

**Georgetown University Law Center
Student Bar Association
2019-2020 House of Delegates
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Resolution 2019-2020-17: Tuition Affordability and Transparency

WHEREAS, the Georgetown University Law Center (GULC) is a leading institution of legal education and the preeminent U.S. law school based in the nation’s capital. The building blocks of any institution of higher learning must be: 1) a commitment to an affordable education; and 2) a commitment to transparency.

WHEREAS, full-time J.D. tuition for the 2019-2020 school year is \$64,548 and the estimated cost of attendance is \$94,500 per annum. Full-time L.L.M. tuition is \$66,650 and the estimated cost of attendance is \$96,402. Many students take out loans to cover a majority of these costs.

WHEREAS, earlier this year the GULC Administration raised J.D. tuition by 3.7 percent. The Administration never clearly communicated or explained this increase to the GULC community.

WHEREAS, GULC prides itself on its role in preparing the next generation of leaders. If tuition and fees continue to increase at a similar rate every year, GULC will soon cost more than \$300,000 to attend. Such large tuition increases prevent GULC from achieving its central mission of educating the future leaders of our profession. The price of a GULC education is already out of reach for so many prospective students. This is a moral imperative, an admissions problem, a student and family debt issue, a legal diversity issue, a public service dilemma, and is central to the future of the legal profession and to the price of Justice.

WHEREAS, our fellow students at the Georgetown University Main Campus have called for increased transparency and a University-wide tuition freeze for five years. In an editorial in The Hoya, Georgetown students noted that “the cost of education is skyrocketing nationwide: tuition is rising faster than inflation and eight times faster than wages.” <https://thehoya.com/editorial-implement-tuition-freeze/>

THEREFORE, and in solidarity with the Georgetown University Main Campus Students, be it resolved that the Student Bar Association of the Georgetown University Law Center endorses the call for a University-wide tuition and fee freeze. The SBA charges its representatives on the GULC Finance Committee with advocating for affordability and transparency.

Respectfully Submitted,

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