

Statement of Candidature

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Nomination Position: Vice-President (Careers)



My name is Sophie Grzina, and I am excited to nominate myself for the UTSLSS Vice-President (Careers) (*VPCA*) for 2026-2027.

Over the past two years, I have had the privilege of serving as a Marketing Director and on the Competitions Sub-committee of the UTSLSS. From this, I have gained a strong understanding of how the Council functions, how to collaborate with directors and the executive, and how to delegate effectively while managing competing responsibilities. I plan to bring these skills to the Careers Portfolio to make it more accessible to the UTSLSS community.

My current role as a paralegal at Samsung Electronics, seconded from Maddocks, has given me direct exposure to the professional legal environment. It has sharpened my ability to communicate with stakeholders, present with confidence, and balance multiple priorities at once, skills that are directly transferable to the *VPCA* role. My mooting record, including the Cowdery Criminal Moot, Opens Commercial Moot and the Junior Championship Moot has further built my professionalism and ability to perform under pressure as a team, qualities essential for fulfilling the *VPCA* role.

If elected, my priority is to open the Careers Portfolio to the wider UTSLSS community. I will establish a UTS Law Jobs Board to connect students with clerkship, graduate and part-time opportunities. I will maintain the momentum of the existing Clerkship Seminar and Networking nights, while expanding the Careers Portfolio's coverage into government and in-house legal pathways. I also intend to create new workshops for students to hone their interview and application skills, as well as a Paralegal Speed dating night to connect students directly with firms and in-house teams to build genuine industry relationships early in their careers. For publications, I will work closely with the Publications Director to ensure the Careers Guide, Clerkship Guide, and Careers Blog remain relevant and comprehensive for all students.

With my Council experience, industry exposure, and ability to work under pressure, I am well-equipped to lead the Careers Portfolio as *VPCA*, and grow its impact for UTSLSS members.