

Law Student Division

2019-2020 Liaison Resources



American Bar Association

An Overview



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

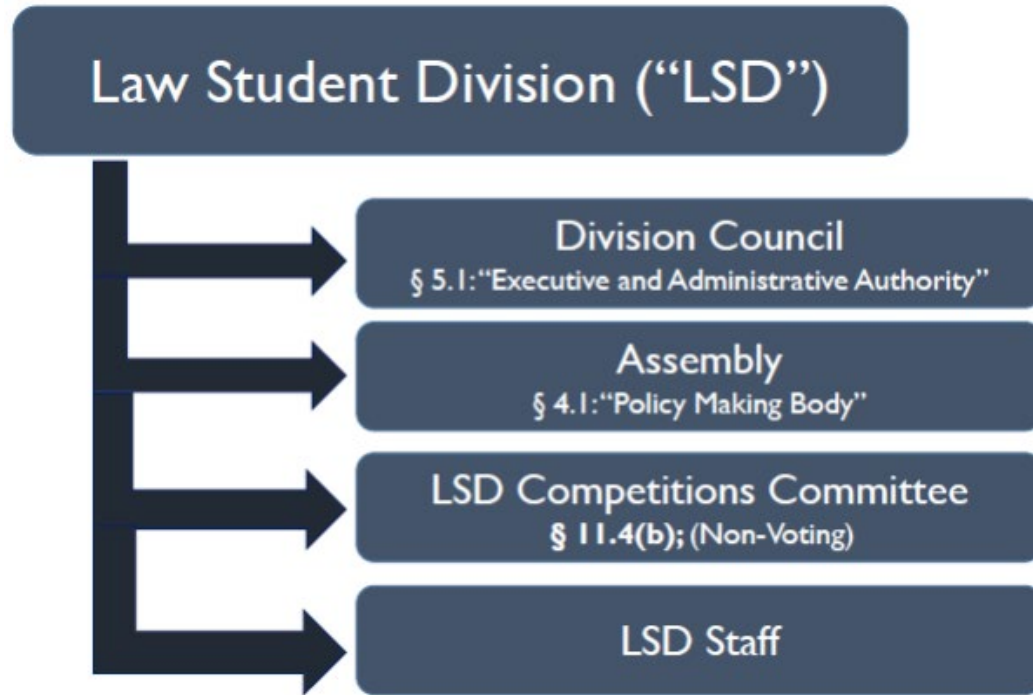


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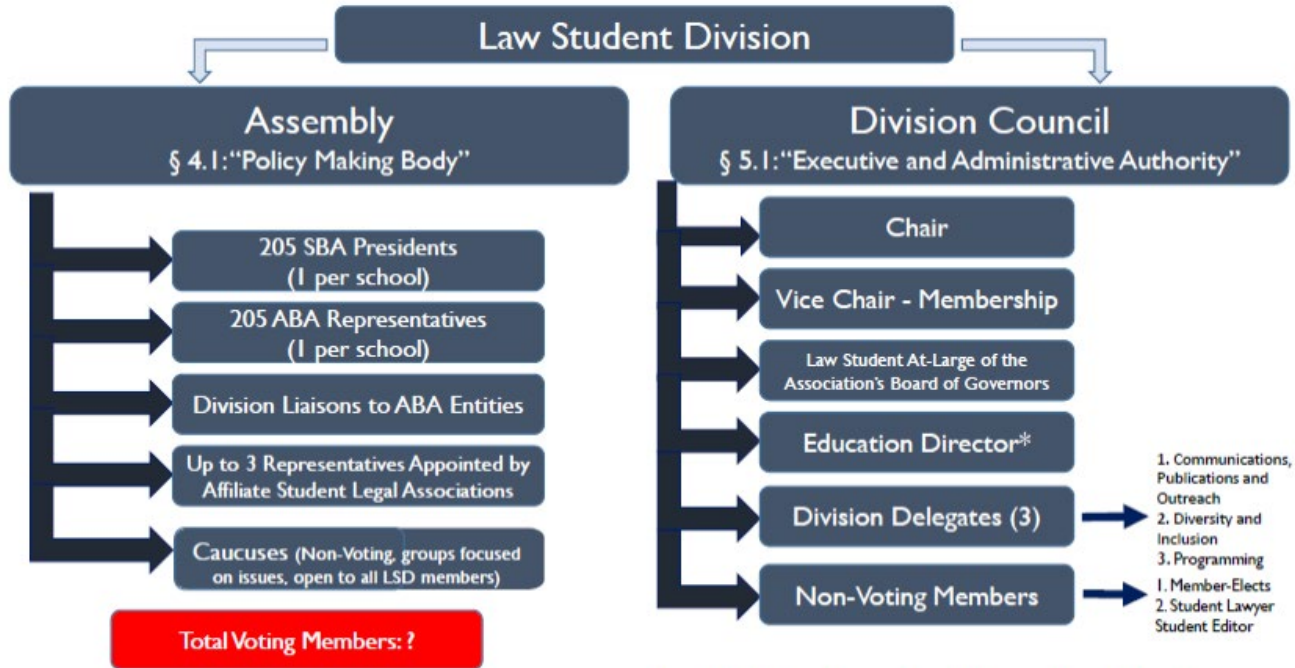
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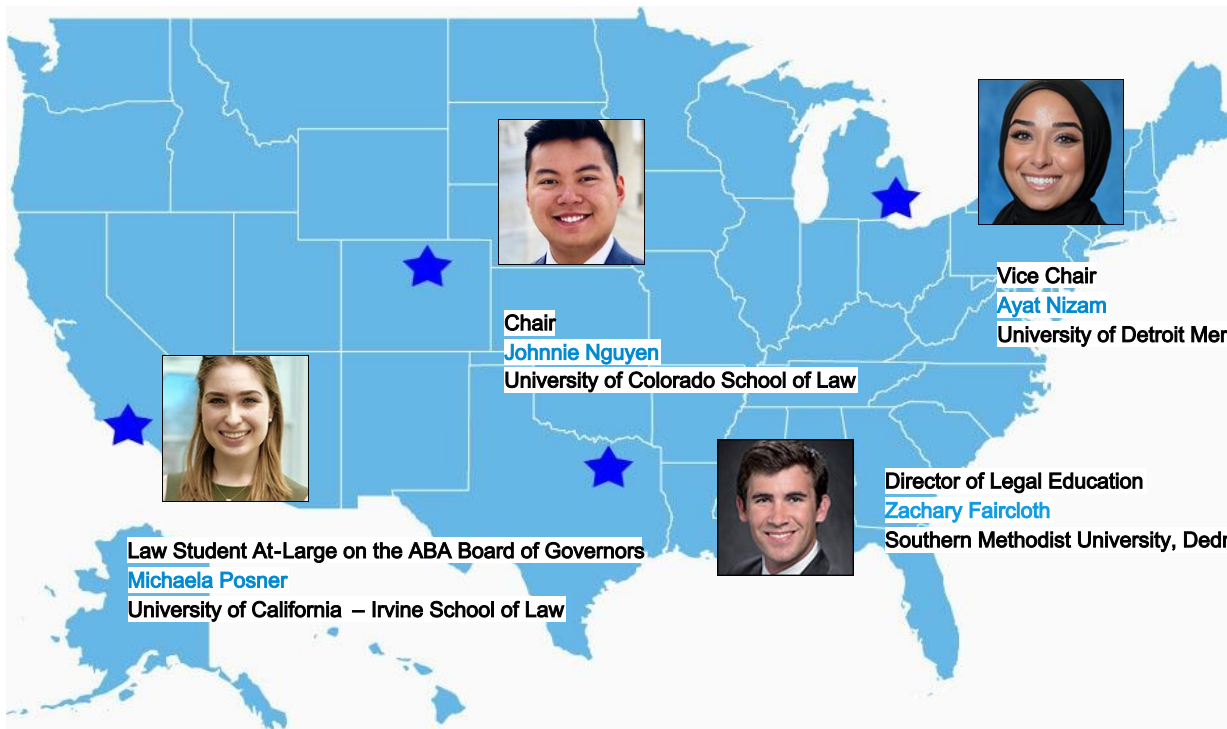


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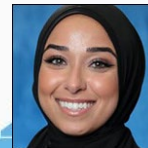


*Law Student on Council for Section of Legal Education

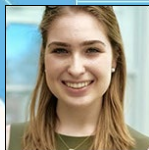
Law Student Council (20192020)



Chair
[Johnnie Nguyen](#)
University of Colorado School of Law



Vice Chair
[Ayat Nizam](#)
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

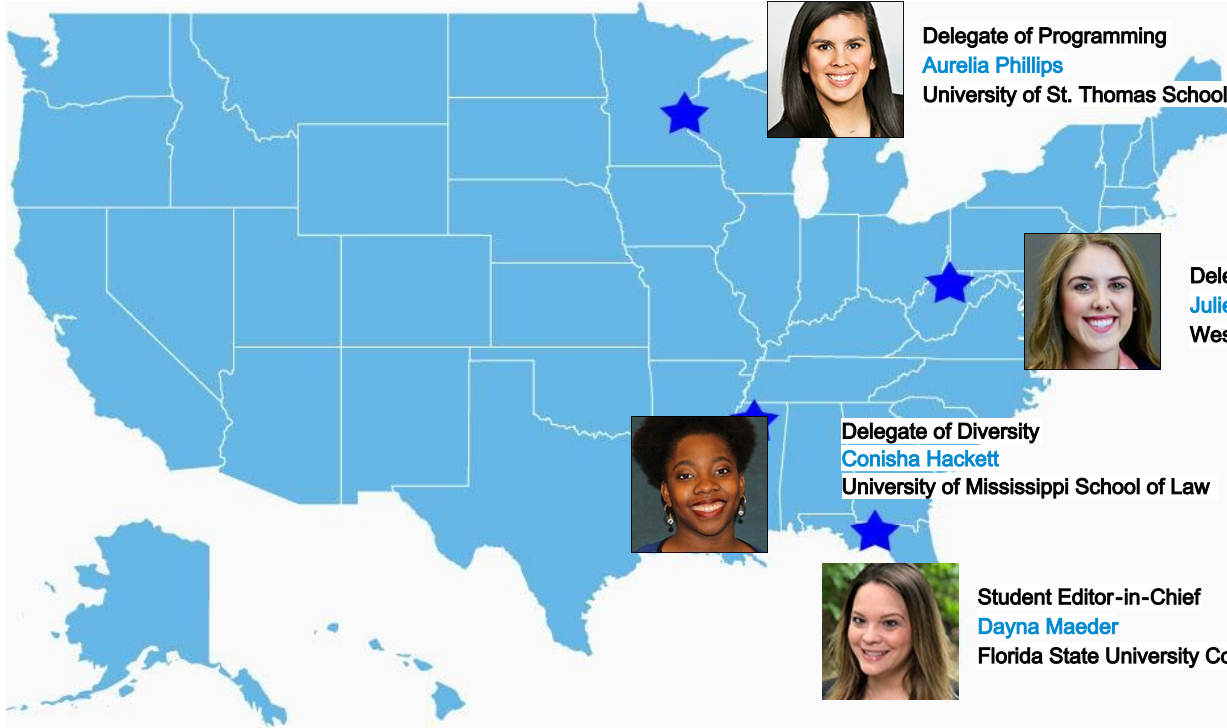


Law Student At-Large on the ABA Board of Governors
[Michaela Posner](#)
University of California – Irvine School of Law



Director of Legal Education
[Zachary Faircloth](#)
Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law

Law Student Council (20192020)



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



Delegate of Communications
Julie Merow
West Virginia University College of Law



Delegate of Diversity
Conisha Hackett
University of Mississippi School 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

ABA Benefits	Premium	FREE
Quimbee Gold Plan Free Trial (Save up to \$72)	90 Days	30 Days
ABA Career Center	✓	✓
ABA Member Groups (5 free)	✓	✓
West Academic Study Aids Digital Collection 7-day free trial – NEW!	✓	✓
<i>Student Lawyer</i> magazine & <i>Before the Bar</i> blog	✓	✓
<i>ABA Journal</i> (\$75 value)	Print & Digital	Digital Only
Member Discounts and Offers	✓	✓

Premium-Only Benefits

ABA Benefits	Premium	FREE
ABA Career Forward, powered by Korn Ferry Advance® – NEW!	✓	
<i>After the Bar</i> digital publication – NEW!	✓	
ABA Bar Prep Program (save up to \$500)	✓	
ABA Legal Ethics Bundle (\$116 value)	✓	
ABA Student leadership & competition opportunities	✓	
West Academic casebooks & study guides (save up to \$50)	✓	
Themis Law School Excellence Package: Additional multiple-choice question sets and legal terminology lists	✓	

Premium
\$25



Leadership and Competition Opportunities

BUILD
LEADER
SKILLS

- **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.





ABA CAREER
FORWARD
Exclusively for ABA Members

Powered by
KORN FERRY
ADVANCE

- **Instant resume recommendations** to better serve Applicant Tracking Systems
- **Video interview evaluation** of your poise and language generated through artificial intelligence



CUTTING-
EDGE
TOOLS!



ABATM

ABA Bar Prep Program
Premium Members Only

Quimbee

\$300 off Quimbee Bar Review (UBE)

\$100 off Quimbee MBE Review

Themis
BarReview

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

SAVE
UP TO
\$500

ABATM

More Partner
Discounts!



FREE

ABA™

School Study Aids

Quimbee®

30-day Gold Plan free trial

 WEST
ACADEMIC

7-day free trial

TRY FOR
FREE

ABA™

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

EXPLORE
THE LAW

Legal News

- Read up on professional development topics



BB | BEFORE the BAR

STAY IN
THE
KNOW

ABATM

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**



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

