**Dispute Resolution and Youth**

**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 Dispute Resolution and Youth. The short name for this organization shall be DRY.

**Section 2: Purpose**

The purpose of DRY is to provide Moritz students with the opportunity to gain more experience with dispute resolution and more interaction with the local community while also spreading awareness of dispute resolution to local youth.

**Section 3: Non-Discrimination Policy**

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, and admission.

**Article II: Membership**

**Section 1: Membership**

Membership in Dispute Resolution and Youth is open to all students, faculty and staff of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

**Section 2: Voting Membership**

The voting membership of Dispute Resolution and Youth shall be limited to those of its members currently enrolled as law students who are, at minimum, in good standing at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

**Section 3: Method for Removing Members**

If a member fails to represent DRY appropriately, the President will facilitate a meeting between the member and the parties concerned with the member’s behavior. The meeting will constitute a warning to the members.

If the member subsequently fails to represent the ideals of DRY appropriately on another occasion a discussion may take place between the advisor and the member if the advisor dams it necessary.

Removal is a process that should be reserved at all costs. Fhe process of final removal of a member takes permission of all Executive Board members, the advisor, and any other involved parties.

**Article III: Organization Leadership**

**Section 1: Faculty Advisor**

The Executive Board of DRY shall be overseen by, at minimum, one faculty advisor, who must be on the faculty at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. The faculty advisor shall be selected based on the DRY By-laws.

**Section 2: Officers**

The officers of Dispute Resolution and Youth shall consist of, at minimum, the President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The rest of the following list is not necessary for the operation of the foundation:

A. President

B. Vice President

C. Treasurer

D. Director of Communications

E. Assistant Director

**Section 3: General Duties of Officers**

*Duties of the President*

* Oversees all Executive Board Members
* Acts as a go between the Faculty Advisor and all other members of DRY
* Creates a formal relationship with school districts and makes an action plan to get our students integrated into the curriculum
* Assists in creating the curriculum that will be taught to students

*Duties of the Vice President*

* Assists in the creation of curriculum material
* Coordinates Law school teaching teams

*Duties of the Treasurer*

* Responsible for securing funding from campus resources
* Responsible for filing and preparing any applicable tax documents
* Responsible for managing the bank account of DRY

*Duties of the Director of Communications*

* Responsible for managing all social media accounts for DRY
* Responsible for creating and maintaining the list serve for DRY
* Responsible for creating and distributing any visual materials for DRY
* Responsible for sending out any correspondence to general members

*Duties of the Assistant Director*

* Helps assist other Executive Board Members in tasks that they need assistance with
* Helps prepare materials for meetings or communications
* Helps crate handouts for the students in the classrooms to utilize
* Assists with printing material

**Section 4: Method for Electing Offices**

Each spring interested students will apply to become an Executive Board member for the following school year. Current Executive Board members will be responsible for laying out the process for applications. If multiple students are interested in a single Executive Board position then general members shall vote on who they wish to hold that position. In order for the new Executive Board members to be officially accepted, the faculty advisor should confirm their appointment.

**Section 5: Method for Removing Officers**

If an officer does not comply with his or her duties or does not represent the organization and its members appropriately the advisor will facilitate a meeting between the Executive Board member and any involved party.

The meeting participants will create an action plan to address the officer’s behavior. They will plan a future meeting to review the officer’s progress towards the plan’s goals.

If, at the review meeting, the officer has accomplished the goals of the action plan, the officer will be in good standing with DRY.

If, at the review meeting, the officer has not accomplished the goals of the action plan, the officer may tender his or her resignation. If the officer does not tender his or her resignation, the remaining officers will recommend to the DRY faculty advisor that the advisor formally removes the officer.

In extreme circumstances, in which the officer may not be responsive to contact by the advisor, or extremely egregious behavior, the President shall have the power through with the permission of the faculty advisor to remove the officer through an expedited process.

**Article IV: Advisor(s)**

**Section 1: Selection of an Advisor**

The advisor for DRY shall be chosen by the current Executive Board members of DRY, with input from the Director of the Program on Dispute Resolution at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

**Section 2: Requirements for the Advisor**

In order to be a faculty advisor for DRY they must be a faculty or staff member of the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

**Section 3: Duties of the Advisor**

The advisor to DRY will make him/herself available to assist the officers and members of DRY in running organizational operations and other needs related to the organization. The specific duties of the advisor will be determined each year by the advisor and the Executive Board.

**Article V: Meetings of the Organization**

**Section 1: Officer Meetings**

The executive Board members shall meet a minimum of once per semester. However, they will be expected to be in regular contact with one another.

**Section 2: General Membership Meetings**

There shall be a minimum of two general membership meetings per year.

Article VI: Amendments

**Section 1: Proposals**

All proposals for amendments to this constitution should 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 faculty advisor, after a vote by all general members.

**Section 3: Passage of the Amendment Proposals**

The faculty advisor will either approve or reject the amendments to the Constitution.