



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Life at
GEORGETOWN LAW

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Georgetown Law sponsors a host of vibrant student organizations that are as diverse as our student population. Our 75+ active organizations provide students with opportunities to participate in social, educational, spiritual, professional networking and service related activities. Each organization maintains a unique identity and selects their leadership and programming. Student organizations often collaborate with other student groups and departments to host events that bring life to the Georgetown Law Community throughout the year. The Office of Student Life provides training, advising, resources and support for all recognized student organizations.

WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED IN A STUDENT ORGANIZATION?

Opportunities to build your leadership skills and become engaged in the Law Center community and beyond are available through our vast network of student organizations. Student organizations provide a forum for professional networking, involvement in hobbies and socializing. In addition, students are able to think more critically about current topics of interest and explore fields of law practically through their involvement in student organizations. Law students that are involved in student organizations report feeling more connected to the university and fellow law students. To learn more about getting involved with a student organization, visit the Office of Student Life website at www.law.georgetown.edu/studentlife/ or come and visit us at 170 McDonough Hall.

HOW DO I RE-ACTIVATE A STUDENT ORGANIZATION OR START A NEW ORGANIZATION?

The process to reactivate or start a new student organization is simple. First, talk to the Coordinator of Student Organizations in the Office of Student Life. Then, plan an information meeting to gauge student interest in the group. Next, submit the new Student Organization application and proposed organization constitution for approval. The Student Life Committee made up of students, faculty and staff evaluates the application and notifies the applicant whether the group has been approved as a student organization and if they are eligible for funding. To learn more about reactivating a group or starting a new organization, visit the Office of Student Life website at www.law.georgetown.edu/studentlife/

ACTIVE MINDS: educates students about mental health resources, works to reduce stigmas surrounding mental illness, and plans events for mental health advocacy

GEORGETOWN LAW AFRICAN STUDENTS SOCIETY (GLASS): fosters a sense of community among African students and encourages discussion and greater understanding of Africa through activities (glass@law.georgetown.edu)

AIDS LAW MOVEMENT¹ (ALM): advances legal scholarship on issues related to HIV/AIDS (AIDSlaw@law.georgetown.edu)

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION²: represents Georgetown Law in the ABA Law Student division and vice versa, promotes professional responsibility and the development of leadership programs and activities

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (ACLU AT GULC): to advance the discussion of civil liberties on campus and to advocate respect thereof at all levels of government.

AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY (ACS): dedicated to restoring the fundamental principles of respect for human dignity, protection of individual rights and liberties, genuine equality and access to justice to their rightful—and traditionally central—place in American Law (georgetownacs@law.georgetown.edu)

AMERICAN-JAPANESE LAW STUDENTS ALLIANCE¹ (AJLSA): promotes greater visibility and understanding of American-Japanese students as well as assisting those wishing to work in Japan

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: works for the release of prisoners of conscience who have neither used nor advocated violence (amnesty@law.georgetown.edu)

ARAB LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: promotes discussion of issues of the contemporary Arab world, celebrates the rich cultures of the Arab World, and familiarizes the Georgetown Law community with Arab society (alsa@law.georgetown.edu)

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (APALSA): advocates and promotes the needs and interests of its members (apalsa@law.georgetown.edu)

BEER APPRECIATION SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL CAMARADERIE (BASIC): provides a forum for discussion and appreciation of international beers

BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (BLSA): works to improve the black community's access to the law; sponsors academic enhancement activities for first-year students, recruitment and placement projects and cultural events (blsa@law.georgetown.edu)

BOARD GAME ENTHUSIASTS: promotes the hobby of multi-player board gaming

GEORGETOWN BOWLING CLUB¹: fosters sportsmanship and skills-building in the sport of bowling at Georgetown Law with outings and tournaments

GEORGETOWN LAW BRIDGE CLUB¹: promotes fellowship in the community and goodwill by practicing the game of bridge

GEORGETOWN LAW BROTHERS FORUM: provides community, support, mentorship and guidance for Black males by promoting the inclusion and success of minorities in the legal profession.

BUILDING A BETTER LEGAL PROFESSION (BUILD): cultivates an awareness of the social and economic structure of the legal profession to students

CARIBBEAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (CLSA): promotes unity, understanding and friendship among Caribbean and non-Caribbean students; addresses legal issues of importance to the Caribbean region

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: fosters a spirit of Catholic community and provides a forum for issues relevant to Catholicism

GEORGETOWN CHESS CLUB: introduces chess to the community and provides a venue for chess enthusiasts to improve skills

CHINA LEGAL FORUM: promotes Sino-U.S. understanding and addresses aspects of legal and economical development in China and regions of Chinese culture

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY (CLS): an interdenominational group that discusses issues common to their shared faith and experiences as prospective lawyers, as well as Bible study, fellowship and prayer (cls@law.georgetown.edu)

CORPORATE LAW ASSOCIATION (CLA): educates its members about the scope of business law practice, provides a forum to explore legal issues that relate to business and develops ties between the association and the Washington business law community (corporatelaw@law.georgetown.edu)

GEORGETOWN LAW DEMOCRATS: fosters the exchange of ideas and encourages political debates; works for the election of Democratic candidates on the local, state and federal levels through voter education and registration (lawdems@law.georgetown.edu)

DISABILITY LAW SOCIETY¹: promotes the study and practice of disability law and public policy (disabilitylaw@law.georgetown.edu)

GEORGETOWN LAW ENTERTAINMENT MEDIA ALLIANCE (GEMALAW): explores the fields of sports and entertainment law and establishes connections with professionals in the field (gemalaw@law.georgetown.edu)

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY: provides information on environmental law and sponsors a speakers program; participates in community events; promotes recycling (environment@law.georgetown.edu)

EQUAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION (EJF)²: promotes public service law; raises subsidies for and administers a student-funded fellowship program for summer student internships in public interest organizations (ejf@law.georgetown.edu)

EVASIVE MANEUVERS¹: offers students the opportunity to perform and take classes in various styles and levels of dance (evasive@law.georgetown.edu)

FEDERALIST SOCIETY: an organization of conservative and libertarian law students, faculty and lawyers; hosts national symposia on issues such as federalism and judicial activism (fedsoc@law.georgetown.edu)

GEORGETOWN LAW FLY FISHING CLUB: promotes the learning and practice of fly fishing

FOREIGN LAWYERS AT GEORGETOWN (FLAG): graduate law student association that promotes international legal and cultural understanding by a comparative law approach through social, academic and professional interaction between its members, the Georgetown community and law schools in the United States and abroad (flag@law.georgetown.edu)

GEORGETOWN LAW FRIENDS OF LIBERTY¹: promotes the idea that individual liberty is the cornerstone of the democratic experiment and encourages the free exchange of ideas to further the goal of protecting liberty

FRIENDS OF TRANSFER STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: serves the special needs of transfer students and provides seminars, social events and speakers

GEORGETOWN GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY (GG&SS): performs a musical, a dramatic production and a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta each year; organizes outings to local theatrical productions (ggss@law.georgetown.edu)

GLOBAL RACE & IDENTITY PROJECT (GRIP): draws from and extends the teachings and practice of Critical Race Theory, examining race and its intersectionality with different identities (grip@law.georgetown.edu)

GEORGETOWN GOLF CLUB: fosters participation in golf and encourages wide-spread coed participation and community involvement (golf@law.georgetown.edu)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: creates awareness and educates others about the problems of affordable housing, decent housing and homelessness (ghabitat@law.georgetown.edu)

HOME COURT²: raises awareness and funds for the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless through an annual basketball game between law professors and congressional leaders and senators (volunteer@homecourtdc.org)

HOYA LAWYER RUNNERS: forum for runners of all levels to participate in races; educates members on the benefits and methods of running; provides a social opportunity for individuals who share an interest in running (runners@law.georgetown.edu)

HOYA REALTY GROUP: introduces members to the practice of real estate law and urban development in a Global context

GEORGETOWN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION: develops meaningful human rights projects both within and beyond the University

INDEPENDENT MEDIA SOCIETY: educates and exposes the law center community to independent media, and those that work within the field of independent music and media

INNOCENCE PROJECT: assists in the investigation and aid of wrongfully convicted individuals whose innocence can be proven through the use of DNA testing (innocenceproj@law.georgetown.edu)

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION SOCIETY: promotes a greater appreciation of the practice of international arbitration and highlights the law center as one of the leading educational institutions in international arbitration ([intl Arbitration@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:intlarbitration@law.georgetown.edu))

INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY (ILS): seeks to increase interest in, and understanding of, comparative and international law practice by sponsoring speakers and panel discussions ([intl law@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:intlaw@law.georgetown.edu))

ITALIAN LAW SOCIETY: creates an Italian presence by sponsoring speakers, cultural and social events

J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY: helps its members deal with the intellectual, spiritual and social challenges encountered with the quest for achieving excellence in body, mind and spirit

JEWISH LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (JLSA): provides a sense of community for Jewish students by pursuing the cultural, political, religious, social, historical and ethical interests of the Georgetown Jewish community (jlsa@law.georgetown.edu)

JUST PRAISE GOSPEL ENSEMBLE: acts as a Christian music ministry, providing a spiritual and artistic outlet for students

KOREAN AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (KALSA): fosters a deeper understanding and awareness of the Korean American community and culture through social activities, lectures and panel discussions (kalsa@law.georgetown.edu)

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SOCIETY: creates a forum for students interested in labor and employment law and provides a network for the benefit of students and the labor and employment law community

LATIN AMERICAN LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION (LALSA): fosters a deeper understanding and awareness of the Latin American community and culture through social activities, lectures and panel discussions

LL.M. TAX COUNCIL: graduate law student organization which focuses on tax law

MILITARY LAW SOCIETY: serves as a social and academic forum for those interested in the armed forces or military law

GEORGETOWN LAW-MILITIA: Fosters greater awareness of legal issues concerning the right to keep and bear arms and the human right of self-defense

MUSLIM LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (MLSA): promote unity and joint action among Muslim students through educational, social, cultural and religious activities (muslim@law.georgetown.edu)

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD (NLG): maintains a longstanding interest in labor struggles and undertakes innovative projects in housing, military law, immigration, human rights, affirmative action and foreign affairs (nlg@law.georgetown.edu)

GEORGETOWN ORGANIZATION FOR EDUCATION LAW¹: serves the needs of Georgetown students and the community who are interested in the interrelationship between Education Law and policy by providing a forum for dialogue and discussion, serving as a resource for students to learn about careers in Education Law and working in conjunction with local organizations involved in Education Law

OUTLAW: promote lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) equality; provide opportunities to educate the Georgetown Law community on issues affecting LGBTQ people and create a welcoming social environment for LGBTQ students, their friends and allies (outlaw@law.georgetown.edu)

OUTREACH: increases involvement of the Georgetown Law's student body in service projects in the surrounding community and provides and facilitates opportunities for members to actively serve members of the local community who are in need of help to meet their basic needs (outreach@law.georgetown.edu)

PAKISTANI LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION¹: stimulates thought and activity among Georgetown Law students, promotes interest in Pakistani affairs and furthers the philosophy and culture of Pakistan

GEORGETOWN LAW PARENTS GROUP: provides support, resources and social opportunities for Georgetown Law student parents (parentsgroup@law.georgetown.edu)

PHI ALPHA DELTA (PAD): a legal fraternity that works to create a strong bond uniting students and teachers of the law with members of the Bench and Bar (pad@law.georgetown.edu)

PHILOSOPHY CLUB: fosters intelligent and friendly discussions about philosophy issues

PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE FOR LIFE (PAL): focuses primarily on the rights of unborn children and also the rights of the newborn, the elderly and the disabled (prolife@law.georgetown.edu)

LAW STUDENTS FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE (LSRJ)³: LSRJ supports law student activism, advocacy, and networking in order to ensure that new lawyers can successfully defend and expand reproductive freedom. (lsrjgeorgetown@gmail.com)

REPUBLICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: provides a forum for the rational discourse of Republican ideals and a framework through which Republican members of the Law Center community can participate in the political process (lawrepub@law.georgetown.edu)

RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OF GEORGETOWN LAW (RPCV): encourages social and professional networking between returned Peace Corps Volunteers, promotes international public service, and fosters the Peace Corps' values

GEORGETOWN LAW RUGBY CLUB¹: encourages coed participation in rugby, teaches the game and culture of the sport and provides a forum for competitive recreation

RUSSIAN SPEAKING LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (RSLA): develops networking and professional exchange among Russian speaking law students through the organization of discussion panels, lectures and networking events (rslg@law.georgetown.edu)

SECURITIES & FINANCIAL LAW SOCIETY¹: provides a forum for Georgetown Law students and alumni interested in meeting and discussing current topics in Securities and Financial Law

GEORGETOWN SOCCER CLUB: fosters a greater sense of community and increases interaction among J.D. evening and day students and LL.M. students while providing a recreational outlet for members of the Georgetown Law community by encouraging coed participation in soccer (soccer@law.georgetown.edu)

SOCIETY FOR HEALTH LAW & BIOETHICS: provides a forum for students and faculty who share an interest in law, medicine, science, health care and ethical issues (gulchealthlaw@law.georgetown.edu)

¹Currently inactive

³Not funded by the University or SBA

²Not funded by the Student Bar Association

GULC SOFTBALL CLUB: fosters wide-spread, coed participation in softball, encourages a greater sense of camaraderie and spirit among the student body by participating in regional and national tournaments (softball@law.georgetown.edu)

SOUTH ASIAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (SALSA): seeks to cultivate greater understanding of South Asia through cultural activities and speakers; fosters a sense of community and pride among South Asian students (salsa@law.georgetown.edu)

STUDENT ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (SALDF): seeks to educate on animal rights and the legal issues surrounding animal welfare (saldf@law.georgetown.edu)

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION (SBA): the student government of Georgetown Law, of which all students are voting members who elect the officers and delegates annually; responsible for funding student organizations and articulating student concerns (sba@law.georgetown.edu)

STUDENT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION (SIPLA): provides regular programs that explore various aspects of intellectual property law, including patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret and related antitrust law issues (sipla@law.georgetown.edu)

STUDENTS FOR SENSIBLE DRUG POLICY (SSDP): provides a forum for discussion of the political process and alternative solutions to the War on Drugs (ssdp@law.georgetown.edu)

STUDENTS IN LAW AS A SECOND CAREER¹: provides students who have had another career the opportunity to meet and share the law school experience

GEORGETOWN LAW TENNIS CLUB¹: fosters camaraderie and collegiality among Georgetown Law students, increases interconnectivity between the Georgetown Law and other Washington, DC schools, and reaches out to Washington, DC in a tangible way through the game of tennis

TURKISH LAW SOCIETY¹: encourages discussion and understanding involving Turkey through academic, professional and social interaction

UNITED NATIONS AT GEORGETOWN: creates opportunities for discussion of UN topics, provides efficient information on UN activities, and promotes UN internships (unitednations@law.georgetown.edu)

WINE TASTERS: educates the Georgetown Law community about all aspects of wine including appreciation, history, health benefits, pairing of wine with food and local vineyards (winetast@law.georgetown.edu)

WOMEN OF COLOR COLLECTIVE (WCC): promotes educational, career and social growth of women of color by addressing the specific needs of the female minority community at Georgetown Law (womenofcolor@law.georgetown.edu)

GEORGETOWN LAW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CLUB: encourages female athletes to participate in various basketball and athletic activities

WOMEN'S LEGAL ALLIANCE (WLA): a feminist organization with a diverse membership concerned with promoting the status of, and providing support for, women (wla@law.georgetown.edu)

WORKERS SOLIDARITY GROUP (WSG): provides legal referrals to Georgetown Law workers, teaches English as a Second Language classes to workers and strives to build community between students and workers (workers_solidarity@law.georgetown.edu)

WRIT OF KNIT: provides instruction in technique and practice of knitting for beginning through advanced levels, provides social outlet for knitters, and creates materials for donation to various charities

GEORGETOWN YOUTH ADVOCACY GROUP: educates, advocates and promotes awareness of and sensitivity to the complex range of issues affecting children (youthadvocacy@law.georgetown.edu)



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