

# HARVARD LAW SCHOOL STUDENT BODY FALL TERM TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN

**RESOLUTION NO.** Res-200-001

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**SUPPORTED BY:** Academic Affairs Committee

**A RESOLUTION TO:** ENSURE THAT NO PUBLIC INTEREST STUDENT GRADUATES WITHOUT A FULLY-FUNDED BAR PREPARATION COURSE.

**THE STUDENT BODY OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL ENACTS:**

WHEREAS, Bar Exam preparation courses and/or materials are a large expense that are essentially necessary to a lawyer's bar certification,

WHEREAS, most private sector corporate law firms pay for a bar preparation course for their newly-hired associates,

WHEREAS, sixty-one students, or 10.66 percent of the Harvard Law School 2015 graduating class, pursue public interest careers upon graduation,

WHEREAS, the student body of Harvard Law School aims to more adequately support public interest careers than it has in the past,

WHEREAS, Harvard Law School's Supero Law Students Association has initiated efforts to fulfill the aims of this Resolution,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Harvard Law School Student Government commits to ensuring that no public interest student should graduate from Harvard Law School without a fully funded Bar Exam preparation course.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration of Harvard Law School shall work with Bar Exam preparation companies (e.g., Barbri, Kaplan, Themis, etc.) to establish a sponsorship program wherein graduates paying for Bar Exam preparation courses through a private sector law firm employer can sponsor a Bar Exam preparation course, paid for by the Bar Exam preparation companies, for a public interest student at no cost to either student.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such a program will be administered by an office at Harvard Law School and not by a student organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should funds be constricted, such a program will prioritize funding low-income public interest students.

**PASSED IN COMMITTEE:** 10/5/2016

**PASSED IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL:** 10/12/2016

**VOTE TOTALS:**

16 YES

0 NO

1 ABSTAIN