

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL

L O S A N G E L E S

Extra-Curricular Activities Policy

Administrative policy approved July 22, 2022. Effective immediately.

Revision history: Formerly a part of the annually revised Student Handbook. Established as a standalone policy August 2022.

Related policies: [LIST POLICIES].

Scheduled Review Date: June 2024 (Student Affairs Office)

A. Student Bar Association

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is an organization for all Southwestern students. Every registered student at Southwestern is automatically a member of the SBA.

The primary purpose of the SBA is to provide, protect and promote student interests on campus. The SBA sponsors speakers programs and social and cultural events. The SBA also provides special services and sponsors club activities on and off campus. Student organizations, including legal fraternities, special interest groups, and religious and social organizations, may be organized and chartered by the SBA. Such student organizations are eligible to receive financial assistance and other benefits.

The Southwestern SBA continually seeks new ways in which to respond to students' needs and interests, and strives to represent Southwestern students effectively to the faculty and legal community.

1. Student Bar Association Structure

The Constitution of the SBA, available by request of the SBA or Student Affairs Office, provides for a Board of Directors composed of an Executive Board, Class Representatives, and Committee Directors. The Executive Board is composed of a President, Day Vice President, Evening Vice President(s), SCALE Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Representative to the American Bar Association (ABA)/Law Student Division. The Executive Board, Class Representatives and Committee Directors complete the SBA Board of Directors.

The SBA Committees are as follows: the Academic Affairs Committee, the Student Life Committee, and Community Outreach Committee. Committee Directors and additional special Committee Directors are appointed each year by the SBA President and are approved by the SBA Board of Directors. The SBA Committees are subject to change.

Each spring, SBA Executive Board elections are held for the following school year. Class Representatives are elected shortly after the fall semester begins. A student must be in good academic standing to participate as a candidate in SBA elections and to serve as an executive officer.

- Student Bar Association Committees

- a. Academic Affairs Committee

The Academic Affairs Committee develops programs to assist students with their studies. The Committee may discuss student concerns regarding academic policies with members of the faculty and staff.

- b. Student Life Committee

The Student Life Committee connects the student body with fellow students on a social level. This Committee's main focus is organizing and hosting student activities, such as on-campus lunchtime events, and off-campus social events, such as the annual Barrister's Ball.

- c. Community Outreach Committee

The Community Outreach Committee administers and organizes all off-campus events (excluding Barrister's Ball), outreach and partnerships with local community organizations, including fundraising for such events.

B. Student Organizations

The SBA sponsors more than 30 social, cultural and professional organizations. Together, the SBA and these groups provide workshops, social mixers, volunteer opportunities, symposia, and special lecture presentations to meet diverse student interests. Visit <http://www.swlaw.edu/student-life/student-organizations> for a listing of currently active student organizations and more information about the SBA.

C. The Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law

The *Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law* is published by Southwestern's Donald E. Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute, in cooperation with the American Bar Association forums on Communications Law and the Entertainment and

Sports Industries. Submissions, peer review and symposia are overseen and managed by a board of faculty and practitioners. Faculty select a team of student editors who are responsible for the technical editing of each issue. Participation in the *Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law* is extracurricular and no unit credit is awarded.