



Regent University School of Law Student Bar Association Constitution

We, the Students of Regent University School of Law, in order to establish a representative government, voice, and authority, grounded in biblical principles set forth by our Lord Jesus Christ, for His glory, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Student Bar Association.

Article I

Student authority shall be vested in a Student Bar Association consisting of a legislative and an executive branch.

Article II

Section 1.

All Legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Senate.

Section 2.

The Senate shall be composed of representatives chosen each year by the students of the several classes and presided over by a student body president.

No person shall be a representative, who is not currently enrolled as a student at Regent University School of Law and who, when elected, is not part of the academic class he or she seeks to represent.

Each academic class shall have an equal number of representatives having at a minimum of two.

Representatives shall be elected as follows:

The votes shall be counted and the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be the Representative, if such a number be a majority of the whole number of ballots; and if no person has a majority, then from the listed candidates the five receiving the highest number of votes shall be placed on a new ballot and in a new election. If at any time a ballot holds five or fewer candidates on it and no person has received the majority, the two persons receiving the most votes shall be placed on a new ballot and in a new election. All ties shall be voted on by the current members of the Senate, excluding any person being considered for the position.

When vacancies occur in the representation from any class, the Senate shall have the authority and responsibility for filling such vacancies.

The Senate shall have the sole power of impeachment. The Senate, when sitting for that purpose, shall hold trial, in session and under oath or affirmation. When the President of the student body or Vice-President of the student body is tried, the voting members of each class shall elect one of themselves to preside. No person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Judgment cases of impeachment shall not extend beyond the removal from office.

Section 3.

The times, places, and manner of holding elections for representatives shall be prescribed by the Senate which shall make or alter such regulations.

The Senate shall be the judge of the elections, returned ballots, and qualifications to run.

Section 4.

The Senate shall meet at least one time every academic year.

A Quorum of two-thirds of voting members must be present to conduct business, but a smaller amount may be present to have discussion.

The Senate shall keep a journal of all its proceedings, and from time to time publish them, as well as the Yeas and Nays of the members, on any request of one-fifth of those members present and with a three-fourths approval of the members, excepting such parts as they may, in their judgment, deem so.

Section 5.

No person shall hold any two elected offices of the Student Bar Association during the same period of time.

Section 6.

All Appropriations given to the Student Bar Association for consideration shall be considered by the Senate.

Any consideration must receive the favor of at least fifty-one percent of the Senate members.

Section 7.

The power to appropriate funds from the Student Treasury shall be the responsibility of the Senate.

No money shall be drawn from the Student Treasury except when duly authorized; and a regular statement and account of the receipts and expenditures of all Student Treasury shall be published from time to time, at least once per academic year.

The Senate shall have the authority to make rules for the Student Bar Association and to make laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers and all other powers vested by this Constitution.

Article III

Section 1.

The Executive power shall be vested in the President of the Student Body. He or she shall hold the office for a term of one academic year, together with the Vice-President chosen on a different ballot for the same term.

The President shall be elected as follows:

The votes shall be counted by the Senate. The candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be the President, if such a number be a majority of the whole number of ballots. If no person has a majority, then from the listed candidates, the five receiving the highest vote shall be placed on a new ballot and in a new election. If at any time a ballot holds five or fewer candidates on it and no person has received the majority, the two persons receiving the most votes shall be placed on a new ballot and in a new election. All ties will be voted on by the current voting members of the Senate, excluding any person being considered for the position being voted on.

The Senate shall determine the day on which the election shall be held.

No person shall be elected President of the Student Body who is not currently enrolled as a student at Regent University, School of Law.

In case of the removal of the President from office, or of his or her death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of said office, the Vice-President shall become President. In case of the removal of the Vice-President from office, or of his or her death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of said office, the voting members of the Senate shall choose one of themselves to fill the office.

Before he or she may enter into the execution of the Office of the President, he or she shall take an Affirmation: "I do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully execute the Office of the President of

the Student Body of Regent University, School of Law and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the Student Bar Association."

Section 2.

The President shall be the executive authority in the Student Bar Association, presiding over the Senate.

The President may create, with a three-fourths approval of the voting members of the Senate, Ambassadors and other Officers to represent the Student Body, whose appointments are not otherwise provided.

The President and other Officers of the Regent University, School of Law Student Bar Association who are impeached shall be removed from office.

The Office of the President shall not have a vote on any Senate consideration except to break a tie.

Article IV

The Senate, whenever three-fourths deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or on the application of three-fourths of the Student Body, shall call a convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this Constitution, when ratified by three fourths vote in the Senate, two-thirds of the Student Body, and the Dean of the School of Law, provided that no amendment take away the existence of representation of any student of Regent University, School of Law.

Article V

Section 1:

This Constitution, and the laws of the Student Bar Association which shall be made with the Constitution under the authority of the Student Bar Association, shall be the authority of the student body and anything in the constitutions or laws of other student groups to the contrary shall not stand.

Section 2:

The Representatives and Members aforementioned shall be bound by affirmation to support this Constitution.

Article VI

By law the Board of Trustees of Regent University is the governing board of the Regent University School of Law, and this Constitution in no way abrogates or limits the authority of the Board in matters of governance.

Article VII

The ratification of this document by two thirds of the students matriculating at Regent University, School of Law shall be sufficient for the establishment of the Constitution.

Done in a convention by the consent of the leading student body members, present on the sixth of April in the year Two Thousand and Four, in witness we hereafter sign our name.

| Class of 2004 | Class of 2005 | Class of 2006 | Class of 2007 |
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| <i>Justin Kendall</i> | <i>Amanda Forehand</i> | <i>Alecia Gamm</i> | <i>Pablo Hurtado</i> |
| <i>Heather Harrington</i> | <i>Sarah Mowchan</i> | <i>Nöelle Groves</i> | |
| <i>Tyler Hawkins</i> | <i>Andy Mullins</i> | <i>Pheobe Riner</i> | |
| <i>Taylor Hubbard</i> | <i>Jennifer Richardson</i> | <i>Ashley Smith</i> | |
| <i>Katie Pecht</i> | <i>Kristen Sparks</i> | | |
| <i>Jonathan Richardson</i> | | | |

Dean, School of Law

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