

**CHARTER**  
**OF THE ORGANIZATION HEREBY KNOWN AS**  
**“BUSINESS, ETHICS, AND JURISPRUDENCE”**

August 29, 2011

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME AND LOCATION**

Business, Ethics, And Jurisprudence is hereby established on the campus of Albany Law School.

**ARTICLE II**  
**MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE**

The Mission of this organization is to increase the discussion of Business, Ethics, And Jurisprudence among the students of Albany Law School.

To accomplish this mission the organization will encourage its members to regard law studies as preparation to serve the courts, clients, and society (which service will always be paramount) as well as to practice law which may provide compensation; promote and protect the rule of law; and provide members with opportunities for continuing dialogue on legal topics of significance.

This organization does not discriminate or segregate in its membership or any of its activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, or sexual preference.

**ARTICLE III**  
**STUDENT CHAPTER OFFICERS**

The officers of this organization consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer. Each officer serves for a term of one year.

A. President

The President should be a second or third year law student. The President is elected by the group membership.

The President oversees the activities of the organization at the law school. The President regularly coordinates and communicates with the group. The President, in consultation with the Vice President, appoints members of the Student Chapter to serve on committees.

The President leads the discussions on the organizations Facebook group, but also allows and encourages other members to start discussion.

B. Vice-President

The Vice-President is nominated by the President, and subsequently elected by the group membership, as discussed below. The Vice -President assists the President with all aspects of the organization's operation.

C. Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer is a law student. The Secretary/Treasurer serves for a term of one year and can succeed him or herself for one or two additional terms. The Secretary/Treasurer is initially nominated by the President or Vice-President, and subsequently elected by the group membership, as discussed below. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for maintaining and updating the group membership list.

The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for depositing all funds collected by the group. The Secretary/Treasurer sets up an account for the group and reports on the status of the account to the President on a regular basis.

E. Other Officers or Committee Chairs

Other officers or committee chairs may be appointed, as needed, by the President upon consultation with the Vice-President.

F. Elections

1. Elections will be held yearly for officers on a date to be determined by the president.
2. Members become eligible for election after completion of their first semester of law school.
3. Voting on an officer will remain open for 12 hours after the nomination is posted.
4. While a candidate requires only 60% approval, it is not 60% of membership. Rather, it is 60% of voters. So if only 2 people vote, and they both vote yes, then the nomination is successful.

G. Becoming an Active Member

1. Any member in good standing may nominate any other law student to become a member that is currently attending an ABA accredited institution.
2. General members will be voted on for induction as nominations are presented by the membership.
3. Nominations must be posted on the groups Facebook wall begin with the words: "I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_" and should include a brief biography, reasons for induction, and a picture.
4. Voting on a nomination will remain open for 12 hours after the nomination is posted.
5. While a candidate requires only 60% approval, it is not 60% of membership. Rather, it is 60% of voters. So if only 2 people vote, and they both vote yes, then the nomination is successful.
6. A "yes" vote is made by "liking" the original post containing the nomination.
7. A "no" vote is made by posting the word "no" in a message underneath the nomination. If you cast a vote of "no" and the nominee is inducted, in the interest of keeping your dissent private and discrete, it will be removed prior to the new member's induction.

#### H. Removal from the group

1. Members that are not involved on the online discussion will be placed on probation and could be eventually removed from the group, if their absence exceeds one month.

#### I. Amending the Constitution

1. Motions will require a 60% approval rating of all members, and will remain open for 48 hours after the motion is posted.

2. The group President shall have the power To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of this organization.

### STUDENT CHAPTER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Group programs and activities are planned, based on the size and needs and goals of members. The Student Chapter may have as many or as few programs or activities as the officers deem appropriate. The following programs and activities are examples of some of the types of activities and programs to be conducted by the Student Chapter:

- A. Annual picnic.
- B. Frequent brown bag lunches with periodic speakers.
- C. Dodgeball Tournament.
- D. Lazertag Competition.

### MEETINGS OF STUDENT CHAPTERS

Members of the group will embark on ongoing online conversations regarding issues involving Business, Ethics, And Jurisprudence. They will also meet regularly to discuss matters of highest import.