



# ORIENTATION 2023

## JD Class of '26



**#QLJD2026**

September 2023

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# Welcome! She:kon! Aanni!

Dear class of '26,

Welcome to Queen's Law, and the start of an exciting adventure.

Orientation is a special time to meet new friends, explore your new home for the next few years, and get a sense of the wonderful things that Queen's Law has to offer. Our staff and volunteers have curated a wonderful lineup of social events, seminars, guest speakers, resource presentations, and more.

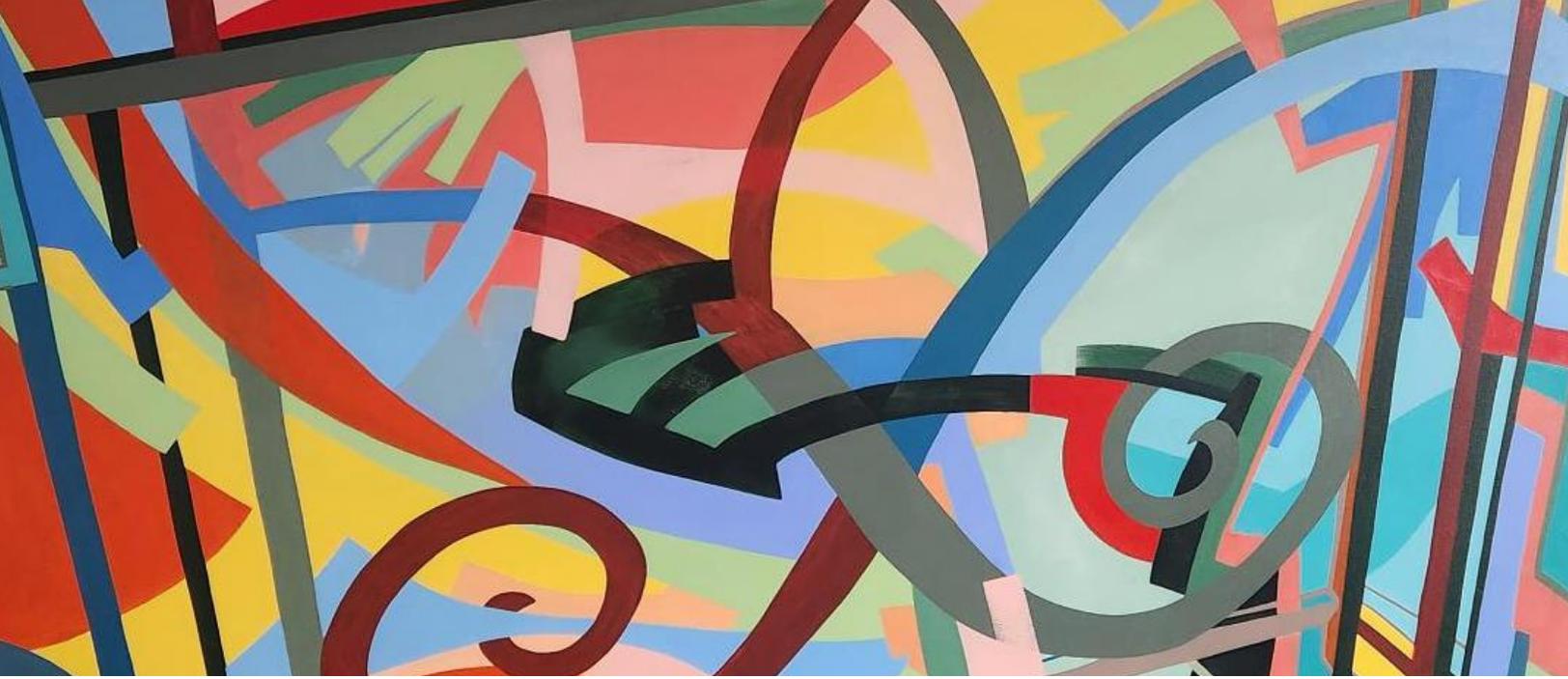
Our mission at Queen's Law is to ignite your intellectual curiosity in an inclusive, innovative, and collaborative learning environment, while preparing you for the opportunities and complexities of the evolving legal sector.

From your first day of orientation to your 50th class anniversary and beyond, you are part of a special community. You will forge lifelong friendships, and contribute to a national and global network of innovators, advocates, leaders, entrepreneurs, and trail blazers.

Your journey begins today.

**Colleen M. Flood,  
Dean, Faculty of Law**





# Orientation leads



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Check out the **Class of 2026 Facebook page** to stay up to date with Orientation Week activities, share pictures, and more

# Advice from students



"Dear class of 2026, congratulations on making it to this important milestone in your academic career! Starting law school and moving to a new city can be very challenging and feel isolating, so my advice to you all is to find your community. Queen's law has dozens of clubs where you can meet people who share the same faith, background, or hobbies as you. I urge you all to seek the people who will allow you to feel at home and welcome at Queen's!"

**Brianna Fable-Watson, Law'25**

"My first year of law school proved to be the best year of my life. Queen's Law has produced a community unlike any other. Take advantage of it by participating in whatever interests you. It is through these engagements that you will meet mentors who guide and inspire you. I look forward to meeting you all soon!"

**Alex Beauchamp, Law'25**



"Welcome, Class of '26! Law school flies by, so I sincerely hope you get to savour this journey. My advice is to get involved whether through the clinics, student government, the equity roundtables, ProBono Radio - there are lots of ways to explore your passion, create your own opportunities, learn about our impact on the world as future legal practitioners, and make lifelong connections in the process. Best of luck, and I can't wait to meet you!"

**Afsheen Chowdhury, Law'24**

# Orientation schedule

Queen's  
Law :)

128  
Union  
Street

## Day 1 - Sunday, September 3

### 2:00 PM | Registration and Small Section Introductions

- Where:** Law School Courtyard
- Description:** Welcome! Let's get started. Proceed to the Law school courtyard and pick up your welcome package and Orientation t-shirt from Queen's Law staff. After picking up your gear, you will meet your Orientation group and leaders.

### 3:00 PM | Tour of School, Campus and Kingston

- Where:** Law Building, Queen's Campus, Kingston Downtown
- Description:** Take a tour of the Law building and familiarize yourself with our facilities. Make note of where your classes will be held, and where you can find Student Services and the Career Development Office (CDO). Your leaders will also give you a tour of the campus and downtown Kingston, pointing out key spots that will be useful as an incoming law student.

### 5:00 PM | Free evening. Have fun and explore Kingston!



# Orientation schedule

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Bader  
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## Day 2 - Monday, September 4

**Where: Stirling Hall, 64 Bader Lane**

**9:00 AM | Welcome and Land Acknowledgement | Assistant Dean Phillip Drew**

**9:15 AM | Law School 101 and Student Life | Queen's Law Student Panel**

- **Panelists:** *Maria Saba (2L), Aaron Tennant (2L), Constance Carrière-Prill (2L), Austin Layng (3L); moderator: Olivia Kuzmich*
- **Description:** What is the best way to study in law school? What extracurriculars should a first-year consider? What is mooted, and can 1Ls get involved? Coming into law school, there are naturally many questions that come to mind about all aspects of the student experience. Our Law School 101 panel is here to help. This collection of upper-year students will field any questions you might have about being a student at Queen's Law.

**10:30 AM | Experiential Learning at Queen's Law | Faculty and Student Panel**

- **Panelists:** *Queen's Law Clinics Executive Director Karla McGrath, Professor Lisa Kerr, Mariah Gillard (3L), Shayan Mehri (3L), Nosheen Hotaki (3L); moderator: Dr. Phillip Drew*
- **Description:** Queen's Law offers a variety of curricular and co-curricular opportunities to enhance your legal education. Queen's Law prides itself on its diversity of experiential learning opportunities. For example, students can intern at the local Crown Attorney's office, study at the Castle, take part in a placement at the Department of Justice in Ottawa, go on a public interest internship in Africa, or work at an international embassy. Whatever your interest, we can find a placement that is right for you.

**11:30 AM | Introduction to Law Students' Society (LSS) | Olivia Kuzmich, LSS President**

- **Description:** The Law Students' Society (LSS) is a vital forum that supports a wide-range of student clubs, affinity groups, social functions, and athletic activities to provide the student body with rewarding opportunities for student engagement and connection. All Queen's Law students are members of the LSS. Representatives from 1L, 2L, 3L also serve on the LSS, which is overseen by the LSS Core Executive. Olivia will introduce you to the LSS and how you can get involved.



# Orientation schedule

Stirling  
Hall. 64  
Bader  
Lane

Check out  
the full  
list of  
clubs...

## Day 2 - Monday, September 4, *cont'd*

### Where: Stirling Hall, 64 Bader Lane

#### Noon | Lunch and Introduction to Clubs | Club Representatives

- **Description:** Grab your bagged lunch and join us in the Courtyard to learn about some of the amazing clubs Queen's Law has to offer.

#### 1:00 PM | TRC and Calls to Action | Professor Lindsay Borrows

- **Description:** Professor Borrows will speak to the importance of advancing Indigenous knowledge and legal traditions, and the Faculty's progress in realizing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action no. 28. TRC Call to Action 28 calls for a broader understanding of Indigenous peoples and the law facilitated through educational offerings, and skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

#### 2:15 PM | Anti-Racism and Oppression | Sunita Gupta, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion consultant

- **Description:** Ms. Gupta is the Co-Founder of I2C Immigration Consulting and is recognized for her expertise in Equity, Diversity & Inclusion. An Active member of the Kingston community, she is involved as a volunteer on several boards and committees, currently as a Board Director for the Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce, Sub-Committee Member for the Mayor's Kingston Economic Recovery Team and other Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committees.

#### 3:30 PM | Indigenous Resurgence, Relationships and Reciprocity | Eddy Robinson, Indigenous Artist, Advocate and Educator

- **Description:** For 25 years, Mr. Robinson has been working on the frontline of social services and advocating for Indigenous communities locally, provincially, and nationally. As an Anishinaabe/Muskegowuk Cree of the Missanabie Cree First Nation, and son of a Residential School survivor, he will speak to the importance of building mutually-respectful relationships with Indigenous communities by creating culturally safe environments grounded in empathy, respect, and understanding.

#### 5:00 PM | LSS Games & Movie Night

- **Description:** Take this time to network and connect with upper-year students while enjoying some friendly competition over board games, and a movie!



# Orientation schedule

Interesting  
course  
options!

Yacht  
rock  
songs?

## Day 3 - Tuesday, September 5

### Where: Grant Hall, 43 University Ave

9:00 AM | Introduction to Student Services, Career Development, Wellness, and EDII

- Panelists:** Phillip Drew, Margie Gordon, Julie Banting, Stacia Loft, Jennifer Brierley
- Description:** Familiarize yourself with our wonderful staff members and the facilities/resources they offer. They are here to ensure you thrive!

### Where: Law Building, 128 Union

10:00 AM | Meet your Small Section Professors

- Panelists:** Professors: Baines, Metcalf, Cheung, Bala, Pratt, Maur, Henderson
- Description:** You will be split up into your 1L small-sections and have the opportunity to meet your small-section professor.

### Where: Grant Hall, 43 University Ave

12:00 PM | Lunch

1:00 PM | Introduction to the Canadian Legal System | Professor Jacob Weinrib

- Description:** Professor Weinrib, who specializes in constitutional law, legal & political thought, and public law, will provide an engaging introduction to the Canadian legal system, including the nuances of our bijural state where the common law and civil law coexist. He will speak to *Quong Wing v The King*, a famous Supreme Court of Canada decision where the Court upheld a provincial law involving in Saskatchewan regarding hiring practices made by a naturalized Canadian citizen.

2:45 PM | A Queen's Law Tasting Menu: Business Law, Criminal Law, Family Law, Indigenous Law, and International Law

- Panelists:** Professors: Lindsay Borrows, Ardi Imseis, Gail Henderson, Lisa Kelly; moderator: Associate Dean Mohamed Khimji
- Description:** our panel of professors will share their wisdom and advice about maximizing your law school experience while showcasing some of our strengths to help you navigate your time here.

4:30 PM | Networking Reception

- Description:** This is your opportunity to network with members of the Queen's Law alumni community, and hear about their experiences, professional journeys, and insights for incoming students.

### Where: Downtown Kingston

7:30 PM | Thousand Islands Boat Cruise | **\*\*STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE VALID ID\*\***

- Description:** Come and enjoy a two-hour cruise of the 1,000 Islands and mingle with your colleagues over drinks (refreshments available for purchase).



# Orientation schedule

mmmm BBQ

Wow! I  
met a  
SCC  
judge!

## Day 4 - Wednesday, September 6

**Where: Grant Hall, 43 University Ave**

### 9:00 AM | The Profession of Law | Supreme Court of Canada Justice Malcolm Rowe

- **Description:** Justice Malcolm Rowe, who was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 2016, is an esteemed jurist, lecturer, public servant and international law expert. In this talk, Justice Rowe will share his significant insights on the legal profession, and the evolution of law in the context of societal change. This is a unique opportunity to hear directly from a respected federal judge, who has a deep regard for Canada and its plurality, the advancement of equitable law making, as well as the advancement of reconciliation and treaty rights.

### 10:30 AM | Dean Flood's Official Welcome

- **Description:** Dean Colleen M. Flood, who began her five-year term in July 2023, will discuss her vision for the law school, the importance of student engagement and input, the incredible academic and non-curricular opportunities Queen's Law has to offer, and how to get the most out of this unique and transformative learning experience.

### 10:50 AM | Bio and Networking Break

### 11:30 AM | McCarthy Tétrault LLP Panel in Legal Ethics & Professional Responsibility: 'New Technologies; New Ethical Frontiers'

- **Panelists:** *Malcolm Mercer, Chair, Law Society Tribunal; Aliya Ramji, Law'07, Partner, McCarthy Tétrault and co-founder of MT>Ventures; moderator: Professor Mary Jo Maur*
- **Description:** A longstanding tradition of Queen's Law Orientation, students will be introduced to the importance of ethics and professionalism in their legal careers. Professor Mary Jo Maur will moderate a fascinating discussion with a panel of legal professionals.

### 1:00 PM | McCarthy's Lunch

### 2:00 PM | Sexual Violence and Harassment | Rebecca Rappeport

- **Description:** Ms. Rappeport is a Community Outreach and Student Support Worker in the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Service team at Queen's. She will provide an overview of university policies, as well as the variety of support, awareness, education, training and prevention programs that are available, and how disclosure and complaint processes operate.

### 3:30 PM | Thriving in Law School | Kara Hardin

- **Description:** As law students, you will be trained in how to perceive and understand the world through the lens of the law. To support and ensure students are equipped for the challenges and triumphs associated with that growth, Queen's students will learn: (1) the latest research related to the mental health and well-being of students and lawyers; (2) specific tools and techniques they can practice, alongside their academic development, to help cultivate a more fulfilling and healthy experience in law school and beyond.

## Where: Grant Hall

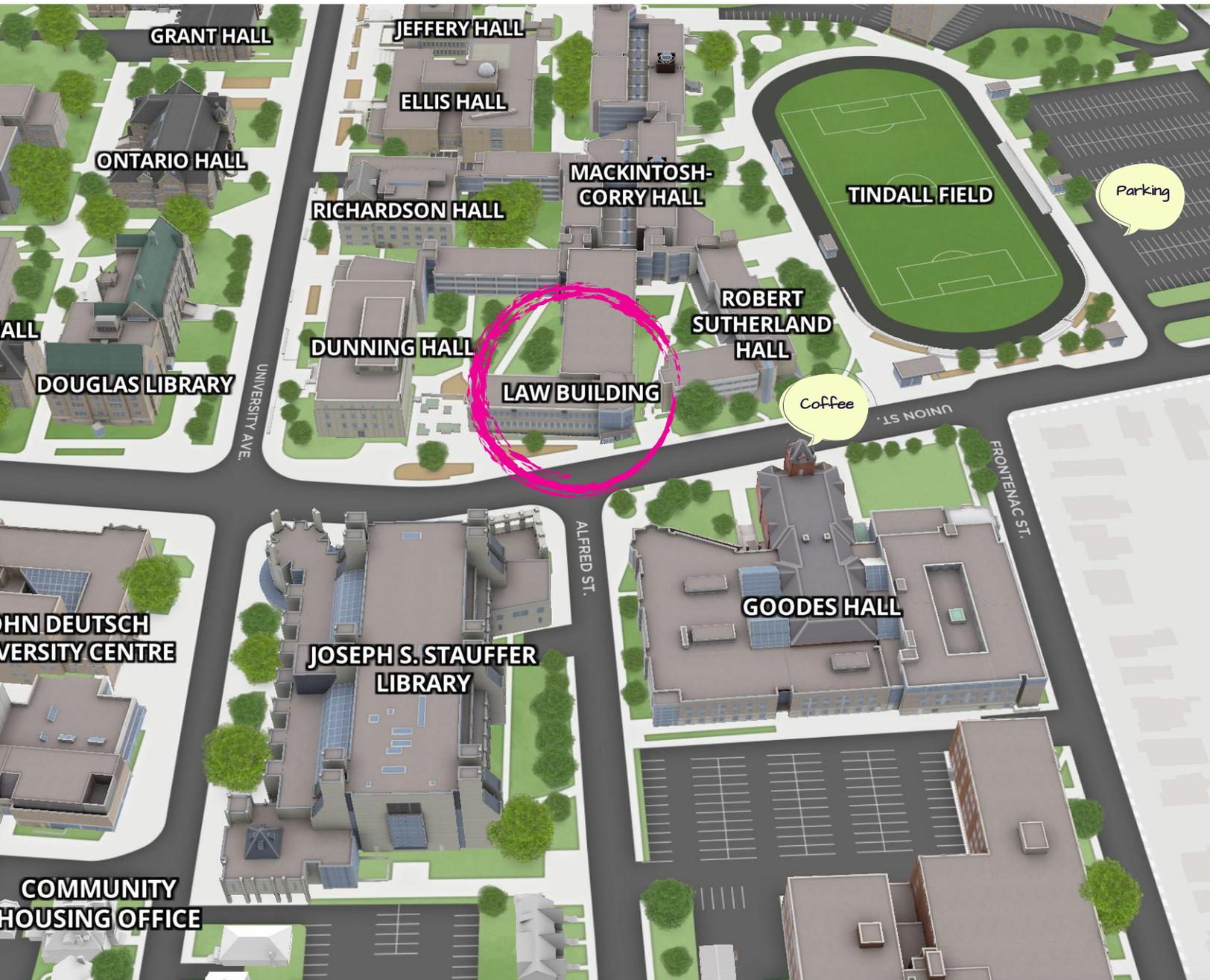
### 5:00 PM | Ceremony and BBQ

- **Description:** Join us to celebrate with all of your new friends and help bring an action-packed week of Orientation to a close, including a BBQ dinner with a variety of dietary options.



# Exploring campus

Queen's campus might seem a bit daunting at first, but give it a few days and you'll be pro. There are also a number of great online resources to get you situated.



**Scan here** to access an interactive, 3D campus map. You can find info on accessibility services, meal spots, where to exercise, water bottle filling stations, washrooms, Indigenous spaces, family-friendly spaces, multi-faith spaces for prayer and meditation, and much more!



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A photograph of a modern university building with a stone base and a glass upper section. In the foreground, there is a paved walkway, a bench, and some greenery. A tree with white blossoms is visible on the left.

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