

Business Law Society

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME PURPOSE, AND MEMBERSHIP

§101: THE NAME of this organization shall be The University of Akron Business Law Society, hereinafter referred to as “ABLS.”

§102: IT SHALL BE THE PURPOSE of ABLS to promote a social and academic atmosphere that raises awareness of corporate and business-related legal issues within the law school community. The goal of ABLS is to create an understanding of all aspects of the corporate and business world and to provide members with opportunities to develop relationships in the business and legal communities.

§103: THIS CONSTITUTION will be constructed in compliance with the provisions and spirit of the University Policy on Equal Opportunity, the University Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities, and the Student Bar Association Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE II: ABLs OFFICERS

COMPOSITION

§201: ALL LEGISLATIVE POWERS herein granted shall be vested in an assembly of ABLS, hereinafter referred to as the “Officers.”

§202: THE OFFICERS SHALL BE COMPOSED of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The President will organize and manage meetings, schedule and plan events, act as liaison to the SBA, and set the direction of ABLS. The President will also, in conjunction with the other officers, plan events directed specifically towards attracting new members.

The Vice President will assume the presidential duties in the absence of the President. The Vice President will introduce event ideas, supervise the planning and the organization of ABLS events, and manage new member recruitment in conjunction with all other officers.

The Treasurer will manage ABLS funds, establish a budget, and manage new member recruitment in conjunction with all other officers.

The Secretary will promote ABLS events, implement strategies to make ABLS known throughout the legal community, and manage new member recruitment in conjunction with all other officers.

MEETINGS

§211: THE OFFICERS SHALL CONVENE in regular session at least once a month during the regular academic year beginning in September, except during those months when exams are being administered and winter break. Regular and special meetings of the Officers shall be held in accordance with the governing instruments.

§212: A MAJORITY of the voting members of the officers shall constitute a quorum. All actions shall be taken by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

§213: ALL OFFICERS shall be entitled to one (1) vote. No officer shall cast more than one vote under any circumstances.

ARTICLE III: ELECTIONS

§301: A GENERAL ELECTION shall be held no later than the second Thursday in April.

§302: DURING THIS ELECTION, the current members of ABLS shall elect the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The terms of the elected Officers shall commence no later than the first week in May. The current Officers shall serve until their successors have been duly installed.

ARTICLE IV: VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

§411: SHOULD ANY OFFICER fail to attend to his or her duties as outlined in the governing instruments or violate the legal or ethical standards imposed by university regulations, the Board may remove that individual from office.

§412: THE PRESIDENT may recommend the removal of any member of the Board if that member has at least three (3) or more unexcused absences from ABLS meetings

during that member's term of office. ANY OTHER OFFICER may recommend the removal of the President if the President has at least three (3) or more unexcused absences from ABLS meetings during the President's term of office.

§413: Disciplinary sessions shall be closed and take place no earlier than five (5) days and not later than fourteen (14) days after the member in question has been given notice of the hearing. Disciplinary sessions shall be held in accordance with the governing instruments.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS

§501: AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION may be proposed by any voting Officer. Notice shall be given of any proposed amendment one week prior to its consideration. A majority vote of the Officers of ABLS shall place an amendment to a vote of the members of ABLS.

§502: An amendment shall be ratified by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members voting.

ARTICLE VI: JURISDICTION

§601: Final interpretation of the document and all other governing instruments shall be made by a majority vote the Officers

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