

# Annual General Meeting

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## President

Today marks the end of an era. For the past three years, I have given so much of my time and energy to this organisation, first in the publications sub-committee, then as PRO and this last year, I had the privilege to serve the organisation as President. I am always at a loss for words when someone asks me what is my role because in truth a president does everything but most importantly a president must be a backbone, to support the team in all its endeavours.

This experience has been an incredible opportunity for my personal growth. It is the chance to develop management skills and public speaking. It also taught me the value of perseverance and determination. I am very proud of my team this year. Despite all the obstacles we managed to bring back most of our pre-covid events such as the famous Live-In, the international trip and our Freshers Week buzz. This year, new publications coming out and additional support from third-party organisations such as Fenech and Fenech and Kite Group have given this organisation the support it needs to keep growing and support law students at our university throughout their journey in the law course.

I would like to thank all the team, particularly Andrew for being my greatest support. You are a true spalla as we say in Maltese. Thank you for the laughs, the memories, the time and dedication. I wish the organisation all the best of luck, know that you will always have me in your corner.

Thank you GhSL for making me the woman I am today.

## Vice-President

Il-vjagg tieghi mal-GħSL beda lil hinn minn dan it-terminu biss; fil-verita, ilni tlett snin fi hdan din l-ghaqda, u nghidha b'ghafsa ta' qalb issa li naf li din il-gurnata timmaka t-tmiem tat-terminu tieghi mal-GħSL. Jien u nirrifletti fuq il-vjagg tieghi, nistaqsi haga wahda lili nnifsi – ghal xiex dhalt fl-GħSL? u nsib lili nnifsi mmur lura ghall-ewwel sena tieghi fil-ligi, fejn kont dik it-tfajla mbezzgha min-numru kbir ta' student li kien hemm, kompletament mitlufa u fl-istess hin eccitata ghal dan il-kors u nies godda. Niftakar imbaghad li l-GħSL kienet harget l-avveniment annwali taghha tal-live in – attendejt, ghamilt il-hbieb, u daww il-hbieb saru fost l-eqreb hbieb li ghandi illum. Hemmhekk irrealizzajt kemm l-GħSL kienet integra ghall-esperjenza tieghi bhala studenta. Apparti hekk, kont smajt numru ta' talks akkademici li kienu anki ghinuni biex nsib saqajja fis-suggetti tal-ewwel sena.

Minn hemm ssehibt ma' kumitatat – m'hemm xi nghidu li dik id-decizjoni wasslitni fejn jien illum bhala Viċi President. Din is-sena, jiena u l-President haddanna Sistema gdida fejn nqasna bejn l-affarijiet akkademici u tad-divertiment, u l-ghan tieghi kien illi nkompli nqawwi l-aspett akkademiku tal-GħSL billi nikkoordina ideat ghall-ufficji rispettivi. Kif diga' tennew l-officers l-oħra, din is-sena kellna hafna successi akkademici, kemm fir-rigward ta' pubblikazzjonijiet u avvenimenti illi saru tul dan it-terminu, kif ukoll mill-aspett ta' progetti illi bdew tul it-terminu taghna izda sejr in jtkomplu fit-terminu li jmiss. Ghal dak l-iskop, ma nistax inkun aktar kburi ja bit-team taghna.

Kif tindunaw, l-ezekuttiv taghna huwa maghmul minn karattri diversi hafna – u mhawn hadd minna li ghandu karattru bhall iehor. Dak huwa s-sabih ta' din l-Għaqda, tilqa' lil kulhadd u taghti opportunita' lil kulhadd biex isir membru. Għalhekk, nixtieq nuza l-ahhar ftiit tal-hin tieghi biex nheggeg studenti fil-kors taghna sabiex jissiehu fil-kumitati, jattendu avvenimenti u jghinu fejn jistghu fl-Għaqda, ghaliex fejn hemm l-interess, hemm post ghalikom zgur fl-GħSL. Uzaw il-hin taghkom fl-Universita' biex tikbru, titghallmu u tissiehu f'affarijiet li jimbuttawkom lil hinn minn dak illi huwa komdu u li ghal dak ir-raguni jkabbrukom f'persuni ahjar.

Jiena ninsab grata hafna lejn il-persuni kollha illi kien i megħi tul dan il-vjagg, kemm tul din is-sena kif ukoll fis-snin ta' qabel. Nista' verament nghid illi l-GħSL saħħitli b'mod immensament sabih il-vjagg tal-kors tieghi, u certa illi l-membri eżekuttivi suksesuri taghna, kemm ghal din is-sena u kif ukoll għas-snin li gejjin sejr in i komplu jagħmlu GħSL l-Għaqda tant sabiha li hi illum.

# Secretary General

## Minutes

A lot of important discussions take place in the Executive Board meetings, and it is crucial that those discussions are recorded so that everyone know what was agreed upon and what is going on within the organisation. When I first started I thought that this was an easy task, however in actual fact this was actually quite challenging when also trying to take an active part within the discussion which would be taking place. We had a total of X exec meetings this term, of which I attended all and took minutes for all of them.

## General direction of the organisation

Together with the President and Vice-President, the Secretary General is tasked with leading the organisation administratively, and making sure that its goals are being achieved. We helped where we were needed and we made sure that the trains ran on time. Where some other officers needed some assistance, we were there to provide it. One main administrative area which I helped in was that of the VO and MBR compliance, which I'm sure took up countless hours of Danielle's time. I'm glad I had the combination of Martina and Sarah, as together I feel we made a great team.

## Legal Translator

The Legal Translator, known in Maltese as the Tradduttur Legali, is a dictionary of sorts, which translates a whole host of legal terms from Maltese to English, and vice versa. This publication required proof reading and a proper review, with terms being added and removed as some were deemed not exactly legal, while others terms were missing from the text. It's impossible not to thank Dr Michael Spagnol, the head of the Maltese department within the Faculty of Arts, who kindly proof read the document and corrected some of the Maltese.

## Latin Terms

The Latin Terms handbook had been a long time coming. The project started two years ago under the presidency of Matthew Charles Zammit, and is now finally being published. With the help of the Malta Classics Association, as well as the review of Judge Silvio Meli, we have been able to complete this publication which will in the matter of a few weeks be available for all those who are interested in purchasing it.

## Sponsorship with Fenech and Fenech

Together with Martina Cassar and Amy Catania, we established an academic partnership with Fenech and Fenech, one of the biggest and oldest law firms in Malta, with vast areas of expertise across many different fields of law. Besides a financial endowment, they have agreed to aid with our events, enabling us to create bigger and better events with their consistent support. I'm hopeful that with their assistance, GhSL can continue to prosper and be a success.

## Financial Officer

We can all agree that, as students, managing an independent organisation during a pandemic was not an easy task especially due to the uncertainties which lied ahead. With this, budgeting and careful planning was essential in every step taken in order to ensure that each and every office within the organisation could equally contribute to yet another fruitful year.

With this in mind, it can be said that the organisation's financial stability mainly rests on three sources of activity, namely, the income generated from events and international trips held throughout the year, secondly through notes and the collection of publications compiled by GhSL over the years and which continue to be published every year, and thirdly the income generated through corporate sponsors. Through these sources of income the organisation successfully continues to improve in all sectors within the organisation all with the aim of providing the law student with numerous opportunities and experiences.

This year marked important changes within the organisation, one of which being the website. While it has been our biggest expense this term, updating the website was very much needed. Anything which the student might need can now be accessed through the new website which will be launched at the start of the coming term. This makes it easier to access past papers and our Online Law Journal and to purchase notes and publications. Amongst other things, it will also include updates on our current events as well as latest social media posts and available vacancies from law firms at the time to constantly keep students informed. Besides this, this term we also created a new logo design for a fresher and modern look.

Due to the pandemic, last year we were not able to organise yearly traditions, however this term we were lucky enough to not only organise the most awaited event of the year being the live-in, but we also organised the trip to Barcelona. Naturally, while leisure events tend to be the most costly, we had quite a good outcome, and while both the live-in and the trip were successful, organising a good event doesn't always mean that you're going to make a considerable amount of profit but the outcome was extremely positive.

Year after year, our aim is to continue publishing new publications. Therefore, the organisation's funds have also been dedicated to the printing of several publications. This included the printing and reprinting of *Id-Dritt XXXI* which unfortunately had to go through an extensive errata corripere, we also reprinted the *Handbook on Cases in Private International Law* as well as the *Criminal Law Handbook* which were both a great source of income and lastly the printing of *The Legal Translator*. To end the term on a good note, Fenech and Fenech Advocates will be our Academic Partner for the next two years where it will fund and support the organisation in academic events and activities.

This makes it possible for us to continue expanding in the academic field, and provide more opportunities to the law student.

Lastly, occupying the role of Financial Officer this year had its fair share of challenges. In fact this term we had to work twice as hard to submit the necessary forms for the Malta Business Registry as well as the Annual Returns and Annual Accounts which covered the period from end of 2019 up to 2021. While the process was long and took a lot of effort, it can also be said that since we are law students and not accountants, it is understandable that this is one of the least understood areas.

As my experience in GhSL draws to a close, I would like to thank the Executive Board for their help and support in challenging times, and GhSL for giving me this opportunity filled with memories and experiences which I will cherish for a lifetime. I wish the future executive all the best of luck in the upcoming year, who without a doubt will have the student body's best interest at heart.

Thank you!

## Public Relations Officer

The public relations office this year was responsible for the organization's relations with the general public, aiming to ensure GhSL extended its outreach and consequently became a greater hub for students than it already was. The public relations office worked very closely with the Marketing Office, mostly liaising between the two officers and co-ordinating accordingly between them.

During this term, the PR office was mainly responsible for the revamp of the organization's branding and marketing material, with the introduction of the new main logo, as well as a personalized logo for each of the offices. This consequently led to the creation of new merchandise for the organization, which was very well received at the beginning of the year in Freshers' Week. Packs included playing cards, travel mugs, stationery, luggage tags, umbrellas, and smaller additional items.

Moreover, this fresh new look for the organization inspired the team to also take care of the previous outdated website. After contacting Mr. Luigi Rizzo and Ms. Emma Venables, we were able to create a whole new website for the organization, which contains a plethora of information about the organization per se, who our officers are, how they can help the particular student, shop functions incorporated into the website for facilitated purchase of notes and provision of past papers. We also came up with the idea that the website should include a section which is tailor made for students, wherein one can find events which the student may be interested, job opportunities or applications for extra-curricular activities.

Of course, the office was busy with its day to day commitments, with multiple posters being created and published to promote events held by GhSL. This mainly includes designing a poster (mostly done by the Marketing Office), generating captions, scheduling posts for the optimal time to generate as much engagement as possible and directing the group to share and promote the content so that we can reach a wider audience. Testimony of this work can easily be seen on GhSL's Social Media pages such as Facebook or Instagram.

The Office also managed to garner many noteworthy collaborations, one of which was the collaboration with Gafa Notaries, wherein a writing competition was held, of which the winners were offered an internship within the notarial firm. We worked very closely as a team with Dr. Daniele Gafa, whom we aided with the creation of promotional material for the event as well as maintenance of the Facebook event. Dr. Gafa was very pleased with the team's efforts and personally messaged us to thank us for the work we had done – he informed us that there was a great response from students who eagerly approached the task with a competitive attitude, the result of which were over 20 essay submissions.

## Director of Committees

During this term I took charge of one of the most prestigious offices within GhSL, that of being Director of Committees. The main focus of this office is that of accommodating the students' interest within the Law course revolving around committee participation in both academic and leisure events. Some of the accomplishments which formed part of this office included;

- The strong committee application campaign which involved extensive marketing to ensure the committees can grow to their full potential.
- The welcoming campaign which involved personal emails and messages to the committee members who have applied. This was done as to ensure that they feel comfortable with what roles they would be responsible during the upcoming year.
- The creation of Facebook groups, messenger chats and WhatsApp chats to ensure committee members have every opportunity to keep in touch with their respective officer.
- The involvement of the members in as many activities as possible such as moot court events, aiding in researching and writing for our 'Court Delays' policy paper.
- The opportunity and marketing of the DegreePlus qualifications which the committee members could acquire by the end of the year.
- The better management and push for committee involvement within the executive itself.

Despite its accomplishments, the office clearly has room for growth and even further involvement. I wish all the best to the officer who will succeed me in this role, as it is in fact through such committee participation that my beautiful journey within GhSL had started.



## Academic Officer

After having spent two years indoors due to the global pandemic it was really nice to be finally given the opportunity to meet students face to face. My work as Academic Officer kicked off with the first physical event organised by the organisation entitled, 'Law the First Step' where I was given the opportunity to give a presentation to prospectus first year law students about what the law course has to offer. We were overwhelmed by the amount of students who attended this event. It was a great start to the academic year.

The next was **Fresher's Week** where I got the opportunity to organise 4 physical academic events, finally moving away from the platform 'Zoom'. Amongst these events one can find:

- **Presenting the Pros:** Lawyers/Notaries address first year law students about their experience/tips about the law course
- **Get to Know Your Lecturers:** An opportunity for first year students to meet their lecturers
- **Get to know your Electives:** A seminar which provided students more information about first year electives
- **Assignment for Dummies:** A seminar discussing how to properly tackle assignments

Considering that these events were back to back, we managed to fill up ALT Hall for each and every event. This was a very big accomplishment which would not have been possible without the rest of the team's help.

Next came the **Sixth Form Visits** where I got the opportunity to assist and accompany our External Officer, Sarah to talk to St. Martin's Collage Sixth Form and deliver a short talk explaining GhSL's role in University as well as explaining how the Law Course works in a very realistic manner

On another note, my first role within the organisation was Resources Officer. This year due to unforeseen circumstances I was able to work within the office once again. In which I distributed notes to students to further assist with their studies.

Lastly, I was handed over a project very close to my heart which I will be sure to complete in the coming term. I am referring to the '**Family Law Handbook**'. Obviously, this project would not have been possible without Daniel's hardwork and patience gathering articles for the publication.

## External Relations Officer

As GhSL is a team, this office was a helping hand for all the other offices in the organisation specifically the leisure offices. With this being said as an office it was responsible of the Beach Clean-up which was held at Zonqor in Marsascala in Summer, in collaboration with Earth Guardians. In addition to that this office was also the organiser of the Football Fundraiser event in aid of YMCA which was held in December at DLS Football grounds. This event was highly successful with 280 euro donated to YMCA. At the same time, in December we also attended the KSU fund-raising event on campus. Lastly, last February this office also organised Sixth Form talks to prospective law students so to help them get a grasp about what being a law student is about.

Above all we were all one big team which helped one another collectively in making all the events very much successful and fun. We were there for each and every student who approached us and we gave our roles a meaning in helping all those around us.

I cannot thank the team enough for making this experience an unforgettable one, and also the students who attended the events and made us feel appreciated.

Lastly, I would like to wish the best of luck to that person who would be taking my seat in the upcoming term! I Will always be here to guide you in your journey as my successor!

Thank You GhSL.

## International Officer

It has been a fruitful year as a member of the 2021/22 executive board, be it said with its ups and downs as with all things in life. However I remain optimistic. I'm glad to state that the good far outweighed the bad. With this term reluctantly coming to an end I shall list in total the events which have been organized by my respective office and also events in which I took an active part in organizing.

With regards to work in my capacity as international officer there were the: leisure trip to Barcelona; representing this organization at the KNZ international expo and Collaborating with Erasmus+ in an exchange to Budapest with the theme 'Re-Connect through sports'.

On the other side of the coin it must also be brought to one's attention that as an executive board member I have also taken an active role in aiding the respective officer in endeavours such as: Forming a long term relationship with Kite Group to sell 'id-Dritt' and other legal resources; helping the leisure office in organizing 'Invictus' and 'Underground'; aiding the moot court officer in organizing and getting speakers for both the 'Invictus' and 'Advocatus Diaboli' moot courts; and speaking in events such as 'Law: The First Step' and 'Get to Know Your Electives'. It also goes without saying that I had also shared and promoted each event as need be.

As a side note it would be a disservice to skip the valuable experience of being a class representative for my year during the past two years, which is an experience which has brought me closer to students and helps me feel at first hand the wants and needs of the law students actually are.

## Leisure Officer

This past year with GhSL has enriched me with new friendships and experiences which I'm sure will be with me throughout my life. Firstly, I would like to thank every member of the executive for welcoming me.

One of, if not the most important role of every officer, and one which I truly enjoyed, is to interact with fellow students and also try bring them closer to the organisation. The main purpose of this organisation is to form a sort of branch between the faculty and students and is crucial in order to maintain relevance with the students. When looking back, my most fond memory, in this regard, has to be the work done during freshers week where I helped set up the stand and also remained there or at Quad, speaking to law students to try bring them towards the organisation.

As Events Officer I formed part of the 'social' branch of GhSL. Sadly due to the lingering Covid restrictions I wasn't able to bring to life my main ideas. I am very proud of the work I put in for the Live-In which I believe was a great success as the bar has truly been set with regards to Hotel and party locations. With this event I managed to bring in many sponsors which provided such a strong financial push, that the whole even was financially covered and a good portion of this sum was left over to be used in other projects by the team. I will miss being a part of this organisation and truly wish the best for the future executive.

## Marketing Officer

So this was my first experience getting involved in a student organisation, and I was entrusted with the role of Marketing Officer of GhSL. Mainly, this involved collaborating with each other office in order to create social media content giving an image of GhSL to the public and showing our work to members and students. This was a very exciting task, especially when we launched our biggest events or publications, like the Id-Dritt XXXI launch which was the first task that I worked on, the Invictus Live-In, the Freshers academic talks, the Barcelona Trip, the charity campaign during Christmas, the moot court and so much more. It brings me a lot of satisfaction that my part in the PR and marketing team helped create the hype and excitement needed to make sure that all our events were a success.

At the start of the year, GhSL rebranded and launched a new logo and that meant that Freshers Week was a very busy Month for my office. New freebies, t-shirts and merch was printed, and we sold around 150 new membership packs, along with a lot of content that had to be prepared. However, the biggest achievement that this office has made, with a lot of help from Andrew and Martina, was the new Academic Sponsorship Agreement with Fenech and Fenech, which we have launched just a few weeks ago. I am sure that this will be of great benefit to the next executive team and to the students alike, since GhSL will be able to provide them with excellent quality when it comes to academic events and publications.

Personally, this will be the end of my journey in GhSL however I am thankful for every minute of this unforgettable experience. I'm grateful for all the memories and new friends that I made, and for how much GhSL has given me back. Thank you, Martina, and Kezia for helping me and splitting the content work throughout the year, you guys were amazing to work with. Thank you, Andrew, and also Martina for guiding me through making the sponsorship a reality. Thank you to all of you guys for your patience and reminders to get some posters ready for your offices! Most of all I want to thank Sarah for basically dragging me into this and giving me the push I needed to take the step and get involved for the first time. GhSL has helped me get out of my comfort zone and given me confidence and for that I cannot thank you enough. Although I won't be a part of the official team, I will definitely continue to support in whichever way I can and I can't wait to see what GhSL has in store in the years to come.

## Moot Court Officer

Throughout the past year, this newly established office attempted to hold multiple moot courts, mainly those as follows:

1. *Advocatus Diaboli, 2021*: following the successful criminal trial by jury, *Devil's Advocate, 2020*, tradition prevailed itself and our second edition of this criminal moot court was held in December 2021. Taking place in the Courts of Justice itself, eight teams took part under the assistance of a legal profession, Dr. Franco Debono, whereby after the preparation stage, the participants had to question the witnesses and present their case in front of a jury, along with a judge, specifically Judge Antonio Mizzi, who eloquently guided the teams throughout the procedure, whilst also offering constructive criticism throughout.
2. Live-In Moot Court, 2021: after last year's live-in was called off due to the Covid-19 measures, our annual Tal-Ligi Live-In was back at it once again. That said, during the Invictus Live-In, in October 2021, an informal criminal moot court took place within the walls of the hotel itself. Guided by Dr. Ishmael Psaila, the live-in participants were split up in two groups, prosecution and defence, and within 4 hours, the eager participants had to question the witnesses in order to deduce whether Ninu killed his wife or not, whilst Dr Charles Mercieca presided over the moot court as the judge. Fortunately enough, or in Ninu's case unfortunately, the jury concluded that he was guilty of this crime.
3. JESSUP, 2022: due to Covid-19 measures, it was not feasible to take part in this reputable international moot court. However, it was noted by the Moot Court Officer that such a prestigious moot court should remain employed and possible to partake in.
4. Prior to the commencement of this year's office due date, it was sought and construed that arrangements in preparation for a summer moot court in affiliation with Fenech & Fenech are in the works. Such a moot court will take place in July, regarding the commercial and competitive aspect of law. The focus of the law suits the majority of students, hence a high amount of participation is expected.

Although the role of moot court officer is quite definitive in itself, i.e. working on moot courts, during the term, other events were assisted by the Moot Court Officer as a team member in this organisation, for instance in preparing for *Law the First Step*, where the first year prospective law students were directed to the expectations of the law course, clarifying what such course entails. Furthermore, other contribution was also offered during the internal environment clean up held in September 2021 in Zonqor. This was then followed by the KSU Fresher's Week, where assistance was given with regards to informing the students who attended the stand about the organisation and its efforts. Whereas in October 2021, in preparation for the memorable International Trip to Barcelona, assistance was also given throughout this leisure trip. Meanwhile, whilst looking at the publication aspect of GhSL, specifically in connection to the works of the

*The Legal Translator*, overview was given where such text was proofread and checked thoroughly throughout.

In conclusion, it is through this office that the student takes a further step from the basic academic theory, and applies it to what he has faced in practice. Over time such practice, results in the development of many skills, most obviously accentuating one's confidence and even focusing on being scrupulous to detail.

## Policy Officer

In this term I have taken charge of the GhSL Policy Office in which it was a pleasure to serve as policy officer and with the help of all the other executive, I can conclude that it was a successful year. The main focus of the policy office is the production and publication of the policy paper. The topic discussed this year within the paper is court delays which is a current and relevant topic. The paper first dealt with the historical aspect of procedural law and factored in all the causes of such delays including the pandemic which we are still living through. The consequences of such delays were outlined together with solutions put forward that can combat such a predominant issue. However, this paper would have not been a success without a number of different contributors who all handed in their piece of writing which eventually formed part of the policy paper.

Although my office focused mainly on the policy paper, I also aided a number of different officers in their event. Working together with my colleague Katrina Borg Ferrando, I helped her set up for multiple events throughout Freshers' Week and ensured that everything went smoothly while she focused on the academic aspect. I also participated in the GhSL annual international trip, with this term's titled "Vamos a Barcelona" in which I helped with the planning and organisation which was all worthwhile when looking back at all the memories made.

I would like to thank the members of the policy committee for all their help and support in various projects namely; Francesca, Mark, Christopher, Anthea, Mariah and Sarah. Lastly, I would like to thank the Executive Board for all their support throughout the year and for all the memories made along the way.

Cheers to a Great Term!



## Publications Officer

The Publications Office for the term of this executive committee took care of the usual editing and publication of Id-Dritt and of articles on the Online Law Journal. Due to the small size of the Office this term (6 persons, Officer included), the Online Law Journal had to be sidelined somewhat to ensure that all articles of Id-Dritt were ready for its publication in April. In fact, Id-Dritt XXXII is in the final stages of design and is set to be published after the Easter recess.

It contains a total of 16 articles. Each went through the usual editing process by the members of the Office, who all did a meticulous job. They were also peer-reviewed by members of the legal profession independent from GhSL. I would particularly like to highlight the resourcefulness and expediency of the editors. Past offices have tended to be composed of around 10 editors, which allows for more articles to be edited in less time (still an onerous task for the individual editors as experience has taught me). This year we had five editors, which means double the workload. Were it not for their diligence and perseverance, the publication of Id-Dritt XXXII would have had to be postponed.

The OLJ saw five publications this year. Not the turnout usually experienced, but there was a higher proportion of student articles (2 out of 5) when compared to previous years (such as 2 out of 8 for the 2020/21 period). That can only augur well since the primary aim of the OLJ is to encourage 'vocational' (that is, not compulsory) academic writing by students.

As Publications Officer, I was also involved in the final stages of the Latin Terms Handbook and the Legal Translator projects. The Legal Translator has already been printed and is for sale. The Latin Terms book is in the final proofreading stage before publication.

Finally, I took on the task of updating the GhSL OSCOLA summary into a more complete set of guidelines for the citation of (primarily) Maltese primary sources. The plan is to disseminate it together with the Faculty of Laws for the perusal and benefit of both students and academics alike.

One last project delegated to me was liaising with the right-holders of the various official law notes (Mamo notes and the like) disseminated by GhSL in order to acquire their respective permissions to revamp them as necessary to make them accessible to visually-impaired persons. The foundations have largely been set and the consent of most right-holders has been acquired. The project itself will require more time to be completed, since it entails the conversion of what are scans of type-written notes into Microsoft Word documents to ensure they are completely readable by the text-to-speech software used by persons with visual disabilities. I trust subsequent executive committees will continue working on this and see it to fruition.

## Resources Officer

By way of Introduction, the Resources Office The Resources Office carries a pivotal role within any organization with workforce. The Office's main purpose is to publish notes and past papers held by the Organization in light of the needs of its Members, as well as compile and publish documents which would serve to be advantageous to both students and legal professionals alike. Therefore, the Resources Office is responsible for managing every aspect of the Organization's informative and/or academic publications.

During the term 2021/22, the Resources Office has worked extensively in order to ensure that this Office serves to be purposeful for all Law Students and Legal Practitioners alike.

### Notes and Past-papers

Notes and past-papers are a useful study resource meant to supplement the content provided during lectures.

### Family Law Handbook

After the success of the Criminal Law Handbook, the organization set its eyes on a new project, the Family Law Handbook. The motive behind this project is that really and truly, there is no Legal Textbook which contributes to Maltese Law in relation to Family Law. Therefore, this Handbook is a great guideline for ensure students and legal professionals who aspire to work, or already work in the field.

This Handbook draws upon recent developments to provide a comprehensive and up-to-date perspective on the challenges facing family law. The chapters apply legal, sociological, demographic and social work research to explore the most significant issues that have been commanding the attention of family law policymakers in recent years.

The book addresses a range of issues which seek to address the relationship between the law and the person, not to mention the consequences which may arise as a result of the issue of divorce.