

THE CONSTITUTION OF CANNABIS LAW SOCIETY

The University of Akron School of Law

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§ 101. Composition.

This organization shall be known and recognized as the Cannabis Law Society (“CLS”), which shall be comprised of law students according to the provisions herein establish.

§ 102. Purpose.

- (a) CLS strives to promote awareness of the legal opportunities and challenges created by the cannabis industry, and to destigmatize the negative ideals about cannabis through education, networking, and charitable endeavors. The organization aims to adopt a multidisciplinary approach by hosting discussion panels and networking events comprised of representatives from a wide variety of fields of law including, but not limited to, transactional, regulatory, criminal justice, and health policy.
- (b) CLS will provide a platform for students to network with industry specialists, learn about the opportunities available to practice in a unique area of the law, and gain the practical skills and knowledge required to succeed in a rapidly evolving, cutting-edge, industry.

§ 103. Title of Act.

This act of the organization shall be known as The Constitution of Cannabis Law Society (“The Constitution”).

§ 104. Incorporation and Interpretation.

- (a) Incorporation. This Organization shall operate under the governance of The University of Akron School of Law Student Code of Conduct and The University of Akron Mission Statement.
- (b) Interpretation. No provision of the Constitution shall be interpreted or applied so as to violate or contradict any of the above laws or regulations.

§ 105. Citation.

Whenever a reference is made to The Constitution of The Cannabis Law Society such a reference shall be by citation to the part, an acronym for the Constitution and section in that order and in the manner of the following example: this section shall be cited as “1 CLS § 105.”

§ 106. Definitions of Terms.

- (a) Officer. “Officer” refers individually to the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian positions.
- (b) Member. “Member” refers to any law student who meets the general membership eligibility contained in Article II.
- (c) Executive Board. “Executive Board” refers collectively to the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian.
- (d) Standing Committee. “Standing Committee” refers to any permanent committee which must remain active for proposed business.

ARTICLE II - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

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§ 201. Eligibility.

Those eligible for general membership are currently enrolled and registered for courses for which credit is given at The University of Akron and must be in good standing with the University.

§ 202. Suffrage.

Subject to any provisions governing the casting of votes, all general members of the Organization shall enjoy the right to vote upon all questions and/or motions properly before the CLS in a meeting or online.

§ 203. Revocation of General Membership.

General membership may be revoked by the organization under the following situations:

- (a) Failure to remain in good standing with The University of Akron School of law; or
- (b) Failure to abide by the policies, procedures and purpose outlined in this Constitution.

ARTICLE III - GOVERNMENT

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§ 301. Generally.

The offices of the executive board shall consist of five elected positions.

- (a) Elected offices shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Parliamentarian.
- (b) The positions of Secretary and Parliamentarian shall be elected but may not be mandatory.

§ 302. Offices Defined.

- (a) Definition of Duties for Executive Board. The Vice-President, along with the President, may further reasonably define the duties of each Executive Board Officer, to fit the needs of the Organization.
- (b) Officer Qualification. To qualify to be an officer, a student must be a member of the organization for at least one semester before assuming an officer role and be in good academic standing with the University of Akron School of law.
- (c) Officers of the Executive Board and their duties are as follows:
 - (i) President. The position of President includes responsibilities up to, but not limited to the following: The President shall preside over all CLS meetings. If unable to preside over any meeting, the President shall designate one of the Executive Officers to substitute. The President shall also know the Constitution of the CLS and implement its requirements, determine the objectives and action plan of the CLS, analyze membership problems and solutions, prepare reports requested by the administration, inform other organization leaders, committees, and the CLS membership of problems and policies under consideration, and encourage cooperation and harmony within the school.
 - (ii) Vice President. The position of Vice President includes responsibilities up to, but not limited to the following: Vice President shall serve as the Election Commissioner of the CLS, shall assist in the President in his or her duties outlined above, and be prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of the presidency. The Vice President shall maintain progress reports for each committee, direct and coordinate committee actions to achieve goals established by the Executive Board at the beginning of each year.
 - (iii) Treasurer. The position of Treasurer includes responsibilities up to, but not limited to the following: The Treasurer shall prepare the CLS budget for submission to the University

Budget Committee for the following fiscal year; ascertain that all other organizations under the CLS submit a completed budget each fiscal year to the University Budget Committee; be familiar with rules governing disbursement of funds from University accounts and with the provisions of the Student Activities Fund Act, so the Act can be compiled with and questions concerning rules can be answered promptly; maintain financial records for all accounts and post all items of income and expense as they occur; process all disbursements and requisitions promptly; and accurately record all receipts, obtain authorizations for all disbursements from the Executive Board and keep an accurate list of all CLS general members. In addition, the Treasurer shall prepare a written statement of the financial condition of CLS to be distributed to each Executive Officer at least once per semester including the following information for each account: beginning period balance, itemized income, itemized expenditures, and ending period balance.

- (iv) Secretary. The position of Secretary includes responsibilities up to, but not limited to the following: The Secretary shall accurately record the minutes of each CLS Officer meeting and Executive Board meeting; take attendance at each CLS meeting; call the President's attention to unfinished business; supply committees with all papers and materials referred to them; and keep a systematic method of filing documents received and sent, committee reports, treasurer's reports, membership rosters, and committee lists. The Secretary shall also, at the discretion of the president, prepare all outgoing correspondence, notify CLS general members of all CLS general meetings, and post or distribute all other notices required by this Constitution.
- (v) Parliamentarian. The position of Parliamentarian includes up to, but not limited to the following: Enforce, advise and maintain procedures, rules and bylaws during all general meetings and Executive Board meetings; enforce and advise on Robert's Rules of Order when necessary.

§ 303. Terms of Office.

- (a) Duration of Term. Officer positions are to be held for one year from on or about April 15th to on or about April 15th of the following year.
- (b) Founding Officer Immunity. The founding officers shall hold office until the first elections to be held by held by April 1, 2025.
- (c) Installations. Officers shall be installed at the last executive meeting of the spring semester to be held on or about the 15th day of April each year, and they shall hold office until their successors are installed, when each shall surrender to his successor all the books, records, receipts and other

property of the association in his or her possession. By a majority vote of those present, Officers may be installed before adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected.

- (d) Vacancies. Should a vacancy occur before the completion of a term of office, the vacancy will be immediately fulfilled by pursuant to 3 CLS § 304 (c)-(e) and shall take office immediately.

§ 304. Election of Officers.

- (a) Elections are held in the first week of April of each year.
- (b) The first election shall be in the first week of April 2025.
- (c) Voting is organized by the President and is operated at their discretion.
- (d) The election process shall be a single online ballot listing positions and nominees by vote of all General Members.
- (e) Nominations for candidates will be accepted via online submission for two weeks prior to the elections.
- (f) The candidate(s) receiving the majority number of votes will be declared the winner and will take office on or about the 15th day of April each year.

§ 305. Impeachment of Officers.

- (a) Removal by Impeachment. Removal is permitted only upon a finding of an honor code violation by the disciplinary committee.
- (b) Provisional Suspensions. For extraordinary circumstances, the executive officers, other than the accused officer, may hold an emergency meeting to vote on a provisional suspension of the executive officer accused. A provisional suspension shall be issued upon a majority vote.
- (i) A provisional suspension shall remain in effect pending the outcome of the disciplinary proceeding and any related impeachment proceeding.
- (c) Impeachment Proceedings. A member seeking removal of an Executive Board member must file a written motion for removal with another Executive Board member.
- (i) A hearing on the motion will be held at the next meeting, however, the Executive Board shall give the officer in question no less than two weeks' notice.
- (ii) The officer in question will have an opportunity to respond to the charges at the meeting.
- (iii) Removal of an officer is effective immediately upon a majority vote of the entire general membership and a new officer will be elected within 14 days of removal.

ARTICLE IV - FACULTY ADVISOR

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§ 401. Appointment.

The Executive Board shall appoint, upon majority Officer approval, a faculty advisor after the Spring election of each year.

§ 402. Duties.

The duties of the Faculty Advisor are up to, but not limited to, the following: signing off on necessary paperwork; and assisting and supervising the elected officers.

§ 403. Terms of Office.

The term of office for the Faculty Advisor will be from April 15th to April 15th of the following year but may be renewed for an unlimited number of terms by appointment of a majority vote of the Executive Board.

§ 404. Removal of Faculty Advisor.

If the Faculty Advisor fails to meet the organization's duties, procedures and overall purpose, the following procedure shall be taken for removal of office:

- (a) A hearing on the motion of the Executive Board will be held at the next meeting, however, the advisor in question shall receive no less than two (2) weeks' notice.
- (b) The Executive Board shall notify the organization at a meeting consisting of at least two-thirds of all active general members.
- (c) The membership will hold a vote of confidence for the Faculty Advisor.
- (d) All members shall vote either "Confidence" or "No Confidence."
- (e) If the Faculty Advisor receives a vote of "No Confidence" from two-thirds (2/3) of the membership, the Faculty Advisor will be notified in writing and shall be removed from advising the organization.

§ 405. Vacancy of Faculty Advisor.

In the event of a vacancy within the position of Faculty Advisor, it is the responsibility of the organization to appoint a new Faculty Advisor within five (5) business days. No business shall be conducted until a new

Faculty Advisor has been appointed and approved through the Department of Student Life (via RooConnect) or before conducting business.

ARTICLE V - ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURES

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§ 501. Attendance.

Executive officers shall not fail to attend no more than two consecutive meetings and shall make all reasonable efforts to attend the meetings scheduled by this organization. All other General Members shall not be subject to an attendance policy.

§ 502. Meetings.

Executive board meetings shall be held monthly from August through April (excluding May, June, and July), but no less than once per semester.

§ 503. Quorum.

- (a) To conduct business at general member meetings, a quorum shall consist of one-third of the total membership.
- (b) To conduct business at executive board meetings, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the executive officers.

§ 504. Procedural Conflict.

In the event of conflict concerning proper rules of procedure, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised will serve as the recognized authority.

ARTICLE VI - FINANCE

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§ 601. Dues.

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§ 601. Dues.

There shall be no dues for membership to the organization of CLS.

§ 602. Other Sources of Funding.

Other sources of organizational funding, other than university funding, may be raised via donations and fundraising.

§ 603. University Finance Guidelines.

The organization shall manage its own finances in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by The University of Akron for student organizations. Registered student organizations, with the exception of those under the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life Programs, are not permitted to have outside accounts, other than the provided UAF/EAF and SAF accounts which are administered by the Department of Student Life and the SOuRCe.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

The following process must be followed to amend this constitution:

- (a) Any proposed amendment(s) must be presented in writing to the membership;
- (b) discussion should occur at a full meeting of General Members;
- (c) a vote for acceptance shall occur at the following meeting; and
- (d) the amendment(s) shall become part of the constitution upon a three-fourths vote of the quorum.

ARTICLE VIII - NONDISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

It is the policy of this institution that there shall be no unlawful discrimination against any individual in employment or in its programs or activities at the university of Akron because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national or ethnic origin, disability, status as a parent during pregnancy and immediately after the birth of a child, status as a parent of a young child, status as a foster parent, military status, genetic information, or status as a veteran. The university of Akron prohibits sexual harassment of any form in all aspects of employment and in its programs and activities and prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual and racial or ethnic orientation in employment and admissions. See UA Board Rule 3359-38-01 (A2).

ARTICLE IX - STUDENT LIFE CLAUSE

Cannabis Law Society shall maintain a current registration form, including a list of officers, their addresses, the name of the Campus Advisor, and the most recently amended constitution with the Department of Student Life via RooConnect.

ARTICLE X - RATIFICATION

This Constitution shall be ratified by a majority vote of the authors and original founding officers of Cannabis Law Society.