

*If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice at the Ohio State University
Moritz College of Law -- Constitution*

Article I

Section 1: Name

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Section 2: Purpose

If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice exists to raise student awareness and engagement around issues at the intersection of the law and Reproductive Justice. Specifically, the organization will provide opportunities for issue education, community involvement, and peer and professional engagement. Membership offers a community of like-minded law students and legal professionals interested in issues of law and Reproductive Justice.

Section 3: Nondiscrimination

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 4: Sexual Misconduct

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here:

<https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Article II

Membership: Membership should be defined as limited to currently enrolled students at The Ohio State University. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become involved as associate or honorary members.

Article III

Organization Leadership: Individuals may serve in one or multiple positions over one year, but must be elected to the position annually.

President(s): service term of 1 academic year. Responsibilities are to oversee the running of the organization, ensure proper function and cohesion, delegate responsibilities fairly. Elected by the previous year's Executive Board.

Treasurer: service term of 1 academic year. Oversee the finances of the organization and ensure proper procedures are carried out for reimbursement from The Ohio State University, and delegation of event specific tasks. Elected by the previous year's Executive Board.

Vice President: service term of 1 academic year. Responsibilities are to run the group meetings and run the social media/ emails for the group. Elected by the previous year's Executive Board.

Article IV

The Executive Board consists of the President(s), Treasurer, and any other positions deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the organization.

Article V

If at any time a member of the Executive Board is deemed by the majority of the Executive Board to be neglecting their responsibilities in the organization, they may be removed from office. One warning will be given before removal from office.

Article VI

Advisors must be on faculty at The Moritz College of Law. The advisor should be the primary resource for guidance to the Executive Board when questions or problems arise that can't be resolved by the executive board.

Article VII

Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements. Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the Executive Board meeting in which they are proposed. Approval should require at least two-thirds of Executive Board members present. The constitution should not be amended frequently.

Article VIII

If at some time in the future there are not enough members desirous to continue the existence of the organization, it will be the responsibility of the Executive Board to cover all debts. Any excess funds shall be returned to the College of Law.

By-Laws

Parliamentary Authority

Though the minority shall be heard and absentees protected, the majority will decide.

The rules contained in The Constitution shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this organization.

Election / Appointment of Government Leadership

Elections shall take place in the spring of each year coinciding with the end of Winter Semester. New leadership shall be chosen by member vote, with the existing Executive Board intervening in case of a tie.

Advisor/Advisory Board Responsibilities

The advisor is expected to be available for guidance and recommendations throughout the year, but is not expected to attend other meetings or events.

Meeting Requirements

The Executive Board shall meet as needed to plan events.

Method of Amending By-Laws

Amending By-laws requires a majority of the Executive Board.