The American Constitution Society (ACS) brings together many of the country’s best legal minds to articulate a progressive vision of our Constitution and laws. From excellence in programming to networking opportunities and peer support, Willamette Law ACS is one of the strongest chapters in the country and exhibits the potential for progressive legal organizations.

The ALDF WU Chapter is dedicated to providing a forum for education, advocacy, and scholarships aimed at protecting the lives and advancing the interests of animals through the legal system, and raising the profile of the field of animal law.

The mission of Willamette Law APALSA is to advance, develop, encourage, and inspire Asian Pacific American law students through support, advocacy, and professional development on a national, state, and local level. We seek to provide a support system for all our members within Oregon and across the nation through networking events, mentorship programs, and other resources for success. We also seek to foster the exchange of ideas and promote a deeper understanding of the legal, political, and social status of Asian Pacific Americans in society. Willamette APALSA is a resource and forum to build a community between incoming students, current students, and alumni. Our members represent a diverse group of individuals that work together to excel in the legal profession. Students of all backgrounds and ethnicities are encouraged to join.

The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) is dedicated to advancing the interests and providing opportunities to Black law students that has traditionally been unavailable to this demographic. BLSA provides networking opportunities, have speakers on campus, and student events to accomplish the goal of equal representation of the views of Black law students.

Business Law Society

The Business Law Society seeks to bring together Willamette Law and MBA students who are interested in all realms of business and the law. We seek to provide an appropriate forum for discussion of business law and to better help prepare our members for prosperous careers in the field. We host meetings each semester, as well as guest speaker panels, networking events, and other activities that build a strong relationship with Willamette University and the greater Oregon community.
The Federal Bar Association

The Federal Bar Association is a nationally recognized professional organization whose mission is to support federal practitioners, both public and private, and to promote the federal judiciary as a whole. The Willamette chapter of the FBA similarly seeks to support students interested in learning about the federal court system, and who are curious about practicing federal law, by providing educational and networking opportunities. The WFBA highly encourages student involvement and welcomes any and all suggestions for organization-sponsored activities.

Health Law and Policy Society

An organization devoted to fostering opportunities for students interested in health-related law including networking with community professionals, future employment opportunities and advanced studies. The Health Law and Policy Society (HeLPS) is dedicated to supporting the current curriculum in health law and fostering future interest in the area of health policy generally.

The Federalist Society is a national organization was founded on principles: (1) that the state exists to preserve freedom, (2) that the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and (3) that it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be. The Society brings speakers to campus to highlight ideas and generate discussion.

The J. Reuben Clark Law Society is an international organization that seeks to affirm the strength brought to the law by a lawyer’s personal religious conviction. We accomplish this goal through public service and professional excellence to promote fairness and virtue that is founded upon the rule of law. Each term, our campus chapter hosts a speaker who highlights how their convictions have helped them in their life and career. We also share events with the Portland Lawyers chapter of the JRCLS.
Jewish Law Society

The Willamette Jewish Law Society seeks to foster a connection between Jewish (and non-Jewish) students, faculty, administration, and the community, for the sake of preserving, promoting, and teaching Jewish traditions. The Jewish Law Society wishes to provide a forum for members to discuss legal issues affecting the Jewish community, as well as a general place for support during the law school experience.

Joint Degree Association

The Joint Degree Association (JDA) is an organization of students who are concurrently seeking graduate degrees in law and business from Willamette University. The purpose of the JDA is to foster camaraderie among joint degree students, to provide additional customized learning and assistance, and to help joint degree students network with firms, local businesses, and community organizations.

Upon enrolling in the Joint Degree Program, students automatically become members of the JDA and are encouraged to become involved and seek leadership positions.

Labor & Employment Law Association

LELA is dedicated to promoting student engagement in the Labor and Employment Law practice area by hosting on-campus educational seminars featuring labor and employment attorneys, academics, and experts; connecting students with attorneys in the practice area; informing students about labor and employment events such as conferences, legal training, networking or social events; and disseminating communications about scholarships, internships, externships, and career opportunities. LELA seeks engagement from “both sides of the V,” and welcomes students who are interested in either the plaintiff’s side (employee or worker) or the defensive side (employer or management). So, whether your interest lies in worker’s justice or corporate or business law, LELA welcomes you!

Multicultural Law Student Association

The Multicultural Law Students Association (MLSA) is an organization dedicated to advancing issues related to race, ethnicity and cultural awareness at Willamette University College of Law (WUCL). The organization's membership is comprised of students of diverse background, regardless of race.

MLSA welcomes anyone who shares its desire to diversify the law school and the legal profession. As an organization, we seek to create a learning environment where diversity is not merely tolerated, but thrives.
Moot Court

The Moot Court Board, comprised of 2 and 3L students, gives students the opportunity to hone their trial and appellate advocacy skills. Competitions (at least 1 trial and 1 appellate per semester) are hosted by the Executive Committee, and may be completed for 1 academic credit for each competition (and each competition may be repeated between 2 and 3L years). 1Ls are encouraged to participate by volunteering as witnesses, greeters, bailiffs and jurors - which adds points toward their application to the Moot Court Board (following the conclusion of the First Year Appellate Competition). Important dates for Fall Semester include: The National Appellate Advocacy Competition (Beginning August 31; Moot Court Board Members), the Don Turner competition (Beginning October 12; Open to all 2/3L’s), and the American Association for Justice Civil Trial Competition (Beginning November 16; Moot Court Board Members). All competitions this semester will be hosted via Zoom. If you have any questions, please visit our website at willamette.edu/law/resources/student-orgs/mootcourt, or contact any member of the executive committee.

OUTlaws is a supportive group of LGBTQ+ and ally law students. This year our focus has been on peer support and creating connections with the Oregon legal community, we have had one membership meeting but have encouraged our members to attend local and national events such as Lavender Law, the OGALLA Banquet, and in November a networking night at Saalfeld Griggs.

The NLG is dedicated to the need for basic change in the structure of our political and economic system. Our aim is to bring together all those who recognize the importance of safeguarding and extending the rights of workers, women, LGBTQ people, farmers, people with disabilities, and people of color, upon who the welfare of the entire nation depends; who seek actively to eliminate racism; who work to maintain and protect our civil rights and liberties in the face of persistent attacks upon them; and who look upon the law as an instrument for the protection of the people, rather than for their oppression.

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.
Parents Attending Law School

The Willamette Parents Attending Law School organization is a student-run group open to all students enrolled at Willamette University College of Law. Having a family and attending law school varies from other educational experiences and has its own unique demands. Our members understand the challenges that law school families face and are dedicated to assisting students with the transition. We seek to share best practices for creating or maintaining a family/school balance. Additionally, we provide a casual forum for parents to seek support. Any organizational events are family friendly. We are still in the beginning stages of restarting this important group, so any support would be greatly appreciated!

WU Public Interest Project

WUPILP is a student-run nonprofit organization. Our mission is to provide $6,000 summer fellowships to law students holding public interest law positions. Such positions include, but are not limited to: civil legal service organizations, nonprofit organizations, public defense organizations, and immigration legal services. Public interest law advances the legal concepts of justice, fairness, and protection of those who can’t necessarily afford private legal representation.

WUPILP is a great group of students who make a positive difference here in Oregon and around the world. Any interested law student can help by volunteering for WUPILP at the Bid for Justice Auction or by applying to become a Liaison on the Executive Board.

The Bid for Justice Auction is WUPILP’s biggest fundraising event of the year. There are several great donations that you can bid on. You can also network with judges, attorneys, and alumni, grab free dinner and drinks, and bid on items in the silent and live auctions!

There are great professor donations every year that students can bid on such as going to a showing of RuPaul’s Drag Race with Professor Gilden or a yacht ride on the Columbia with Professor Bridgeman! Plus, there are amazing professor performances that you do not want to miss! This year’s auction will be February 27th in the Cat Cavern starting at 5pm. There is no cost to attend the auction!
The Willamette Law Review is an academic journal that is published three times per year by a student-run editorial board. Law Review has a rich and prestigious history—celebrating its 60th anniversary last year. The Law Review started out as the *Willamette Law Journal*, focusing on issues of general legal interest. Our publication now dedicates one issue every other year exclusively to Oregon issues. In addition, each year the review hosts a symposium dedicated to in-depth examination of a legal topic of current importance. The papers presented are then published in the annual symposium issue of the review. Our goal is to provide well-researched, topical, cogent and useful legal scholarship on issues of importance to lawyers throughout the Pacific Northwest and the nation.

The Women's Law Caucus recognizes inequities in our society relating to race, age, location, disability status, income, religious affiliation, sexuality, gender identity, immigration status, and primary language. As a non-partisan group, it is WLC's goal to encourage both students and legal professionals to consider these factors when acting in their professional and personal life.

In furtherance of these goals, WLC hosts monthly meetings focused on a particular subject of intersectional equity and justice. These meetings are open to all interested and we hope to see you there!