

## **Albany Law School Civil Liberties Union**

### **Group Charter and By-Laws**

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This charter outlines the structure, goals, and guidelines of the Albany Law Civil Liberties Union.

### **ACTIVITIES**

The Albany Law Civil Liberties Union may identify political, social, or economic issues that they would like to mobilize around. These should be issues that a salient majority of the group's members can reach a consensus on, and that the group's members believe the group can impact. This can include, but is not limited to, providing information for the campus and/or outside community about various issues and events through literature, canvassing, hosting a debate, lecture, or symposium, forming partnerships with other student and/or outside organizations that target the same issue, signing petitions, letter-writing, tabling, film screening, and rallies. Issues covered by the Albany Law Civil Liberties Union may be both local and/or aggregate in nature.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Albany Law Civil Liberties Union does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, or handicap. Any student may be a member whether or not they are registered with the NY-CLU or ACLU.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

The Albany Law Civil Liberties Union consists of the Executive Board and the remaining members. The Executive Board consists of four elected members: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Executive Board meets on a regular basis to plan the group's agenda and discuss upcoming issues.

Elections are held each spring. The term runs for the duration of the following school year (August/May). Voting is open to all members. To be eligible for election to an Executive Board position, one must be a member of the group and have attended a minimum of one previous meeting. All officer platforms must be sent to the mailing list and read at the meeting before voting can occur. Voting must be by secret ballot, and ballots are counted by two students who are not on the ballot designated by the Executive Board. In the event of a tie, the sitting President breaks the tie. If it is a three-way race (or more) and two candidates tie, there should be a run-off race between the top candidates. In the event that an elected officer goes abroad, drops out, or can otherwise no longer serve, a special election should be held as soon as possible.