

Georgetown University Law Center  
Student Bar Association  
2018-2019 House of Delegates



October 18, 2018

**Resolution 2018-2019-12: Resolution in Support of Georgetown University Law Center Offering a Liberal Leave Policy to Students to Participate in the Mid-Term Elections**

WHEREAS Georgetown University Law Center has a strong commitment to public service and civic engagement;

WHEREAS the demands of work and school prevent countless Americans from making their voices heard during elections;

WHEREAS students wishing to participate in get-out-the-vote initiatives should not be penalized by classes with mandatory attendance;

WHEREAS elections will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, during the week when classes are in session;

WHEREAS on days designated as “Liberal Leave,” “employees who do not report to work may use their accrued paid leave” and “employees who report to work by 11:00am will be paid for their normal workday”;

WHEREAS the Law Center implements a similar optional attendance policy during inclement weather:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Student Bar Association requests Georgetown University Law Center take the following actions to ensure there are no obstacles to voting for any member of the Georgetown community and to encourage participation in election related activities:

- Recommend that the administration designate November 6, 2018 as a Liberal Leave day;
- Permit all students access to recordings of all classes on November 6, 2018; and
- Prohibit professors from penalizing students for absence from class.

Respectfully submitted,

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