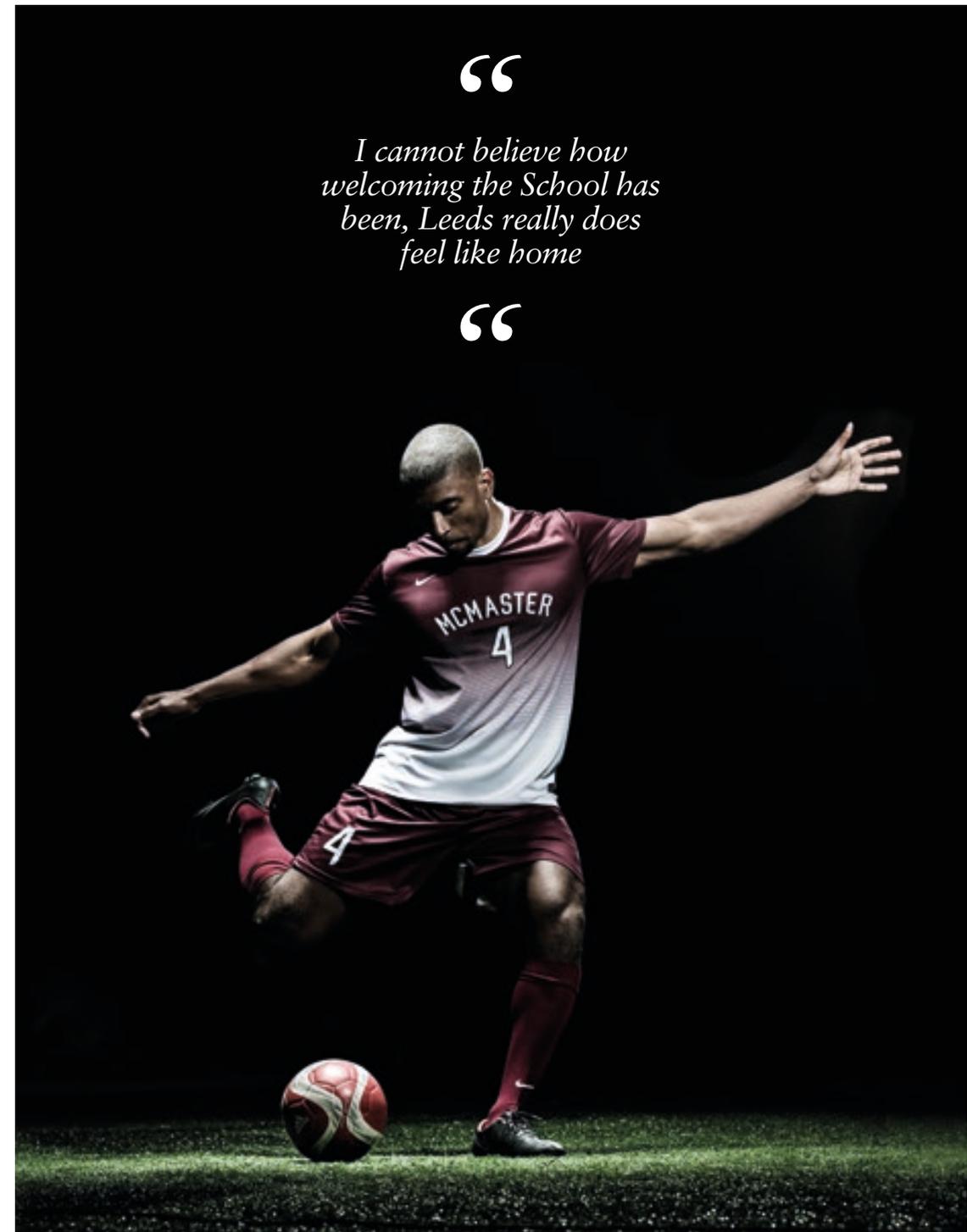
Manchester United.

### What are your interests?

I love to volunteer, something which my parents inspired me to do from a young age. My family started a steel drum orchestra in Canada which aims to empower the youth. I have also helped the elderly with sports to promote their physical and mental wellbeing. I find volunteering very rewarding, and it is something that I am continuing to do in Leeds, as a volunteer with StreetLeeds within the School of Law.



**Kristian Ferreira**  
First year student on the two year LLB Law programme



## Law's Got Talent

*On Monday 4 December we were pleased to host our annual "Law's Got Talent" competition to raise money for our chosen charity, Parkinson's UK. Running for its fourth year, the event raised an amazing £1,145.*

The night was opened by a short video from Parkinson's UK called "Put yourself in my shoes". The video showed some of the daily struggles people with Parkinson's have and asked, "How would you feel if simple things like making a cup of tea or putting on your shoes became a challenge?"

Beginning the evening, our LawSoc hosts were announced – Abdul Adekola and Sam Wiggins. The duo who also helped organise the event welcomed the staff judges – Chloe Wallace, Colin Mackie, Jimmy Younis and Nick Taylor.

After Nick Taylor provided a joke stacked yet, warming, introduction to the cause, the evening was kicked off with a performance from last year's winner Pai Gambe. The acts that followed brought a mix of students and staff to the stage, some of whom had never performed in public before. The talent was extraordinary – from singers, musicians and spoken word poets, to controversial performances that included a Donald Trump impersonation by Dr Paul Wragg and a stand-up comedy act.



Before half-time, there was a special performance by Abdul Adekola and Georgia Ma from LawSoc in support of Inclusivity, Equality and Diversity, performing "Same Love" by Macklemore with drummer Ben Davies and Guitarist Jacob Heaton-Jones. During the interval there was another performer, James Johnston from Student Support, who played a mix of original and well known songs including Oasis' Wonderwall.

Throughout the night, hosts Abdul and Sam encouraged the hashtag #Lawsgottalent which managed to trend at number two in the Leeds area. The host's favourite tweets won a Parkinson's t-shirt and some of the comments included Joan Loughrey's "Definitely one of the best nights of our school year-brilliant" and Mitchell Travis declaring "@Law\_Leeds is the most woke law school I've ever been at #LawsGotTalent".

The evening came to a close with the announcement of the winners. In third place was stand-up comedian Jonah Moore, joint second place was singer Lauren Mackey and guitarist Jacob Heaton-Jones who performed Amy Winehouse, Valerie and Michael Jackson's Man in the Mirror.

In first place was Beloved Ogundipe who performed spoken word about friendship, against the backing music John Legend's, 'All of Me'.



There was a great buzz throughout the evening everyone was supportive towards each act, and everyone got involved on Twitter and showed their support through donations. Alastair Mullis closed the evening stating he was extremely proud of everyone who made Law's Got Talent happen and looks forward to it being even bigger and better next year.

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*Professor Mullis commented:  
"What an evening that was.  
The acts get better every year,  
the audience was the biggest and  
best ever, the hosts would not  
have looked out of place  
on TV."*

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# Upcoming Events



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## Centre for Business Law and Practice Annual Lecture

25 April 2018 | 17:00 - 18:30

Professor Imelda Maher, Dean of Law and the inaugural Sutherland Full Professor of European Law at University College Dublin will deliver the Centre's annual lecture on the theme "Brexit, Ireland, Trade, Travel"

## Social justice In the Shadow of Grenfell

02 May 2018 | 15:00 - 17:00

Symposium | Moot Court, Liberty Building

The scenes from the Grenfell Tower fire on Wednesday 14 June 2017 shocked, troubled and angered many of us. Questions have been asked as to how this could happen, how such tragic events can be prevented from happening again, and what comes next for the former residents of Grenfell Tower? This interdisciplinary event seeks to explore these questions and to create the space for other perspectives.

## Educating for Uncertainty: Education in Law and Criminal Justice in an Uncertain World

08 May 2018 | 10:00 - 17:00

Symposium | Liberty Building, University of Leeds

A one-day symposium to mark the establishment of the Centre for Innovation and Research in Legal Education (CIRLE), within the School of Law.

## School of Law PGR Conference - Brexit and EU Law: A Way Forward

11 June 2018, 09:00 - 17:00

Conference | Liberty Building, University of Leeds

The outcome of the European Union membership referendum in 2016 has presented the United Kingdom with its greatest challenge of modern times. As negotiations for an exit strategy continue, the School of Law at the University of Leeds is keen to open up conversations on the socio-legal implications of such a monumental transition.

## Events Summary

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