

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



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Resolution 2018-2019-7: Support for Recognition of If/When/How

WHEREAS it is the policy of Georgetown University Law Center that, “[a]s an institution of higher education...specifically committed to the Catholic and Jesuit tradition, Georgetown is committed to free and open inquiry, deliberation and debate in all matters, and the untrammelled verbal and nonverbal expression of ideas”; and

WHEREAS that policy further states that “[i]t is Georgetown University’s policy to provide all members of the University community, including faculty, students, and staff, the broadest possible latitude to speak, write, listen, challenge and learn”; and

WHEREAS If/When/How is a nationally recognized organization, providing fellowships, education, and networking for law school students; and

WHEREAS the If/When/How Georgetown chapter has hundreds of members, regularly co-sponsors events with many other recognized student groups, and holds at least one event each month; and

WHEREAS students come to Georgetown University Law Center to learn about and to pursue reproductive justice as careers and deserve the opportunity to participate in a student group in the topic of their future work; and

WHEREAS lack of recognition harms Georgetown students by depriving them of engaging with reproductive justice issues, especially in comparison with all other top law schools which have active and recognized reproductive justice student groups; and,

WHEREAS thirteen of the fifteen other Jesuit law schools have recognized If/When/How chapters and we are one of just two outliers;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Student Bar Association declares its support of If/When/How recognition by Georgetown University.

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