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Environmental Law Society  envlawsoociety@tourolaw.edu
The Environmental Law Society’s goal is to promote an interest in environmental law and awareness of issues affecting both the natural environment and the legal landscape. The group sponsors events with guest speakers to further student knowledge and education in this area.

Family Law Society (FLS)  familylawsoociety@tourolaw.edu
The goal of FLS is to develop a network with domestic violence agencies and child protection services to facilitate clothing and food drives for victims. FLS develops networking opportunities for students to participate in internships with local family law firms, and arranges visits to the Supreme and Family Courts to witness first-hand matrimonial/family law trials.

Fashion Law Society  fashlaw@tourolaw.edu (inactive)
The goal of the Fashion Law Society is to introduce an emerging field of law to students who are open to exploring and advocating legal issues which have not yet been litigated in the courts. The organization’s mission is educating its members about new trends in fashion law as well as providing opportunities to network and create career prospects in the fashion law industry.

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Int’l Refugee Assistance Project, Touro Chapter (IRAP) irap@tourolaw.edu

IRAP of Touro is a student chapter of the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project national organization. The national organization organizes law students and lawyers to develop and enforce a system of legal and human rights for refugees through a combination of direct legal aid and systemic advocacy. IRAP is the first organization dedicated to providing comprehensive legal aid to refugees seeking resettlement, providing representation for those who have none, and helping vulnerable families and refugees navigate the complex rules and processes of the international resettlement system.

Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA) jlsa-staff@tourolaw.edu

JLSA is the on-campus chapter of the National Jewish Law Students Network. The group’s focus is on Israeli and Jewish law, and on Jewish cultural activities. Membership is open to all students, regardless of religious affiliation.

Labor and Employment Law Association (LELA) lela@tourolaw.edu

LELA sponsors programs and symposiums designed to provide “access” to noted attorneys and individuals associated with the labor and employment law field. They sponsor practitioners’ panels on various issues, and invite distinguished individual speakers to offer their commentary on issues of interest to the society membership and the law center community.

Lambda Law Students Association (LAMBDAA) lambda@tourolaw.edu

LLSA seeks to create and foster an environment that raises awareness for the legal and social issues of the LGBT community. LESA educates both the students and greater Touro Law Center community on these issues through a wide spectrum of events that includes panel discussions, guest speakers, and hot topic debates and discussions. The group also sponsors events and workshops for academic development.

Latino American Law Students Association (LALSA) labai@tourolaw.edu

LALSA focuses primarily on the interests of the Law Center’s Latino/Latina community through educational and social programs. Members also participate actively in regional and national Hispanic bar associations.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International (PAD) pad@tourolaw.edu

PAD sponsors professional and social activities for students, faculty and administration, with an emphasis on academic excellence and professional responsibility.

Public Interest Law Organization of Touro (PILOT) pilot-board@tourolaw.edu

PILOT is dedicated to student awareness of and involvement in public interest law and serving persons or groups with limited access to justice and the judicial system. The group sponsors programs on careers in public interest law and raises funds to supplement those provided by the school for Public Interest Law Fellowships and the Loan Forgiveness Program.

Real Estate Law Society rel@tourolaw.edu

The Real Estate Law Society provides an opportunity for students (some of whom are real estate brokers, salespersons, or property managers) to explore legal and business issues related to the purchase, sale, leasing and development of commercial and residential real estate.

Republican and Conservative Law Society republican@tourolaw.edu

The Republican–Conservative Law Society seeks to increase political awareness and activism in the law school community. They provide a forum within the law school for the discussion and promotion of Republican and Conservative politics. They foster political education by encouraging political discussion and debate at events. They plan to bring local and national level Republican and Conservative leaders and politicians to the law school for roundtable discussions, question and answer sessions, and lectures. The group encourages political debate with other political organizations on campus, and participates in community activities, including volunteering during campaign events.

Students Helping Students shs@tourolaw.edu (pending approval)

SHS is a student-centered program that was started in 2010. The SHS program’s mission is two-part: first, to serve as a source of comfort, guidance, and referral for fellow students no matter what their concerns or issues might be; and second, to compassionately and competently assist their peers who are at risk or in the throes of mental health problems. SHS assistants are available to offer internal and external resources to students in order to get them through their difficult time whether it be academic, social or personal. All conversations are confidential.

Suffolk County Bar Association, Student Committee jsha-c@tourolaw.edu

The SCBA Student Committee is a student chapter of the Suffolk County Bar Association, a private organization representing lawyers of Suffolk County. They are dedicated to offering networking and professional development opportunities for Touro Law students.

Tax Law Society (TLS) taxlaw@tourolaw.edu

TLS provides its members and the student body with an opportunity to hear educational and interactive presentations about taxation, the economy and current events within the tax professional world, as well as to learn from and network with various tax law practitioners and guest speakers.

Touro Alternate Dispute Resolution Society (Touro ADR) touro-adr@tourolaw.edu

Touro ADR is the Law Center’s Alternate Dispute Resolution organization. The society conducts programs on mediation,conciliation, arbitration and related subjects. Touro ADR also conducts a training program leading to formal certification as a mediator.

Unemployment Action Center, Touro Chapter (UAC) 2017unemployactionctr@tourolaw.edu (pending approval)

UAC provides representation for unemployment insurance claimants throughout New York City and Long Island. The Chapter coordinates the training of advocates, carried out in accordance with the guidelines established by the UAC Board of Directors, to ensure the competence of the representation provided by the Chapter.

Veterans Law Student Organization (VLSO) veteranlaw@tourolaw.edu

VLSO helps Touro Law students affected by veteran issues establish a community of support, increase understanding of veteran issues, encourage participation in pro bono projects that address veteran issues, and work with the Veterans’ and Servicemembers’ Rights Clinic and the Alumni Veterans Advisory Council. Students who are veterans, have family members who are veterans, or are interested in veterans law and veteran issues are welcome to join.

Women’s Bar Association (WBA) jsha-staff@tourolaw.edu

WBA is an active voice at the Law Center on gender–related legal issues. They sponsor frequent programs on subjects such as women in the courts, sexual harassment, workplace issues, and breast cancer and reproductive rights. WBA also offers social and networking opportunities with students, alumni and local practitioners.

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Trial Advocacy and Practice Society (TAPS) taps@tourolaw.edu

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Faculty-Run Journals:

Journal of Aging, Longevity, Law, and Policy jolllp@tourolaw.edu

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Journal of Experiential Learning nberman@tourolaw.edu

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