

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP OF NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW

Article I. Name.

The name of this organization is the Christian Legal Society Fellowship ("CLSF"), a group consisting of law students at the named law school Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law ("NOVA"). The society is an affiliated student chapter of Christian Legal Society ("CLS"), an Illinois non-profit corporation with its principal offices in Annandale, Virginia.

Article II. Mission and Purposes.

Mission. The mission of CLSF is to maintain a vibrant Christian Law Fellowship on the School's campus, which encourages its members, individually and as a group, to love the Lord with their whole beings – hearts, souls, minds, and to love their neighbor as themselves. (Matthew 22:37-40). LEARNING TO DO JUSTICE WITH THE LOVE OF GOD.

CLSF is also a member of The Christian Legal Society's Law Student Ministries ("LSM") division is located in our national headquarters in Springfield, VA. Since 1997, LSM has resourced and ministered to thousands of students over 150 law school campuses and at a handful of strategic Christian colleges. In carrying out our mission, LSM affirms that the Lord, "a God of justice" (Isa. 30:18), is the supreme lawgiver and that His "higher" law serves as an immutable standard by which to assess human "positive" law.

CLSF recognizes that, given the twilight of transcendence in the legal profession, law students desiring to submit every aspect of their calling to the Lord are confronted with serious challenges.

CLSF therefore regards the next generation of lawyers as a strategic people group and counts it a privilege to reach out to pre-law and law students who have the potential to be redeeming influences in the profession and the world in years to come. By virtue of their calling, every student will have the opportunity, if adequately equipped, to glorify God and work for His kingdom in this world. CLSF is convinced that we must continue together in this task to "Learn to do Justice with the Love of God."

Purposes. In striving to accomplish this mission, CLSF shall be guided by the purposes set forth in Art. I of the CLSF bylaws which entails four interrelated activities to be carried out by this organization:

1. Cultivating spiritual growth through communal prayer, fellowship, and worship; learning to share one's faith; and devotional study of the Bible and classic Christian works.

2. Showing the love of Christ to the campus community and the community at large by proclaiming the gospel in word and in deed.
3. Addressing the question, “What does it mean to be a Christian in law?” That is, learning to submit every aspect of one’s calling in the legal profession to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
4. Teaching members to ADVOCATE BASED ON FAITH AND INTEGRITY.

Article III. Membership.

3.1 Equal Opportunity and Equal Access. In the conduct of all aspects of its activities, CLSF shall not discriminate on the basis of age, religion, disability, ethnicity, nation origin, race, sex, sexual orientation, medical condition, or veteran status.

3.2 Membership. Membership in the organization shall be open to all students at the School who are interested in the mission and purposes set forth in Art. II. Any CLSF member who, for any reason, ceases to be a student at the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law shall immediately cease to be a member of CLSF.

3.3 Eligibility to Vote. CLSF members are the only persons eligible to vote for CLSF officers and for amendments to this Constitution & By-Laws.

Article IV. Officers.

4.1 General. Current board members will serve until graduation or if 75% of members decide to remove board members for any violation of the bylaws. The elected officers will serve the following school year. At a minimum, the election for an officer requires a simple majority vote of the CLSF members who are present during voting or who vote by proxy. In addition, to any local requirements consistent with this Constitution, officers must be enrolled as students at the School, and must agree with the mission and purposes set forth in Art. II. They must also endeavor to live their lives in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct set forth in Paragraph 4.2. CLSF officers shall encourage students to join CLSF. Any CLSF officer who, for any reason, ceases to be a student at the School shall immediately cease to be an officer of CLSF.

4.2 Code of Conduct. Officers must exemplify the highest standards of morality as set forth in Scripture, including to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul, and to Love your neighbor as yourself,” while striving to manifest “the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control,” in all their interactions and dealings with others (Galatians 5:22-23).

4.3 Transition of Authority. To insure the continual well-being of CLSF, outgoing officers shall facilitate the orderly transition of authority by taking adequate time in the spring to train new officers.

4.4 Forcible Removal of an Officer. The removal of a current officer prior to the end of the term requires a 75% majority vote of CLSF members.

Article V. CLSF Advisor.

CLSF officers shall assist CLSF faculty member or local attorney to serve as an advisor to the CLSF. CLSF advisor must exemplify the same high standards of Biblical morality as set forth in Paragraph 5.2 above. The officers shall meet with the advisor on a regular basis and shall keep him or her informed of CLSF meetings, special events, financial matters, problems within the Organization or the School, and other relevant matters.

Article VI. Meetings.

CLSF meetings shall be held with enough frequency to accomplish the mission and purposes enumerated in Art. II; at a minimum at least four (4) general meetings shall be held during each school year. One of the principal goals of meetings shall be to carry out and to plan events and activities designed to carry out CLSF's Ministry Model (see Art. II). The officers, in consultation with the CLSF members and advisor shall insure that adequate notice is given of each meeting.

Article VII. Finances.

7.1 General. CLSF may raise revenues through contributions, fundraising activities or by applying for school funds available to student groups. If CLSF chooses to raise revenues, it shall insure that the highest standards of Christian morality and financial integrity are met. At a minimum, the organization shall: maintain its funds in a segregated checking or savings account (the law school maintains the accounts for CLSF) managed according to School standards; incur financial obligations only when there is sufficient finding to honor the obligations; pay all debts in a prompt manner; and maintain accurate financial records showing all; receipts and expenditures and all assets and liabilities of the CLSF.

Article VIII. Restrictions on Activities.

CLSF shall not carry on any activities prohibited by CLSF under its bylaws or by Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code..

Article IX. Amendments and Interpretation.

The Organization may amend this Constitution by a 75% member vote.

BYLAWS OF THE CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP OF NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW

I. Officers

- Composition
- Officers shall be elected from among the members of the CLSF who are currently students enrolled in at least three credit hours at the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law.
 - The Officers of CLSF shall consist of one President, one vice President, one Treasurer, one Secretary, one Social Media Relations rep, two 1L Rep, two 2L Rep, two 3L Rep.
 - In the interest of continuity, it is suggested, but not required, that at least one officer be a 2nd-year student.
 - In the interest of diversity, it is suggested, but not required, that the officers include both males and females.
- Duties
 - The President and Vice President shall each have the authority to approve the expenditure of CLSF funds, subject to a consensus requirement of 75% of the officers. They have general ministerial duties, including scheduling, planning events, and delegating duties.
 - The Treasurer shall keep a record of organization funds and shall serve as liaison to the Nova Southeastern University Accounting department. The treasurer shall be responsible for processing reimbursement requests for expenditures of CLSF.
 - The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings and publish them to the CLSF email list within one week of each meeting. The Secretary shall keep a record of the current members of CLSF and be responsible for keeping the CLSF email list current.
 - CLSF Representative is a voting member of the CLSF board of directors and is designated to attend all CLSF board meetings and to vote on behalf of CLSF.
 - The 1L, 2L and 3L reps. are voting members of the CLSF board. Each 1L, 2L, and 3L Representative's responsibility is to welcome other 1L/2L/3L students to

CLSF and to communicate with the board concerning how to best serve the 1L/2L/3L community.

- Nominations and Elections

- All Officers except the 1L/2L/3L Representative shall be elected at the first organization meeting following graduation of current board and shall serve until graduation.

- The 1L, 2L, and 3L Representatives shall be elected during the first or second meeting in the fall.

- Members may self-nominate or may be nominated by another member (unless the nominee declines the nomination) by e-mailing the nomination to the Secretary twenty-four hours before the group is to vote. The Secretary shall keep a record of all nominations and publish them prior to the election meeting. The names of all the nominees shall be published at the same time.

- Each Officer shall be elected by a simple majority vote of members present at the election meeting.

- In the case of more than two candidates for an Officer position, the candidate with the most votes shall be elected.

- If any Officer steps down or is removed before graduation, another member shall be elected at the next meeting to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the term.

- Removal of Officers

- The removal of any officer shall be accomplished by an affirmative vote of 3/4 of members who either are present at a meeting or who vote by e-mail.