

# Student Organizations



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Touro Law Center fosters an environment which builds relationships among students, faculty and administration. While active membership will vary each year, the law center welcomes and encourages student development and participation in a wide variety of organizations.

## Student Bar Association (SBA)

SBA is the Law Center's student government and the umbrella organization for all other student organizations. It is governed by a five-member executive board and representatives from each class in both the full-time and part-time divisions. The SBA fosters relationships among students, faculty and administration; represents the student body at faculty meetings and on committees; conducts programs and funds student organizations. All students are members of the SBA.

## American Bar Association/ Law Students Division (ABA/LSD)

ABA/LSD is the on-campus chapter of the American Bar Association. Members participate in national competitions in negotiation, client counseling and appellate advocacy, and represent the school at regional and national meetings.

## Arts, Entertainment & Sports Law Society

Through symposia, lectures, career planning seminars and social events, the Arts, Entertainment & Sports Law Society interacts with prominent attorneys and agents in the rapidly expanding sports and entertainment fields.

## Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)

APALSA conducts professional and social programs that emphasize legal and cultural issues of concern to Asian and Pacific Americans, as well as the larger Law Center community.

## Black Law Students Association (BLSA)

BLSA is part of the National Black Law Students Association. The goal of the organization is to encourage scholarship and excellence among black law students. The Law Center chapter sponsors many activities and operates a mentoring program.

## Business Law Society (BLS)

The goal of BLS is to provide its members and the student body with opportunities to hear educational and interactive presentations about financial markets, the economy and current events in the business world, as well as to learn from and network with various business law practitioners and guest speakers.

## Criminal Law Society (CLS)

CLS is made up of members who share a passion and interest in criminal law and criminal justice themes. CLS provides its members with educational forums where both prosecution and defense points of view are represented. The society holds networking social engagements with prosecutors and Legal Aid defense lawyers.

## Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity

Delta Theta Phi is a professional legal fraternal organization committed to providing a spirit of cooperation by offering an opportunity for lawyers and law students to promote their personal, professional, and intellectual growth through networking, leadership training, scholarship, guidance, and a collective responsibility to the fraternity and the future of the legal profession.

## Disability Law Society (DLS)

The goal of DLS is to provide information, both substantive and vocational, to students interested in the law as it relates to disability law, both physical and mental. DLS sponsors programs and symposia designed to give the students in attendance an open forum to discuss relevant issues, current practices, and provide reasonable "access" to noted attorneys and individuals associated with this field.

## Elder Law, Trusts & Estates Association

The goal of the Elder Law, Trusts & Estates Association is to hold programs with prominent guest speakers in order to generate an interest in the field. The association contributes to causes such as Nassau/Suffolk Law Services, where elderly clients who cannot afford a private attorney can get assistance with their legal issues.

## Environmental Law Society

The Environmental Law Society sponsors programs and events involving environmental awareness and legal issues.

## Family Law Society (FLS)

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

The goal of the Fashion Law Society is to introduce a new and 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.

## Federalist Society

The Federalist Society is a national organization of lawyers and law students dedicated to conservative and libertarian issues and causes. The Law Center chapter conducts programs and sponsors appearances by distinguished professors and jurists from around the country.

## Immigration Law Students Association

The goal of the Immigration Law group is to promote legal awareness and education in the area of immigration and naturalization law, and to foster interest in a career in immigration law.

## Intellectual Property Law Society

The Intellectual Property Law Society is dedicated to conducting programs, providing information and offering networking opportunities in areas such as patent, copyright and trademark law; hardware and software contracts; e-commerce; privacy and computer crime; and First Amendment rights in the digital age.

## International Law Review

International Law Review is a student-run online journal which focuses on pressing issues of international law with an emphasis on publishing short, timely articles as international legal events unfold.

## International Law Students Association, Touro Chapter (ILSA)

ILSA of Touro is a member society of the International Law Students Association, as well as an independent student organization at Touro Law School dedicated to the promotion of international law. The group's mission is to advise students of opportunities in international law, publicize ILSA events, assist Touro teams in their participation for the Jessup moot court competition, update students on bar association events, hold speaker events with international law scholars and practitioners, and gain recognition for Touro and the student body.

## Italian-American Law Students Association

The Italian-American Law Students Society is the student division of a statewide network of attorneys and judges of Italian-American heritage. The group invites prominent guest speakers and gives members the opportunity to meet high-profile practicing attorneys and jurists at monthly meetings.

## Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA)

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.

## Journal of Race, Gender and Ethnicity

The Journal of Race, Gender and Ethnicity enriches the educational experiences of students and the law school community by providing a scholarly forum for the study of issues surrounding race, gender, ethnicity and the law. Participation provides an avenue for students to practice and enhance their research, writing and editing skills.

## Labor and Employment Law Association (LELA)

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, as well as invite distinguished individual speakers to offer their commentary on issues of interest to the society membership and the law center community.

## Latino American Law Students Association (LALSA)

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.

## Lesbian Gay Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) Law Student Association (AMICUS)

AMICUS sponsors social and educational programs, represents the interests of lesbian and gay members of the Law Center community, participates in public interest legal projects, and is active in regional and national lesbian and gay law student organizations.

## Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International (PAD)

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 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

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.

## South Asian American Law Students Association (SAALSA)

SAALSA serves the needs of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Guyanese and other South Asian students, but is open to all students interested in South Asian culture, issues or legal systems.

## Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Touro Chapter (SALDF)

SALDF of Touro Law is dedicated to providing a forum for education, advocacy, and scholarship aimed at protecting the lives and advancing the interests of animals through the legal system, and raising the profile of the field of animal law. The organization aims to promote education of institutionalized animal abuse to the community and engage in projects to prevent and combat that abuse.

## Student Disaster Relief Network (SDRN)

SDRN is part of a national association dedicated to providing long-term assistance to communities affected by Hurricane Katrina. SDRN works with law students and administrators throughout the United States to create and coordinate volunteer opportunities for law students in the Gulf Coast.

## Tax Law Society (TLS)

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

## Touro Law Basketball Society

Touro Law Basketball Society aims to use basketball to provide networking opportunities with other law schools and Manhattan law firms through participation in Lawyers' Basketball League of NYC. Law Schools compete every Spring semester. Winners of the Law School Division play against champions of the highest-ranked Law Firm Division at Madison Square Garden in mid-April.

## Trial Advocacy and Practice Society (T.A.P.S)

T.A.P.S provides education and training for students interested in the field of trial litigation, practical guidance and competition style simulations to its members in the field of trial advocacy and practice, and members with opportunities to compete against fellow members in "trial" competitions.

## Unemployment Action Center, Touro Chapter (UAC)

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)

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)

WBA is an active voice at the Law Center on gender-related legal issues. It sponsors 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.