Law Student Division

2019-2020 Liaison Resources
The ABA’s mission is to serve equally our members, our profession and the public by defending liberty and delivering justice as the national representative of the legal profession.
● **Serve Our Members**  
Provide benefits, programs and services which promote members' professional growth and quality of life.

● **Advocate for the Profession**  
Promote the best quality legal education, promote competence, ethical conduct and professionalism, and promote pro bono and public service by the legal profession.

● **Eliminate Bias & Enhance Diversity**  
Promote full and equal participation in the association, and the justice system by all persons. Eliminate bias in the legal profession, and the justice system.

● **Advance the Rule of Law**  
Increase public understanding of and respect for the rule of law, the legal process, and the role of the legal profession at home and throughout the world. Hold governments accountable under law. Work for just laws, including human rights, and a fair legal process. Assure meaningful access to justice for all person. Preserve the independence of the legal profession and the judiciary.
ABA Structure

- **ABA House of Delegates**
  - The control and administration of the ABA is vested in the House of Delegates, the policy-making body of the association. The House meets twice each year, at ABA Annual and Midyear Meetings. At the Midyear Meeting, the Nominating Committee nominates officers and members of the Board of Governors.

- **ABA Board of Governors**
  - The Board of Governors is authorized by the ABA Constitution to act on behalf of the Association between meetings of the House of Delegates, not inconsistently with any action taken by the House.
  - The Board is currently comprised of 43 members including 19 district representatives, 18 members-at-large, and the following 6 officers who serve as ex officio.
ABA Entities

- **Member Groups**
  - Sections, Divisions, Forums (Business Law, Law Student Division, Young Lawyers Division, etc.)
  - ABA member groups are groups that focus on a unique area of law or business - allowing for more in-depth examination of issues, regulations, and national trends.

- **Non-Member Groups**
  - Commissions
  - Centers
  - Departments (Ex. Finance, Membership)
  - Special Committees
Law Student Division

An Overview
ABA Law Student Division Structure

Law Student Division (“LSD”)

- Division Council
  § 5.1: “Executive and Administrative Authority”
- Assembly
  § 4.1: “Policy Making Body”
- LSD Competitions Committee
  § 11.4(b); (Non-Voting)
- LSD Staff
Law Student Division Structure

Assembly
§ 4.1: “Policy Making Body”
- 205 SBA Presidents (1 per school)
- 205 ABA Representatives (1 per school)
- Division Liaisons to ABA Entities
- Up to 3 Representatives Appointed by Affiliate Student Legal Associations
- Caucuses (Non-Voting, groups focused on issues, open to all LSD members)
- Total Voting Members: ?

Division Council
§ 5.1: “Executive and Administrative Authority”
- Chair
- Vice Chair - Membership
- Law Student At-Large of the Association’s Board of Governors
- Education Director
- Division Delegates (3)
- Non-Voting Members

*Law Student on Council for Section of Legal Education
Law Student Council (2019-2020)

Chair
Johnnie Nguyen
University of Colorado School of Law

Vice Chair
Ayat Nizam
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Law Student At-Large on the ABA Board of Governors
Michaela Posner
University of California – Irvine School of Law

Director of Legal Education
Zachary Faircloth
Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law
Law Student Council (2019-2020)

Delegate of Diversity
Conisha Hackett
University of Mississippi School of Law

Delegate of Programming
Aurelia Phillips
University of St. Thomas School of Law

Delegate of Communications
Julie Merow
West Virginia University College of Law

Student Editor-in-Chief
Dayna Maeder
Florida State University College of Law
Liaisons Have a Vote!

Liaisons are members of the Law Student Division Assembly and vote alongside Student Bar Association Presidents and ABA Representatives.

1) Vote on elected Council positions.
2) Vote on resolutions electronically submitted by Council during the year.
3) Vote in person at Annual Meeting (no proxy voting).
Membership Essentials
Two Types of ABA Law Student Membership

FREE

- Available to law students in ABA-accredited schools
- For all three years (or more) law school
- Great benefits to help you excel in school

Premium $25

- Just $25 per year upgrade any time
- Even more benefits to propel you to the front of the class!
## All Member Benefits

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Leadership and Competition Opportunities

● Law Student Council
  The ABA Law Student Division has numerous leadership positions available either by election or appointment. Start your ABA leadership journey here!

● Law School Rep
  ABA law student Reps are our brand ambassadors and benefit experts on ABA-accredited law school campuses across the nation.

● Editorial Board
  The Law Student Division has a 6 student editorial board to work on our blog and on Student Lawyer magazine.
• **Instant resume recommendations** to better serve Applicant Tracking Systems

• **Video interview evaluation** of your poise and language generated through artificial intelligence
| **ABA Bar Prep Program**  
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| **Bar Review** |
| Additional $100 discount on Themis Bar Review |
| Access to Bar Exam Achievement Package  
Topical essay writing roadmaps and a 100-question diagnostic exam |
| **Kaplan Bar Review** |
| $100 off Kaplan Bar Review |
| $250 off PMBR Supplemental Course |
More Partner Discounts!
FREE
School Study Aids

Quimbee

30-day Gold Plan free trial

WEST ACADEMIC

7-day free trial
ABA Member Groups

- **Automatic membership** in Law Student Division and Young Lawyers Division

- **Choose five more groups** from a list of from 33 more groups to find your practice areas of interest
Legal News

- Read up on professional development topics
ABA Career Center

- **Career Quiz** to help you choose the right path
- **Job Board** filled with internships, clerkships, and jobs
- **Webinars led by career experts** packed with advice for your career ambitions

GET YOUR DREAM JOB!
Our Partners
Partner Discounts and Offers

- Dell
- Hertz
- Lenovo
- Sprint

SAVE $$$
Liaisons and ABA Entities
Liaison Role

Time commitment: Roughly 10 hours monthly, varies by entity.

- Raise awareness of your entity throughout law schools and encourage involvement from law students.
- Work with entity leadership to facilitate law student content and events/programming centered around that entity’s specialty:
  - Coordinated visits by entity leadership at law schools
  - Local programming and receptions for students at scheduled meetings
  - Videos and webinars on timely topics
  - Slides shows from presentations
Liaison Role

- Represent the Law Student Division to ABA entities and represent the ABA entities to the Law Student Division, keeping each other informed of the other’s activities.
- Submit monthly reports to the Division.
- Work closely with and under the purview of nationally elected student officers, as assigned.
- Consult with the Web Editor and Student Editor on writing articles for law student blog and Student Lawyer magazine.
- Attend the entity’s required meetings. Check with your entity’s staff to see if funding is available from the entity. If not, the liaison should attempt to secure alternate funding from his/her law school.
Liaison Role

- Write a letter of introduction to the entity chair outlining liaison duties and offering to become active.
- **Actively** promote law student membership and involvement in the ABA entity.
- Work with appropriate entity leaders to produce a law student section newsletter column or student specific webpage on entity website.
Opportunities for You!

Gain Experience and Make Connections