

## **Charter for Latin American Law Students' Association 2009-2010**

The Latin American Law Students' Association is a group whose membership, meetings, activities and services are open to all students at Albany Law School. Latin American Law Students' Association does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, or sexual preference.

The Latin American Law Students' Association is organized for the purpose of furthering the rights and interests of Albany Law School's Latino students. The Latin American Law Students' Association will meet at least twice a semester, excluding events and social activities.

The Latin American Law Students' Association hereby promises and affirms to regularly advertise its meetings and activities.

The Latin American Law Students' Association hereby promises to timely turn in its budget. Should the Latin American Law Students' Association not timely turn in its budget, the Latin American Law Students' Association hereby affirms that it understands that this may adversely affect the amount of funding it receives.

### **Officers for the Latin American Law Students' Association**

President - Megan Savaia Ortiz

Vice President & Treasurer - Evamaria Kartzian

Secretary - Gerardo Espinoza

Social & Publicity Chair - Erica Molina

## Latin American Law Students' Association By-Laws 2009-2010

- Latin American Law Students' Association ("LALSA") is a validly chartered SBA group.
- A student at Albany Law School becomes a member of LALSA by attending one (1) general interest meeting per semester.
- A student will remain an active member by participating in at least one (1) LALSA sponsored event per semester.
- LALSA of Albany Law School will hold meetings twice every semester.
- The office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary will be elected from active members during the spring semester. These elections will be open to active members to vote.
- In order to win, the candidate must secure the majority of votes
- This new executive board is considered valid unless a majority of LALSA's student members protest the election. An officer on the current executive board may be impeached for failing to perform their duties. In order to be impeached, a member must file a formal protest with the remaining members of the executive board. The officer must be given the opportunity to defend himself/herself to the board and membership. The officer must be impeached by a majority of the vote of the activity members.
- If an officer is impeached, an election is held to fill the vacancy within seven days.
- If there is a tie between two individuals for President, LALSA agrees to permit Co-Presidents in lieu of a President and Vice-President.
- The new leadership takes over at the start of the fall semester.
- **Executive board**
  - President: The duties of the president are to call the meetings, organize events and head the general interest meeting(s) and executive board meetings.
  - Vice President: To aid the president in any of their duties if they are unavailable and to help facilitate any meetings and events.
  - Treasurer: Keeps track of the financial funds and resources that are available to our organization, prepares the budget on a semester basis (with the assistance of the President) and helps with fundraising matters
  - Secretary: Maintains minutes for all events held by the organization, including executive board meetings, and maintains records of all clerical information relevant to LALSA.
  - Social/Publicity Chair: Exactly what it sounds like - you are the social connection between the organization and the membership. You will assist in organizing events for LALSA, sends announcements to the rest of the school and membership, and creates flyers that are placed around the school for public awareness of events.