

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ELDER LAW ATTORNEYS CHAPTER AT ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

CHARTER

(EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2011)

I Purpose Of Organization

The group is a student chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, Inc. (hereinafter "NAELA"), a national organization devoted to excellence in the field of Elder Law. The student chapter exists to: (1) inform Albany Law students about the practice of Elder Law; (2) provide students with professional networking opportunities within the field of Elder Law; (3) allow students, when possible, to provide service within the field of Elder Law; (4) present a chance for students to become part of a nationally-respected professional organization in the field of Elder Law; (5) provide opportunities for Albany Law students interested in the field of Elder Law to meet and interact with one another; and (6) allow for other ways in which Albany Law students may become involved with Elder Law during their student experience at the law school.

II Membership Of Organization

The NAELA chapter will be composed of members from the student body at Albany Law School. Students become members by signing up for the e-mail list and helping out with NAELA events and activities during the semester. While students have the option of paying membership dues to NAELA headquarters to become a national member of the organization, students are still permitted to attend meetings and assist with the activities of the group without officially joining the national organization. Members are expected to attend meetings and assist with NAELA-sponsored events throughout the semester.

III Executives Of Organization

The NAELA chapter shall have a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) executive board members at all times. At minimum, the chapter shall have a President and a Vice-President/Treasurer, who shall be selected by first declaring themselves eligible through submitting a statement of interest no later than one (1) week preceding the election, and then by winning a majority of votes cast by the active members of the chapter in separate races. The chapter may also have a Secretary and an Event Coordinator if the size of the membership body warrants

the addition of such positions, as determined by the President and Vice-President/Treasurer. If such positions are added, their occupants shall be selected through the same voting procedure used for President and Vice-President/Treasurer. An officer of the NAELA chapter may be impeached for failing in his or her duties. If a 2/3 vote in favor of impeachment of the officer is cast, then the officer is removed from his or her position, and a special election for the vacant position must be held. The chapter shall also have a faculty advisor, chosen from among the Albany Law School faculty.

IV Statement of Inclusiveness For Organization

The NAELA chapter 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 orientation. The chapter also is forbidden from ever acting with prejudice toward any member on the basis of class rank or class year. The chapter pledges to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for all student-members. The chapter certifies that it will abide by the provisions stated in the Constitution of the Albany Law School Student Bar Association.

*Certified as Binding and Renewed on the
24th Day Of August, 2011*