

Baylor Law.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

Student Organizations

At Baylor Law, there are several ways to get involved. See the following list and blurbs to learn about some of our recently active student organizations. If you do not see an organization in which you would like to get involved, consider starting one once you arrive on campus.

Administrative Law Society
American Constitution Society
Baylor Business Law Society
Baylor Environmental and Natural
Resource Law Society-BENRLS
Baylor Labor and Employment Law
Society
Baylor Law Entrepreneurship Society
Baylor Law Student Animal Legal
Defense Fund
Baylor Public Interest Legal Society
Christian Legal Society
Criminal Law Society
Diversity in Law
Asian American Law Student Association
Black Law Student Association
Hispanic American Law Student Association
LGBTQ+ Law Student Organization
Native American Law Student Association

Entertainment Law Society
Federalist Society
HEAL
Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society
IP Law Society
Law Review
Longhorn Bar Association
Military & Veterans Legal Society
Mustang Bar Association
Parents Attending Law School (PALS)
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
Spanish for Lawyers Club
Sports Law Society
Student Bar Association
Student Wellness Organization
Texas Aggie Bar Association
Women's Legal Society

American Constitution Society

The American Constitution Society (ACS) is a progressive legal organization. The group's stated mission is to promote 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's nationwide network of student chapters is fostering a new generation of progressive leaders. Through more than 1,200 programs each year featuring renowned advocates, scholars and judges, chapters educate their members about the critical issues facing our country. Working with ACS lawyer chapters and the national office, they also provide students with meaningful opportunities for professional development and mentoring and participation in substantive projects. Follow the ACS national organization on Instagram: @americanconstitutionsociety.

Baylor Business Law Society

The Baylor Business Law Society's purpose is to connect business law-oriented students with each other, with attorneys practicing in the field, and with other business professionals. The organization has support from the State Bar of Texas Business Law Section and from practicing attorneys across the state. One vision for the organization is to sponsor events in connection with the State Bar that bring more awareness of transactional law opportunities. Additionally, the Business Law Society plans on sponsoring networking events with their peers and with professionals and attorneys. Follow the Baylor Business Law Society on Instagram: @baylor_businesslawsociety.

Baylor Environmental and Natural Resources Law Society (BENRLS)

The objectives of the Baylor Environmental and Natural Resource Law Society include promoting student education in the field of environmental and natural resource law; hosting meetings, forums, and other programs to further the goal of education in these areas; coordinating events with the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas; and coordinating efforts with faculty advisors and faculty instructing relevant environmental and natural resource law courses. Follow BENRLS on Instagram: @baylorenrls.

Baylor Labor and Employment Law Society

The Baylor Labor and Employment Law Society exists to grow the community of Baylor Law students who wish to practice labor and employment law and to connect students with professionals in the labor and employment industry.

Baylor Public Interest Legal Society (BPILS)

The Baylor Public Interest Legal Society (BPILS) is a service-oriented organization which exists to serve Baylor Law and the Waco community. BPILS coordinates and encourages the efforts of students, faculty, and administration in promoting public interest issues on campus and in the community. The organization's major annual event is McLennan County Adoption Day, which Baylor Law has hosted since 2008. BPILS also assists students in obtaining internships, field placements, and employment in public interest fields in coordination with Baylor Law's Career Development Office. Follow BPILS on Instagram: @bpils_.

Christian Legal Society

The Christian Legal Society's goals are to provide opportunities for fellowship among Christians within the law school community and to be a source of encouragement and support. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to get involved. Follow Baylor Law's Christian Legal Society on Instagram: @baylorlawcls.

Criminal Law Society

The purposes of the Criminal Law Society are to increase exploration and dialogue in the field of criminal law; to create opportunities for students who are interested in criminal law by hosting speakers, providing career development and networking opportunities, advocating for necessary reform, and engaging in community service; and to promote welfare in the community through activities such as public awareness seminars and community service projects. The Criminal Law Society hosts events throughout the year, bringing practitioners, academics, judges, and policymakers to campus. Follow Baylor Law's Criminal Law Society on Instagram: @blscrimlawsociety. You can also check out their podcast, Baylor Law Criminal Law Society Podcast, on Spotify!

Diversity in Law

Diversity in Law exists to serve as a professional organization, support system, and social club for minority law students. DIL maintains contact with various national organizations such as the Hispanic National Bar Association, the Black Law Student Association, and the Asian Law Society, but our local group works as a united organization for issues and concerns of minority students. Membership is open to all students. Follow Baylor Law's Diversity in Law on Instagram: @baylordiversityinlaw.

Asian American Law Student Association

The Asian American Law Student Association (AALSA) represents the interests of Asian law students by providing advocacy, support, and networking opportunities while serving as a social, cultural, and academic resource to Baylor Law students. AALSA also aims to give back to the Waco community through volunteering and fundraising opportunities. Follow Baylor Law's AALSA on Instagram: @baylorlaw.aalsa.

Black Law Student Association

As is exemplified by the Black Law Student Association (BLSA) motto – strength in unity – BLSA aims to promote solidarity among its members by establishing a good-fellowship environment; providing collective resources to encourage academic excellence and professional development; creating opportunities to network, fundraise, and volunteer to positively impact the community; and empowering members to become effective lawyers and leaders.

Hispanic American Law Student Association

The purposes of the Hispanic American Law Student Association (HALSA) are to articulate and promote the professional needs and goals of Hispanic law students by utilizing the collective resources of the law school and the legal community; to focus upon the relationship of the Hispanic attorney to the American structure; to instill in the Hispanic law student a greater awareness of commitment to the needs of the Hispanic-American community; to foster and encourage the advancement of Hispanic students in the pursuit of law; and to do all things necessary and lawful to accomplish these purposes. Follow HALSA on Instagram: @baylor_halsa.

LGBTQ+ Law Student Association

The LGBTQ+ Law Student Association is an inclusive student organization focused on creating and providing a welcoming, supportive, and safe educational experience for all students. The Group strives to provide education on the legal issues that affect people who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or queer. To achieve these goals, the Group provides opportunities for students to examine the intersection of sexual orientation, gender, and the law by providing a common meeting ground within the Law School to discuss matters of importance to LGBTQ+ students and their allies. Above all, the Group strives to create a caring, loving, and supportive community for all Baylor Law Students in accordance with the Baylor University Board of Regents Resolution on a Caring Community on May 14, 2021. Follow the organization on Instagram: @baylorlawlgbtq.

Federalist Society

The Baylor Law Federalist Society is a group of law students united by conservative and libertarian philosophies on law and government. Philosophically, the Federalist Society is a non-partisan organization dedicated to the principles that the state exists to preserve liberty, 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. Every year, the organization brings prominent scholars, judges, and practitioners to campus to meet with members and speak on a variety of constitutional and legal issues. Follow Baylor Law's Federalist Society on Instagram: @blsfederalistsociety.

Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society

The Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Society conducts bi-annual intramural moot court competitions, one in the fall and one in the spring. All students who are enrolled in LARC 3: Persuasive Communications are required to participate. The competition problem is the one used for the brief-writing requirement in the LARC 3 class. The competitions are also open to other interested students. The participants work in teams of two to prepare and present oral arguments to panels of judges. All competitors who advance to the post-break rounds or are recognized with a speaker award become members of the Baylor Law Barrister Society.

Baylor Law Abuse and Trafficking Help, Educate, Advocate and Learn Association – (Baylor HEAL)

Baylor Law HEAL is an organization dedicated to advocating for victims of domestic and sexual abuse. HEAL stands for help, educate, advocate, and learn. The organization's goal is to help victims through the legal system, educate law students on how to properly treat victims, advocate for change in the legal process, and learn from victims how the process can be made safer. Follow HEAL on Instagram: @baylorlawheal.

Intellectual Property Law Society

The purpose of the Intellectual Property Law Society (IPLS) is to increase discussion about the broad field of intellectual property law. IPLS aims to dispel misunderstandings about who may practice intellectual property law and to create opportunities for students who are interested in intellectual property law by hosting speakers, holding informational meetings, organizing field trips, and providing career development programs.

Law Review

The Baylor Law Review is dedicated to publishing high-quality, practical legal scholarship on current legal issues and developments. The Law Review staff of students spends countless hours ensuring that the journal and each author's work is polished and ready for publication. As students, it is a privilege to be able to contribute to lasting legal scholarship in this way.

The Law Review prides itself on offering several different opportunities for Baylor Law students to join the Law Review. Students may “grade on” to the Law Review at the end of their first year or later as upper-quarter students. The law school also hosts a “write-on” competition during the Fall and Spring quarters. Students also have the opportunity to write onto the Law Review by publication.

LEAD Counsel

Leadership, Engagement, and Development, or LEAD Counsel for short, aims to equip and inspire law students to serve in the public arena, whether that be as officeholders, lobbyists, or leaders in the non-profit sector. LEAD Counsel's major annual event is the Making a Difference Conference.

Military & Veterans Legal Society

The Military & Veterans Legal Society was founded with three goals in mind. First, the Society aims to promote scholarly discussion of the military justice system, national security, veterans' affairs, and other related topics affecting law students, legal professionals, and current, former, or prospective members of the armed forces of the United States of America. The Society also hopes to foster the professional development of its members by organizing military and civilian career panels, hosting topically relevant debates, coordinating physical fitness events, and building social ties between its members, the Baylor Law community, and the citizens of the greater Waco area. Finally, the Society strives to provide support to current and former members of our armed forces through fundraisers and community service events.

Mustang Bar Association

The Mustang Bar Association is an organization composed of present and former law students who also attended Southern Methodist University. Its primary purpose is to serve as a club for all Mustangs to have a home away from the Hilltop, network with the DFW job market, and continue to Pony Up.

Parents Attending Law School (PALS)

The purpose of Parents Attending Law School (PALS) is to connect and support current student and prospective student parents at Baylor Law. PALS coordinates meetings for support and education as well as study spaces in which kids are welcome. PALS also hosts family-friendly events and other activities and offers services that encourage families to be involved at the law school.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity

Phi Alpha Delta is the world's preeminent law fraternity because of its dedication to service: service to the student, the school, the profession, and the community. The purpose of this Fraternity shall be to form a strong bond uniting students and teachers of the law with members of the Bench and Bar in a fraternal fellowship designed to advance the ideals of liberty and equal justice under law; to stimulate excellence in scholarship; to inspire the virtues of compassion and courage; to foster integrity and professional competence; to promote the welfare of its members; and to encourage their moral, intellectual, and cultural advancement; so that each member may enjoy a lifetime of honorable professional and public service. Follow Baylor Law's PAD on Instagram: @phialphadeltabaylor.

Sports Law Society

As the sports industry continues to grow, lawyers and the legal field must stay up to date with the latest trends and how they may impact the law. This organization exists to provide a robust networking tool for students, to encourage students to find their passion within the fields of sports, and to expand students' knowledge about the intersection of sports and the law. Follow Baylor Law's Sports Law Society on Instagram: @baylorsportslaw.

Student Bar Association

Every student at Baylor Law is a member of the Student Bar Association (SBA), which has as its objectives the promotion of cooperation between students and faculty and administration, the encouragement of association of students with members of the bar, and student governance in the law school. The SBA is a charter member of the American Law Student Association, sponsored by the American Bar Association. SBA officers consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and parliamentarian. These officers plus the officers of the three classes constitute the Board of Governors. Dues are \$2.25 per hour per quarter. The SBA sponsors many social activities and fundraisers. The SBA also assists entering students with adjusting to law school by providing each student with a "Law Buddy." Follow Baylor Law's SBA on Instagram: @baylorlawsba.

Student Wellness Organization

The Student Wellness Organization (SWO) exists to raise awareness of the mental health and well-being of law students; furthermore, SWO promotes healthy ways for law students to cope with the stressors of law school by fostering a continuous dialogue between faculty, students, and the legal community. Follow Baylor Law's SWO on Instagram: @studentwellnessorgbls.

Texas Aggie Bar Association

The Baylor Law Texas Aggie Bar Association (TABA) is an organization composed of present and former law students who are also former students of Texas A&M University. The club enables Aggies to continue their Aggie traditions once they have moved a little farther north up Highway 6. Activities include social get-togethers; reaching out to prospective law students at TAMU; and maintaining contacts with Aggie lawyers, judges, and other legal professionals. Follow the national Texas Aggie Bar Association on Instagram: @tabalaw.

Women's Legal Society

The Baylor Law Women's Legal Society is dedicated to bringing the law school community together to provide a forum that supports women and empowers future female leaders through mentorship, philanthropy, and education. Follow Baylor Law's Women's Legal Society on Instagram: @buwomenlegalsociety.