

**ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS LAW STUDENTS
(ABLS)
CONSTITUTION**

Nova Southeastern University
Shepard Broad College of Law

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PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be “Association of Business Law Students” (ABLS).

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

This organization’s objective shall be to unite students of the law, to lead them to high scholarship and legal learning, to surround them with an environment such that the traditions of the law and profession may descend upon them, to promote justice, to inspire respect for the noblest qualities of mankind and to advance the interests of every college of law with which this organization shall be associated.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSES

Section 1.

The purpose of this organization shall be to perpetuate the application of the highest standards of personal integrity, diligence, candor and trust of individual responsibility, respect for law, rights and property of others and the highest ethical and professional standards of conduct in the study, practice, and teaching of the law.

Section 2.

This organization shall associate individual students through scholastic and social purposes.

Section 3.

Each member of this organization adopts and subscribes to the foregoing objective and purpose(s) by virtue of their membership.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

The membership of the organization shall consist of all such students as shall have been initiated into and retained as members of ABLS, and such students as have been and shall be initiated as members in this organization, provided that membership shall be student membership.

Section 2.

Student members are those members who have received membership and who are enrolled as students of the Shepard Broad College of Law at Nova Southeastern University; and provided that no person shall hereafter be elected to students membership in this organization, who is not a bona fide student of the College of Law, and provided further that to be eligible for student membership, a candidate must possess the following qualifications and be subject to the following conditions:

- Be deemed a fit exponent of the Object and Purposes of this organization by personality, character and example.
- Be free of attributes, which make one unacceptable to the organization as a whole in recognition of the excellent membership standards.
- Have a reputation for the highest standards of personal integrity, diligence, candor, and trust, of individual responsibility, and of respect for the law, rights and property of others, and for the accepted and recognized canons of professional ethics.
- Student membership shall not be denied solely on the basis of sex.

Section 3.

No student shall be a member unless such student has paid the initial membership fee.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1.

The officers of the Organization shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Public Relations (Social) Chair, and any additional officers deemed necessary for the success of the Organization.

Section 2.

The Officers of the Organization shall be elected by majority vote of the present members at the last meeting of each academic calendar year. They shall hold office until the next regular academic calendar year or until their successors are duly elected following the aforementioned procedure of election. No member shall be eligible for office of President for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 3.

The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the organization, therefore having general supervision over all the affairs of the organization and having access to all the books and property of the organization. The President may delegate any portion of this authority to a duly designated deputy, provided that the delegation of such power shall be specific.

The Vice-President is the historian of the organization responsible for supervising all the ritualistic work and instruction of initiates in the history, constitution, laws, ritual, traditions and usages of the organization. Said officer shall have the power necessary to carry out all of such duties. The

Vice-President shall exercise the duties and powers of the President in the event of the President's temporary or permanent absence.

The Treasurer is the recording and financial officer of the organization, having general charge of the property of the organization and responsible for collecting or receiving all monies from the student(s) and any and all other monies or property of any kind whatsoever, due, given, or bequeathed to the organization, or otherwise for the benefit of or belonging to the organization, and keeping the same in such funds or places and manner and making payments and disbursements from the said funds after approval by the President.

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording all meeting notes, reserving meeting times on the academic calendar, and general duties and communications as prescribed by the President as needed. The Secretary shall submit the meeting minutes for approval to the Executive Board.

The Public Relations (Social) Chair shall be responsible for organizing all fundraising, networking, and coordinating all meetings and socials. This includes all marketing and publicity of the organization. The Public Relations (Social) Chair shall be responsible for all executing duties as requested by the President and Vice-President.

Each Student Member shall be a representative of the student members of the organization and shall assist the other members of the Executive Board in maintaining open channels of communication. Each student member shall also have such other duties as are prescribed by the President.

ARTICLE VI. REVENUE AND DISBURSEMENTS

Section 1.

Each first time member shall pay a one-time fee of \$25.00 in their first year, \$20.00 in their second year, \$15.00 in their third year of law school. The Executive Board shall determine the method of collecting the membership fee.

ARTICLE VII. PUBLICATIONS

Section 1.

All publications for the organization shall be made under the supervision and approval of the Executive Board.

PART II. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Public Relations (Social) Chair, and any additional officers deemed necessary for the success of the Organization.

ARTICLE II. AUTHORITY

The Executive Board shall have such powers as are granted by this Constitution.

ARTICLE III. PROCEDURE

The Executive Board shall meet in session at the call of the President.

ARTICLE IV. POWERS

Section 1.

The Executive Board shall have the following powers:

To expel or suspend any member from any or all rights and privileges in the organization upon a showing of good cause.

To remove elected officers. Any student member holding such an elective office in this organization shall be subject to removal from office, for good and sufficient cause, by the Executive Board. The following may constitute good and sufficient cause for removal from office of any such student senate officer or officers: violation of the oath of office, including malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance; any failure to render necessary reports, to liquidate indebtedness due the organization; willful disregard or violation of this Constitution; failure or inability of a student officer or officers to conduct operations as to perpetuate that senate's existence; or any action tending to discredit the organization. Upon learning or being advised of any such detrimental actions or inactions, the Executive Board shall promptly advise the faculty advisor and administration to assist in ascertaining the facts, hold any necessary hearings, take charge, if necessary, of all appropriate organization records, funds, and other assets, and conduct the removal of the officer or officers in question and the election of their successor officers.

NOTE: Provided that the Executive Board or any member is adversely affected by any action taken on the basis of the aforementioned powers, they shall have the right to appeal to the Executive Board of the organization or the Student Bar Association, by filing such appeal. Such right of appeal must be exercised no later than thirty (30) days after the date that notice of such action is sent to that member or members.

To make all appropriations from the treasury.

To collect or receive all monies or property of any kind whatsoever, real, personal, or mixed and wherever situate which is or shall become due to the organization, its officers or members, either by agreement, assessment, gift, devise, bequests and grants by will or otherwise, for the general or special

benefit of the organization or its members, objectives of purposes, either directly or indirectly, or in pursuance of the provisions of this Constitution.