

Albany Law Softball Charter & By-Laws

Charter for Albany Law Softball 2011

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

Albany Law Softball is an athletic club organized for the purpose of giving the students of Albany Law School the ability to participate in all phases of amateur softball. Albany Law Softball will generally meet once a week to practice and meet once a month for club business or as the Commissioner deems necessary.

Albany Law Softball hereby promises and affirms to regularly advertise its meetings and activities.

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

Officers for Albany Law Softball

Commissioner of Softball (President): Christopher Honeywell

Senior Director of Softball Operations (Exec Vice President): John Hodge

Junior Director of Softball Operations (Jr. Vice President): Sean Weber

Finance Director (Treasurer): Katelyn Primomo

Communications Director (Secretary): Marc Pallozzi

ALBANY LAW SOFTBALL BY-LAWS 2011

ARTICLE ONE: DEFINITIONS

- 1.0 "AASR" means All-American Sports Recreation Adult Softball League
- 1.1 "ALS" means Albany Law School
- 1.2 "ALSC" means Albany Law Softball Club
- 1.3 "By-Laws" means the Albany Law Softball By-Laws 2011
- 1.4 "Club" means Albany Law Softball Club
- 1.5 "Executive Board" means the Executive Board of the Albany Law Softball Club, consisting of the Commissioner of Softball, the Senior Director of Softball Operations, the Junior Director of Softball Operations, the Finance Director, and the Communications Director
- 1.6 "Non-voting Member" means any member of the Albany Law Softball Club who is allowed to participate in games and tournaments under Section 2.1(f), but who is not a current student at Albany Law School
- 1.7 "Participate" means to actually play in an official game. Playing in scrimmages or spectating a game does not constitute participation.
- 1.8 "SBA" means the Student Bar Association of Albany Law School
- 1.9 "Voting Member" means any current student member of the Albany Law Softball Club who has paid the SBA Student Activity Fee
- 1.10 Internal Cross-References
Internal cross-references shall be read as follows:
Article.Section(Subsection)(Part)(Subpart).

ARTICLE TWO: CHARTER, MEMBERSHIP, AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 2.0 Charter
ALSC is a validly chartered SBA group.
- 2.1 Membership

- (a) A student at Albany Law School becomes an active member of ALSC by attending meetings, practices and games. A student remains an active member of ALSC by attending meetings, practices, and games.
- (b) Membership in ALSC earns the right to attend all ALSC functions, excluding those reserved exclusively for the ALSC Executive Board.
- (c) Anyone, including non-members and non-students, may attend ALSC games, tournaments, and fundraisers.
- (d) All students, including student non-members, and non-student members may attend practices and general meetings.
- (e) Members of ALSC may only participate in games and tournaments, as opposed to “attending” games and tournaments, if he/she has paid the relevant registration or entry fee.
- (f) Membership by a student at ALS, restricted to students who have paid the previous year’s SBA Student Activity Fee, results in “voting member” status. Voting members may participate in any vote authorized by Article 3.
- (g) ALS alumni, faculty, staff, and family members of ALS students, alumni, faculty, and staff may become non-voting members only. Participation in ALSC by non-voting members is limited by Article Eleven. Among these restrictions are the lack of the rights to vote and to benefit from any and all subsidies provided by the SBA.

2.2 Club Meetings

ALSC will generally hold meetings once every month or as often as the Commissioner deems necessary.

2.3 Executive Board Meetings

The Commissioner may hold Executive Board meetings as often as he/she deems necessary, and may restrict attendance as he/she deems reasonable.

2.4 Executive Board

- (a) The ALSC shall be run by an Executive Board, subject to these By-Laws.
- (b) The Executive Board shall consist of five positions whose elections are governed by Section 3.3 and whose powers are defined by Articles 4-8.
- (c) A person must be a current student at ALS in order to become or remain a Member of the Executive Board.
- (d) In order to become a Member of the Executive Board, a candidate must receive a simple majority of votes from voting members, as defined by Article 3.
- (e) This new Executive Board is considered valid unless an active student member protests the election as authorized by the SBA or by Subsection 3.5.
- (f) The five positions are as follows:
 - (i) Commissioner of Softball (Article 4);
 - (ii) Senior Director of Softball Operations (Article 5);
 - (iii) Junior Director of Softball Operations (Article 6);
 - (iv) Finance Director (Article 7); and
 - (v) Communications Director (Article 8).

2.5 Impeachment

- (a) An Executive Board Member may be impeached through the processes defined in Subsection 3.4.
- (b) An Executive Board Member may only be removed as allowed by Subsection 3.4, and may only be impeached for:
 - (i) repeated violations of these By-Laws;
 - (ii) repeated failure to perform his/her duties under these By-Laws;
 - (iii) violation of ALS and SBA rules, regulations, and policies pertaining to the funding of student organizations; or
 - (iv) any infraction or crime that results in academic punishment by the Administration of ALS.

2.6 Purpose

The purpose of the ALSC is to form competitive softball teams to participate in AASR, the University of Virginia School of Law

Invitational Softball Tournament, and other tournaments and to serve as a recreational activity for students at ALS.

2.7 Mission Statement

The ALSC shall have four pillars that encompass the core values and objectives of the Club. They shall emphasize the commitments that each person makes when he/she joins the Club. They are:

- (a) Integrity—adherence to moral and ethical principles. As lawyers and as softball players it is important that all members be good people;
- (b) Fraternity—formal organization with a common purpose. A goal of every member should be to make new, good friends;
- (c) Competitive Excellence—playing our best in every circumstance. We go out each game to play our best, individually and as a team, and to be victorious; and
- (d) Vivacity—having fun. Each team shall strive to have a good time.

ARTICLE THREE: AUTHORITY AND ELECTIONS

3.0 Authority of the By-Laws

- (a) These By-Laws shall:
 - (i) be the governing instrument of the Albany Law Softball Club;
 - (ii) serve as the Club Rules, governing those who participate in the Club's activities; and
 - (iii) be the base around which all individual teams' rules must be structured. The individual team captains and assistant captains may create their own team rules, but may not take any action limited by these By-Laws.
- (b) The purpose of these By-Laws shall be to:
 - (i) facilitate the smooth functioning of the ALSC;
 - (ii) vest decision-making authority in specific individuals; and
 - (iii) ensure that all members, regardless of their status, know their rights.

- (c) In order to achieve the purposes described in Subsection (b), these By-Laws shall be read in the manner that most benefits the Club. All ambiguities shall be resolved in the manner that most benefits the Club. Any clause which, under specific, actually present circumstances, would harm the Club shall be read in a manner so as to prevent such harm.

3.1 Limitation of Authority

These By-Laws shall be the supreme authority of the Club, subject only to:

- (a) any and all relevant ALS rules, regulations, and policies;
- (b) any and all relevant SBA rules, regulations, and policies;
- (c) the Student Organization Handbook;
- (d) the SBA Student Organization Budget Funding Guidelines;
- (e) the SBA Constitution; and
- (f) the SBA By-Laws.

3.2 Amendment

- (a) These By-Laws may be amended or completely replaced by a simple majority of the voting members of the ALSC.
- (b) Voting members must be given reasonable notice before the date or dates of such vote, and must be given a reasonable opportunity to cast such vote.
- (c) The Commissioner shall announce the results of the vote within five school days of the end of the allotted voting period. Re-counts are permitted under Section 3.5.

3.3 Elections

- (a) Voting for the Executive Board shall take place in January or February of each year.
- (b) Members of the Executive Board are elected by a simple majority of votes cast by the voting members of the ALSC.
- (c) Members of the Executive Board may be removed as prescribed in Section 3.4. Where an Executive Board Member is removed or resigns from office, the position shall be filled by a Special Election to be conducted in the same manner as prescribed by this Section, subject to Subsection 3.4(g).

- (d) Each voting member may hold only one spot on the Executive Board at any one time.
- (e) The Commissioner shall announce the results of the vote within five school days of the end of the allotted voting period. Re-counts are permitted as allowed in Section 3.5.
- (f) Newly-elected Members of the Executive Board begin their term upon the announcement of the results of the vote by the Commissioner. The term of each position lasts from the date of this announcement to the day following the end of the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament during the spring semester. From the date of the announcement to the end of the outgoing Executive Board Members' terms there shall be two Executive Boards which will operate simultaneously, with the powers of each Executive Board limited and defined by Section 3.6, and by Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.
- (g) Any voting member of the Club may run for any position or multiple positions on the Executive Board so long as he/she will remain a voting member for the duration of his/her term, subject to Section 3.3(f). A candidate who receives a winning number of votes for multiple positions shall be allowed to select one of the positions, and a run-off shall be held amongst the remaining candidates for the other position. If only one other candidate ran for that position, there need not be a runoff. A voting member submits his/her candidacy for a position on the Executive Board by notifying the Commissioner.
- (h) A simple majority over votes casted is needed to approve any proposed amendment or replacement of these By-Laws, and to elect candidates to positions on the Executive Board. To be elected to the Executive Board a candidate must receive more than half of all votes casted. In the case of no candidate receiving more than half of all votes casted, there shall be a runoff between the two candidates receiving the most votes within two school days of the result of the first vote.

3.4 Removal, Impeachment, and Resignation of Executive Board Members

- (a) Members of the Executive Board may only be removed:
 - (i) as prescribed in this Section; or
 - (ii) as ordered by the Administration of ALS; or
 - (iii) as ordered by the SBA under all relevant SBA governing documents, where such authority to remove such Member is recognized by the Administration of ALS.
- (b) Members of the Executive Board may only be impeached for:
 - (i) repeated violations of these By-Laws;
 - (ii) repeated failure to perform his/her duties under these By-Laws;
 - (iii) violation of ALS and SBA rules, regulations, and policies pertaining to the funding of student organizations; or
 - (iv) any infraction or crime that results in academic punishment by the Administration of ALS.
- (c) The purpose of such impeachment should be to protect the Club, voting members of the Club, ALS, the SBA, all other players within the Club, and AASR from abuse by such Member of the Executive Board.
- (d) Members of the Executive Board may be removed in the following manner:
 - (i) A voting member shall collect the signatures of 20 voting members on a sheet or sheets of paper with the following heading: "Petition for the Removal of [NAME OF MEMBER] from his/her position as [NAME OF EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITION] of the Albany Law Softball Club." This petition must state the specific reasons for impeachment.
 - (ii) The petition shall be handed in to the Communications Director. If the Communications Director is the member to be removed, the petition shall be handed in to the Commissioner. In this case the Commissioner will fulfill the responsibilities of the Communications Director for the duration of the impeachment process.

- (iii) Upon receiving a petition to remove a Member of the Executive Board, the Communications Director must set up a vote to remove such Member. Delays are allowed as reasonable, such as an instance where the petition is handed in during winter break. The protested party must have an opportunity to respond to the petition before the vote takes place.
- (iv) To be removed, a Member must receive a “remove” vote from more than 50% of the current, rostered voting members. “Rostered” means a voting member who is on, or was on during the last regular season, an ALSC roster.
- (e) A Member of the Executive Board may resign at any time, as long as he or she gives 168 hours’ notice, in writing, to the Communications Director. If the Communications Director is resigning, he/she must turn in his resignation to the Commissioner.
- (f) Any Executive Board Member removed from such position under Sections 3.4(a)(ii) or (iii) shall be considered to have been removed under this Section. Any Executive Board Member who ceases to be a student at ALS shall be considered to have resigned in accordance with Section 3.4(e). His or her term ends at the moment he or she ceases to be a student at ALS.
- (g) If an Executive Board Member has been removed or has resigned under this Section, a Special Election shall be held by the Commissioner in the same manner as outlined in Section 3.3, subject to the following rules:
 - (i) If the office of the Commissioner is currently vacant, the election shall be conducted by the Executive Director. If both those positions are vacant, then the election shall be conducted by the Junior Director.
 - (ii) Current Members of the Executive Board may run for vacant positions. If such current Member is elected, another election shall be had to fill in the newly-vacated position.

- (iii) The terms of Members of the Executive Board elected under this Section shall end on the day following the end of the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament during the spring semester, regardless of when the election took place.
- (iv) Any member of the ALSC that has ever been removed or impeached from the Executive Board under this Section, and any member that has resigned from the Executive Board in a manner that violates Subsection 3.4(e), may not run for, or be elected to, a position on the Executive Board.

3.5 Protest of Vote Results

- (a) The result of any vote may be challenged by any voting member by submitting a petition to protest vote results. The petition must be handed in to the Communications Director and shall be formatted as follows:
 - (i) A voting member shall collect the signatures of 20 voting members on a sheet or sheets of paper with the following heading: "Petition for the Protest of Vote Results for [PURPOSE OF VOTE] of the Albany Law Softball Club." This petition must state the specific reasons for the protest.
 - (ii) The petition shall be handed in to the Communications Director. Upon receiving the petition, the Communications Director must notify the Commissioner and conduct a re-count of the votes within 48 hours of the handing in of the petition, subject to reasonable delays.
 - (iii) The Commissioner must hand over all ballots to enable a speedy and efficient recount.
- (b) The results of any re-count conducted by the Communications Director as a result of such protest shall be final and binding.

3.6 Two Executive Boards

- (a) Article 3.3 allows for two Executive Boards to exist simultaneously during the spring semester. As noted in Section 3.3(f), this Section sets forth the requirements and limitations

placed on each of those Executive Boards during this time period.

- (b) Two Executive Boards may exist simultaneously only during the time between the announcement of the results of the annual spring election and the end of the outgoing Executive Board's term on the day after the last day of the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament.
- (c) During the time period explained in Section 3.6(b) the outgoing Executive Board shall have complete and absolute control over all ALSC funds in existence at the time of the announcement of the results of the annual spring election, as well as any funds collected during that time period that is intended to be used for the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament. During this time period, the incoming Executive Board shall only control the following funds:
 - (i) any funds collected during that time period which are not intended to be used toward the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament; and
 - (ii) any funds that are expressly granted by both the Commissioner and the Finance Director for use by the incoming Executive Board.
- (d) The outgoing Executive Board shall have complete and absolute control over all ALSC equipment during the time period explained in Section 3.6(b). The incoming Executive Board may use the equipment only with the express permission of the Commissioner.
- (e) The outgoing and incoming Executive Boards shall work together to prevent any conflicts with fundraising and to smoothly transition between Executive Boards. If any dispute arises, the outgoing Commissioner shall have final say, subject only to the constraints imposed by these By-Laws.
- (f) The incoming Executive Board shall have control over all ALSC events taking place after the last day of the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament. This includes

all planning and roster-building for the summer season, all tournaments taking place after the Virginia Tournament, and all other jobs specified in these By-Laws. The outgoing Executive Board shall in no way improperly influence the incoming Executive Board in its decision-making capacity in regard to any events taking place after the Virginia Tournament.

- (g) The outgoing Executive Board shall turn over all equipment, funds, and all other ALSC-related items and information to the incoming Executive Board as soon as is reasonable after the end of the outgoing Executive Board's term.
- (h) During the period explained by Section 3.6(b), the outgoing and incoming Executive Boards should diligently work together to ensure that all relevant information and materials can be efficiently transferred to the incoming Executive Board as required by Section 3.6(g).

ARTICLE FOUR: POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONER

4.0 President

The president of ALSC shall be known as the Commissioner of Softball.

4.1 Election Requirements

A person may only be elected to the office of Commissioner if he or she:

- (a) is a current student at ALS;
- (b) will remain a student at ALS for the duration of the term, which lasts from the date the election results are announced until the day after the last day of the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament the following spring; and
- (c) has participated in at least one summer or fall season while a student at ALS.

4.2 Responsibilities

- (a) The Commissioner must use Club funds to purchase a reasonable amount of equipment so that each individual team may function within the league or tournament.

- (b) The Commissioner must ensure that the equipment is properly stored during the offseason.
- (c) The Commissioner must set a reasonable registration fee before each season, and must give players a reasonable amount of time and opportunity to register before registration is closed. However, the Commissioner may restrict the total number of registrants to an amount that keeps each team's roster at a reasonable level.
- (d) The Commissioner must allow all students who pay the league registration fee before the due date to join an ALSC team, unless:
 - (i) No spots remain; or
 - (ii) There is a good reason to refuse to allow a student to register. For example, a student who had previously been removed from a roster for fighting may be refused.
- (e) The Commissioner must establish rosters for the regular season before the season begins.
- (f) The Commissioner must establish rosters for the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament. The Commissioner must also ensure that all details relating to the ALSC's participation in the Tournament are taken care of.
- (g) The Commissioner must ensure that all the other members of the Executive Board are performing their duties effectively, and if they fail to do so the Commissioner must make sure that he, or someone else, carries out those duties.
- (h) The Commissioner must ensure that the team captains and assistant captains are performing their duties effectively, and if they fail to do so he must take over or appoint a new player to take over.
- (i) The Commissioner may not refund any paid registration fee.
- (j) The Commissioner may call and head Club meetings.
- (k) The Commissioner must order jerseys at the beginning of each season and before the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament as necessary, and the cost of

these jerseys may be paid either by the players or by the Club, as determined by the Commissioner and the Finance Director.

4.3 Exclusive Powers

- (a) The Commissioner shall retain the powers in this Section exclusively, subject only to restrictions placed on such powers by:
 - (i) the Administration of ALS;
 - (ii) the SBA, where such power to restrict is recognized by the Administration of ALS; and
 - (iii) the override provisions set forth in Section 4.6.
- (b) The Commissioner shall have the exclusive power to create summer and fall league rosters.
- (c) The Commissioner shall have the exclusive authority to create the rosters for the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament.
- (d) The Commissioner shall have the exclusive authority to distribute equipment amongst the various teams.
- (e) The Commissioner shall have the exclusive authority to appoint captains and assistant captains. Captains and assistant captains may be removed by the Commissioner at any time for cause. However, the Commissioner may not remove a captain or assistant captain over a dispute over strategy alone. As such, the captain is in charge of his or her team and the Commissioner may not overrule a strategic decision. In order to be a captain or assistant captain, the Club member must be a student at ALS.
- (f) The Commissioner shall have the exclusive authority to decide whether a non-student shall be allowed to join the Club as a non-voting member. The Commissioner shall also have the exclusive authority to remove a non-student member at any time for cause. The Commissioner may make the decision to allow or not allow a non-student to join ALSC at the start of each season, even if that non-student played for ALSC during the previous season. This shall not be considered "removal."

- (g) The Commissioner may only alter rosters for the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament once the Tournament has begun with cause. If there is no good reason to alter rosters once the Tournament has begun, then the Commissioner may not so alter.
- (h) The Commissioner shall have sole discretion over whether team stats shall be kept, and shall decide the manner in which they shall be kept. Team captains shall keep such stats.
- (i) The Commissioner must work with the Finance Director to draft a budget for each semester and present it to the SBA for approval.

4.4 Concurrent Powers

- (a) The Commissioner shall have the authority to commit any act, unless such authority to act:
 - (i) is expressly restricted by these By-Laws;
 - (ii) has been restricted by the Administration of ALS;
 - (iii) has been restricted by the SBA, where such power to restrict is recognized by the Administration of ALS;
 - (iv) is expressly reserved to the exclusive authority of another Member of the Executive Board; or
 - (v) is only allowed under these By-Laws where some contingency has occurred, such as where the Commissioner shall only conduct an impeachment vote where the Communications Director is the officer to be impeached, under Section 3.4.
- (b) The Commissioner shall have the authority to spend a reasonable amount of money to purchase equipment for the Club as a whole and for the individual teams.
- (c) The Commissioner shall have the authority to disperse reasonable funds to Team Captains and Team Assistant Captains for use in purchasing equipment, balls, and refreshments, and for paying umpires.
- (d) The Commissioner shall have the authority to pay league and tournament entry fees.

(e) The Commissioner may organize club wide practices. The Commissioner may also organize individual or multiple team practices, with the permission of the individual team captains' whose teams would be involved.

4.5 Powers Used in Conjunction with Other Executive Board Members

(a) Student members may only be removed from the club for cause. A student member may only be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Board. In the event of any tie, the student member shall not be removed.

(b) Once any season has begun team rosters may only be altered if:

(i) the Commissioner, the team captains involved, and the players involved agree; or

(ii) there is a majority vote of the members of the Executive Board. A tie vote results in no alteration of rosters.

4.6 Delegation of Powers

The Commissioner may delegate any of his powers or responsibilities to another Member of the Executive Board at any time, and may also revoke such delegation at any time. Any action taken by another Executive Board Member under such delegation shall be imputed to the Commissioner.

ARTICLE FIVE: POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

5.0 Executive Vice-President

The executive vice-president of ALSC shall be known as the Executive Director of Softball Operations.

5.1 Election Requirements

A person may only be elected to the office of Executive Director if he or she:

(a) is a current student at ALS; and

(b) will remain a student at ALS for the duration of the term, which lasts from the date the election results are announced until the day after the last day of the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament the following spring.

5.2 Responsibilities

- (a) In the Commissioner's absence, the Executive Director shall act as the Commissioner. "Absence" in this sense means that the Commissioner is unavailable to perform a task required of him or her under these By-Laws and inaction will result in harm to the Club. When acting as the Commissioner the Executive Director should do his or her best to act as the Commissioner would.
- (b) The Executive Director's main responsibility shall be to assist the Commissioner in all aspects of preparing the Club and its members for the summer and fall seasons, and in making sure that said seasons run smoothly.
- (c) The Executive Director shall help the Commissioner in compiling end-of-season stats, as kept by the various team captains.
- (d) The Executive Director shall help the Commissioner in collecting and placing orders for team uniforms. This shall always include jerseys, but may also include hats or other items.
- (e) The Executive Director must aid the Commissioner in any way not explicitly mentioned by these By-Laws that a club vice-president normally would.

5.3 Concurrent Powers

- (a) The Executive Director may organize club wide practices with the permission of the Commissioner. The Executive Director may also organize individual or multiple team practices, with the permission of the individual team captains' whose teams would be involved, and the permission of the Commissioner.
- (b) The Executive Director shall have the authority to spend a reasonable amount of money to purchase equipment for the Club as a whole and for the individual teams. Any purchase of more than \$50 must be explicitly approved by the Commissioner or Finance Director.

ARTICLE SIX: POWERS OF THE JUNIOR DIRECTOR

6.0 Junior Vice-President

The junior vice-president of ALSC shall be known as the Junior Director of Softball Operations.

6.1 Election Requirements

A person may only be elected to the office of Junior Director if he or she:

- (a) is a current student at ALS; and
- (b) will remain a student at ALS for the duration of the term, which lasts from the date the election results are announced until the day after the last day of the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament the following spring.

6.2 Responsibilities

- (a) In the Executive Director's absence, the Junior Director shall act as the Executive Director. "Absence" in this sense means that the Executive Director is unavailable to perform a task required of him or her under these By-Laws and inaction will result in harm to the Club. When acting as the Executive Director the Junior Director should do his or her best to act as the Commissioner would.
- (b) The Junior Director's main responsibilities shall be to organize tournaments, such as the annual ALS Alumni Softball Tournament, and to enter the ALSC into outside tournaments. This does not include the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament, which is entered into by the Commissioner.
- (c) The Junior Director shall assist the Commissioner in all aspects of the ALSC's participation in the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament.
- (d) The Junior Director shall organize social events as authorized by the Commissioner. This shall include the ALSC Annual Labor Day Party.
- (e) The Junior Director must aid the Commissioner in any way not explicitly mentioned by these By-Laws that a club vice-president normally would.

6.3 Concurrent Powers

- (a) The Junior Director may organize club wide practices with the permission of the Commissioner. The Junior Director may also organize individual or multiple team practices, with the permission of the individual team captains' whose teams would be involved, and the permission of the Commissioner.
- (b) The Junior Director shall have the authority to disperse a small amount of Club funds to purchase equipment and other items necessary to participate in a tournament. Such items include, but are not limited to: balls, first aid, tape, refreshments, and catcher's masks.

ARTICLE SEVEN: POWERS OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

7.0 Treasurer

The treasurer of ALSC shall be known as the Finance Director.

7.1 Election Requirements

A person may only be elected to the office of Finance Director if he or she:

- (a) is a current student at ALS; and
- (b) will remain a student at ALS for the duration of the term, which lasts from the date the election results are announced until the day after the last day of the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament the following spring.

7.2 Responsibilities

- (a) The Finance Director must collect all registration fees before seasons and tournaments and deposit them with the SBA according to SBA requirements. The Finance Director must also collect all fundraised monies and deposit them with SBA according to SBA requirements.
- (b) The Finance Director may not refund any paid registration fee.
- (c) The Finance Director must work with the Commissioner to draft a budget for each semester and present it to the SBA for approval.
- (d) The Finance Director must keep a record of all Club expenditures and income.

- (e) The Finance Director must organize fundraisers. The Finance Director may delegate the authority to fundraise to any student member of the Club, but the Finance Director remains entirely responsible for the fundraiser, its results, and its repercussions.
- (f) The Finance Director must ensure that each team has a reasonable amount of safety equipment and first aid.
- (g) The Finance Director must ensure that enough money is set aside for each team's reasonable umpire fees. If a team misappropriates these funds, like where a captain spends over his or her refreshment limit, the team captain shall be responsible for paying the umpires.
- (h) The Finance Director may allot an amount of money for each team to spend on refreshments during the season or tournament.
- (i) The Finance Director may allot Club funds toward purchases and events that are not necessary for the Club to function, as long as there are enough other funds for necessary purchases and events. These non-necessary purchases and events include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) team and Club awards;
 - (ii) social events;
 - (iii) tournament costs; and
 - (iv) unnecessary equipment, like extra bats.
- (j) The Finance Director must aid the Commissioner in any way not explicitly mentioned by these By-Laws that a club treasurer normally would.

7.3 Concurrent Powers

- (a) The Finance Director shall have the authority to spend a reasonable amount of money to purchase equipment for the Club as a whole and for the individual teams.
- (b) The Finance Director shall have the authority to disperse reasonable funds to Team Captains and Team Assistant Captains for use in purchasing equipment, balls, and refreshments, and for paying umpires.

- (c) The Finance Director shall have the authority to pay league and tournament entry fees.

ARTICLE EIGHT: POWERS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

8.0 Secretary

The secretary of ALSC shall be known as the Communications Director.

8.1 Election Requirements

A person may only be elected to the office of Communications Director if he or she:

- (a) is a current student at ALS; and
- (b) will remain a student at ALS for the duration of the term, which lasts from the date the election results are announced until the day after the last day of the University of Virginia School of Law Invitational Softball Tournament the following spring.

8.2 Responsibilities

- (a) The Communications Director must keep a record of attendance at meetings of the Executive Board, including such meetings where people other than Executive Board members are invited. This does not include general meetings of the Club.
- (b) The Communications Director must keep a record of meeting minutes for all Club meetings.
- (c) The Communications Director must coordinate the reporting of all ALSC events, including games, tournaments, fundraisers, meetings, and other events. As such, the Communications Director must make sure that the following media are actively updated:
 - (i) The ALSC Facebook page, or equivalent social networking group page;
 - (ii) The team website, if one exists;
 - (iii) Emails to the Club;
 - (iv) The SBA, so that the information may be sent to the entire ALS community, including, in some cases, alumni and outside organizations;

- (v) "The Issue," or any other school newspaper, newsletter, or other publication; and
- (vi) ALS administration, for posting around the school and on the ALS televisions around the campus.
- (d) The Communications Director may perform the tasks required of him or her in Subsection (c) him or herself, or may delegate the task to another. The delegated person must be a student, but need not be on the Executive Board or hold a position as team captain or assistant captain. In the case of such delegation, the Communications Director is entirely responsible for the content of any information.
- (e) The Communications Director must organize a presentation for the 1L activity fair at the beginning of the fall semester to aid in the recruitment of new student members.
- (f) The Communications Director must organize a presentation for a General Interest Meeting at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters to aid in the recruitment of new student members.
- (g) The Communications Director must aid the Commissioner in any way not explicitly mentioned by these By-Laws that a club secretary normally would.

ARTICLE NINE: POWERS OF THE TEAM CAPTAINS

9.0 Team Captain

- (a) Each team shall have a team captain, appointed by the Commissioner.
- (b) In order to be a team captain, the appointed Club member must be a student at ALS.

9.1 Responsibilities

- (a) Each team captain shall create and turn in to the umpire a lineup prior to each game.
 - (i) The team captain shall have sole discretion over such lineup, however each rostered player who arrives before game time, or who informs the team captain prior to the game that he or she will be late, must play at least half of the game, where

reasonable. A player who arrives after half the game has already been played will not be able to play at least half the game, but the team captain should try to get him or her in the game anyway.

- (ii) The team captain shall have discretion over how to approach this, but the idea should be that throughout the season each player shall have received equal playing time, proportional to the number of innings that player shall have been present at the game.
 - (iii) Example: If, in a three-game span, a player were to skip the first game, play the full seven innings of the second game, and then play the last three innings of a seven inning game, that player would have played ten of fourteen attended innings.
- (b) Each team captain shall pay the umpire prior to each game. The team captain must coordinate with the Finance Director to make sure funds are available to pay the umpire. If the captain spends over his or her allotment for non-umpire purposes, as on refreshments, then the team captain shall be responsible for paying the umpires.
 - (c) If refreshments are purchased for a game, the team captain must coordinate with the Finance Director to make sure funds are available. The team captain must then purchase such refreshments.
 - (d) The team captain must coordinate with the Commissioner to ensure that team equipment is available for each game. The team captain must watch over the equipment in between games.
 - (e) At the discretion of the Commissioner, team stats shall be kept. The team captain must keep such stats.
 - (f) The team captain shall establish team rules as policies as necessary.
 - (g) The team captain shall hold practices as determined necessary by the team captain.

- (h) The team captain should attempt to help the Executive Board with the smooth functioning of all aspects of the ALSC.
- (i) If the team captain and assistant captain are both absent from a game, the team captain must appoint another club member to run the team for that game. The temporary captain may be an Executive Board member, another captain or assistant captain, or a student player.
- (j) Each of the responsibilities in this Section may be delegated to the assistant team captain, however the team captain shall be held individually liable should the assistant captain fail in any such delegated responsibilities. The team captain is solely responsible with the smooth functioning of his or her team. The assistant captain is not delegated a responsibility unless the assistant captain accepts such delegation.

ARTICLE TEN: POWERS OF THE ASSISTANT TEAM CAPTAINS

10.0 Team Assistant Captain

- (a) Each team shall have a team assistant captain, appointed by the Commissioner.
- (b) In order to be a team assistant captain, the appointed Club member must be a student at ALS.

10.1 Responsibilities

- (a) The assistant team captain may hold practices as he or she deems necessary, but must consult with the team captain before doing so.
- (b) The assistant team captain should attempt to help the Executive Board with the smooth functioning of all aspects of the ALSC.
- (c) In the absence of the team captain, the assistant captain shall perform all duties required of the captain.
- (d) The team assistant captain must perform any responsibility delegated to him or her by the team captain, but such responsibility may not be so delegated without acceptance by the assistant team captain. Assistant team captains must perform

some team-related tasks, and so is expected to accept at least one delegation.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: RESTRICTIONS ON STUDENT NON-MEMBERS AND NON-STUDENT MEMBERS

11.0 Authority

This Article shall primarily serve as a reference point so that student non-members, non-student members, and student members know their rights in relation to the Club. Any contradiction between this Article and any other section of these By-Laws shall be resolved in favor of the other section.

11.1 Student Non-Members

- (a) A student who is not a member of ALSC may:
 - (i) attend league games and tournaments;
 - (ii) attend general interest meetings;
 - (iii) attend fundraisers;
 - (iv) attend ALSC social events sponsored, in part or in whole , by ALS, SBA, or any law school-related sponsors, such as BarBri;
 - (v) participate in practices and scrimmages; and
 - (vi) attend fundraisers.
- (b) A student who is not a member of ALSC may not:
 - (i) participate in league games;
 - (ii) participate in tournaments which required the payment of an registration or entry fee by players;
 - (iii) attend ALSC social events not events sponsored, in part or in whole, by ALS, SBA, or any law school-related sponsors, such as BarBri, without express permission from the Commissioner;
 - (iv) participate in Club votes or elections.
 - (v) be elected to the Executive Board;
 - (vi) be appointed as team captain or assistant captain; or
 - (vii) spend Club funds.

11.2 Non-Student Members

- (a) A member of ALSC who is not a student may
 - (i) participate in league games and tournaments;
 - (ii) attend general interest meetings;
 - (iii) attend fundraisers; and
 - (iv) attend ALSC social events.
- (b) A member of ALSC who is not a student may not
 - (i) participate in Club votes or elections;
 - (ii) be elected to the Executive Board;
 - (iii) be appointed as team captain or assistant captain; or
 - (iv) spend Club funds.

11.3 Student Members

- (a) A member of ALSC who is currently a student may:
 - (i) participate in league games and tournaments;
 - (ii) attend general interest meetings;
 - (iii) attend fundraisers;
 - (iv) attend ALSC social events;
 - (v) participate in Club votes and elections;
 - (vi) be elected to the Executive Board; and
 - (vii) be appointed as team captain or assistant captain.
- (b) A member of ALSC who is currently a student may not:
 - (i) spend Club funds, unless authorized to do so under these By-Laws.
- (c) Section 4.2(c) requires the Commissioner to allow any student who pays his or her registration fee before the deadline to join the Club. However, if the Club's rosters have hit their maximum capacity, or the player has previously been removed from the Club, the Commissioner does not have to allow such student to join.

11.4 All Members

- (a) Regardless of any other provision in this Article, only members who have paid the relevant registration or entry fee may participate in league games or tournaments.
- (b) As stated in Section 4.3(f), non-student members may only be removed from the Club during a season for cause. As stated in

Section 4.5(a), student members may only be removed for cause. For this purpose, "cause" shall explicitly include, but is not limited to:

- (i) fighting at an official ALSC event, including a game, practice, scrimmage, social event, meeting, fundraiser, or any other event;
- (ii) causing the Club to be viewed in a negative light by ALS, AASR, or the community in general, such as cheating or extreme unsportsmanlike conduct; or
- (iii) intentionally causing discord within the Club such that the Club is seriously harmed.

ARTICLE TWELVE: EFFECTIVE DATE

12.0 These By-Laws shall take effect January 20, 2011.

12.1 The positions of 2010 Executive Director and 2010 Junior Director shall be occupied simultaneously by the 2010 Director of Softball Operations under the old By-Laws, Adam Staier, until the beginning of the new term on April 4, 2011. On and after April 4, 2011, when the 2011 Executive Board takes over full control of the Club, no two positions may be occupied at one time by an individual in accordance with Section 3.3(d).