

Charter Outlaw: 2011 - 2012

Outlaw is a group whose membership, meetings, activities and services are open to all students at Albany Law School. Members should be supportive individuals who are sensitive and respectful to the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community. In addition, active participation in the organization's endeavors is expected, and is an important prerequisite to enlighten the Albany Law School community about these issues. Outlaw does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Outlaw is organized for the purpose of educating the Albany Law School community about issues relating to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people and to provide a safe atmosphere for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender individuals, and their supporters.

Outlaw will meet once every semester, or as often as the President deems necessary. Outlaw hereby promises and affirms to regularly advertise its meetings and activities.

Outlaw hereby promises to timely turn in its budget. Should Outlaw not turn in its budget in a timely manner, Outlaw hereby affirms that it understands that this may adversely affect the amount of funding it receives.

Officers for Outlaw: 2011 – 2012 Academic Year

President: Lisa Ball
Vice President: TBD
Treasurer: TBD
Secretary: TBD

Outlaw By-Laws 2009 – 2010

- Outlaw is a validly chartered Student Bar Association group.
- Outlaw will hold meetings once every semester, or as often as the President deems necessary.
- A student at Albany Law School becomes a member of Outlaw by attending the first general interest meeting or by signing up for the listserv.
- A student will remain an active member by attending a simple majority of the meetings or events held during a semester.
- The office of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be elected from amongst the active membership during the Spring semester. These elections will be open to all members of Outlaw.
- The officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the last meeting of the year. Those elected will serve for one full academic year (two consecutive semesters and the summer) and may be re-elected to the position each academic year. In order to win, the candidate must secure simple majority of votes cast.
- The new leadership takes over at the start of the Fall semester.
- This new executive board is considered valid unless an active student member protests the election. The active member must file a petition detailing the reason for the protest and send it to advisor of Outlaw. The advisor must call a meeting within ten (10) school days of the filing of the petition. At that meeting, the active member and the executive board will have an opportunity to give a statement. The advisor will then preside over a vote for the members of Outlaw to either to maintain or to remove the newly elected executive board. There must be a 3/4 majority of members in favor of removing the executive board. If the executive board is removed, the advisor must hold elections with ten (10) school days of the removal of the executive board.
- In the event of an officer vacancy, any member may nominate an active member of Outlaw. The members of Outlaw will then vote for a candidate by secret ballot. In order to win, the candidate must secure simple majority of votes cast.
- An officer of Outlaw may be impeached for failing to perform their duties. The protesting member must submit a petition containing the names of fifty (50) percent of the members of Outlaw to the President, unless the President is the one being protested. In that instance, the petition will be given to the Vice President. This petition must state the specific reasons for impeachment. The protested

party will have an opportunity to respond to this petition and a vote will be held within five (5) school days of receipt of this petition. This vote will determine if the protested party will be impeached. In order to be removed from office, there must be a 3/4 majority of votes in favor of removing said officer.

- All amendments to the charter or by-laws are subject to the approval of the officers and shall be discussed at a general meeting called by the voting membership. A quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the entire membership. Voting shall be by show of hands. The proposed amendment can be passed with a 3/4 majority vote. Members shall be notified of any changes at the next regular meeting, where the amendment's benefits to the group shall be discussed.

- **Duties of President**
 - The President shall:
 - Be responsible for general supervision of all affairs.
 - Call and preside over all meetings.
 - Coordinate planned discussions and activities either personally or through delegation.
 - S/he will also be a mediator in discussions.
 - S/he will be responsible for initiating/overseeing the planning of events for the group (i. e., fund raisers, speakers or group outings).

- **Duties of Vice President**
 - The Vice-President shall:
 - Assist the president in general supervision of planned activities and events.
 - Assume responsibilities of the President in case of the absence of the President.

- **Duties of Secretary**
 - The Secretary shall:
 - Record official attendance at all meetings.
 - Take all minutes/notes at all meetings.
 - Be responsible for completing any other delegated task.
 - Maintain roster of active members

- **Duties of Treasurer**
 - The Treasurer shall:
 - Keep track of funds.
 - Prepare the budget with the help of the president.
 - Help with fundraising.