

### **Alternative Dispute Resolution Society (ADR)**

Alternative dispute resolution is an increasingly popular form of case resolution in the legal community. The Alternative Dispute Resolution Society concentrates mainly on mediation and provides multiple opportunities for students to become involved with and learn about the mediation process. Each year the ADR Society hosts a Representation in Mediation Competition, which allows students to enhance their skills and provides them with an opportunity to participate in mediation.

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### **American Constitution Society (ACS)**

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) promotes the vitality of the U.S. Constitution and the fundamental values it expresses: individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, access to justice, democracy, and the rule of law. ACS chapters offer platforms for debate and discussion about both enduring principles and the issues of the day, as well as provide opportunities for networking, mentoring and organizing around matters of both local and national significance. Every year ACS holds a national convention in DC and provides scholarships to members of the student chapters. Past speakers including Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, former Senator Wendy Davis, and former Attorney General Eric Holder.

President: Karen Lillie [karenlil@buffalo.edu](mailto:karenlil@buffalo.edu)

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### **Asian Pacific American Law Students Association**

The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association mission is to advocate for the Asian Pacific American community, provide support for law school students, and create a social and professional network to connect students and alumni. Our goal is to promote a greater understanding of APA issues and culture, as well as to provide opportunities for law students to engage with the APA and minority community at large.

President - Emily Liao [ecliao@buffalo.edu](mailto:ecliao@buffalo.edu)

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### **Black Law Students Association (BLSA)**

The Black Law Students Association is a professional, nationally affiliated organization of black law students dedicated to improving opportunities and diversity in legal education. At the University at Buffalo School of Law chapter of BLSA, our goal is to articulate and promote the educational, professional, political and social needs of our black law students while also giving back to our communities.

President: Aldiama (Dee) Anthony [aldiamaj@buffalo.edu](mailto:aldiamaj@buffalo.edu)

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## **Buffalo Environmental Law Journal**

The *Buffalo Environmental Law Journal* publishes high-quality articles that analyze legal environmental issues, including those surrounding climate change, energy, natural resources management, land use and pollution. *BELJ* publishes articles written by practitioners, professors and students, and is entirely edited by School of Law students. Membership provides an excellent opportunity for students to participate in environmental legal discourse and hone their management, organizational, research and editing skills.

Editor-in-Chief: Alex Kaczmarek [akaczmar@buffalo.edu](mailto:akaczmar@buffalo.edu)

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## **Buffalo Human Rights Law Review**

The *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review* is published annually. *BHRLR* focuses on issues of human rights, including topics that apply an interdisciplinary approach. The *Review* promotes the global development and practical application of human rights law.

Editor-in-Chief: Stephen Soos: [ssoos@buffalo.edu](mailto:ssoos@buffalo.edu)

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## **Buffalo Law Review**

The *Buffalo Law Review*, published since 1951, publishes 5 issues per year, with each issue containing articles from scholars, practitioners, and judges. The *Law Review* also publishes member-written pieces on contemporary legal issues.

The *Buffalo Law Review* prides itself on maintaining the highest level of integrity and objectivity in its selection process. Admission to the *Law Review* is open to the entire student body. Every year 28 to 32 new members are selected. The first 20 are selected based on first-year grades, a Bluebook exam, and casenote scores. Admission for the remaining 8 to 12 seats is based solely on a combination of casenote and Bluebook exam scores. Members may also be added from students transferring to the School of Law, based on casenote and Bluebook exam scores.

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## **Buffalo Moot Court Board (BMCB)**

The Buffalo Moot Court Board is dedicated to fostering excellence in appellate advocacy and encouraging the development of practical legal skills such as brief writing and oral argument. Board members are selected based on their performance in the Charles S. Desmond Moot Court Competition, the intramural competition that takes place each fall and requires second- and third-year students to argue a constitutional problem. Each spring the Buffalo Moot Court Board also offers the Albert R.

Mugel National Moot Court Competition, which draws teams from schools around the nation to downtown Buffalo to argue a tax-based problem.

President: MacKenzie Hamill [mehamill@buffalo.emackdu](mailto:mehamill@buffalo.emackdu)

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### **Buffalo Public Interest Law Program (BPILP)**

The Buffalo Public Interest Law Program raises money to support students who work in the public interest each summer during law school. BPILP also hosts networking events for students to meet public-interest employers from neighboring communities. The organization is affiliated with Lawyers for Learning and participates in the Student Bar Association's Volunteer Service Days.

President - Alexander Kaczmarek [akaczmar@buffalo.edu](mailto:akaczmar@buffalo.edu)

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### **Buffalo Performing Arts Law Society**

The Buffalo Performing Arts Law Society provides a creative and expressive outlet for students of the UB School of Law. BPALS believes that the performing arts offer an opportunity to collaborate, to network, to unwind, and to find joy. BPALS strives to create opportunities for students and graduates to connect with others in the legal community with similar interests, and to share their talents with their peers at events like UB Law's Got Talent.

President: Emily Liao [ecliao@buffalo.edu](mailto:ecliao@buffalo.edu)

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### **Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Law Society (BSEL)**

The Buffalo Sports & Entertainment Law Society (BSELS) is a community of law students, alumni, faculty and friends who are interested in sports and entertainment law in all of its many facets. To that end, they have created a student group as well as an [online forum](#) to provide a space for publication of articles addressing sports and entertainment law topics, discussion of current issues and most importantly, facilitation of interaction among our growing community of sports and entertainment law enthusiasts.

President: Jake Cercone - [jakecerc@buffalo.edu](mailto:jakecerc@buffalo.edu)

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### **Domestic Violence Task Force (DVFT)**

The Domestic Violence Task Force strives to raise awareness and educate students, Law School staff and community members about domestic violence through various activities such as panel nights and information dissemination at events. Our organization holds an annual "Dress for What's Next" spring event for survivors of domestic violence. It is a relaxing day for the women filled with shopping, makeup

lessons, resume drafting and practice interviews. This empowering day encourage domestic violence survivors to remember their worth and improve their self-esteem.

President: Abbi Fuhrken ([abbifuhr@buffalo.edu](mailto:abbifuhr@buffalo.edu))

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### **Family and Children's Law Society (FCLS)**

The Family and Children's Law Society (FCLS) provides students with an opportunity to shadow experienced Family Law attorneys in Erie County Family Court proceedings, perform client intakes, and observe other relevant appointments. In addition, the FCLS will offer mentors, contacts and networking events for students interested in the fields of family law and education law. For those interested students, the FCLS will afford summer employment and year-round volunteer opportunities in the family and education law fields, specifically through Volunteer Lawyers Project.

President: Colleen Stelley [cpstelle@buffalo.edu](mailto:cpstelle@buffalo.edu)

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### **Federalist Society**

The Federalist Society is founded on the principles that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be. The Society seeks both to promote an awareness of these principles and to further their application through its activities. *The student Chapter of the Society at the University at Buffalo School of Law exists to both provide Law Students with the opportunity to become involved in this organization and to provide any students who share the organization's views a network of fellow like-minded students.*

President - Daniel Caves [dmcaves@buffalo.edu](mailto:dmcaves@buffalo.edu)

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### **Latin American Law Students Association (LALSA)**

The Latin American Law Students Association ("LALSA") supports a wide variety of members, including but not limited to Latino/a law students. LALSA is committed to the advancement of minorities in the legal profession, especially Latinos. Minority representation in the legal profession has been a social concern for years and the shortage of Latino lawyers continues to be grave. LALSA seeks to create a local network for students of color, a partnership between the legal community and the Latin community, and the academic success of its members. We welcome students of all backgrounds to help create a more diverse forum and to integrate individuals with different perspectives into the conversation. Most importantly, LALSA is dedicated to creating a support group for those who take interest in uplifting diversity initiatives.

President: Rina Hernandez [rinahern@buffalo.edu](mailto:rinahern@buffalo.edu)

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## **OUTLaw**

OUTLaw promotes a positive atmosphere at Buffalo Law School for LGBT students and their allies. Our primary objective is to educate our colleagues about the legal issues surrounding sexual orientation and gender identity. OUTLaw sponsors activities, panels, social events and service projects that build a network for members and supporters of the LGBT legal community.

President: Stephi Verhage ([slverhag@buffalo.edu](mailto:slverhag@buffalo.edu))

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## **Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)**

Phi Alpha Delta, the largest professional coed law fraternity in the nation, is open to all students. PAD hosts academic, community service, professional and social events each semester, including its own national mock trial competition. Additional benefits include lifetime membership and a nationwide alumni networking system.

Justice: Dan Caves ([dmcaves@buffalo.edu](mailto:dmcaves@buffalo.edu))

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## **Student Animal Legal Defense Fund – UB Law Chapter (SALDF)**

As a student chapter of the Animal Legal Defense Fund, SALDF's purpose is to educate the law school and surrounding community about forms of institutionalized animal abuse, and engage in projects that combat that abuse. SALDF is equally dedicated to protecting the lives and advancing the interest of animals through the legal system and expanding the field of animal law.

President: Jillian Stenzel ([jkstenze@buffalo.edu](mailto:jkstenze@buffalo.edu))

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## **Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Board**

Administered by the National Black Law Students Association, the Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Board is the premier civil rights moot court competition in the nation. Each year, over 125 teams from schools from six regions compete at regional conventions for the chance to compete at the national level. The School of Law has been a top contender and has won various awards such as Best Oral Advocate, Best Petitioner/Respondent Brief, and Second Runner-Up for the entire Northeast Region.

Chief Executive Justice: Aldiana (Dee) Anthony ([aldiamaj@buffalo.edu](mailto:aldiamaj@buffalo.edu))