**The Moritz Conservatives**

**Constitution**

**Article I**

**Section 1 - Name**

The organization shall be known as the "The Moritz Conservatives.” Formerly known as “Republican National Lawyers Association."

**Section 2 – Purpose**

This organization shall:

(a)  Provide opportunities for law students who believe in conservative and Republican philosophies.

(b)  Encourage involvement in frank and respectful discourse.

(c)  Work in conjunction with other political student groups.

(d)  Hold and sponsor events by conservative speakers and academics.

(e)  Hold debates with liberal or left-leaning student organizations.

(f) Network with conservative legal professionals.

**Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy**

The Moritz Conservatives does not discriminate on the basis 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, admission, and employment.

**Article II - Membership**

**Section 1**

1. Voting membership is limited to students currently enrolled at the College of Law.  Other persons including faculty and staff are invited and encouraged to join the organization as associate and honorary member.
2. Full membership rights (voting rights) will be accorded to members who attend at least 2 activities or meetings per semester.

**Section 2 – Termination [Conditional]**

1. Membership can be terminated only after a hearing and majority vote by the Officers.
2. If the majority of Officers agree after the hearing that the membership should be terminated, then members will vote. If 50% of the members vote in favor of termination, then the member will be removed.
3. Any member can request that a member be reviewed for termination if their conduct runs counter to the purpose of the organization.

**Article III - Organization Leadership**

**Section 1 - Officers**

The Executive Officers shall include at least the following:

(1)  President (Must be a 2L or 3L)

(2)  Vice President (Must be a 2L or 3L)

(3)  Treasurer

**Section 2 - Election of Officers**

(1)  Elections shall be held once every year at the second to last meeting of the spring semester.  The election meeting will be open to active members only.

(2)  All members eligible to vote shall be informed of the date, time, and place of the election.

(3)  A simple majority of all votes cast shall be needed to win an election.  If no candidate shall have secured a simple majority on the first ballot, the nominee with the lowest vote shall be dropped from the next ballot.  This procedure shall be continued with each succeeding ballot until a candidate secures a majority.  In case of a tie, the presiding President shall cast the deciding vote.

(4)  Elections shall be held by ballot.  The numerical results of which shall be announced upon tabulation.

(5)  Following elections, the new officers shall assist the current office holders in the same elected position for a period of transition.  New officers shall assume the whole title and responsibility for their respective positions following inauguration which shall take place as the last activity for spring semester.

**Section 3 - Duties of the Officers**

(A)  President - He or she shall

(1)  Oversee all meetings of the organization and head the executive committee.

(2)  Serve as a contact for the college and university administration.

(3)  Appoint, along with the executive committee, all committees.

(4)  Have authority to sign checks under $100; all other checks must be first approved by the organization.

(B)  Vice President - He or she shall

(1)  Perform the duties of the President in his or her absence.

(2)  Contact organizations and individuals regarding possible speakers and events.

(3)  Oversee any fundraising.

(4)  Publicize any events on campus or the Columbus area.

(C) Treasurer - He or she shall

(1)  Maintain the financial records of the organization

(2)  Have the power to sign all checks from the organization

**Section 4- Removal of Officers [Conditional]**

1. Any elected officer may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws.
2. The Executive Officers may remove an Officer upon a two-thirds affirmative vote in consultation with the organization’s advisor. (The three Officers not up for removal must agree).
3. Any member can recommend that an Officer be reviewed for removal. If an Officer is removed, a replacement Officer will be elected per election procedures.

**Section 5 - Committees**

Committees shall be appointed as needed by the Executive Officers.

**Section 6 - Event Chair**

One event chair shall be appointed as needed by the Executive Officers.

**Section 7 - 1L Representatives**

Up to six 1L Representatives shall be appointed as needed by the Executive Officers.

**Article IV - Advisor**

The organization shall have at least one law school faculty or staff member serving in the capacity of advisor.  The advisor shall provide guidance for planning and administrative matters.

**Article V - Meetings of the Organization**

The organization shall meet at least three per semester at times to be determined by the membership.

**Article VI - Amending the Constitution**

Amendment shall be submitted in writing and voting members shall have at least 48 hours to review proposals unless unanimously agreed by all members present.  A quorum must be present for all votes.  Half of all members shall constitute a quorum.