In 1984, the Student Bar Association was approached by members of that graduating class to begin a Yearbook two months before graduation. Needless to say, two months was not sufficient time to organize and implement such a tremendous project.

The seed was planted, however, and from that seed has sprouted the non-stop efforts of a small part of the student body who have actively participated in organizing, photographing, laying out and writing copy for the first New York Law School Yearbook — CAVEAT EMPTOR.

A somewhat larger body of students supported our efforts by purchasing this Yearbook. Hopefully by next year, the Yearbook will be established as a tradition in the law school community, bringing with it even greater support of the student body for whom our efforts have been exerted.

We dedicate this first volume of CAVEAT EMPTOR to our unnamed supporters — our families and friends who have been so patient, understanding and faithful in standing behind us, permitting us to attach those coveted letters, J.D., after our names.

CAVEAT EMPTOR '85
Dear 1985 Graduate:

I would like to congratulate the students who made this project a reality. It took a great deal of time, energy and dedication and the result is the first student yearbook in the history of the Law School. One of my goals as Dean of New York Law School is to bring the entire Law School community—students, faculty, staff and Deans—closer together. In doing so, I believe we will not only better accomplish the educational mission of the Law School but also instill a sense of loyalty to the institution. This yearbook is an important step in that direction.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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In my first year of law school I briefed a tort case in verse for Professor Koffler’s class. The case was The Six Carpenter’s Case. The poetry was much better than my rendition of the law:

The Six Carpenter’s Tale
(a brief verse)

Six carpenters went to a tavern
They ordered some wine and some bread
But when the innkeeper gave them the bill
They gave him the shaft instead

Now the innkeeper went to the sheriff
Saying, “These men doth convert my food
And offer me nought but a trespass.
Ab initio were they so rude.”

"Not so," said the learned magistrate,
"For their entry was not done by law.
’Twas you who gave them the wine and the food;
’Twas you who opened the door.

“If these men had our general license
Their acta exteriora would show
Ab initio interiora secreta
As any reasonable man would know.

“But you, sir, have given them entry.
Though your food is in their distraint
’Twas by your authority given
And trespass is not your complaint.”

So ends our quaint little story
The moral we now understand:
Don’t give a carpenter dinner
’Till his money’s held fast in your hand.

Professor Koffler’s immediate reply (as best I can reconstruct it) was:

There certainly wasn’t a trespass
But not for the reason you gave.
There could not have been any trespass
Because there wasn’t an act by the knave.

— Adrian Calderone
Asian American Law Students

The NYLS Asian American Law Students Association (AALSA) was recently formed to enable Asian American law students to take unified action on issues in law schools and the Asian American community. A major objective of AALSA is to increase Asian American presence at NYLS and other law schools and in the legal profession as a whole in order to serve the interests of the Asian American community. AALSA organizes activities and programs relating to Asian legal, economic, political and cultural issues to promote a deeper understanding of the role and status of Asians in America.

Association of International Law Students

The Association of International Law Students is a new student organization established primarily to provide a supportive environment to foreign students and students of international law. The purpose of the Association is investigation of other legal systems in search of a better understanding of the function of law in the social and international community process.

Black and Latino Law Students Association

BALLSA was organized in 1976 by black law students to articulate and promote the professional needs and goals of black and Latino law students and others traditionally excluded from the American legal system; to foster and encourage professional competence; to focus upon the relationship of the minority attorney to the American legal structure; to instill in the attorney and the law student a greater awareness of a commitment to the needs of the minority communities and to influence American law schools, legal fraternities and associations to use their expertise and social prestige to bring about change within the legal system in order to make it responsive to the needs of minority communities. The New York Law School chapter of BALLSA is one of one hundred fifteen law school chapters affiliated with the national organization.
Criminal Law Society

The Criminal Law Society is an independent, student-run organization, which explores current and often controversial topics in criminal law, practice, procedure, and the criminal justice system. Although many of our members do not plan to practice criminal law, we do share a common interest in the state of the law as it affects each of us as individuals.

Environmental Law Project

The Environmental Law Society recognizes that a present, acute danger exists to life and the quality of living on the Earth, due to the stresses placed on the ecosystem by man. The group believes that it is everyone's moral obligation to aid in the preservation and enhancement of life for all members of that system.

There exists a developed body of law, the aim of which is to protect the environment. It is the group's purpose to: 1. provide the Community with legal, scientific, and social information concerning relevant environmental concerns; 2. train members of the Society in environmental advocacy; 3. provide support to lawyers and organizations engaged in environmental litigation.

International Law Society

The NYLS International Law Society (ILS) is an organization of students who are interested in international law and world affairs. Through its various activities and lectures the ILS hopes to add to the knowledge of international law, to open possibilities for careers in this field, and to build up the reputation of NYLS as a center for the study of international law.


Judicial Board

The Judicial Board of the Student Bar Association provides a forum for the settlement of disputes between students and other parties. The board was started in 1982 and four Justices and a Chief Justice comprise the Board. Student justices are appointed to one-year terms. The Board of 1984 has drafted and codified the first set of procedures to structure the methods by which a case can be brought.

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Legal Association for Women

The key to the Legal Association For Women (L.A.W.) is contained in the word “for.” L.A.W. is composed of both female and male members whose purpose is to raise and present information on legal issues of importance to women. Included in the organization’s activities are annual symposia on women in the law as well as guest lectures on issues of current importance to the community.


Lesbian and Gay Law Students of New York Law School

The Lesbian and Gay Law Students of New York Law School was created to provide political, educational, and social support for lesbian and gay law students. Recent programs included a speech by Carol Bellamy, discussions with prominent gay activists, and a major symposium on Lesbians, Gays, and the Family, co-sponsored with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. The organization also sponsored several social events and meetings to afford mutual support.

Media Law Project

The Media Law Project is a student organization which focuses on issues currently developing in media law. Through seminars, symposia and its Newsletter, the Project provides an excellent forum for the exchange of information and the presentation of issues and current trends in the media law related fields.

President: Steve Johnson, Rene Linden; Vice President: Robert Koretz; Treasurer: Stacey Haber; Secretary: Reyne Cuccuro; Members: Mitchell Ames, Dean Bennett, Jeff Blankstein, Melisse Blakeslee, Claudia Cholst, Laurie Cohen, Louis Crespo, Karen Goldberg, Ron Jonas, Maria Lubinski, Alberto Maioglies, Benjamin Proto, Frank Ritman, Steven Rosenthal, Joel Simon, Ron Terenzi

National Lawyer’s Guild

The National Lawyers Guild at New York Law School views the field of law as a means to achieve greater social justice. The Guild encourages this work, and provides an outlet for greater social and political awareness and action. The NYLS Guild Chapter strives to provide a friendly and supportive atmosphere for students and sponsors progressive educational forums to supplement the traditional law school curriculum.

Sherri Donovan, Tim Collins, Dan Drachler, George Dunn, Tom Mansfield, Reed Gardner, Todd Dworman, Louis Spinelli, Dunji Fromartz, Joanne Zervos
New York Law School
Trial Lawyers Association

The New York Law School Trial Lawyers (NYLSTL), a student chapter of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA), is dedicated to student development of analytical and communicative legal skills. NYLSTL exposes students to trial advocacy techniques and perspectives necessary for practice and which are not adequately dealt with in the course of law school.

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Phi Delta Phi, Legal Fraternity

Phi Delta Phi is the world’s largest professional legal fraternity serving the student, the Law School and the profession and dedicated to the ideals of community service. Its goal is to form a strong bond uniting students and teachers of the law with members of the Bench and Bar. The International organization offers professional programs, student loans, job preparation, job placement assistance, insurance programs, a quarterly publication, conventions, conferences, awards and lifetime friendships.

Phi Delta Phi is open to all students interested in pursuing their leadership and speaking abilities and desiring to excel in the legal profession.

Phi Alpha Delta, Legal Fraternity

Phi Alpha Delta (P.A.D.) is an international professional law fraternity whose purpose is to serve the law student and the legal profession. P.A.D.’s aims include bringing together law students and practicing attorneys, thus providing students with practical information and legal skills generally untouched in the academic curriculum. P.A.D. also provides valuable attorney contacts and job placement assistance.


Law Revue
Urban Law Society

The Urban Law Society was founded in 1983 by a group of students who felt that, given the urban setting of New York Law School, an organization dedicated to issues affecting urban dwellers and educating such persons as to their rights under the law was needed.

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Moot Court Board

The purpose of the Moot Court Association and the Moot Court Executive Board is to stimulate interest in advocacy among the students of New York Law School. The Board also selects, assists, and sends teams representing the law school to inter-school moot court competitions in order to provide opportunities for the development of advocacy skills and to enhance the reputation of New York Law School. The Board sponsors two intramural competitions per year: The Charles W. Froessel Competition in the fall semester and the John M. Harlan Competition in the spring semester.

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The Yearbook, CAVEAT EMPTOR, is the newest student publication at New York Law School. In this, our first issue, we have endeavored to portray life at NYLS as best we could in words and pictures. Our efforts were fraught with lost photos, editorial disputes, and deadlines that seemed to come around too quickly. We hope you, the student body, enjoy this issue and we hope those who come after us will continue CAVEAT EMPTOR as a tradition.

The New York Law School Review is a student-edited general interest law journal that publishes full length articles and book reviews by practitioners and professors of the law as well as student-written notes and case comments. Membership on the Law Review is an honor conferred upon students who demonstrate academic excellence during their first year or who demonstrate significant skill in legal analysis and writing by their participation in an annual writing competition. Published quarterly, the Law Review strives to provide its readers with a caliber and diversity of writings that will be of current interest and lasting value.
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