



**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL  
STUDENT BODY  
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**RESOLUTION NO.** R.-205-010

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**A RESOLUTION TO:** HIRE DESIGNATED ACADEMIC ADVISORS

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

WHEREAS, the long and nuanced class registration process at Harvard Law School requires special care and preparation, and the requirements for graduation can be misunderstood without guidance; and

WHEREAS, much information about class and clinic registration is learned predominantly from student-to-student communication, increasing the risk of information disparity among students; and

WHEREAS, there are not currently designated academic advisors for HLS students who can reduce this disparity by helping students identify the classes that will fulfill their academic requirements and keep them on track for graduation; and

WHEREAS, the primary mode of academic advising is currently 1L reading group professors, but not all 1L students are enrolled in reading groups; and

WHEREAS, reading group professors vary widely in the range of support they offer their reading group students, resulting in some students receiving high-quality academic advising while others receive no guidance at all; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of necessary advising infrastructure, the burden falls to students and student organizations to create networks for disseminating critical registration and graduation requirement information, performing many hours of uncompensated labor for HLS annually; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Harvard Law School Student Government calls upon the Harvard Law School Administration to hire designated academic advisors who can become expert resources for students on the complex HLS registration and academic affairs system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Student Government calls upon the HLS Administration to create a formal academic advising infrastructure that does not require the labor of students or student organizations to function.

**PASSED IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL: March 23, 2022**

**VOTE TOTALS:**

**12   YES**

**0   NO**

**0   ABSTAIN**