



IMMIGRATION LAW SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be the Immigration Law Society, also known as Law Students for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

Article II: Objective, Aims, or Purpose

The Law Students for Immigrant and Refugee Rights is a student organization dedicated to the practice of immigration law. Specifically, we seek to promote awareness of immigrant and refugee issues to the Moritz community through speakers, lectures, and public service. We aim to provide a link between current students and local practitioners within the field.

Article III: Membership and Eligibility Criteria

Section A: Membership is open to any enrolled Moritz student who:

1. Is in good standing.
2. Have paid any dues as prescribed in section C.

Section B: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Section C: Dues and collection procedures (if any): not applicable at this time

The fiscal year of the organization, shall be from September to May.

The amount of annual dues shall be determined each year by the executive board.

Article IV: Voting

Section A: A quorum will be 2/3 of the membership.

Section B: Each member in good standing may vote.

Article V: Officers

Section A: The organization shall have a President, Vice President, Event Coordinator, Treasurer, and IL Representative. These officers comprise the Executive Committee or Board.

Section B: All officers must be members of the group in good standing.

Section C: The term of office shall be from May to April except for IL Representatives, whose term shall be from September to April.

Section D: Election of officers shall be held annually.

At least two weeks notice shall be given before the election on TWEN or in person. Elections shall be done by a ballot. The person receiving majority vote will be elected.

Section E: Any vacancy which may occur in an office shall be filled by appointment by the executive board.

Article VI: Duties of Officers Defined

Section A: The President

1. The president shall be the chief executive officer.
2. The president shall with the approval of the executive board appoint all committee chairpersons.
3. The president, with approval of the executive board, directs the budget.
4. Vacancies in offices will be filled by appointment of the President with approval of the general membership.
5. The president shall coordinate all activities related to the Immigration Bond Project.

Section B: The Vice President

1. The vice president shall be the parliamentarian for the organization.
2. The vice president shall assume the duties of the president should the office become vacant, or in the absence of the president.
3. The vice president will keep and have available current copies of the constitution and bylaws.

Section C: Event Coordinator

1. The event coordinator shall organize ILS events for the Moritz student body.
2. The event coordinator shall organize social events for ILS members.
3. The event coordinator shall make, print, and distribute flyers for events.
4. The event coordinator shall appoint and oversee 1L event assistants as needed.

Section D: Treasurer

1. The treasurer shall keep a current record of all financial transactions.
2. The treasurer will be responsible for checking the accuracy of all bills and invoices and paying them correctly and on time.
3. The treasurer will perform other duties as directed by the president.

Section E: 1L Representatives

1. The 1L representatives shall be the representative of the 1L class within the Executive Board.
2. The 1L representatives shall promote the organization and its events.
3. The 1L representatives shall perform any other duties as prescribed by the Executive Board.

Section F: Advisor

1. The advisor shall assist the group in their execution of roles and responsibilities.
2. The advisor shall provide feedback to the organization regarding its operation and functioning.
3. The advisor shall serve as a resource.
4. The advisor should provide advice upon request, and also should share knowledge, expertise, and experience with the group.
5. The advisor will be a nonvoting member of the organization.

Article VII: Removal of Officers & Members

Section A: In the event that an officer/member does not meet the expectations outlined in article III and article VI, the officer/member shall be removed by two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Any officer/member removed may appeal to the general membership. Said officer/member shall be considered reinstated with two-thirds approval of the members

Article VIII: Structure of Group Committees

Section A: Committee Identification & Appointment

The following committees (other than Executive Board) shall be appointed, as resources allow, by the President subject to ratification by the organization during a regular business meeting.

1. Community Service & Outreach
2. Fundraising
3. Education
4. Social

Section B: Committee Selection

The chair person shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

Section C: The duties of the standing committees shall include providing updates to the executive board.

Article IX: Notice of Meetings

Section A: The times for regularly scheduled meetings as determined by the executive board.

Section B: At least two days' notice shall be given for each regular business meeting.

Section C: Special or emergency meetings may be called with less than 6 hours' notice by the Executive Board.

Section D: The meetings shall include a quorum, order of business, and disposition of the minutes.

Article X: Amendments

Section A: Any amendment to the Constitution shall be approved by 2/3 votes of the membership.

Section B: This Constitution shall be approved by 2/3 of the newly elected Executive Board annually in April.