

## **SUMMARY OF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ULS BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

**(1) How many people serve on ULS's Board of Directors?**

Currently we have nine members although the Board can have up to 17 Directors.

**(2) Who appoints members of the Board?**

The incumbent Board members.

**(3) How long are the terms of each appointment?**

Each term is three years. Members may be reappointed for one additional consecutive term; former board members may seek reelection after being off the board for one year. One third of the board is up for election each year.

**(4) What are the requirements for Board membership?**

Board members should have an interest and experience in low income housing issues or issues affecting persons with developmental disabilities.

**(5) How many Board meetings are held each year, and where are they held?**

The Board usually meets four times a year at ULS's offices at 220 I Street NE, Suite 130, Washington, DC 20001. The Board meetings usually begin at 4:00 pm or 5:00 pm and last for two hours. Committees of the Board also meet occasionally, sometimes just by teleconference.

**(6) How may I apply for Board membership?**

Announcement of future Board vacancies are posted on the ULS website, which also has links to websites of other organizations, particularly in the developmental disabilities field. Interested parties may write (or e-mail) ULS's Executive Director (currently Jane Brown) or the Chairman of the Board (currently Margaret Drachsler c/o ULS), explaining the bases for the person's interest in serving on the Board.

**(7) Are Board members insured against claims of liability?**

Yes. ULS has a directors and officers liability policy that is standard for non-profit organizations.

**(8) Where can I get more information?**

Please call Jane Brown 202-547-4747. You also can visit the ULS web site at [www.dcpanda.org](http://www.dcpanda.org) for more information about the programs and services ULS provides

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR NOMINATIONS  
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
UNIVERSITY LEGAL SERVICES**

- (1) The Board shall represent the interests of the disability communities and the low-income housing communities that ULS serves.
- (2) Board members shall be appointed based on demonstrated interest and experience in issues affecting the communities that ULS serves.
- (3) At least half of the Board shall be consumers, or their family members, of disability services in the District of Columbia.
- (4) Board members shall also, to the extent possible, reflect the socioeconomic and geographic demographics of the District of Columbia.
- (5) ULS shall ensure that it fulfills these principles by:
  - (a) Publicizing prospective vacancies on the Board by posting relevant information on its website and, if feasible, by posting links to other relevant websites, and
  - (b) Urging interested persons to submit or support nominations.