

# News Release

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**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS SEEKS SUPPORT  
FOR ACADEMIC FREEDOM OF LAW SCHOOL CLINICAL FACULTY**  
*Files Brief Arguing that Proposed Rule Change Would Harm Law Students  
and Citizens*

The Association of American Law Schools (AALS) has filed a submission with the Louisiana Supreme Court arguing that efforts by key political figures and business organizations in Louisiana to restrict the activities of the State's law school clinics would deny academic freedom to law school clinical faculty and compromise the integrity of clinical programs. The AALS thus requested that the Court reject the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry's (LABI) proposed changes to Louisiana's Student Practice Rule which would improperly restrict case selection and lead to limitation on access to justice for those unable to afford counsel.