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Approval of Fine and Performative Arts Club By-Laws Amendment

Bill No. 029

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

SPONSOR: Spaulding, M

COSPONSORS:

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to approve the amendment to the Fine and Performative Arts Club to get their bylaws into compliance with SBA Rules. Per Bylaw Eight, the Bylaws Committee voted to approve the change that Fine and Performative Arts Club By-Laws added to their Constitution.

BILL TEXT:

Section 1 – Attachment A, entitled “Fine and Performative Arts Club By-Laws,” shall serve as the updated Constitution, Charter, and Bylaws, for the SBA-Chartered Entity known as the Fine and Performative Arts Club.

Section 2 – The Executive Secretary shall transmit an electronic copy of this bill to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and the Director of Academic and Student Programs.

Section 3 – This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

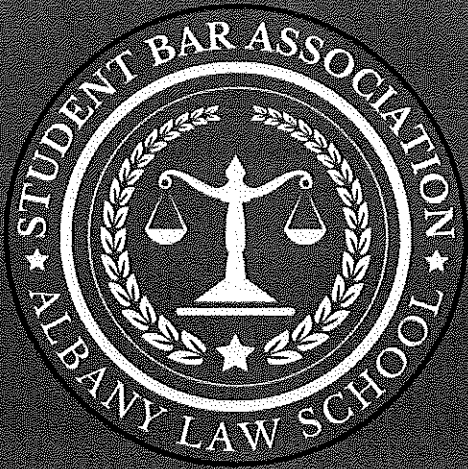
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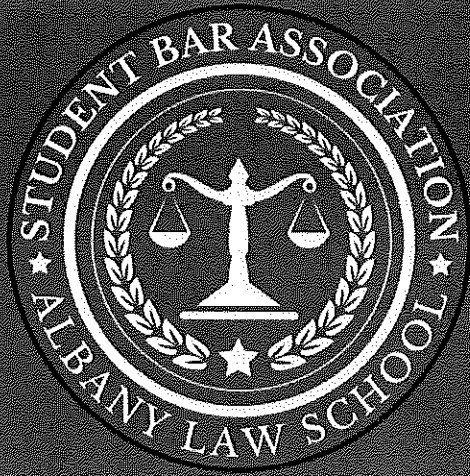
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Approval of Phi Alpha Delta Bylaws Amendment

Bill No. 030

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

SPONSOR: Spaulding, M

COSPONSORS:

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to approve the amendment to the Phi Alpha Delta Rockefeller Chapter's Constitution to get their bylaws into compliance with SBA Rules. Per Bylaw Eight, the Bylaws Committee voted to approve the change that Phi Alpha Delta Rockefeller Chapter added to their Constitution.

BILL TEXT:

Section 1 – Attachment A, entitled “P.A.D. Law Chapter Model By-Laws,” shall serve as the updated Constitution, Charter, and Bylaws, for the SBA-Chartered Entity known as the Phi Alpha Delta Rockefeller Chapter.

Section 2 – The Executive Secretary shall transmit an electronic copy of this bill to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and the Director of Academic and Student Programs.

Section 3 – This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

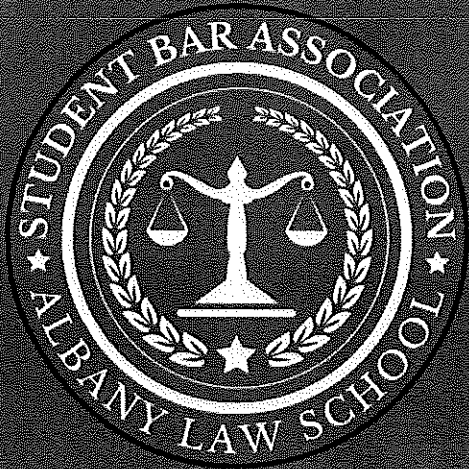
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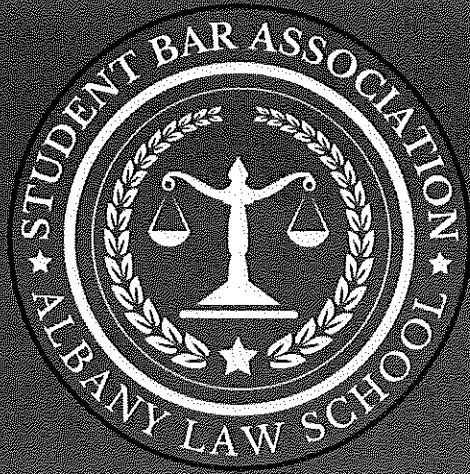
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Approval of International Law Society By-Laws Amendment

Bill No. 031

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

SPONSOR: Spaulding, M

COSPONSORS:

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to approve the amendment to the International Law Society to get their bylaws into compliance with SBA Rules. Per Bylaw Eight, the Bylaws Committee voted to approve the change that International Law Society By-Laws added to their Constitution.

BILL TEXT:

Section 1 – Attachment A, entitled “International Law Society By-Laws,” shall serve as the updated Constitution, Charter, and Bylaws, for the SBA-Chartered Entity known as the International Law Society Club.

Section 2 – The Executive Secretary shall transmit an electronic copy of this bill to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and the Director of Academic and Student Programs.

Section 3 – This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

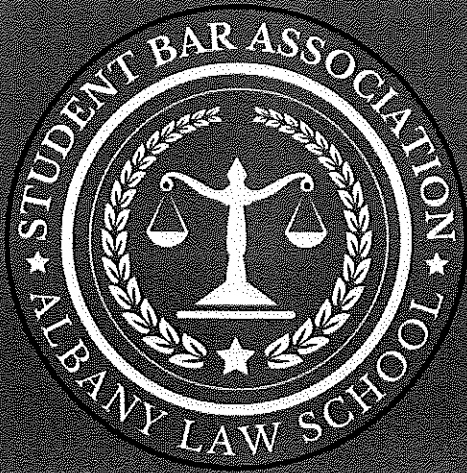
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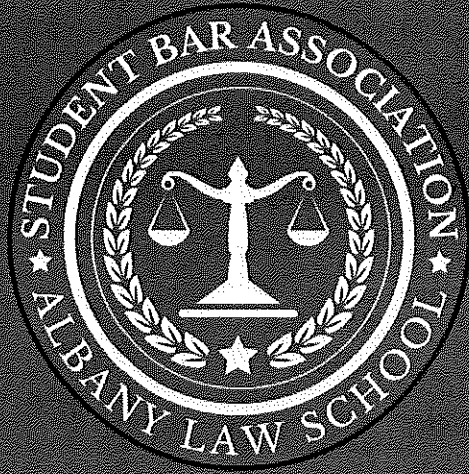
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Bylaw Five Revisions: Absences

Bill No. #032

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: November 8, 2023

SPONSOR: Sevor, Max A.

COSPONSORS: Spaulding, Mitchell

PURPOSE: This bylaw will create a cap on absences and permit the Senate to remove members who have exceeded the limit.

BILL TEXT:

Section 1 – Section (X)(x) of the Bylaw Five is amended to read as follows:

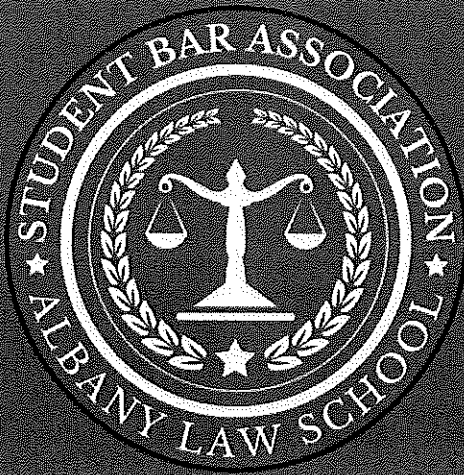
Bylaw Five: Senate Member Removal Procedure and Resignation Process

1) Process used by Non-Senate Members: Petition and Recall

a) A petition may be created demanding the recall of any elected Member of the Senate. This petition must contain any charges upon which the recall is based. It must be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the SBA for a school-wide elected position or by a majority of the members of a specific class for a class board position.

b) This petition is to be submitted preferably to the Executive Secretary or in the case of conflict to any member of the Executive Board. Notice and a duplicate of the petition must be given to the officer named in the petition within one (1) school day after its receipt. The officer receiving the petition must call a meeting of the full Membership of the Senate within two (2) school days of its receipt. The Elections Committee shall be required to attend this meeting.

c) The Elections Committee shall be responsible for verifying each and every signature on the petition, and for determining if the necessary percentage of signatures has been obtained. If the petition is valid and contains the necessary percentage of signatures, the Elections Committee shall hold a special recall election. The recall election shall be held no earlier than five (5) school days from the time the petition is validated. To be a valid recall election, fifty percent (50%) of the eligible voters must participate. A simple



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majority of those voting must vote in the affirmative in order to recall the elected official. If the Member is voted out, according to the requirements set forth above, then the vacancy shall be filled according to Article II § 6.

2) Process used by Senate Members: Internal Recall

a) An elected Member of the Senate may be removed from office by a vote of the full Membership of the Senate for gross dereliction of duties. The vote must be made by the full Membership of the Senate as set forth in section 3(a) of these bylaws, with the exception of the member being voted on.

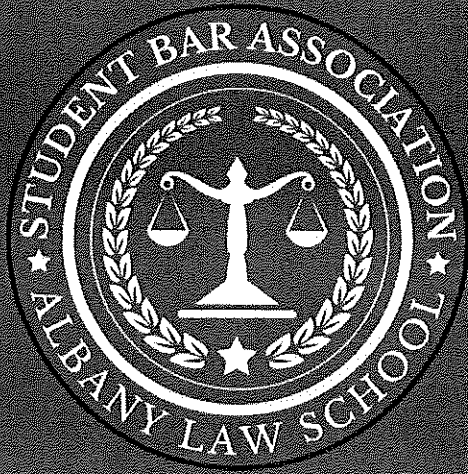
b) There must be a three-fourths vote for the removal to be allowed. The Member being voted on must receive actual notice of the impending vote and must receive notice at least five (5) school days before the vote. The member being voted on must be informed of the formal charges and the reasons for the impending vote at least five (5) school days before the vote. Prior to the vote, the Member being voted on must be allowed to address the full Senate for the purposes of responding to the charges alleged. The Member shall so address the full Senate at the meeting in which the vote is to occur. The member being voted on shall immediately receive the results of the vote. If the Member is voted out, according to the requirements set forth above, then the vacancy shall be filled according to Article II § 6.

c) "For the purposes of Bylaw Five § 2, a "gross dereliction of duty" includes, but is not limited to, a Member of the Senate being absent for three or more Student Bar Association meetings in one semester, a Member of the Senate being absent for four or more Committee Meetings, or any other act or omission demonstrating reckless, gross, or deliberate disregard for any obligations or duties owed to the Student Bar Association or Albany Law School."

3) Resignation Process

a) If a Senate Member wishes to resign, they may do so via a written petition to the Executive President and Executive Secretary. This petition shall include the reason(s) for the resignation as well as the following affirmation:

i) "I, (Senate Member's name), being of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily make this resignation from my office of (position title). I understand that I will



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not be able to revoke this resignation after the submission. I have taken all factors into account and consider this resignation final.”

- b) Within two (2) school days from the receipt of the resignation, the Executive President shall inform the full Senate Membership of the Senate Member’s resignation and the Special Election Procedure in Bylaw Seven shall be followed.

Section 2 – This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

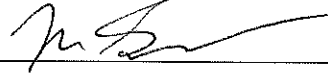
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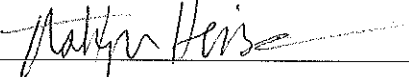
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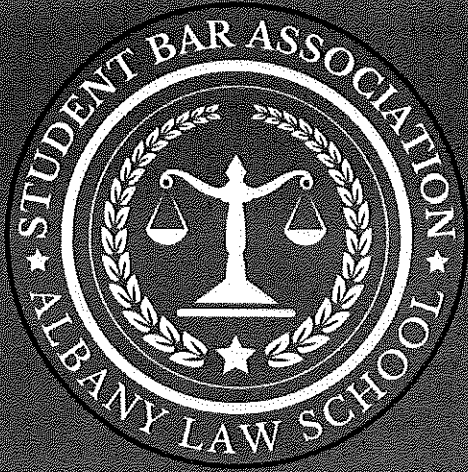
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Constitution Article IV Section 2(j) Addition

Bill No. 033

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

SPONSOR: Spaulding, M.

COSPONSORS: Jacobs, N.

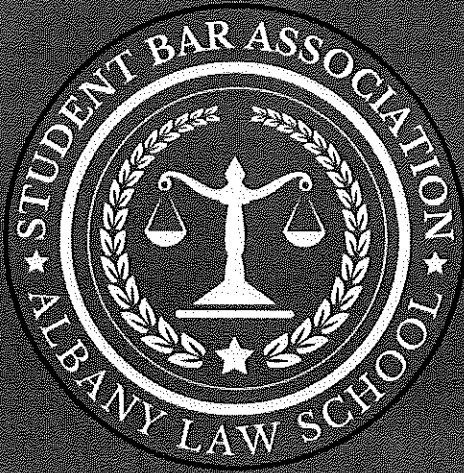
PURPOSE: To add the safety committee to the Constitution to ensure its formation and continued existence.

BILL TEXT:

Section 1 – Constitution Article IV Section (2)(j) is added to the constitution, which reads as follows:

- j) The Safety Committee shall be responsible for promoting and ensuring the safety and security of all students, staff, and visitors within the school premises. The Safety Committee shall also develop and recommend safety policies and procedures to school administrators, raise awareness about safety-related issues among the student body, collaborate with relevant school authorities and external organizations to enhance safety measures, and Act as a liaison between students and school administration in safety matters.
 - i) The Safety Committee shall be chaired by the Executive Vice President.
 - ii) The Safety Committee shall have at least four (4) and no more than five (5) members comprised of at least one (1) student from each class year and at least one (1) non-elected member from the student body.
 - iii) The Safety Committee shall meet, with the schedule determined at the start of each academic year, or convene when deemed necessary.
 - iv) Should a safety complaint or report arise to the Safety Committee, such report must be addressed by the Safety Committee in conjunction with campus security.

Section 2 – The Executive Secretary shall transmit an electronic copy of this bill to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and the Director of Academic and Student Programs.



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Section 3 – This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

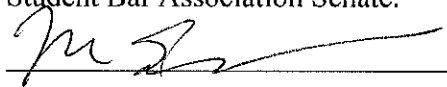
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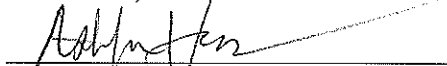
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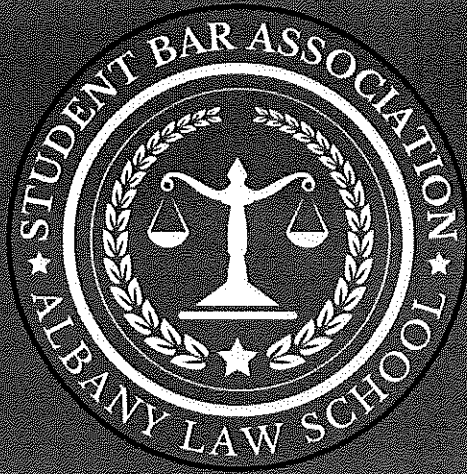
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Constitution Article IV Section 2(e) Revision

Bill No. 034

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

SPONSOR: Spaulding, M.

COSPONSORS: Jacobs, N.

PURPOSE: To change the constitution to allow for a third non-elected member to be able to become a member of the Ethics Committee. This will conform to the number of members laid out in our bylaws.

BILL TEXT:

Section 1 – Constitution Article IV Section (2)(e) is amended to read as follows:

e) The Ethics Committee shall provide oversight of the activities of student groups, class years, and the Senate.

- i) The Ethics Committee shall be chaired by the Executive Vice President.
- ii) The Ethics Committee Chairperson shall not cast any votes, with the exception to break a tie.
- iii) The Ethics Committee shall be composed of the Executive Vice President, at least two (2) elected Senate Members, and ~~two (2)~~ three (3) non-elected members of the Senate taken from the student body.

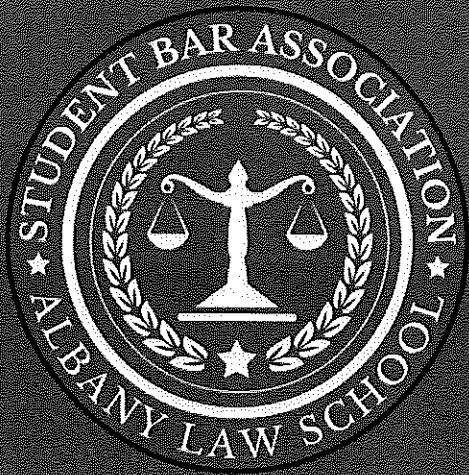
Section 2 – The Executive Secretary shall transmit an electronic copy of this bill to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and the Director of Academic and Student Programs.

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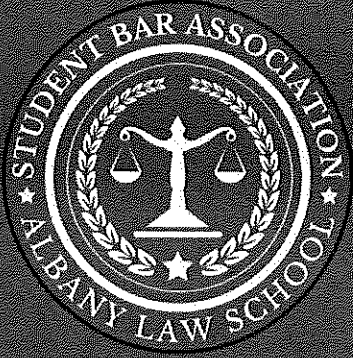
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REVISIONS TO BYLAW SIX

Bill No. 035

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

SPONSOR: Jacobs, N.

COSPONSORS: Spaulding, M.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to approve the changes to Bylaw Six to allow for more discretion when handling ethics disputes.

BILL TEXT:

Section 1 –Bylaw Six is amended to read as follows:

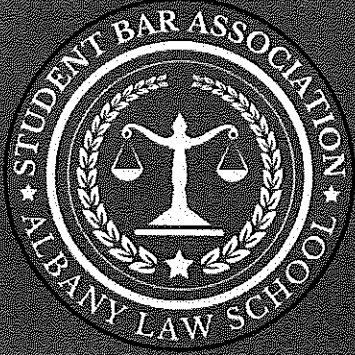
Bylaw Six: SBA-Related Reporting

1) Reporting Process for SBA-related issues

a) Senate Members and non-Senate Members shall use this process to Report a Senate Member, a Committee Member, or an SBA-Chartered Organization for any of the following:

- i) Not performing in their position (“Non-Performance Report”)
- ii) Acting in an improper manner at any school function (“Impropriety Report”)
- iii) For anything that is in violation of any Albany Law School Policy, the SBA Constitution and Bylaws, or an SBA-Chartered Organization’s Charter or Bylaws (“Violation Report”)
- iv) If the Complaint is about discrimination or segregation, follow the process outlined in Bylaw Twelve.

b) Complaints shall only be made about actions committed within the current calendar year starting from the end of the previous Spring Semester.



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c) A Senate Member, Committee Member, or SBA-Chartered Organization ("Reported Entity") may have a complaint ("Complaint") filed against them by a Senate Member or Non-Senate Member ("Reporting Individual"). The Reporting Individual must bring the Complaint before the Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee shall not act as an investigative body; but instead, they must help the Reporting Individual draft the Report for their Complaint and file it with the correct person.

d) Process:

i) The Reporting Individual must give written notice, via email or letter, to the Ethics Committee Chairperson that they have a Complaint they would like to be investigated.

(1) The reporting Individual has the option to request mediation with the Executive President and the Ethics Committee Chair.

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ii) The Reporting Individual shall remain anonymous to the Reported Entity and the student body; however, the Reporting Individual may not remain anonymous to the Ethics Committee, Senate Faculty Advisor, and Disciplinary Panel.

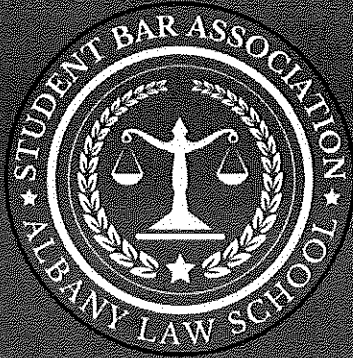
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iii) Upon ~~such~~ written notice, the Ethics Committee Chairperson has two (2) school days to notify the Ethics Committee.

iv) The Ethics Committee must convene within ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) school days upon receiving notice from the Ethics Committee Chairperson, with the Reporting Individual in attendance ("Report Meeting").

v) The Reporting Individual shall discuss the allegations they would like the Report to include and shall provide any proof of such allegations.

vi) If the Reporting Individual has any witnesses, such witnesses shall be noted within the Report. The Ethics Committee shall not discuss the Report with the witnesses.



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vii) During such meeting, the Ethics Committee shall compile a Report that includes, among other things, such elements:

(1) A title that identifies the nature of the Report, either:

- (a) "Non-Performance Report";
- (b) "Impropriety Report"; and/or
- (c) "Violation Report"

(i) Note: a Report may contain more than one type of issue. In that case, each issue shall be dealt with separately, but can be reported, investigated, and decided on concurrently.

(2) Date the Complaint was received;

(3) Identity of the Reporting Individual;

(4) Date of the Ethics Committee Meeting about the Report;

(5) Each allegation made with supporting facts;

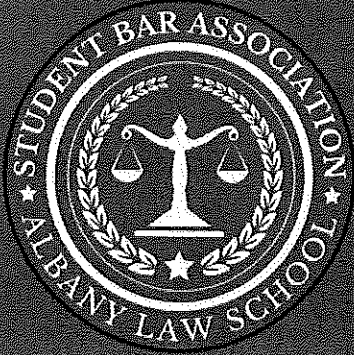
(6) Names of any witnesses, should there be any;

(7) A solution, should there be one, the Reporting Individual has for the situation; and

(8) Any proof the Reporting Individual has in support of the allegations being made.

(9) At the bottom of the Report, each Ethics Committee Member who was present at the Ethics Committee Meeting must sign the document, certifying that all information contained will remain confidential.

(a) Any violation of this confidentiality will result in an immediate suspension from the Ethics Committee, and a direct report to the Executive President, who will initiate the procedure outlined in sections two (2) and three (3) below.



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2) Once a Report has been completed:

a) The Ethics Committee shall vote on whether or not to send it forward with the process. To not send it forward, this vote must be a unanimous decision. The committee will then report a redacted version of its findings to the Senate.

i) This decision can be appealed by the reporting entity to the Executive President. The Executive President shall review the report and make a determination as to the status of the appeal. If the Executive President denies the appeal the process is complete. If the Executive President overrules the Ethics Committee the report proceeds pursuant to Section 2(b) below. Such determination must be reported to the Senate Faculty Advisor.

b) The Ethics Committee Chairperson shall send the Report to the Executive President within one (1) day of the Report Meeting. The Executive President shall then bring the Report to the Senate Faculty Advisor within two (2) school days of receipt for the Senate Faculty Advisor to determine if there has been a violation of school policy.

i) If the Senate Faculty Advisor determines that there is a violation of school policy, the Senate Faculty Advisor shall have full discretion over the investigation and disciplinary process.

c) If the Report is found to not be a violation of school policy:

i) Within two (2) school days of receiving the determination from the Senate Faculty Advisor, the Executive President shall convene the Disciplinary Panel, or

ii) The Executive President, with the consent of all of the reporting entities, may, at their discretion, convene one or more of the reported entities, reporting entities and the Ethics Committee chairperson to moderate a discussion before the panel convenes. Within two (2) school days of receiving the determination from the Senate Faculty Advisor, the Executive President shall convene the Disciplinary Panel.

3) Disciplinary Panel Composition and Operation

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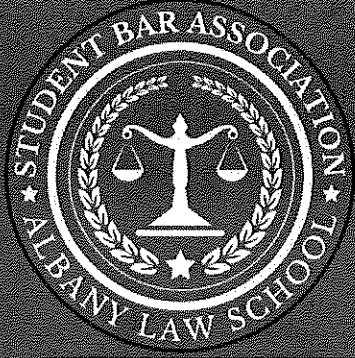
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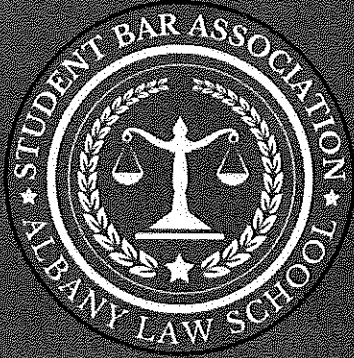


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- a) The Executive President shall oversee the composition and operations of the Disciplinary Panel ("Panel Chairperson").
- b) The Disciplinary Panel shall be composed of:
 - i) The Executive President;
 - ii) The Ethics Committee Chairperson;
 - iii) Two non-Senate Members of the Ethics Committee chosen by the Executive President; and
 - iv) Three Senate Members chosen by the Executive President.
 - (1) The three Senate Members must not consist of more than two Officers, or more than two Senate Members from the same Class Senate.
 - v) The composition of the Disciplinary Panel is subject to change at the discretion of the Panel Chairperson.
 - vi) The Panel Chairperson may waive any conflict reasonably necessitated by the circumstances.

4) Initial Hearing

- a) The Disciplinary Panel shall meet with the Reported Entity to discuss the allegations contained in the Report within five (5) school days of the Panel Chairperson receiving the decision from the Senate Faculty Advisor ("Initial Hearing").
 - i) This is an opportunity for the Reported Entity to be heard. After the Initial Hearing, the Reported Entity may supply additional evidence or witnesses within two (2) school days.
 - ii) The Reported Entity shall be subject to confidentiality and may not disclose any information about the Initial Hearing or Report.



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iii) If confidentiality is breached, the Reported Entity will be immediately subject to discipline outlined in section 6(b).

5) Investigation

a) The Disciplinary Panel has full discretion to:

i) Bring in witnesses, if there are any;

(1) Witnesses can be from the Report or from the Reported Entity after the Initial Hearing.

(2) A witness can supply a statement in lieu of coming before the Disciplinary Panel.

(3) A witness cannot be forced or required to testify or file a statement, but the witness may choose to do so.

ii) Bring in the Reporting Individual; or

iii) Request the attendance and advisement of the Senate Faculty Advisor.

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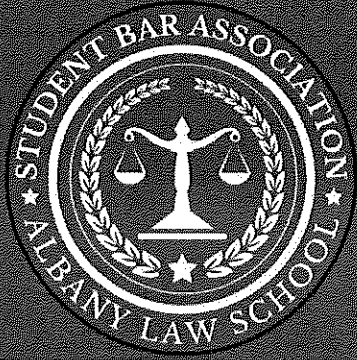
6) Completion of the Investigation

a) The Disciplinary Panel must render a decision within thirty (30) days from the Initial Hearing.

b) If the Disciplinary Panel has reasonably determined that the Reported Entity has engaged in misconduct, the Disciplinary Panel has full discretion in determining whether the Reported Entity shall be subject to discipline. The Disciplinary Panel must vote in the majority for any action they take. Discipline can be, but is not limited to:

i) Removal of the Senate Member from the Senate by the Removal Process in Bylaw Five;

(1) The Removal Process shall be initiated by the Panel Chairperson



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ii) Probation of the Senate Member or non-Senate Member, meaning their attendance at other SBA functions may be prohibited;

iii) Restriction of SBA Funds;

iv) Taking away SBA recognition;

v) Training conducted by other faculty offices; and/or

vi) Any other disciplinary action as deemed proper by the Disciplinary-__Panel.

c) Misconduct shall include, but is not limited to, any violation of;

i) The ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 8.4;

ii) The New York Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 8.4;

iii) The Albany Law School Student Handbook;

iv) These Bylaws and Constitution; or

iv) any dereliction of duty, unlawful, or improper behavior.

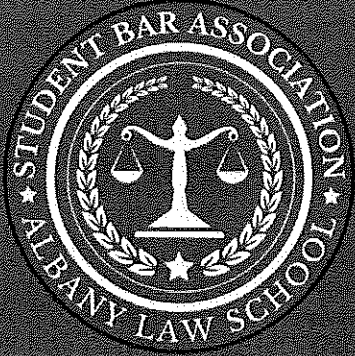
de) The Disciplinary Panel has full discretion to determine whether the outcome of the investigation shall be read into the minutes or shared with only the entire Senate in Executive Session.

ed) The Disciplinary Panel is required to share the outcome of the investigation with the Senate Faculty Advisor and Reporting Individual.

7) Conflicts

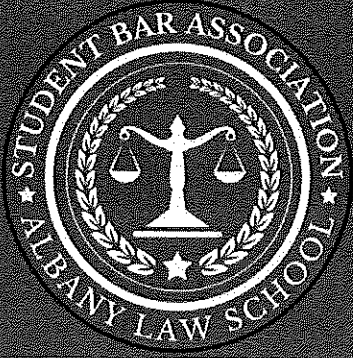
a) If the Senate Member being reported is the Executive President:

i) If the Reported Entity is the Executive President, the Ethics Committee Chairperson shall send the Report directly to the Senate Faculty Advisor.



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- ii) The Senate Faculty Advisor shall follow the procedure in this section and shall appoint the next in succession, pursuant to Article II § 3(d) to act as Panel Chairperson in place of the Executive President.
- b) In the case that the entire Executive Board is conflicted out, which includes the Ethics Committee Chairperson, who is also Executive Vice President
 - i) The initial Complaint by the Reporting Individual shall be sent directly to the Senate Faculty Advisor, who will appoint a non-conflicted Senate Member next in succession, pursuant to Article II § 3(d) to oversee the Ethics Committee and Disciplinary Panel subject to this Bylaw.
- c) If an Ethics Committee Member conflicts with the issue being reported, is the Reporting Individual, or if an Ethics Committee Member is being reported:
 - i) Such Ethics Committee Member shall be considered a conflict and shall not partake in the procedure set forth in this section.
 - ii) A conflict means the Ethics Committee Member was a witness to the event, is the one being reported, or has affiliation with the SBA-Chartered Organization being reported.
 - iii) The Ethics Committee Chairperson has full discretion in choosing whether an Ethics Committee Member is a conflict.
 - (1) If any Ethics Committee Member disagrees with the Ethics Committee Chairperson's decision, they may raise the issue to the Executive President or Senate Faculty Advisor, who will have final say in the matter.
 - (2) In the case that there is an issue about conflicts, the meeting window in subsection 1(d)(iv) can be extended by five (5) school days.
 - iv) The Ethics Committee Chairperson shall ensure that prior to calling the meeting set forth in subsection 1(d)(iv), all conflicts are asked to excuse themselves.



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Section 2 – The Executive Secretary shall transmit an electronic copy of this bill to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and the Director of Academic and Student Programs.

Section 3 – This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

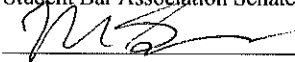
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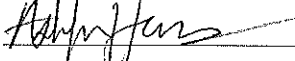
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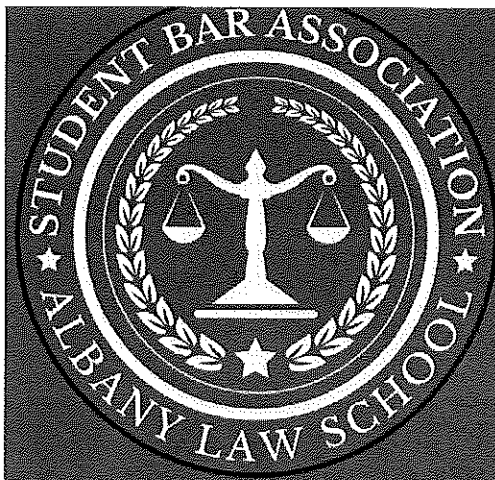
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Max Sevor, Executive President



Ashlynn Henrichs, Executive Secretary



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Fall 2023 Student Bar Association Budget

Bill No. 036

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: November 15, 2023

SPONSOR: Tylenda, Meg M.

COSPONSORS:

PURPOSE: This bill will provide the Student Bar Association's Events Committee with \$180.00 in additional funding to be specifically allocated to security costs incurred during the Fall 2023 Scarrister's Ball.

BILL TEXT:

Section 1 – Pursuant Article III of the Student Bar Association Constitution and Bylaws Ten and Eleven of the Student Bar Association Bylaws, the Student Bar Association shall provide additional funding, with funding to come from Fall 2023 Resolution 1:

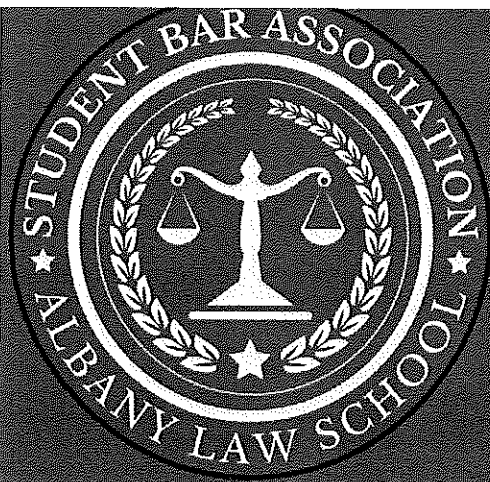
(a) SBA, Entity – TOTAL REQUEST: \$180.00

i. Events Committee – TOTAL: \$180.00

- A. **Stipulation:** This \$180.00 allocated to the Events Committee shall be used solely to pay for security costs incurred retrospectively by SBA-Related Entities for events exceeding \$1,000.00 during the Fall 2023 semester. The Executive Treasurer shall use this \$180.00 to pay such security invoices at their discretion.
- B. **Stipulation:** This request shall not be considered an additional funding request pursuant to Bylaws Ten and Eleven of the Student Bar Association Bylaws. This request takes into account exigent circumstances encumbered by the Student Bar Association as an entity.

GRAND TOTAL REQUESTED: \$180.00

GRAND TOTAL FUNDED: \$180.00



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Section 2 – Notwithstanding any other provision in Section 1 of this Bill, all direct itemization for each request is on file with the SBA Treasurer and Finance Committee, and organizations should generally attempt to adhere to those itemizations. However, the Senate recognizes that some items/vendors may change due to pricing, availability, or other unforeseen circumstances, and this will be taken into consideration by the Finance Committee and SBA Treasurer when dispersing funds for reimbursement. Unless it has been specified in Section 1 that an item or items may not be purchased within a set allocation of funding, discretion is left up to the Requesting Entity as to how allocated funds will be spent.

Section 3 – Nothing herein shall override any provision of the Student Bar Association Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 4 – Unless otherwise specified herein, this act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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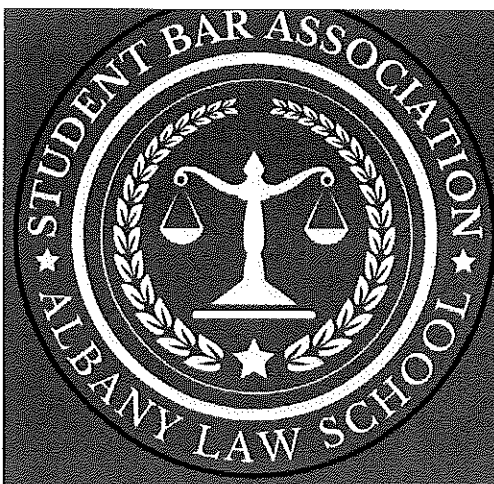
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Max Sevor, Executive President



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Recommendation to Adjust Student Activity Fee for Inflation

Resolution No. 003

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: November 15, 2023

SPONSOR: Sevor, Max

COSPONSORS: Turney, Natalie; Kurd, Azad; Giorgianni, Stephen; Henrichs, Ashlyn; Tylenda, Meg

PURPOSE: This resolution, if passed, shall serve as a formal recommendation to the Albany Law School Board of Trustees to adjust the student activity fee to \$85.00 per semester—a \$10.00, at most, increase—by at least the Spring 2024 semester.

RESOLUTION TEXT:

WHEREAS, the student activity fee is a \$75.00 charge collected from students each semester to fund student events, organizations, and other programs outside the formal law school curriculum.

WHEREAS, collecting a student activity fee is a widespread, nearly universal practice among not only law schools but many institutions of higher education.

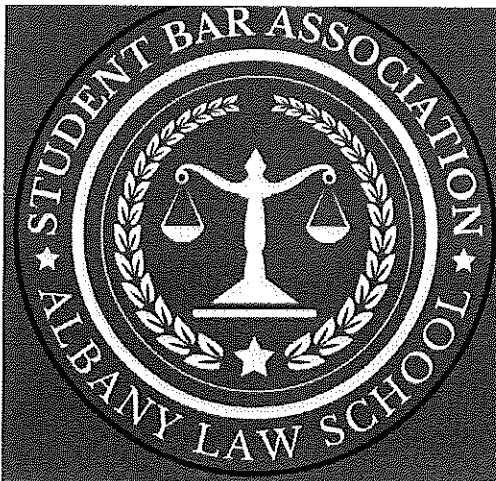
WHEREAS, the Student Bar Association is charged with the responsibility of distributing the proceeds of the student activity fee to various SBA-Chartered Entities and student initiatives.

WHEREAS, the last time the Albany Law School Board of Trustees increased the student activity fee, the change took effect in the 2017-18 school year: about six years ago.

WHEREAS, since the 2017-18 school year, and due to inflation, the buying power of the \$75.00 per semester fee has decreased to about \$59.73 per semester. In other words, had the fee kept up with inflation, there would be approximately \$10,000.00 more in value to allocate to student organizations, events, and activities for the Fall 2023 semester.

WHEREAS, in Fall 2023, the Student Bar Association had to make \$15,000.00 worth of cuts to student-proposed events and initiatives.

WHEREAS, a \$10.00 increase in the student activity fee would lead to at least \$6,000.00 more a semester to allocate to student programs.



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Albany Law School Student Bar Association formally requests that the Albany Law School Board of Trustees increase the student activity fee by \$10.00 (\$85.00 per semester) by the Spring 2024, should that be feasible.

BE IT RESOLVED, if the Albany Law School Board of Trustees deems that it is infeasible to increase the student activity fee by the Spring 2024 semester, the Albany Law School Student Bar Association then formally requests that the student activity fee be raised by \$10.00 per semester (\$85.00 per semester in total) by the Fall 2024 semester.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive President and Executive Treasurer of the Student Bar Association shall attach a cover letter to this resolution addressed to the Board of Trustees explaining the financial circumstances leading to the Student Bar Association to make this request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Chair Dan Grossman of the Albany Law School Board of Trustees, President and Dean Cinnamon Carlame of Albany Law School, Student Trustee Isabella Napodano, Vice President for Finance and Business Victor Rauscher, and Associate Dean for Student Affairs Jenean Taranto.

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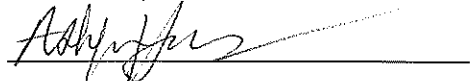
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Max Sevor, Executive President



Ashlyn Henrichs, Executive Secretary