

Constitution of **the Privacy Law Association**



PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Privacy Law Association (PLA) is to provide academic and professional support for law students interested in data privacy law and security in New York. PLA exists to provide opportunities for networking, to keep its members apprised of the current state of the art in privacy regulations, and to provide a forum for discussions and group study.

ARTICLE I:

The official name of this student organization is *New York Law Student Privacy Law Association*. It may also be referred to as *PLA*.

ARTICLE II:

PLA, through a mentor-mentee program, connects new members with more experienced students to provide academic support as well as advice on opportunities in the field of privacy.

PLA supports students in privacy law classes or seeking privacy law certification by organizing group study sessions and curating digital resources.

PLA shares news of meaningful scholarship, internship, and job opportunities, as well as events relating to privacy law both in and outside of the academic sphere.

PLA hosts alumnus speakers currently working in privacy law or data security. Such panel events are open to the general community, but PLA members are particularly encouraged to attend. By cultivating the involvement of current practitioners, PLA provides members both with education and with connection to a vibrant professional community.

ARTICLE III:

Membership shall be open to all.



Membership dues are **\$10 per academic year**, in return for which members receive access to the PLA outline bank, the PLA mentor-mentee program, and participation in PLA Executive Board elections. Payment of dues is not required to subscribe to the PLA newsletter or to attend most academic and social PLA events. All members and subscribers are expected to attend PLA panels and involve themselves in the PLA community.

PLA members shall vote to elect an Executive Board of officers at the end of each spring semester, but in the event of any vacancy during the academic year, the President may appoint new officer(s) as required. All terms of office expire at the end of the academic year. Only dues-paying members may participate in the election of officers. The 1L Liaison is not elected, but is rather appointed at the start of the following fall.

ARTICLE IV:

The PLA Executive Board consists of a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, one or two Academic Chairs, one or two Social Chairs, and a 1L Liaison. The Executive Board is responsible for reviewing this constitution each academic year and meeting on a monthly basis to coordinate ongoing PLA events and projects. Individual descriptions, responsibilities, and duties of each position are as follows:

President

- Create a list of future goals and objectives for the academic year.
- Preside over PLA meetings, or assign another officer to preside if both the President and the Vice President will be absent.
- Maintain communications with all members of the Executive Board, general body members, and school co-facilitators.
- Schedule speakers and biannual general body meetings.

Vice President

- Prepare/update presentations (PowerPoint) for general body meetings.



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- Assist the President generally in PLA meeting preparation and oversight.
- Act as President in the President's absence.
- Maintain and update the PLA contact list and roster of members (Noptin Newsletter).
- Maintain communications with other student and outside organizations.

Treasurer

- Oversee finances and budgeting for PLA events.
- Receive any PLA payments, donations, or dues.
- Track and record any financial transactions involving the PLA's account.
- Follow up on payments and reimbursements to ensure that transactions are completed in a timely fashion.

Academic Chair(s)

- Take notes at PLA events and meetings.
- Coordinate a mentor-mentee program to connect new members with more experienced students.
- Maintain an outline bank accessible to dues-paying members.
- Organize group study sessions, workshops, and digital resources.
- Track resources relating to privacy law both in and outside of the academic sphere.

Social Chair(s)

- Post and solicit engagement on PLA social media accounts (Instagram, Twitter).
- Track privacy news and events to share with PLA members.



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- Write and distribute a regular mailing of upcoming events and privacy news (Noptin Newsletter).
- Create flyers for PLA events.
- Coordinate non-academic PLA events, including a presence at relevant Student Organization Fairs.

1L Liaison

- Work with past and current Executive Officers to make sure procedures and institutional knowledge are passed on.
- Encourage engagement with 1L students.
- Work with the Social Chair(s) to reach new students and make the PLA accessible.