

**The Education Law Society
at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
Constitution**

Article I: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Moritz Education Law Society, or ELS.

Section 2: Purpose

The purposes of the Moritz Education Law Society are threefold. First, we seek to raise awareness of issues that center on the intersection of law and education. Second, we seek to promote outreach and interaction with the larger education community through dissemination of materials, contact with other organizations, and members of the public at large. Third, we aim to provide networking opportunities for our members by connecting them with individuals who currently work within or interact with the education law community.

Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy

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

Article II: Membership

Section 1: Non-voting Membership

Non-voting membership in the Moritz Education Law Society is open to all students, faculty and staff of The Ohio State University.

Section 2: Voting Membership

The voting membership of the Moritz Education Law Society shall be limited to currently enrolled law students who are, at minimum, in good standing at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

Article III: Organization Leadership

Section 1: Board of Directors

The Executive Board of the Moritz Education Law Society shall consist of, at minimum, the following four positions:

- A. One (1) Faculty Advisor, who must be on the faculty at the Moritz College of Law.
- B. The Current Moritz Education Law Society Executive Director (President).
- C. The Current Moritz Education Law Society Director of Programming (Vice President)
- D. The Current Moritz Education Law Society Director of Finances (Treasurer).

Section 2: Officers

The officers of the Moritz Education Law Society shall consist of, at minimum, three positions:

- A. The Executive Director (President)
- B. The Director of Programming (Vice President)
- C. The Director of Finances (Treasurer)

The organization shall, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, add additional officers (through election or appointment) to fulfill necessary duties of the organization as it sees fit.

All officers must be currently enrolled students in good standing at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

Section 3: General Duties of Officers

A. The Executive Director: this officer shall be the primary contact between the Moritz Education Law Society and the administration of the Moritz College of Law; this officer shall also schedule all Moritz Education Law Society meetings including reserving the appropriate rooms and materials (may be delegated to another officer) and placing Moritz Education Law Society programs on the College's calendar. This officer shall also undertake any other tasks deemed necessary or desirable.

B. The Director of Programming: this officer shall be responsible for maintaining the public records of the Moritz Education Law Society, including the minutes of meetings and organizational rosters. This officer shall also undertake any other tasks deemed necessary or desirable, including fulfilling the President's duties in the event that the President is unable or unwilling to act in that position.

C. The Director of Finances: this officer shall be responsible for all aspects of the Moritz Education Law Society's finances, including balancing accounts, issuing checks, preparing a budget, maintaining registration with the University Office of Student Affairs, obtaining/maintaining federal 501(c)(3) status, and fulfilling the state filing requirements. This officer shall also undertake any other tasks deemed necessary or desirable.

Section 4: Method for Electing Offices

Officers will be elected/re-elected by Moritz Education Law Society voting-members through a simple majority, and must be approved by the Executive Board. In the event that candidates are unopposed, positions will be appointed by the Executive Board.

Section 5: Terms of Officers and Method for Removal of Officers

Officers shall be elected for a term of one year, with no consecutive term limits. In the event that an officer is no longer able or willing to fulfill the duties and obligations listed herein, removal from office can take place in any one of the following ways:

- A. Through resignation by the officer in question,** tendered to the board of directors, who shall accept the resignation and shall (if needed) begin proceedings for the appointment or election of a replacement.

B. Through action initiated by the Board of Directors, and voted upon by the general membership. The board shall give notice to the officer in question, and to the general membership in advance of the meeting, at which time a vote shall be taken. The motion will carry by simple majority.

C. Through action initiated by the general membership. A voting member wishing to take such action must, in advance of a general membership meeting, notify the board of directors. A motion for removal of an officer initiated by a voting member must be approved, at minimum, by one member of the Board of Directors. After approval, the motion shall be submitted to the general membership, and will carry by simple majority.

Section 6: Method for Removal of Members

In the event that an ELS member is no longer able or willing to participate respectfully and productively within the organization, removal of membership privileges can take place in any one of the following ways:

A. Through resignation by the member, tendered to the executive board, who shall accept the resignation.

B. Through action initiated by the Executive Board, and voted upon by the general membership. The board shall give notice to the member in question, and to the general membership in advance of the meeting, at which time a vote shall be taken. The motion will carry by simple majority.

C. Through action initiated by the general membership. A member wishing to take such action must, in advance of a general membership meeting, notify the executive board. A motion for removal of a member initiated by a member must be approved, at minimum, by three members of the Executive Board. After approval, the motion shall be submitted to the general membership and will carry by simple majority.

Article IV: Advisor(s)

Section 1: Selection of an Advisor

The advisor for the Moritz Education Law Society shall be chosen by the organization's board of directors, with input from other current officers.

Section 2: Requirements for the Advisor

Any full-time member of the Moritz College of Law faculty, administration or professional staff shall be eligible to serve as the advisor to the Moritz Education Law Society.

Section 3: Duties of the Advisor

The advisor to the Moritz Education Law Society shall make him/herself available to assist the officers and members of Moritz Education Law Society in running organizational operations,

planning educational programs, and implementing fundraisers. The advisor reserves the right to take on additional duties at his/her discretion, and as needed by the organization.

Article VI: Meetings of the Organization

Section 1: Executive Board Meetings

The Executive Board of the Moritz Education Law Society shall meet at least two times per year, not including the summer semester.

Section 2: Officer Meetings

The Officers of the Moritz Education Law Society shall meet at least four times per year, at least twice per semester, not including summer semester.

Section 3: General Membership Meetings

There shall be at least two general meetings of the student members of the Moritz Education Law Society, one each semester, not including summer semester.

Article VII: Amendments

Section 1: Proposals

All proposals for amendments to this constitution shall be presented in writing to the president of the organization.

Section 2: Readings

All written proposals will be considered by the officers who will then make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Passage of the Amendment Proposals

The Board of Directors will approve or reject the proposed amendment to the constitution.