

New York State Bar Association Law Student Division Membership

In Spring 2008, the students of Albany Law School overwhelmingly passed an amendment to Article 1 Section 5 of the Student Bar Association Constitution (located at http://www.albanylaw.edu/media/user/student_affairs/sbaconstitution52008.pdf). This amendment provides for automatic enrollment of all students at Albany Law School in the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Law Student Division. This membership is automatically paid for by the Student Bar Association. The benefits of this membership are immeasurable and Albany Law School is the only law school in the state to have such a measure.

Some of the benefits of membership include:

- ◆ Staying informed of legal news, developments, and tips for law students through various free newsletters, conferences, and seminars
- ◆ Making valuable contacts in the legal community through mentoring programs and networking events
- ◆ Drastically reduced fees for joining law sections which help you find an area of law that interests you
- ◆ Honing legal writing skills by becoming a contributing editor for the Law Student Connection e-newsletter
- ◆ Gaining leadership skills through different programs with the Young Lawyers Section of NYSBA
- ◆ A free copy of *Siegel's New York State Law Digest* – a valuable bar prep tool!
- ◆ Discount Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminars and life insurance
- ◆ The ability to apply for various awards and scholarships available only to Law Student Division members

Opt-out Provision: Deadline September 1, 2008

A student who decides to opt-out of his/her NYSBA Law Student Division membership must do so by September 1, 2008. *Please Note: by opting-out, the student will not receive a refund of the membership fee, it will remain in the Student Bar Association budget.*