



March 11, 2021

Dear fellow UB Law Students:

We are excited to announce our upcoming UB ACS Student Chapter Board elections for the 2021-2022 school year.

Any UB ACS member, which includes students, faculty, and staff, will have the opportunity to vote. Current Board members are required to run again, per our Chapter's Constitution, as the Board positions are one-year terms. **We encourage anyone interested in holding a position to run, regardless if you are currently an ACS National or UB ACS Student Chapter member.** If elected to a position, however, you are required to [become a member of ACS National](#).

ACS Student Chapters strive to incorporate ACS's mission into everything they do:

ACS believes that the Constitution is “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” We interpret the Constitution based on its text and against the backdrop of history and lived experience. Through a diverse nationwide network of progressive lawyers, law students, judges, scholars and many others, we work to uphold the Constitution in the 21st Century by ensuring that law is a force for protecting our democracy and the public interest and for improving people's lives.

As ACS Chapter leaders, you set the tone; others will look to you to get their cues about ACS's commitment to diversity in its work. Good leaders are also visionary “succession planners,” meaning that from the beginning of their role as leaders, they try to identify the next generation of leaders. Leaders ensure that the mission of ACS is being followed and that engagement in progressive values is ongoing.

Application components:

We encourage interested applicants to email Law-acs@buffalo.edu with their résumé and a brief statement, 500 words or less, explaining why they are suited for the position (for example, the statement may describe ideas for future events or draw on past experiences that demonstrate a commitment to ACS's values). **Please submit your application materials in pdf format.**

The deadline to apply is March 31st at 11:59 p.m.

Procedure for Election:

The procedure for the election is as follows:

- Applications will be submitted by the deadline of March 31st at 11:59 PM.
- Applications will be compiled and shared with all of the UB ACS members in a Google folder for review by the members.
- An electronic vote will occur starting the week of April 5th, wherein UB ACS members will submit their votes for each position.
- Votes will be submitted by April 9th at 5:00 PM in order to count.
- Positions will be filled by majority vote.¹

Once a full Board has been sworn in, they may shadow the current Board so that they can learn from their predecessors, and engage in decision making processes and discussions. The current Board officially abdicates their roles on May 1, 2021.

The UB ACS Chapter Constitution may be [viewed here](#). Position descriptions begin on page 2.

To learn more about ACS and our events from the past semester, please visit the national [ACS website](#), and our chapter's social media pages on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email Law-acs@buffalo.edu.

Sincerely,
Your ACS eBoard

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1L Representative

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¹ Following the vote count, any position with a tie will proceed to an open Zoom session for applicants to discuss their candidacy to all UB ACS members. This open format will allow candidates to share a brief 2-minute speech of their reasons for wanting to hold the position, followed by time for questions from attending members. All ACS members will then again vote electronically, during the open session, until a majority vote is reached and a position has been filled. In the event that a tie still cannot be broken, the position will become a Co-Chair position.