

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON SCHOOL OF LAW  
INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I            NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the International Law Society (hereinafter referred to as ILS).

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be:

- a. To increase among all law students and other members of the university community, an interest in and understanding of the many and varied aspects of comparative and international law and organization.
- b. To acquaint those students intending to pursue careers in international law with the opportunities available to them.
- c. To contribute to the establishment of the effective rule of international law through increased interest and understanding of it.

ARTICLE II            MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in General

- a. Membership in the ILS shall be open to all University of Akron School of Law students in good standing.
- b. "Law student in good standing" is defined in accordance with the current standards as set forth by the Dean of the Law School.
- c. Honorary Members (including faculty): The Executive Board may provide for such honorary membership, and such others as the Executive Board may approve.

Section 2. Membership and Voting Rights

- a. Only student members shall have the right to vote to hold office in the ILS.
- b. Members must register on the ILS Membership Roster by the first Tuesday in March, preceding the April election.
- c. Membership and voting rights are conferred upon resignation with ILS by the date in Section 2(b) above.

ARTICLE III            MEETINGS

Section 1. The members of the ILS shall meet at least once every four weeks of each semester (excluding summer sessions). All meetings shall be called by the President, and all members in good standing shall be given due notice by posting of the time and place of such meetings.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet a minimum of three (3) times per semester, exclusive of final examinations and vacation periods. Meetings shall be called by the

President and all persons entitled to attend shall be given due notice of the time and place of all meetings. These meetings may be held in conjunction with those meetings of Article III, Section 1 above.

Section 3. Meetings and affairs of the ILS shall be open to members only, except as the Executive Board shall otherwise provide.

Section 4. Written minutes shall be kept of all proceedings of ILS meetings. Copies of said minutes shall be kept by each member of the Executive Board and the ILS Faculty Advisor.

Section 5. All meetings shall be conducted according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 6. A quorum for transaction of business at an Executive Board meeting of the ILS shall be a simple majority of all Executive Board members.

#### ARTICLE IV                    ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

##### Section 1. Officer Elections

- a. Nominations for officers shall be submitted to members of the Executive Board either in writing prior to the March meeting or from the floor during the March meeting. Nominees shall have a brief opportunity to speak to the members prior to voting to establish his/her platform.
- b. The officers shall be elected at the first meeting in April. Their term shall be for one (1) year beginning May 1 and ending April 30.
- c. Any member of the ILS qualified to vote shall be eligible for election as an officer after at least one full semester at the University of Akron School of Law.
- d. The voting shall be by secret ballot and shall take place within the law school in two (2) sessions: one for the day membership and one for the evening membership.
- e. Any vacancy of an elected officer shall be filled by Special Election at the next general meeting and shall be conducted in the same manner as the original officers.

##### Section 2. Executive Board Appointments

- a. The Executive Board shall consist of seven student members and the Faculty Advisor (as a non-voting member). The Executive Board shall include all elected officers plus three other members who shall be duly appointed by the President, subject to approval by the other officers.
- b. To ensure fair representation of both day and evening student members, the Executive Board must consist of at least two (2) students from each division: day and evening.

- c. The three (3) appointed members shall be as follows: one Day/Evening Liaison, as is necessary, one first year student representative, and one member At Large.
- d. Any vacancy of an appointed Executive Board member shall be filled by appointment of the President and approved by a majority of the officers.

Section 3. Committee Appointments

a. The Executive Board may appoint Committees to administer and coordinate the ILS's activities, projects and events, by a simple majority vote.

ARTICLE V                      OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the ILS shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The President and Vice President shall be primarily responsible for the formulation of the general policies of the ILS.

Section 3. The President shall call and preside over both general meetings and Executive Board Meetings. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all appointed committees.

Section 4. The Vice President shall assume the functions and duties of the President in the event of the absence or disability of the President for any reason. The Vice President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees of the ILS and shall be responsible for the supervision and coordination of the work of these committees.

Section 5. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a record of minutes for all general and Executive Board meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible to distribute copies of said minutes from such meetings to all Executive Board members and the Faculty Advisor. The Secretary shall maintain records of correspondence, publications, affiliations, and other non-financial papers associated with the ILS.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall be responsible for requesting and administering financial records pertinent to the ILS, including the Extracurricular Activities Fund (EAF) and Student Activity Fund (SAF), event sponsorship, travel expenditures, and any other financial matters necessary and proper to conduct the ILS's business.

Section 7. For removal of Officers from officer, see Article VIII, below.

ARTICLE VI                      EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board shall function as a governing body of the ILS. As such it shall be solely responsible for the transaction of all business and the management of all the affairs of the ILS.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have the power to create and establish appointive offices and subsidiary committees necessary and proper to carry out the functions of the Executive Board, and to delegate authority to such bodies.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall consider at its meetings all proposals previously submitted to it in writing by any member if the ILS.

Section 4. A body of petitioners of the general membership of the ILS shall have the right to take issue regarding and substantive decision of the Executive Board by submitting a written request for reconsideration. The Executive Board shall consider said issue and make a written response within thirty (30) days following receipt.

Section 5. The Faculty Advisor shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VII FACULTY ADVISOR

Section 1. In order to qualify to be the Faculty Advisor, the individual must be a faculty member with tenure who has an interest in international law.

Section 2. The Faculty Advisor shall be selected by the Executive Board, subject to approval by the Dean and acceptance of the Faculty Advisor.

Section 3. The length of term of service shall be decided by the Executive Board upon replacement of the current Faculty Advisor.

## ARTICLE VIII REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 1. Any officer or Executive Board member who misses a total of five (5) meetings, whether general or Executive Board meeting (excluding summer meetings and vacation periods), will be given written notice of intent or removal from office. Failure to attend subsequent meetings after notice shall result in automatic termination of office.

Section 2. Any officer or Executive Board member who is derelict of duties, as determined by the Executive Board, may be removed from office by a unanimous vote by the remaining Executive Board members.

Section 3. Any officer or Executive Board member who has been automatically removed from office may be reinstated by an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE IX NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Section 1. The International Law ILS of the University of Akron School of Law shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, handicap or sexual orientation in the selection of its members or in its programs unless federal or state laws allow for such exceptions.

## ARTICLE X           UNIVERISTY RECORDS

Section 1. The ILS of the University of Akron School of Law shall maintain a list of current officers, their addresses, the name of the required Faculty Advisor, and the most recently amended constitution with the Office of Student Development.

## ARTICLE XI           AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Procedure. All proposed amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board.

Section 2. Required Vote. Amendments to this Constitution must be approved by a vote of 2/3 of the Executive Board.

Section 3. This Constitution and its amendments shall be reviewed and approved by the University of Akron Alumni & Student Affairs Committee and referred to The University of Akron faculty for approval, prior to ratification of the same by the ILS's student membership.

## ARTICLE XII           RATIFICATION

Section 1. This Constitution shall take effect after it receives affirmative vote of a majority of the persons present at the meeting for ratification, and shall thereupon make null and void all previous Constitutions.

Section 2. Executive Board members who are unable to attend the ratification meeting shall be permitted to vote on the ratification via proxy by submitting their vote to another Executive Board member who shall be present at the ratification meeting.

Section 3. RATIFIED on March 9, 2000, by a majority of the Executive Board, both present and by proxy.

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