

**Albany Law School Muslim Law Students Association  
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**ARTICLE I – Chartered Status**

The Albany Law School Muslim Law Students Association is a validly chartered group which has been approved by the SBA.

**ARTICLE II – Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of the Muslim Law Students Association (MLSA) is to provide fellowship and build community among Muslim Law Students and students of other faiths, through monthly meetings, educational and religious events, and regular social activities. MLSA coordinates activities with other student groups, works to foster greater dialogue, and educate the ALS community on Islam.

The Muslim Law Students Association also aims to encourage and generate thoughtful and respectful discussion and debate around legal issues which affect Muslims and other religious communities locally and globally, with particular focus given to constitutional and civil liberty issues as well as international and local human rights topics pertinent to Islam and Muslims.

This club is open to all members of the Albany Law School community. The Albany Law Muslim Law Students Association does not discriminate against any individual wishing to join. An individual will only be asked not to attend club meetings if his/her prior conduct at a club meeting was inappropriate, offensive, or harmful to the other members of the organization.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any member of the Albany Law School community becomes a member of the Muslim Law Student Association by attending at least 1 meeting and signing up for the e-mail list.
1. Any member of the Muslim Law Students Association may hold office or vote for a candidate for office.
2. Non-students may act as associate members, but may not vote, hold office or act on behalf of the Muslim Law Students Association.

**ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

1. Election of Officers
  - a. The Executive Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary – each to be elected by a majority of members present at an advertised meeting for the purpose of election.
  - b. A member of the Albany Law School Muslim Law Students Association becomes eligible to run for office by being a member as defined in Article III,

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and by submitting her or his intention to run for office in writing or electronically to any member of the current Executive Board at least one week prior to the election.

- c. Officers will be elected by written ballot, with each member casting a vote. A majority of votes will constitute a victory.
- d. Election of the Executive Board will take place at a scheduled meeting on a date to be determined by the Executive Board at the end of each academic year.
- e. Officers will assume office for the period of one year.
- f. In the event the number of members is smaller than or no larger than the number of people required to fill each Executive Board position (four), then the election of new Board members for the following term may be decided by consensus.

2. Duties of Officers

- a. The President of MLSA shall be the chair of the Executive Board and shall preside over the membership of MLSA. The President shall be responsible for presiding over and forming the agenda for all meetings of the MLSA membership, and meetings of the Executive Board. The President may also assume the role of any other Executive Board member in their absence.
- b. The Vice-President of MLSA shall assume all duties reasonably placed upon that office by the President. This may include temporary Presidential duties, as needed in the absence of the President.
- c. The Secretary of MLSA shall be responsible for the taking of minutes at meetings of members, and at meetings of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall also be responsible for corresponding with the general student body as needed. The Secretary shall be responsible for sending copies of the minutes to all members by email.
- d. The Treasurer of MLA shall be the financial officer for Amnesty. The Treasurer shall create a budget and defend the budget at the budget meeting in the fall and spring semesters. The Treasurer shall assume all further duties reasonably placed upon that office by the President.

3. Impeachment of Officers

- a. Officers are subject to impeachment for wrongdoings in office or failing in their duties.

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- b. Impeachment procedures will be initiated at the written request of five active members.
- c. Within two weeks following such a request, a hearing will be conducted for the presentation of evidence from all concerned parties (ie., the accused and the accusers). The President shall preside over such a hearing, except when the President is a concerned party, in which case the Vice President shall preside over such a hearing. Should both the President and Vice President be concerned parties, the hearing shall be presided over by an official elected by a majority of active members for this purpose.
- d. Immediately following such a hearing, a vote shall be held on the issue of impeachment.
- e. If two-thirds (2/3) of active members vote in favor of impeachment, the officer is thereby impeached, and a new election for the vacant position shall be held within two weeks.

**Article V – Meetings**

The Albany Law School Muslim Law Student Association shall hold scheduled meetings as needed but at least 1 time per semester. Scheduled meetings may coincide with events sponsored by the Albany Law School Muslim Law Students Association. Meetings may be called by any member of the Executive Board.

**Article VI – Statement of Non-Discrimination**

The Albany Law School Muslim Law Student Association does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, race, creed, religion, disability, national or ethnic origin, political or social affiliation, age, marital/familial status, sexual orientation or sexual preference. This policy will include, but not be limited to recruitment, membership, activities, or eligibility to hold office.