

**CHARTER FOR**  
**THE VERDICT**  
**ALBANY LAW SCHOOL'S YEARBOOK**

- I. The name of this organization shall be, "The Verdict."
- II. Statement of Purpose
  - A. To work with the students, faculty and staff of Albany Law School (herein after, the "law school") to create a yearbook that documents the events, activities and academic culture at the law school.
- III. Affiliation
  - A. The Verdict is unaffiliated with any other student organization on the law school campus or national chapter of any organization.
- IV. Membership
  - A. Any student currently enrolled in the law school under full-time or part-time status is eligible to assist or serve on the Editorial Board of The Verdict.
  - B. Non-Discrimination Policy
    - 1. No student may be denied membership on the Editorial Board, or may be denied the opportunity to assist in the production of the yearbook because of the person's sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.
  - C. Only registered students may hold office on the Editorial Board.
  - D. Only The Verdict's officers shall spend the funds allotted to the organization by the Student Bar Association or otherwise.
- V. Events, Meetings and Promotion of Events
  - A. Meetings
    - 1. The Editorial Board of The Verdict shall meet no less than two (2) times per month during the academic year.
  - B. Events
    - 1. The Board shall hold events that may promote awareness of the yearbook, such as in-house sales of the finished product.
    - 2. Yearbook portraits shall occur in the fall semester, with a make up portrait day scheduled.'
- VI. Officers (the "Editorial Board" or the "Board")
  - A. Subject to the whims of the Editorial Board in place for the academic year, the Board shall be made up of the following positions:
    - 1. Editor(s)-in-Chief
      - i. Shall be the overall leader of The Verdict, acting as liaison to students, faculty and staff.
      - ii. Shall lead all meetings of the Editorial Board.
      - iii. Shall be the only Board member designated to sign any and all contracts with a yearbook printing company.
      - iv. Shall be the only Board member designated to sign any and all contracts with a photographer for the purpose of student portraits.

- v. Shall have final approval on all expenditures, in coordination with the Treasurer.
  - 2. Treasurer
    - i. Shall be responsible for writing and submitting the budget to the Law School Student Bar Association.
    - ii. Shall be responsible for presenting, if need be, in front of the Student Bar Association Senate for the biannual budget meeting.
    - iii. Shall communicate and with the Editor(s)-in-Chief on any and all expenditures.
  - 3. Photography Editors
    - a. Shall be responsible for taking photographs around the school of the infrastructure, students, faculty and staff.
    - b. Shall encourage fellow students to submit photos to the appropriate website and/or email address for publication in the yearbook.
  - 4. Advertising Editor(s)
    - a. Shall be responsible for soliciting ads from students, their families, faculty and staff to bolster the support for the yearbook and defray costs.
    - b. Shall reach out to the Albany community to solicit ads to defray costs. This includes, but is not limited to, Bar preparatory courses.
- VII. Criteria for holding office
- A. All individuals on the Editorial Board must be registered students, either full or part-time, at the law school.
  - B. The current Editorial Board shall seek out students who may be interested in serving on the Board for the following year to fulfill these roles.
  - C. In the case of resignation of a Board member, the Board shall seek another student to fulfill this void if needed.