

## **31<sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION**

*Naimbag nga aldaw!* The Association of Law Students of the Philippines, Inc. (ALSP) is the largest network of law students in the country. Its mission is to promote better student welfare and provide avenues to further legal education. Despite the various changes and the new normal, we remain committed to our mission and our programs as we continue to help our fellow law students.

As we celebrate our 31<sup>st</sup> year, we will be having our First Online National Convention entitled: **“Agsangangkamaysa – United as One towards a New Norm in the Study and Practice of Law”** on October 31 – November 1, 2020 via Zoom application. Together with the North Luzon Region of the association and their respective member schools, we invite you to an online experience of the beautiful northern province and learn about the new norms in the study and practice of law.

As future members of the legal profession and as members of our society, it is only right that we engage and task ourselves, as early as now, that we have civic duty to our country to fulfill and our limited physical access to the outside world should not be an excuse to ignore the societal issues that plague our country today. The legal profession is not a business nor is it simply a money-making job. The legal profession is a noble calling, it is a life-long advocacy to carry out our public duty to serve the public for the administration of justice.

We, the law students, are privileged enough to be able to advocate the societal problems that we face today. The legal profession has tasked itself to forefront the rights of those who are oppressed, to ensure that the scales of justice lean towards the right, and to guarantee that at the end of the day justice shall prevail.

*The goals of the convention are the following:*

1. To remind law students that the legal profession is a noble calling and is a life-long advocacy, and not a business venture;
2. To provide a platform where law students can freely express their opinions and ideas regarding our current societal issues;
3. To provide a venue where law students can interact and engage in discussions with community leaders and prominent lawyers;
4. To create an opportunity for the law students and student governments to be recognized for their efforts in giving back to their communities and to inspire other law students to do the same;
5. To help law students build network with their fellow future legal professionals.

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**Tentative Program of Activities**

**DAY 1 - Opening Ceremony**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Segment</b>	
7:30-8:00 AM	<b>Registration &amp; Admission of delegates</b>	
8:00- 8:30 AM	<b>Opening Activities and Ceremony</b>	<i>National President</i>
8:30 - 8:45AM	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>	<i>National President</i>
8:50- 9:30 AM	<b>First Guest Speaker</b> *tune in to our website for our weekly speakers reveal	

**Academic Discussion**

The purpose of the academic discussion is to help inform law students about the new trends in the study of law, especially now that we are in a time where the traditional way of learning the law has been evolving to answer to the challenges of the new normal.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Segment</b>	
9:30-10:30 AM	<b>Bar Examination Reforms and Future of Legal Education</b> <i>Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the Philippines</i>	
	Just as the world evolves, legal education has been evolving with it. With the new implementation of the regionalization of the 2021 Bar Examination and the current trends in the study of law, we aim to have an insight on how it affects the future of legal education.	
10:30-11:30 AM	<b>Clinical Education Program: (Panel Discussion)</b> <b>On Instructional Flexibility in Designing the New Normal of Clinical Education Program</b> <i>PALS, LEB, Law School Dean</i>	
	With the implementation of the new Clinical Legal Education Program, we aim to inform and answer the questions, coming from the law students, regarding what it is and how it affects the legal education.	
11:30-12:30 PM	<b>Panel Discussion: Blending Law and Technology – The new normal of learning and practicing law</b> <i>IBP, PALS, LexMeet, REX, MyLegalWhiz</i>	
	The COVID-19 Pandemic has changed the way of learning and practicing the law from physical classes and hearing, we have shifted and resorted to using online tools as new methods. We aim to let law students understand and appreciate the new method of studying the law by being able to hear from members of the legal academe and practicing lawyers.	

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**Afternoon Session**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Segment</b>	<b>Persons/ Details</b>
1:00-4:00 PM	<b>National Consultation with the Legal Education Board</b>	<i>LEB</i>
4:00- 5:00 PM	<b>ALSP Awards</b>	
	<b>-END-</b>	

**DAY 2 - Academic Workshop Day**

The Academic Workshop is designed to provide law students with an interactive experience to facilitate the sharing of ideas to arrive at a solution to a problem presented to them. It is a creative process aimed to have academic discussions, sharing of knowledge and ideas, and creation of a product that can be used to present a solution to their chosen topics.

**Method:**

1. The delegates shall be given the chance to select a topic that they want to advocate.
2. Each topic shall have a mentor and a facilitator to help the flow of discussion.
3. The delegates will be given one hour to have an academic discussion and sharing of ideas regarding their chosen topics.
4. Each group shall compile their ideas for presentation to the other groups to share their ideas.
5. The output shall be presented to the plenary.
6. The output shall be compiled and will be used to jumpstart academic journals and papers.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Segment</b>	<b>Persons/ Details</b>
8:00- 9:00 AM	<b>Opening Ceremony Reminders for the Day 2 Activities</b>	
9:00- 10:00 AM	<b>Breakout Session</b>	
10:00- 10:30 AM	<b>Q &amp; A and Finalization of Output</b>	
10:30- 11:30AM	<b>Presentation of Output</b>	
11:30- 11:45 AM	<b>Closing Message &amp; Sharing of Advocacy/ Experiences</b>	
	<b>-END-</b>	

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## Tentative Topics and Speakers for the Break-out Session

TOPIC	MENTOR
<b>Protection for the Environment and its Protectors</b>	Atty. Tony La Viña
<b>IPR on Ancestral Domain and Impact of Environmental Destruction</b>	Atty. Maria Paz Luna
<b>Impact of Discrimination in the LGBTQ Community</b>	Atty. Sean Borja
<b>Jail Decongestion Human Rights</b>	Dean Chel Diokno
<b>Job Security in the New Normal</b>	Fmr. Sen Bam Aquino
<b>Problems Faced in an Online Life</b>	Atty. Gideon Peña
<b>Improving the Court System</b>	CAW
<b>Anti-Red Tape</b>	ARTA
<b>Red Tagging of Terrorist (ATL)</b>	Fmr. SAJ Antonio Carpio
<b>Law Making/Public Policy Making</b>	Sen. Ralph Recto

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1:00-4:00 PM	ALSP Reports and Election
4:00- 4:30 PM	Farewell Remarks from the National and Regional Board
4:30- 4:40 PM	Remarks from the Incoming National President
4:40-7:00PM	Mixer

Register through:

Get to know the ALSP through:

<https://sites.google.com/view/alsp-blog/home>

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**REGISTRATION GUIDELINES**

1. The convention is open to all law students and bar candidates of the Philippines;
2. The convention will be on a synchronous online set-up via Zoom application;
3. There will be a payment of the registration fee (to shoulder the cost of the technical working committee's expenses, tokens for our speakers and partners, and your e-certificates);
4. The registration fee is:
  - a. Early Bird (until October 1, 2020) – P200.00
  - b. Regular Registration – P250.00
5. The process of the registration will be as follows:
  - 1. Pay the registration fee and keep a proof of your payment transaction;**
    - a. In case you need a statement of account for the registration fee, send us an e-mail with the subject heading "Statement of Account – Law School"
    - b. Original Receipts will be issued after payment confirmation; hardcopies can be sent to the participant, but they must shoulder the shipping fee;
  - 2. Fill out the online registration form at <https://forms.gle/MhEZjrsNXaGdU2aDA> ;**
    - a. Your payment confirmation and latest law school ID must be submitted on the registration form;
    - b. Fill out the form with necessary information; attach the requested documents;
  - 3. Wait for the e-mail confirmation and e-receipt;**
  - 4. Anticipate updates and guidelines;**
    - a. Updates will be posted on the facebook page and the website, but participants will also receive guidelines and updates;

**PAYMENT DETAILS**

Deposit your payments to the ALSP BPI Bank Account:

Account Name: **Association of Law Students of the Philippines**

Account Number: **2283-1198-93**

For other inquiries, you can contact your regional offices or send us an email at [alspnationalconvention@gmail.com](mailto:alspnationalconvention@gmail.com)

**See you there!**