

MEMORANDUM

From: The ACLP at New York Law School
Re: Statement of Academic Independence
Effective Date: January 2006

New York Law School receives support from a wide array of sources, including foundations, individuals, alumni, government, private companies, etc., some of which operate in the telecommunications, broadband, Internet, and energy spaces. The ACLP recognizes that supporters of the law school may have distinct points of view on legal, social, regulatory, and other issues. In some cases, those views may align with the ACLP's general approach to issues. In other cases, they may not align.

The ACLP maintains a firm stance on its academic independence. Please be advised that the ACLP's approach is guided by the following foundational principles:

- Institutional autonomy is an essential condition of academic freedom;
- The ACLP maintains the independence to conduct research, teach, speak, and publish without interference from third parties;
- In any conferences and events, the ACLP will strive to have competing points of view represented in order to facilitate robust dialogues;
- It would be inappropriate for any third party to attempt to impose conditions on law school support or individual research projects for ideological, political, or other improper reasons.
- If and when the ACLP receives grant or other funding for projects, it will appropriately acknowledge such contributions.