

STUDENT SERVICES

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

More than seventy student organizations serve a variety of student interests. There are organizations devoted to scholarship and legal practice (e.g., the three student-edited law journals, the Hinton Moot Court, and the student clinic board); there are organizations devoted to legal subjects of interest (e.g., Environmental Law Society, Intellectual Property Law Society), identity groups (e.g., Black Law Students Association, Christian Law Students), community outreach (e.g., Neighbors, Public Interest Law Society), and social activities (e.g., Law School Musical, Wine Mess).

The *University of Chicago Law Review*, founded in 1933, is one of the country's preeminent legal journals. Managed and edited by students, *The Law Review* publishes articles and book reviews by leading scholars along with comments written by students. In addition to participating in the editing and publication of legal scholarship, staff members have the unique opportunity to develop their own skills as writers and scholars. *The Law Review* emphasizes student works; on average, half of each issue is devoted to student comments. In recent years, about 20 percent of the students in each first-year class have been invited to join *The Law Review* on the basis of either academic performance or excellence in an annual writing competition. Students may also join the staff during their second or third years by completing a publishable comment through the Topic Access program.

The *University of Chicago Legal Forum* is the Law School's topical law journal. Its student board annually publishes a volume of articles (by academics and practitioners) and comments (by students) that focus on a single area of the law. Recent volumes include *The Civil Rights Act at 50 Years*, *Frontiers of Consumer Protection*; *Combatting Corruption*; *Governance and Power*; and *Crime, Criminal Law, and the Recession*. Each fall the *Legal Forum* hosts a symposium at which the authors of the articles present their work.

The *Chicago Journal of International Law* is a student-edited forum for discussion and analysis of international law and policy issues. *CJIL* is committed to publishing timely and concise scholarly work written by academics, judges, practitioners, policymakers, and students. The journal is published twice yearly, in the fall and spring.

The Hinton Moot Court Competition, founded in 1954 and named for Judge Edward W. Hinton (Professor of Law, 1913–36), is open to all second- and third-year students (except those third-year students who made it to the semi-finals

during the previous year). The competition provides students the opportunity to develop skills in brief writing and appellate advocacy. The focus of the preliminary autumn round is on oral argument. After studying the briefs and record of an actual case and participating in several practice arguments with student judges, each competitor must argue both sides of the case to panels of Law School alumni. Ten to twelve students advance to the semifinal round, where they brief and argue another case. A panel of faculty judges presides over the semifinal arguments and selects the four best advocates. In the spring, the four finalists work in teams on a new case and appear before a panel of distinguished federal judges. This panel selects the Hinton Moot Court champions and the Llewellyn Cup recipients. Semifinalists from the previous year constitute the Hinton Moot Court Board and organize and run the competition.

Students writing comments for any of the three student-edited journals or completing briefs as semi-finalists in the Hinton Moot Court competition, may receive up to three credits. See the Student Handbook for more details.

The Law Students Association is the student government organization and is comprised of five elected representatives from each class, one elected LL.M. representative and one elected 2L transfer representative. The student body elects the President of LSA and the class representatives, and LSA itself then fills the remaining positions. LSA organizes extracurricular activities, funds student groups, and, through student liaisons, communicates student opinion on academic and other matters to faculty committees.

LSA supports a variety of student groups, including (but not limited to):

- the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), for students interested in exploring issues of civil liberty;
- the American Constitution Society (ACS), a local chapter of a national organization dedicated to maintaining a rigorous exchange of ideas about the law with a focus on its effects on the lives of ordinary people;
- Amicus, a group that provides networking and social opportunities for law students' spouses, significant others, and children;
- the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Asian-Pacific students in law school;
- the Black Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of African-American students in law schools;
- the Christian Legal Society, a group organized to discuss the relationship between legal education, the legal profession, and Christianity;
- the Criminal Law Society, which promotes exploration and discussion about the field of criminal law, hosts speakers holds networking events, organizes field

trips, provides career services programs, and engages in volunteer community service;

the Dallin H. Oaks Society for student members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints;

the Environmental Law Society, to discuss the legal aspects of environmental issues;

the Federalist Society, a local chapter of a national society organized to discuss political issues from conservative and libertarian perspectives;

the Intellectual Property Law Society, to promote student understanding of intellectual property;

the International Human Rights Law Society, dedicated to learning about and practicing international human rights law;

the International Law Society, an organization for students interested in the many facets of public and private international law;

the Jewish Law Students Association, a group concerned with Jewish issues of legal interest and legal issues of Jewish interest;

the Latino/a Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Latino/a students in Law School;

the Law School Democrats and the Law School Republicans, promoting political awareness of issues and topics on the national, state, and local level;

the Law School Musical, an annual student musical with faculty guest appearances;

the Law Women's Caucus, committed to understanding and improving the role of women in law school, the legal profession, and society;

Neighbors, whose members spend two hours a week volunteering in the local community and conduct quarterly service drives;

OutLaw, a group that provides support and sponsors programs regarding the legal status of bisexuals, lesbians, and gay men;

the Public Interest Law Society, for students interested in public service issues;

Spring Break of Service, an organization of students who provide pro bono legal services in areas of need during Spring Break;

the South Asian Law Students Association, concerned with the interests of South Asian students of the Law School;

the St. Thomas More Society, a group that provides spiritual support for Catholic students;

Wine Mess, which organizes the weekly cocktail party for faculty and students;

and the Women's Mentoring Program, a program that pairs local alumnae with current women students.

ATHLETICS

Graduate students at the University have a wide range of opportunities each year to participate in intramural activities, club sports, and instructional classes. All indoor and outdoor athletic facilities are open throughout the year to all students displaying a UChicago card. Spouses and domestic partners of students have access to facilities for a yearly fee. The athletic program provides men and women opportunities for instruction and participation in sports such as archery, badminton, gymnastics, handball, martial arts, rowing, squash, sailing, swimming, table tennis, track and field, and weight lifting. There are also hundreds of intramural teams and dozens of Sports Clubs participating in a wide variety of activities, including volleyball, soccer, softball, basketball, and ultimate Frisbee. The Law School excels at Intramural Sports and was the University's Phoenix Cup Champion for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 academic years. The Phoenix Cup is awarded annually to the graduate program earning the most points in sanctioned University Intramural Activities throughout the academic year (by way of participation and place).

RELIGIOUS LIFE

A rich diversity of spiritual communities is represented among the student body, faculty, and staff of the University. Together they create a wide variety of religious programming open to all. Through the arts, worship, social action, and study they seek to engage the life of the spirit with the life of the mind.

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel is the center of religious activity for the wider University. Its staff both supports the programs of specific religious groups and itself creates programming of interest to the entire community. World-renowned musicians, clergy, scholars, performers, and activists challenge the University to envision more expansively the role of religion and the bounds of the sacred.

Community service projects encourage students to give concrete expression to their convictions. Interreligious dialogue enables participants to learn more about their own traditions by encountering others.

The independent religious organizations on campus offer innumerable opportunities for worship and fellowship within their own spiritual community. Cooperation flourishes among these organizations. Mutual projects for social uplift, conversations on the substantive issues that confront people of faith in our time—these activities and many more challenge each spiritual seeker to define for him or herself the path of greatest religious integrity.

The Spiritual Life Office (spirit.uchicago.edu/), a virtual office of Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, serves as the liaison to the University for each religious organization. Some groups maintain houses on the periphery of campus, others are attached to local places of worship, and still others meet independently in Ida Noyes Hall or elsewhere. Dr. Elizabeth J.L. Davenport, Dean of Rockefeller

Memorial Chapel, serves as Director of the Spiritual Life Office. Descriptions of many of the religious organizations are available at spirit.uchicago.edu/about/group.shtml.