

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 “BLS.”

§102: IT SHALL BE THE PURPOSE of BLS 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 BLS 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: BLS OFFICERS

COMPOSITION

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

§202: THE OFFICERS SHALL BE COMPOSED of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chief Marketing Officer, Social Media Chair, and Faculty Liaison Chair.

The **President** will organize and manage meetings, schedule and plan events, act as liaison to the SBA, and set the direction of BLS. 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 BLS events, and manage new member recruitment in conjunction with all other officers.

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

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

The **Chief Marketing Chair** would oversee recruitment and promotion of the organization. The CMC would assist in setting up recruitment events, help with member retention rate, and assist other board members in keeping BLS a growing and thriving organization through projects and events.

The **Social Media Chair** would manage the BLS Microsoft Teams page and all BLS social media outlets, and make sure to record online events for members to view or use later.

The **Faculty Liaison Chair** will look to expand BLS stature at the University of Akron, and would work closely with administration, faculty, local bar association, and alumni to help meet the needs and wants of the BLS members.

MEETINGS

§211: THE OFFICERS SHALL CONVENE during the regular academic year beginning in September whenever there is business to be discussed. Any Officer may call for a meeting by contacting and organizing a time and location with all other elected Officers. 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 BLS shall elect the Officers in compliance with §202. 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 BLS 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 BLS 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.

VACANCIES FROM OFFICE

§414: Upon vacancy of any board member aside from the President, the President shall nominate an appointee to be approved by a majority of the executive board.

§415: Upon vacancy of the BLS President, the Vice President will automatically fill the vacancy, with the Vice President's vacancy to be filled via the procedure in §414

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 unanimous vote of the Officers of BLS shall enact an amendment.

ARTICLE VI: JURISDICTION

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

(Fully amended and restated on May 25, 2020, April 15, 2022, March 22, 2023, and August 3, 2023 respectively.)