

**Georgetown University Law Center
Student Bar Association
2019-2020 House of Delegates**



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**Resolution 2019-2020-19 Hiring a Trauma Specialist on the Law
Center Campus**

WHEREAS, Georgetown University maintains the Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) office on the Law Center Campus.

WHEREAS, CAPS' staff is composed of a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a psychiatrist, and three Doctors of Psychology (Psy. D), none of whom have a specialty in trauma counseling.

WHEREAS, Georgetown University Main Campus' CAPS staff includes three practitioners who specialize in trauma and cognitive behavioral therapy, which is the treatment method most often used to manage trauma.

WHEREAS, Georgetown University Main Campus' Health Education Services (HED) is the primary campus provider of health education, and seeks to promote the health and well being of all students through care for the WHOLE Hoya: body, mind, and soul.

WHEREAS, HES offers consultation, networking, and advocacy for primary prevention, risk reduction, and disease prevention We also provide assessment, treatment, and/or referrals for students experiencing problems with substance abuse, eating disorders, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, pregnancy, and health.

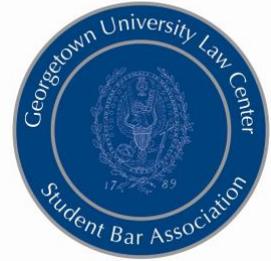
WHEREAS, Georgetown University Law Center previously had a part-time trauma specialist on campus to support students living with trauma-induced psychological conditions.

WHEREAS, Georgetown University Law Center offers courses and clinical experiences that include sensitive topics such as human rights and military violence, sexual assault, abuse, and other traumatic events that may trigger psychological response in students who have experienced or are experiencing traumatic events.

WHEREAS, post traumatic stress disorder and other trauma related psychological conditions severely hinder students' ability to fully engage with their coursework and, without the proper resources, can disadvantage students compared to their peers who have not experienced or are not experiencing these conditions.

WHEREAS, all Georgetown students deserve an equal opportunity to engage with difficult legal topics with the proper psychological support from the university and an inclusive environment sensitive to the unique experiences of every student.

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WHEREAS, an inclusive environment sensitive to the experiences of every student includes making appropriate resources available to help students balance the psychological demands of their legal studies and mental health and wellbeing

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Student Bar Association supports the hiring of a full time trauma specialist through Health Education Services.

Respectfully submitted,

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