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SOCIETY OF AMERICAN LAW TEACHERS

We invite you to join a new national organization, the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT).

SALT will have the following purposes, in addition to providing open lines of communication on matters of interest to the membership.

1. Encourage developments in legal education that will make curriculum, programs and forms of instruction more responsive to social needs. This includes attention to legal ethics and the public responsibilities of the profession.
2. Make studies, issue public statements and give testimony on matters of professional concern, such as capital punishment, the new federal penal code and proposed amendments to the United States Constitution.
3. Evaluate and in proper cases express opinions on judicial appointments (at least to federal appellate courts) and appointments to other governmental positions bearing on the administration of justice.
4. Combat violations of academic freedom directed against law teachers.
5. Encourage fairer representation of minorities -- blacks, Puerto Ricans, Chicanos and women -- on law faculties and student bodies.
6. Monitor, to the extent feasible, various institutions of the legal profession.

This list is not fixed and does not reflect priorities. Members will naturally have different views on which activities to engage in and which should take precedence. This is a matter for natural development over time.

We particularly want to avoid a doctrinaire approach. Our goal is to interest and involve a high percentage of law teachers. The best way to do this is to be clear that disparate views are welcome as well as inevitable.

Membership is open to all who teach law students for credit. The members will mainly be fulltime law teachers, but adjunct and parttime teachers are welcome.

SALT is not intended to be a rival of the Association of American Law Schools, which is basically an association of law schools geared to other roles. We have been in friendly communication with the President and Director of the AALS during the formation of plans for the new group.

Dues are \$25 a year. Law teachers who earn \$15,000 a year or less have dues of \$15.

We urge you to join us and to encourage your colleagues to join us. Send in the form below as soon as possible so we may add your name to our list of members and use your membership in interesting others.

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I wish to join the Society of American Law Teachers.
Enclosed is a check for \$25 ()... \$15 () (income under \$15,000).

Checks should be made out to "Sylvia Law, Treasurer," and sent to Prof. Law at N.Y.U. Law School, 40 Washington Square South, New York, N.Y. 10012.

Signed:

Name (print):

Law School: