Hello, fellow law student leaders!

My name is Negeen Sadeghi-Movahed. I am running to be your next Law Student Division Chair and I am passionate about our collective power. I am dedicated to our success.

- I envision a Law Student Division that builds upon the work of preceding leaders and paves new, groundbreaking paths for students to gain the most out of their law school experience.

- I envision a Law Student Division that embraces and honors the uniqueness of our stories as students of diverse backgrounds, identities, and beliefs.

- I envision a Law Student Division that empowers and inspires students like you.

Throughout my academic career, I have been fortunate to serve and organize student bodies and my communities. From representing 28,000 undergraduate students at UCLA, to addressing the needs of the Iranian American community on a national scale, to my work as an activist, I have years of experience gauging the needs of the people, leading advocacy efforts for our collective betterment, and creating sustainable change.

As Transfer Student Representative at UCLA, I navigated institutional bureaucracy to advocate on behalf of transfer students. I implemented programs and forums to empower students’ voices on my campus. I represented UCLA at statewide and national conferences to discuss and advocate around issues of access to higher education, affordability, and diversity. In my work with the Iranian American Women Foundation, I created a mentorship program and regularly planned conferences for the Iranian American community around the nation.

Now, I want to bring my experiences to the Law School Division to serve you. Being a first generation Iranian American woman, I have had to navigate the world in my own unique way. The legal field was not created to serve, empower, or sustain people like myself. I often reflect on the strength of the women of color who came before me; but for their strength, determination, and resilience, I would not be standing on their shoulders and able reach for my own success.

There is still work to be done. In order for all of us to succeed, we must do it together.

Law school is expensive, loans can be risky, and diversity is lacking. Some schools do not have adequate career service resources to launch our careers. Many law schools are not prioritizing our mental health. Too many have anti-sexual harassment policies that fall short of providing justice for survivors. We have the power to change that.
Student movements have always been at the helm of national conversations about tuition costs, gender equality, racial equity, immigration, foreign affairs, and more. As our political landscape has changed and we are forced navigate new policies that affect our law school experience, we must be adaptable to positive change but vocal on policies that may hurt us. I have stood up to large bureaucracies, institutional gatekeepers, and politicians. I am unapologetic, deliberate, and unafraid. I am confident in our ability to be the movement.

The power and the choice to champion change begins with us. Given the opportunity to serve as your Chair, I would be fiercely dedicated to amplifying your voice, advocating for your needs, and equipping you with resources to use law school as a tool for your success.

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Please find my resume below. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me at negeen.sadeghi@student.american.edu or by phone at (949) 973-3991. You can also connect with me on LinkedIn. If afforded the opportunity, I would be grateful to work with you.

In solidarity,

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EDUCATION

American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.  
*Juris Doctor* candidate  
May 2019

Honors:  
Mock Trial Honor Society, *Member*

Activities:  
American Bar Association Law Student Division,  
*Communications and Programming Committee Member;*  
*Resolutions and Advocacy Committee Member*

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
*Bachelor of Arts* in Political Science  
June 2015

Activities:  
Iranian Student Group, *External Vice President*

EXPERIENCE

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia: Trial Division, Washington, D.C.  
*Law Clerk*  
September 2017 – Current

• Drafted memos and motions for current and upcoming felony trial proceedings.
• Assisted attorneys in court hearing and proceedings by handling research and documentation.
• Researched issues pertaining to criminal procedure, evidence, and criminal law.

Hon. Tamila E. Ipema, Superior Court of San Diego, San Diego, CA  
*Judicial Student Assistant*  
May 2017 – August 2017

• Authored reports on judicial authority to certify U and T visas in civil and criminal matters.
• Researched and drafted bench memoranda on various issues from forfeiture claims to immigration.
• Created PowerPoint presentations on U and T visas and self-represented litigants to train 100+ judges.
• Wrote and edited a comprehensive legal guide on transitional housing participant restraining orders.
• Observed civil and criminal pre-trial conferences and court proceedings.
• Coordinated with 20+ judges to draft organizing documents for conference.

Iranian-American Women Foundation, Irvine, CA  
*Associate Director*  
August 2015 – August 2016

• Designed curriculum about leadership development for mentorship program.
• Drafted grant applications for conferences, networking events, and mentorship program.
• Organized conferences with programming designed to empower and connect Iranian-American women.
• Authored e-newsletter to 4,000+ recipients.

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
*Transfer Representative: Undergraduate Student Association Council*  
November 2014 – June 2015

• Hired, managed, and trained thirty-seven person staff.
• Facilitated leadership development and campaign strategy workshops.
• Compiled and presented research on the transfer student experience.
• Organized community outreach events for high school students from underserved communities.

LANGUAGE & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Language Skills: Farsi (conversational)

Professional Affiliations: American Bar Association, *Student Member;* Iranian American Bar Association, *Student Member;* Iranian American Women Foundation, *Student Member*