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Student Bar Association (SBA)

The Student Bar Association is NYU School of Law's student government. The mission of the SBA is to improve student life at New York University School of Law. The SBA is the elected "voice" of the entire student body, and meets regularly with the administration to discuss the law school's programs and policies. The SBA disperses student activity funds to all student groups, approves new student groups and resolutions on issues important to the student body, and appoints students to student-faculty committees on a variety of issues. SBA also organizes weekly social events in order to build the law school community. Be on the lookout for 1L and LLM representative elections in September.

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African Legal Association (ALA)

The African Law Association (ALA) was founded in the spring of 2009 in order to promote the study and discussion of legal issues relating to Africa at NYU. Our activities include bi-monthly discussion groups, advocacy and public interest projects, cultural and social activities, and networking and professional development. We hope to foster a community that supports, encourages, and inspires student and faculty interest in African law.

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American Civil Liberties Union of NYU Law (ACLU of NYU Law)

The ACLU is the nation's largest public interest law firm, working through courts, legislatures, and individual communities to protect and secure constitutional rights and liberties for all. Founded in 1920, the ACLU is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with over 500,000 members. Its mission remains realizing the promise of the Bill of Rights for all and expanding the reach of its guarantees to new areas.

The current incarnation of the NYU Law Chapter of the ACLU was established in 2004. The NYU Law Chapter of the ACLU works closely with the New York affiliate of the ACLU to provide NYU Law students with hands-on opportunities to defend civil liberties through research and advocacy projects. The NYU Law ACLU also arranges speaker events and panel discussions on current civil liberties issues, and ensures that discussions within the NYU Law administration always take into account civil liberties concerns.

We are always in need of volunteers. Please join us, because freedom can't protect itself.

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American Constitution Society

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is a national organization of law students, judges, law professors, and lawyers formed in 2001 at Georgetown. The mission of ACS is to help revitalize and transform contemporary legal debate from law school classrooms to federal courtrooms. Law students who join the ACS are interested in the intersection of law and policy. Joining the ACS connects students with a national network of progressive lawyers, and its affiliation can be a terrific boon for applicants to clerkships, public interest, and politically oriented jobs.

We seek to restore the fundamental principles of respect for human dignity, protection of individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, and access to justice to their traditionally central place in American law. ACS is a non-partisan educational organization that does not lobby, litigate, or take positions on specific issues, but does encourage its members to express their views and make their voices heard.

In our first year, we hosted speakers such as Nancy Chang from the Center for Constitutional Rights speaking on the USA PATRIOT Act's impact on civil liberties and Ralph Nader speaking on corporate crimes and governance. We also hosted regular lunchtime discussions with professors and lawyers discussing their areas of interest and expertise.

We hope you'll join ACS as we strive to return the US Constitution to its position as the protector of individual rights and liberties. You can join our list serve by emailing <u>law-acs-join@forums.nyu.edu</u>.

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Asia Law Society

NYU Asia Law Society (ALS) exposes members to Asia-related fields, the people and organizations who practice in them, and pertinent legal, political, and cultural issues. ALS is ideal for those who have an interest in or experience with working in Asia. ALS activities are also great for those simply interested in new cultures and languages.

During the school year, we host "Asia Hour" sessions, where distinguished guests lead informal discussions on legal issues and developments pertaining to Asia, as well as other educational events in conjunction with other student organizations. ALS also organizes various social events, language tables, and field trips. In addition, we organize resources to aid American students, particularly 1Ls, seeking jobs in Asia and international students seeking jobs in America.

ALS will also organize a subsidized trip to a city in Asia over spring recess for law students. Students will be able to visit law firms, government agencies, NGOs, etc. in order to learn first-hand about Asia's legal landscape. More importantly, it'll be fun! Previous delegations have gone to Beijing (2009), Shanghai (2007) and Hong Kong (2006 & 2008).

We welcome all international and American students, research associates, and faculty to contact us about the opportunities that ALS can offer.

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Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)

APALSA was founded in 1978 to serve the needs of the Asian Pacific American law student community. As NYU's largest student organization, APALSA comprises a substantial segment of the student body and includes alumni located throughout the world. Our goals include providing a support system to students of Asian and Pacific Island descent, voicing our concerns to New York University School of Law and our communities, educating and informing the student body about issues affecting the Asian Pacific American community, increasing the number of Asian Pacific American leaders and advocates, and providing a welcoming atmosphere for Asian Pacific Americans at NYU Law.

APALSA sponsors numerous activities throughout the year. This year, we have a number of events planned, including community service opportunities, social events, professional workshops, political action speaker panels, and career networking events. Three big tent-post events are the 1L Welcome Retreat, the Lunar New Year Banquet, and the annual Korematsu Lecture. Now in its eleventh year, the Korematsu Lecture is one of the few forums in the nation to address Asian American perspectives on law and to honor Asian Americans who have added substantially to jurisprudence while challenging the status quo.

Last year's Korematsu Lecture featured a re-enactment of a Supreme Court case addressing the constitutionality of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, followed by a discussion moderated by the Honorable Denny Chin. Other past Korematsu speakers include the Honorable Doris Ling-Cohan and Congressman Mike Honda.

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Black Allied Law Students Association (BALSA)

NYU is the home of the founding BALSA chapter, established more than 35 years ago to promote the advancement of Black law students. BALSA's purpose is to influence the legal community to meet the needs of the Black community while also articulating the professional needs and goals of Black law students, and instilling in the Black legal professional a greater awareness of and commitment to the needs of the Black community.

BALSA organizes social events to welcome incoming students and provides various programs and activities throughout the year. Each incoming student is assigned a BALSA mentor who will serve as a support resource by providing insight and advice on professors, courses, and adjusting to law school life. We offer advice on study and exam techniques, co-sponsor interview and resume writing workshops, and make available study guides and other materials. BALSA members also give, lend, and swap textbooks and various other study aides. BALSA committees organize and execute mentoring programs for local elementary schools, sponsor lectures by prominent members of the legal community, and conduct and attend various other social and cultural events.

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Canadian Content

Canadian Content is a student organization for law students who are from Canada, went to school in Canada, or are interested in Canada. Our club aims to focus on the needs of both Canadian NYU students, and students interested in Canada; agitate for change of restrictive Canadian bar association rules that make it difficult for foreign trained law students to be called to the bar in Canadian provinces; serve as a social and networking resource for Canadians and people interested in Canada; serve as an informational resource about Canada to students at the School of Law, encourage the administration to bring Canadian visiting professors and speakers (Supreme Court justices and the like); work with Admissions and Recruiting, as well as Career Services, to build NYU Law's profile inside Canada with both prospective students and legal employers; serve as a tie to Canadian alumni.

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Christian Legal Fellowship (CLF)

Christian Legal Fellowship (CLF) is a place where Christian students and those wanting to learn more about Christianity can gather in community and figure out how our faith relates to being a lawyer. We have group meetings (worship, Bible study, and prayer), prayer meetings, and social activities. We'll also get together with other Christian legal fellowships in the area, participate in retreats, and often invite alumni and guests to speak at meetings. We hope to support each other in our faith as well as to spur each other on to love and good works.

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Coalition for Legal Recruiting (CoLR)

The Coalition for Legal Recruiting seeks to engage the entire NYU Law community – students, faculty and administrators – in ongoing dialogue about diversity. In addition to facilitating dialogue on campus, CoLR is committed to increasing faculty, student, and curriculum diversity at NYU Law. We meet regularly with members of the Academic Personnel Committee to discuss the hiring process, and work to build community with other student groups committed to improving diversity at the law school. Every two weeks, members of CoLR host a Critical Reading Group that examines critical perspectives on the law and legal profession. CoLR also honors NYU Law faculty of color, as well as faculty who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender for the contributions to the profession and the law school community at the annual Faculty of CoLR Appreciation Dinner. Please feel free to contact us with any thoughts, concerns, or ideas about increasing diversity of person, experience, or thought, and get involved in some or all of our programming!

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The Commentator

The Commentator is the student-run, biweekly newspaper of NYU Law. It publishes news pertinent to the law school and also to wider venues, arts, opinions, and sports. Writers are given wide latitude in coming up with topics to publish on, so they feel free to be creative and write about any topic, movie, book, or event at the law school or abroad that they wish. New staff - writers, photographers, or editors - are always welcome.

The past issue is available at: http://www.law.nyu.edu/studentorganizations/thecommentator/index.htm

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The Dean's Cup

The Dean's Cup is an annual co-ed charity basketball game between NYU Law and Columbia Law. It was first held in 2002. The game raises money for public interest and community service organizations at both schools, and has raised over half a million dollars during its existence. A game between faculty members of the two schools is held at halftime. This year's game will be held at NYU in early April. Tryouts will be held in late January. The team practices generally once per week for the two months leading up to the event, and also plays in the New York City lawyers league for preparation.

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The Debtors' Rights Project

The Debtors' Rights Project was founded in January 2009 in response to the growing consumer debt crisis in New York City. The DRP is committed to helping debtors know and protect their rights.

During the Spring 2009 semester, our first semester in operation, the DRP conducted outreach efforts to help New Yorkers protect their homes during the city's lien sale. Many homeowners were unaware of the laws protecting their rights, and so had not taken some simple steps to ensure the liens on their homes were not sold to private investors. In conjunction with the city and a local organization, we helped educate homeowners about the protections available to them under the law, and helped them take advantage of those protections. This first project was a great success and a lot of fun.

This fall we are starting an exciting program providing assistance to Debtors in the Bronx County Civil Court. This project will be operated in conjunction with the Civil Legal Advice and Resource Office and the Bronx County Bar's Volunteer Lawyers Project, and students will have a chance to work closely with lawyers. Huge numbers of debtors are forced to navigate the New York courts every week without the assistance of counsel, and this can be a confusing and intimidating process. Through our work in the Bronx court, we hope to make the process a little easier for those we assist.

The DRP is a new group, and so there is still a lot of opportunity to help shape its development. We are excited to hear suggestions and creative ideas for the group, and are hoping to expand our activities this year. One of our hopes is to begin a speaker series that will help educate the NYU community about debt related issues. We encourage everyone to participate and to get in touch with us if they have any questions.

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Domestic Violence Advocacy Project

The Domestic Violence Advocacy Project (DVAP) works in various ways to help women who are the victims of domestic violence, as well as to raise awareness and support on domestic violence issues in the NYU Law community. The two main programs of DVAP are run with Sanctuary for Families, a New York organization that assists battered women. Courtroom Advocates Project allows students to assist a victim of domestic violence to obtain an Order of Protection from one of the New York City Family Courts. After a formal training, students will appear in court, interview a client, assist in drafting a petition, and advocate for her in front of a judge. Participants in the Uncontested Divorce Project assist victims of domestic violence to obtain a divorce from their batterers. After a formal training, the student will interview a client, draft divorce documents, and file those documents with the court. In addition to these main programs, DVAP plans to produce a showing of "The Vagina Monologues", and host lectures on topics related to domestic violence and victim empowerment.

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Education Law and Policy Society (ELPS)

The NYU Education Law and Policy Society is committed to learning about, and advocating for, education reform both in the United States and abroad. Ed Law strives to prepare leaders, generate discourse, engage the broader legal community, and create opportunities for students to effect change toward ensuring a quality education for all youth. Ed Law achieves its strength by drawing on the interest and energy of the law student community, and collaborating with other student groups, attorneys, advocates, faculty, and other schools at NYU.

Ed Law hosts a Leaders in Education Speakers Series over lunch, offers opportunities for students to assist with education litigation and policy research, organizes school tours, film screenings, and service projects, and facilitates career advising. This year, Ed Law will be launching "Getting Beyond the System," a program designed by the Youth Advocacy Center to help young people aging out of foster care prepare for their new responsibilities. We encourage you to contact us with any questions or ideas.

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Environmental Law Society (ELS)

The ELS is the student-run organization for future environmental lawyers and all law students interested in environmental issues. Along with the Environmental Law Journal, ELS is the heart of NYU Law's thriving environmental community.

ELS-sponsored programs include our monthly brown-bag lunch series, featuring prominent environmental lawyers and scholars; legal projects in which we partner with local or national environmental organizations to provide research assistance; hiking trips; social events, including a regional ELS happy hour; and community service activities, including campus gardening projects. We also are actively involved in the larger New York environmental community. Contact us for more information about ELS or the NYU environmental law program.

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Federalist Society (FEDSOC)

The Federalist Society is a group of moderate, conservative, and libertarian law students which exists to spur debate about the important legal issues of our time. The society is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be.

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Health Law Society (HLS)

The Health Law Society is dedicated to raising the visibility of health law issues at the law school. The Society pursues this goal, in part, by bringing academics and practitioners to NYU Law to discuss these issues with students, either through formal symposia or more informal events such as brown bag lunches. Past guests have spoken about bio-medical ethics, medical technology, mass tort litigation, patent law, insurance regulation, disability rights issues, and comparative health systems. The Health Law Society also organizes both long-term and one-time internship projects with NY Legal Aid Health Law Unit, sponsors special events such as blood drives, hosts career panels and networking events. Work on the Health Law Society ranges in regards to the time commitment and we encourage all interested students to get involved to the degree that suits them best.

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High School Law Institute (HSLI)

HSLI is dedicated to bringing together two groups of people – underserved public high school students and the law and undergraduate volunteers who teach them. High school students are hosted every week in law school classrooms and are taught by law students and undergraduate students. This interaction enables HSLI students see higher education as a familiar, obtainable objective. Through classes in Constitutional Law, Mock Trial, Criminal Law, HSLI students learn about basic doctrines, legal history, and are able refine their ability to debate policy in the legal context. HSLI also seeks to enhance access to higher education and professional opportunities within and beyond the legal profession. HSLI students receive information about the process and the requirements of advancing their education beyond high school, such as information about financing an education and some basic differences between undergraduate and graduate. HSLI activities such as College Day, ALSA mentorship program, teacher college recommendations, the speakers series, and even the banner, are all directed towards this goal.

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HIV Law Society

Since 1981, HIV/AIDS has caused the death of over 25 million people worldwide. The HIV Law Society focuses on the significant role that law and human rights play both globally and locally in the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

New York City currently has more people living with HIV/AIDS than Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami, and Washington D.C. *combined*. Members of the HIV Law Society work on a variety of local projects in collaboration with Gay Men's Health Crisis and Housing Works. In doing so, they gain hands-on legal experience working on behalf of New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS. The HIV Law society also works with local non-profits and policy groups to host educational events that raise awareness of the changing policy issues surrounding the pandemic.

In addition to providing local HIV advocacy and educational opportunities, the Society hosts a series of speakers and films that focus on global issues relating to the pandemic. These events highlight the myriad of legal issues raised by the pandemic in areas such as Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, India, China, and Russia. Those issues include immigration and refugee rights, the right to health, access to drugs and treatment, and comparative sexual culture.

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Information Law Institute Student Association

The Information Law Institute Student Association is the student wing of the ILI, which is a center at NYU School of Law devoted to the study of the contemporary treatment of information by the state and society. Our group wants to develop a deeper understanding of information and technology law issues throughout the Law School and the University, both in terms of academics and in terms of administrative policies. We aspire to bring NYU to a leadership position in both of these areas.

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Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Society (IPELS)

The Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Society (IPELS) of the New York University School of Law is a student- run organization that programs panels, local events, educational and networking opportunities that promote an understanding of entertainment, sports, fine arts, internet, and technology law. We act as a liaison between NYU law students and industry professionals who provide our members with valuable career and academic advice.

During the 2009-2010 academic year, IPELS will host the following panels: The Future of Entertainment Law in the Digital Era, a four-part series which will examine legal issues related to digital distribution in the Publishing, Film/TV, Music and Video Game industries; Legal Obstacles in Stadium Construction; The Business of Independent Film; and a panel discussing contemporary art law. Additionally, IPELS will organize two tours to art galleries, auction houses or museums, followed by discussions with lawyers who handle transactional or copyright issues in the art world. Early in the fall semester, IPELS will officially launch the IP and Entertainment Law Ledger, an online journal that publishes articles and comments from attorneys and professionals primarily in the film, television and music industries, and examines cutting-edge, legal issues in the field.

Throughout the year, the organization will continue to cultivate its relationship with the Tisch School of the Arts, seeking to establish an informal clinic in which students from the Law School provide legal support and advice to Tisch filmmakers. Visit <u>nyu-ipels.org</u> for more information.

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International Law Society

The International Law Society (ILS) is dedicated to creating a globally-minded student experience at the premier global law school. Our definition of international law is as diverse as our membership, covering everything from international private practice to public institutions such as the United Nations. In addition, we're particularly devoted to helping J.D. and LL.M. students meet and work together.

Our activities include regular social events, field trips, language tables, scholarly presentations, and career-related panels. Because we do so much, we need your help, and you can be a leader! Come to our events—everyone is always welcome. Start a language table—you can learn a new language or practice an old one. Organize an outing—New York is a truly international city. Join one of our many committees—it's easy to get involved. We look forward to seeing you!

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Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project of NYU Law (IRAP NYU)

The mission of IRAP is to assist Iraqi refugees living abroad and in the United States, by both directly representing clients in countries such as Jordan, Egypt, and Turkey, and facilitating procurement of services for those already living in the United States. The relatively new group allows a number of motivated individuals the opportunity to speak with clients abroad, contact offices such as UNHCR and IOM as well as do research on all aspects of the project. The group further encourages its members to go abroad as well to either assist other branches of the project itself or simply to learn more about the issues surrounding Iraqi refugees.

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Islamic Law Student Association (ILSA)

ILSA seeks to foster a community and serve the social, religious, and intellectual needs of the Muslim students at the New York University School of Law. We also intend to provide a much needed forum open to all students, staff, and faculty of NYU Law designed to encourage free dialogue and debate on any number of issues relating to Islamic law, society and the politics concerning the US and the Muslim world.

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JD/MBA Association

The JD/MBA program at NYU is one of the nation's premiere law and business joint degree programs. The JD/MBA Association welcomes candidates admitted to the program, those considering applying, and students who are just interested in law and business. Our goals are to help those in the program cater it to their needs, while meeting all the requirements and getting the most out of both schools, and to present a wide variety of options for those seeking non-traditional career paths.

JD/MBA students come together and discuss job opportunities, business ideas and legal questions. Throughout the year the Association hosts career panels, dinners with alumni, symposiums, lunches with professionals, an annual fall retreat and an annual Spring Break trip. In the past, the group has traveled to Singapore/Malaysia, Brazil, Dubai and Turkey. During these trips we meet with leading business and industry people, as well as legal experts. While all of the students learn a great deal about the economies and legal systems of these countries and make great networking connections, the trips also create bonds among the students. The Association is acutely aware of the importance of this cohesion and views it as an invaluable part of our four year education.

The Association has developed global relationships with market leading companies and their senior management who speak regularly with the membership. Recognized as one of the leading JD/MBA programs on the street, we have established connections with many firms interested in hiring NYU JD/MBA's for internships or fulltime employment.

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Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA)

LSA is designed to meet Jewish law students' social, academic, religious, and cultural needs. JLSA caters to the full spectrum of Jewish observance — from secular to very observant students — and all of its events are open to the entire law school community.

Activities include social events (happy hours, parties, etc.), speakers on Jewish legal topics, and events celebrating Jewish holidays. We host events with the Jewish organizations at the other NYU professional schools, and we connect the NYU Law community with Jewish organizations worldwide. JLSA's list-serve is active and includes nearly 500 subscribers.

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Latino Law Students Association (LaLSA)

LaLSA is an organization dedicated to supporting Latino students and to provide opportunities to serve the wider Latino community. Our primary goal is to provide our members with the tools, access, and information they need to succeed in law school. By providing mentoring, and a network of current students and alumni, LaLSA makes the transition into the law as smooth as possible. At the same time, the Latino community looks to LaLSA as a source of dedicated Latino students who can give back to the community: from mentoring Latino children in lower income neighborhoods, to using language skills to help attain progress for the community.

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Latter Day Saints - J. Reuben Clark Law Society

The J. Reuben Clark Law Society at NYU is a student chapter of the international JRCLS organization of Latter-day Saint (Mormon) lawyers. We affirm the strength brought to the law by a lawyer's personal religious conviction. Members strive through public service and professional excellence to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law.

The JRCLS gives members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and anyone else interested opportunities to socialize and learn with law students that share Christian values. The national organization provides opportunities to network with LDS attorneys in New York and throughout the world. At NYU we meet regularly to discuss legal issues from a religious perspective and religious issues from a legal perspective. We also host social activities throughout the year and co-host events with JRCLS students at other law schools.

The NYU JRCLS chapter provides funding for students to attend the national JRCLS student symposium and other events held by the New York chapter. Ultimately, we strive to bring a spiritual balance to the study of law by providing a welcoming forum for moral and religious inquiry.

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Law & Business Association (LBA)

Formerly known as the Wall Street Barristers, the Law & Business Association (L&BA) is one of the core student organizations at NYU School of Law. Among other accomplishments, the L&BA leadership and members spearheaded the proposal for the new Journal of Law & Business, which produced its inaugural publication last year. We also organized a highly successful mentorship program, and helped our members meet and network with a variety of professionals.

The L&BA provides opportunities to meet professionals in an informal and personal environment, pairs members with mentors from corporate and legal communities, and provides students with opportunities to organize, manage, market, and finance real-world projects. Members have been hired at the firms of their mentors, received scholarships designated specifically for students pursuing studies in law and business, and been introduced to over \$150,000 in potential awards through business plan competitions and other opportunities.

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Law and Social Entrepreneurship Association (LSEA)

The NYU Law and Social Entrepreneurship Association brings to campus legally trained social entrepreneurs, such as founders of socially responsible businesses and nonprofits, and introduces students to lawyers and other executive officers who support the visions of these social entrepreneurs. This club also encourages students to think creatively about solving social problems and leads discussions on how to innovate the business, nonprofit, and legal sectors.

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Law Democrats

The NYU Law Democrats seek to promote progressive political change and raise awareness of how politics affect our laws and lives.

Building on the energy from the NYU Law for Obama campaign, we strive to help law students become engaged political activists and leaders. Law Dems work to organize students in support of Democratic candidates and issues, such as universal health care, global warming, and civil rights & liberties.

Our activities include panels on using a J.D. in politics and fora on important political and legal issues, Election Day poll monitoring, canvassing for candidates and issue campaigns, political skills trainings, and social events as well as hosting speakers from Democratic politics and candidate debates.

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Law Students for Economic Justice (LawSEJ)

Law Students for Economic Justice (LawSEJ) provides a community and voice for progressive and radical law students and focuses on organizing within the NYU School of Law environment. Primarily we: *Organize NYU law students around issues of social and economic justice within the law school and university; * Organize NYU law students to participate in activities of grassroots organizations fighting for economic and social

justice; and *Organize events for law students to learn about economic and social justice issues and careers.

While a number of other progressive law student organizations focus on legal issues outside of NYU, we focus primarily on organizing to ensure a progressive voice on campus and to build bridges with other progressive organizations. Key to our goals is the work we do in conjunction with NYU student groups and community organizations.

Part of LawSEJ's work is hosting events that foster dialogue among progressive and radical law students, ranging from lectures to workshops to film screenings. But LawSEJ also makes a point of taking sides on the issues we face as law students. In recent years, we have supported a protest against the presentation of an honor to Justice Antonin Scalia, organized with domestic workers fighting to win basic labor protections, volunteered with a community legal services organization to help workers facing employment discrimination on the basis of their criminal records, campaigned against NYU's contract with the Coca-cola company for its role in the assassination of trade unionists in Colombia, and supported protests demanding transparency and democracy on the part of the NYU administration.

This year we plan to continue our work with Domestic Workers United, our re-entry employment project, and the campaign against Coca-cola. We will also be involved in several labor campaigns, both on campus and in the community. We are always looking for new projects and give 1Ls space to take the lead right away.

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Law Students for Human Rights

Law Students for Human Rights (LSHR) is the largest and most active student organization at NYU School of Law. Our focus is local and global human rights. Our mission is to:

--Promote human rights by drawing on NYU Law's unique resources and diverse community;

--Establish a forum for education, advocacy and direct service related to human rights;

--Build a community for future practitioners of human rights law.

LSHR fulfills its mission by:

--Engaging in legal advocacy and activism in cooperation with NGOs;

--Presenting speakers, discussion groups and film events on human rights issues, as well as a yearly symposium which includes human rights professionals;

--Providing students with the information and skills necessary to access careers in the human rights field, including peer mentoring, research trainings, and other practical, skills-oriented services.

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Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ)

Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ) is a national organization committed to educating, organizing, and supporting pro-choice law students to ensure that a new generation of lawyers will be prepared to successfully defend and expand reproductive rights. The NYU chapter of LSRJ was started in the 2004-2005 school year by NYU law students who wanted a law school student group solely committed to the preservation and defense of reproductive freedom in the United States and abroad.

NYU LSRJ is comprised of a general membership whose meetings and activities are coordinated by an Executive Board. While NYU LSRJ has only been in existence for a few years, it has already taken part in and sponsored many activities including: co-sponsorship of reproductive rights speakers at both the law school and the University, career panels, participation in LSRJ National Conferences and Retreats, participation in and co-sponsorship of the New York Med-Law Students for Choice Conference, distribution of condoms and dental dams for Valentine's Day, and a sex toy party co-sponsored with OUTLaw.

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Law Republicans

The purpose of the NYU Law Republicans is to bring a Republican voice to the academic dialogue of NYU Law. Recognizing NYU's reputation as a liberal law school, the creation of the Law Republicans will establish an organized outlet for Republican debate and conversation. Realizing the challenges of maintaining an organization such as this at a law school like NYU, the Law Republicans will constantly seek new membership and encourage law students in their first year to take leadership roles. Unlike other organizations, this group's focus is on political and public policy aspects of the Republican Party. Our goals include being leaders among the Republican organizations associated with colleges and universities in New York City and in the process reaching out to various other New York City Republican groups. The organization will emphasize coordinating and raising awareness of political activities at the law school and around New York City for law students to attend. Finally, one of the most important and continuing purposes of the NYU Law Republicans is to ensure mutual respect for Republican ideas and those who hold them within the law school community.

Contact: TBD

Law Revue

Law Revue is the annual Law School musical, which parodies both life at NYU Law and the recognizable personalities who inhabit the school. Recent productions include "Lawman: Legend of the Dork Night" (2005) and "The Wizard of Lawz" (2006). The show is written, directed, produced, and performed by law students each year in the spring, around the end of March and/or beginning of April. The writers and production staff is selected in the fall and auditions to be in the cast or in the band are held at the beginning of the spring semester. Email us at lawrevue2009@gmail.com.

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Law Women

Law Women is a forum for women's voices at the Law School. By sponsoring various community-service, educational, and social events, the group fosters interaction among women of all backgrounds who are involved in the legal community-- students, faculty, alumnae, and practitioners.

During the upcoming year, Law Women will continue its mentoring program for 1L women, host career panels and an alumnae reception, and sponsor lunches with faculty. We will launch a fundraiser to benefit a women's group in our community. Law Women welcomes all suggestions for future events and encourages all students to participate in our activities.

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Mental Health Law Association (MHLA)

The Mental Health Law Association (MHLA) raises awareness of legal issues related to mental health. The MHLA seeks to educate the law school and broader community about these issues while also exposing law students to careers in mental health law and connecting them with opportunities for further extracurricular involvement. Contact us at <u>mentalhealthlaw@gmail.com</u>

This year, we are planning the following activities:

1. Speaker Series - These discussion-based events bring in several speakers on mental health law topics relevant to the law school community. Past topics have included the realities of civil commitment and the parental rights of the mentally ill.

2. Training Sessions - We bring in experts to help prepare you to interact with and assist future clients with mental illness who you may come in contact with in your summer internships and future career.

3. Information Dissemination - We develop handouts on our event topics as well as curriculum supplements for Criminal Law, Torts, and other relevant courses that omit the mental health law aspects.

4. Social Events

5. Commitment Observer Program - We are developing a program to observe and document abuses throughout the civil commitment process at hospitals.

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Middle Eastern Law Students Association (MELSA)

MELSA seeks to foster a community and serve the social and intellectual needs of Middle Eastern students at NYU Law. Our activities throughout the year range from social dinners and discussion groups to panels on Middle East politics. In the fall, the second and third year students run a mentoring program to establish a support system for incoming 1L's, and to help them adjust to law school life. For the upcoming year, we plan to host joint events with Middle Eastern student groups at other area law schools, interdisciplinary symposia focused on regional issues, and ongoing professional development and social programs. We also actively seek suggestions for new events from our members and the NYU Law student body and encourage all students to become involved. MELSA feels strongly about making everyone feel welcome, whatever their background, and welcomes the participation of all members of the NYU Law community.

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Multiracial Law Students Association (MuLSA)

As the newest ALSA at NYU, the Multiracial Law Students Association (MuLSA) seeks to provide a forum to address the unique issues confronting multiracial students as they prepare to join the legal profession. MuLSA is founded on the notion that an understanding of the multiracial community and the varied manifestations of its identity is vital to a better understanding of American legal issues. MuLSA seeks to provide a forum for a distinct and sizable community not represented by any existing ALSA at NYU. MuLSA works to educate the NYU community about the social, political, racial, religious, and economic issues faced by multiracial individuals. MuLSA welcomes the participation and support of the greater law school community.

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National Lawyers Guild (NLG)

The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) was founded in 1937 as the first integrated bar association. Over the past 70 years it has defended targets of McCarthyism, represented thousands of civil rights and anti-war activists, and continues to fight for social justice. NLG was the first organization to send lawyers to the South to support the fight for desegregation and voting rights. In 2004, the Guild provided legal support for the protests at the New York Republican National Convention.

The NYU Law chapter of NLG encourages students to engage in local and national activist causes, including immigrant justice, First Amendment rights, organizing over the internet, and international human rights. We strive to partner with progressive and radical practitioners in order to make an impact in our communities. This year we will be continuing our long term Detainee Working Group and Legal Observer Programs. Through these programs we have NYU Law students join other law students in the NYC area in observing immigration deportation hearings and local protests in order to document any lapses in protections of individual rights.

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NYU Mediation Organization

The NYU Mediation Organization is dedicated to spreading and implementing mediation as an effective tool of conflict resolution, both within New York University School of Law and the broader legal and general community. It serves to not only encourage mediation amongst faculty, students, and staff, but to provide NYU law students an opportunity to mediate in real life contexts. The NYU Mediation Organization is designed to offer students a hands-on experience by mediating real disputes arising between real parties, while at the same time relieving the heavy load on overburdened courthouses.

Each semester, students are trained in mediation, including the nature of mediation, mediation techniques, developing listening skills, working with co-mediators, and establishing rapport with parties to a dispute. Several students mediate disputes in Small Claims Court every weekday. Working in teams of two, the students practice and apply the dispute resolution techniques learned in training. The teams encounter a variety of cases that include landlord-tenant disputes, auto accidents, work contracts, and unpaid bills. At the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters, students (1st, 2nd, or 3rd years and LL.M.s) enter a lottery for the limited number of mediation positions, by going to www.nyumediation.org.

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NYU Law Golf Club

Long considered a challenging yet relaxing sport that is essential to business, golf is a pastime that many members of the NYU Law community enjoy, but they may find difficult to pursue while living in New York City. Through its affiliation with the United States Golf Association and the Metropolitan Golf Association (the USGA's regional governing body), the NYU Law Golf Club provides members of the law school community a social and athletic outlet through golf.

The club is designed to utilize the social, relaxing, and competitive nature of golf through formal meetings and outings. The club also seeks to help members improve their game, regardless of skill level, and to teach members proper golf etiquette, the handicap system, and changes to the rules of the game.

By becoming a member club of the USGA through the MGA NYU Law Golf Club is able to provide its members with access to area golf courses, handicap services, participation in regional tournaments, as well as an opportunity to take an active part in preserving and protecting the game.

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OWLS (Older Wiser Law Students)

Owls serves as a forum and support network for older students, second-career students, married students, students with children, and any other students interested in issues particular to law students who have been out of college for several years. We hold several get-togethers throughout the year to discuss key and confusing aspects of the law school experience, including summer jobs, financial aid, and how to relate your past experiences in interviews and resumes. We plan to have one event in the spring with OWLS alumni on hand to answer questions and generally enlighten us.

We also hold several fun, keg-free social events, which are great opportunities to meet other 'unconventional' law students.

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Open Meditation & Yoga Association (OM)

Open Meditation and Yoga Association (OM) seeks to provide the law school community with a safe, supportive community space through which students can establish a healthy, balanced lifestyle and explore personal paths to inner peace. OM embraces diverse forms and practices. OM aims to establish a community in which members can explore practices which promote health and wellness, personal transformation and growth.

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OUTLaw

OUTLaw brings together NYU law students, faculty, and staff who identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender. We sponsor frequent educational events throughout the year, keep the law school community informed on legal issues affecting LBGT rights, and raise the visibility of LGBT people within the legal profession. We advocate for the inclusion of queer perspectives within the law school, and work together with allies within the school and beyond to end discrimination in all its forms. And our numerous (and fabulous!) social events help to foster an atmosphere of warmth, safety, and mutual support.

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Portmanteau (NYU Law Adventure Club)

Portmanteau's Bipartite Mission:

1. ADVENTURE!

2. To introduce law students to the glories of New York City through arts, culture, and food so that by the time they graduate, they've seen more than the block between Furman and Vanderbilt.

Are you interested in attending the Lower East Side Pickle Festival, NYC Craft Beer Week, or the CMJ Music Marathon? Do you wish you'd known in time to celebrate International Pillow Fight Day, National High Five Day, or International Talk Like a Pirate Day?

If your heart is shouting "YES," you belong in PORTMANTEAU. PORTMANTEAU will fulfill all your adventure needs by organizing monthly adventure outings and maintaining a calendar of cool goings-on around town. We're working on setting up our list-serve now, but in the meantime, join our Facebook group to stay in the loop.

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Prisoners' Rights and Education Project

The Prisoners' Rights and Education Project provides law students with the opportunity to teach legal research skills to individuals incarcerated in New York State correctional facilities, with the goal of preparing those individuals to work in prison law libraries. An 8-week curriculum has been designed by PREP members to provide inmates with a basic foundation in legal research methods. The course also incorporates topics that appear on the New York State prison system's qualifying examination, as well as lessons on filing habeas corpus petitions, and other skills that may be useful in assisting library users. In addition to the course, PREP intends to organize educational and advocacy programs around current issues in the field of prisoners' rights.

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Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF)

The Public Interest Law Foundation is a non-profit, student-run organization that provides funding for NYU students to engage in part-time internships during the school year and to support new public interest organizations and projects. Students involved in PILF will have opportunities to help select funding recipients, interact and network with NYU alumni engaged in public interest law, and to gain experience in a leadership position within a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Please contact us for more information or to get involved stop by our booth at the student group fair.

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Real Estate & Urban Policy Forum (REUPF)

New York City is the center of the real estate world and New York University School of Law alumni are at the center of the real estate industry. In addition New York City is a global leader in the revitalization of urban areas and the crucible of innovative urban policy, community development, and sustainability development. NYU School of Law students experience these intersections first-hand through participation in the Real Estate & Urban Policy Forum (REUPF), which endeavors to introduce its members to the practice of real estate law and urban development (terms defined broadly to include property law, financing, planning, development and land use) in the City.

The Real Estate and Urban Policy Forum will heavily focus our efforts during the 2009-2010 School year on collaboratively creating community as we facilitate a vibrant dialogue on the issues of real estate and urban policy. Accordingly, we will make a concentrated effort to ensure that our events and activities strike a balance between academic discourse and immersion in the greater urban environment.

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Research, Education & Advocacy to Combat Homelessness (REACH)

REACH is dedicated to directly serving the local homeless community. REACH operates 2 weekly clinics in soup kitchens near NYU that offer law students the opportunity to advocate for those in need.

REACH advocates provide advice and referrals on a wide range of issues including housing, public benefits, and health-related matters. REACH also publishes a comprehensive manual on social and legal services in New York City that advocates keep on hand at clinics for quick reference. Finally, REACH seeks to educate the law school community by organizing speakers and panels on issues relevant to poverty law.

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South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA)

SALSA is the ALSA organization dedicated to NYU Law students of South Asian origin. SALSA seeks to provide a forum for the discussion of South Asian activism, minority issues, career opportunities (i.e. diversity fellowships), and community outreach. We also celebrate our South Asian heritage through dinners and cultural functions. Every year we organize a fall Diwali party which is well attended by the entire NYU School of Law community. We also work heavily with the ALL-ALSA coalition on improving the environment for Students of Color on the NYU Law campus.

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Southern Exposure

Southern Exposure was formed with a few goals in mind - - First, encouragement of southerners to attend NYU. Many of us understand the difficulty of attending a law school so far from home (in NYC no less). When a person from Valdosta, Georgia, who knows nobody in New York, wants to come up for a visit to see NYU, we want to help them in any way possible. From a place to crash to a tour of the city, we want to make their trip as easy and enjoyable as possible.

Our second goal focuses on erasing many stereotypes that people up North have about the South. There is more to the South then sweet tea and fried okra. We want to conduct events that will inform our northern compatriots about what the South is really like. Examples would consist of co-sponsored events with BALSA or JLSA, dealing with Black and Jewish culture in the South.

Our third goal deals primarily with finding jobs in the South. NYU has a wonderful on-campus interview event, but only a limited number of southern employers attend. We want to make it easier for anyone (not just southern students) to find employment in the South. Although this begins with forming a Southern Employer Database, it will hopefully lead to conducting our own on-campus events with southern employers.

Finally, like all law students, we want to have fun. This comes about through various events that allow us to bond over common southern experiences such as College Football and Mardi Gras. We provide an opportunity for our members to escape some of the mundane times at law school and enjoy themselves.

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St. Thomas More Society (Catholic Graduate LSA)

This is a student chapter of the national Thomas More Society, dedicated to fighting for the rights and dignity of all human life. The Society addresses vital issues across the pro-life spectrum, including pregnancy discrimination, end-of-life health care, the right of conscientious objection for medical workers, and freedom of speech for peaceable nonviolent protest.

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Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF)

The Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) at New York University Law School is a student chapter of the national Animal Legal Defense Fund. We promote a change in the legal status of nonhuman animals, the establishment of animals' rights to life and bodily integrity, and an end to the exploitation of animals. We work to educate the law school and New York City community about the intersection between animal rights and the law. Towards this end, we host a speaker series on various animal protection issues. We also engage in legal research involving questions of animal rights and animal welfare, and assist students in finding animal-related legal jobs.

During the coming year will have speakers, film screenings, and brown bag discussions that illuminate the connection between animal issues and other social issues to build coalitions and to promote discourse about animal issues on campus.

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Student Lawyer Athletic Program (SLAP)

SLAP is a student run organization that organizes co-ed intramural athletic leagues within New York University School of Law. All field events are played at the East River parks along the FDR Drive at 6th Street, a five minute cab ride or ten minute walk from school. Games are played on Friday afternoons, when most students don't have class. In the fall, SLAP runs a highly competitive football league that consists of about twenty-four teams spread between two divisions, light contact and full contact. A light contact team requires at least two females on the field at all times, while a full contact team has no limitations. The season consists of divisional play, a single-elimination playoff, and a year-end celebration.

In the spring, SLAP hosts a softball tournament bringing together law schools throughout the tri-state area. SLAP also sends both co-ed and men's teams to the University of Virginia Law Softball Invitational in early April. SLAP is also responsible for NYU Law's participation in school-wide events, such as the All-University Games, where we placed first in 2006.

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Substantial Performance

Substantial Performance is NYU Law School's a-cappella group. We rehearse weekly throughout the year, and perform between 3-5 concerts a year, including performances at law school functions and graduation.

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Suspension Representation Project

The Suspension Representation Project provides law students the opportunity to represent public school students in suspension hearings. SRP trains and supports advocates to effectively represent NYC students at these hearings.

In addition to safeguarding the right to public education, SRP aims to increase access to quality representation for students facing suspension hearings, and advocate for fair, equitable and appropriate school discipline practices. SRP works collaboratively with community organizations, student groups, governmental agencies, schools and other individuals. We encourage you to contact us with any questions or ideas.

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Texas Club

The Texas Club at NYU School of Law is dedicated to Texans and future Texans at the law school. Our mission is to provide a forum for students to network with each other, to network with future employers in the State of Texas, and to recruit Texas students to the New York University School of Law community.

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Trial Advocacy Society (Mock Trial Team)

The Trial Advocacy Society is a student organization dedicated to the development and practice of trial advocacy skills. We are a group of your peers at the law school from all class levels. Each year, the team hosts the Fall and Spring Oral Advocacy Competitions. The competition is open to all first year students. You will prepare and deliver a ten minute closing argument based entirely on materials that NYUTAS will provide to you. It is a great opportunity to practice your oral advocacy skills in a low-pressure environment with a chance for valuable feedback from the judges. Additionally, the competition serves as an audition for the Mock Trial Team. Each year NYUTAS sends teams of students to participate in Interschool Mock Trial Competitions. For more information, watch your mailboxes in late September.

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Unemployment Action Center (UAC)

The Unemployment Action Center is a student-run organization that represents unemployment insurance claimants in hearings at the New York Department of Labor. UAC gives students an unparalleled exposure to actual legal advocacy from the beginning of their law school experience -- our members are directly responsible for advising clients and presenting their arguments before administrative law judges.

UAC matches a population in need of assistance with a group of talented and dedicated law students eager to gain practical experience through public service. We encourage you to get in touch with us, and get involved!

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Voting Justice Project

Voting rights and election law affects all of us, shaping the range of our political choices and the communities represented in policy debates. The Voting Justice Project (VJP) is a nonpartisan student group dedicated to engaging the NYU Law community with current issues in voting rights and election law. Our mission is to provide students and faculty with a forum to discuss and take action on issues related to voting justice, including participating in both legal and non-legal advocacy projects.

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West Coast Connection

The WCC is a student group at NYU Law for people that are originally from the West Coast, have lived or worked in the West Coast, or that may want to practice in the West Coast after law school. The West Coast is defined very broadly in our group. We have had members from the West Coast of South America to Hawaii and the West Coast of Canada. Our group serves several purposes. First, it allows students from the west coast to meet each other socially in New York. Second, it helps members find employment on the West Coast. Our group accomplishes this by working closely with the Placement Office, having panel discussions to share experiences on past West Coast job searches, and providing a mentoring program for incoming students. Third, West Coast Connection works with the Admissions Office to actively recruit students from the West Coast. Fourth, our group seeks to build a network of New York University School of Law alumni on the West Coast, similar to the one existing for NYU Law alumni in New York. This network will aid us in our professional careers, and help others find employment in the region. Finally, we are also a means of support for our fellow students, for in our group you will always find someone to answer any questions about law school, life in NYC, or your job search.

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Women of Color Collective

The Women of Color Collective (WOCC) was created to provide a supportive space for women of color students at the NYU School of Law. Through supportive networking, public education, and collective initiatives, WOCC seeks to advance the needs of women of color and thereby enrich the educational experience at the law school.

OUR GOALS

We believe that WOCC can serve as a critical resource to the law school community in the following ways:

Support/Mentorship: facilitating monthly meetings for group discussion of critical issues and/or social events to promote interaction and mentorship between women of color at the law school; organizing events involving women of color alums/professionals to facilitate mentorship between students and current professionals.

Education: planning annual or biannual symposia open to the Law School on current topics relevant to the experience of women of color law professionals.

Activism: working with existing student groups to increase faculty of color recruitment and student of color admissions, to incorporate critical perspectives into class discussions, and to expand course offerings.

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Youth and Criminal Justice Society (YCJS)

The Youth and Criminal Justice Society (YCJS) focuses on the increasing criminalization of youth and the growing impact of the criminal justice system on the lives of young people. YCJS hosts monthly lunch speakers discussing topics in criminal law and performs advocacy projects. Topics that the group will focus on include: The juvenile justice system, drug laws that target youth, indigent defense, the school to prison pipeline, the impact of incarceration of parents, particularly women, on families, and the increased punishment and decreasing rehabilitation of juveniles. For more information about YCJS please contact:

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