

Nova Southeastern University
Shepard Broad College of Law
Environmental Law Society
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

- The name of this organization shall be the “Environmental Law Society.”

ARTICLE II

DURATION

- The date of this organization’s existence will commence on the date of filing of these by-law with Nova Southeastern University at the Shepard Broad College of Law.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

- The purpose of this organization is to promote awareness and integrity within the student body about environmental and land-use issues. This purpose will be best served through educational, professional, and hands-on events that involve participation by the members of this organization and the general student body.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERS

Qualification of Members

- All graduate students enrolled at Nova Southeastern University may be members of this organization.

Admission of Members

- Applicants shall be admitted by completing an application, signing the application, and submitting the appropriate dues.

Members’ Meetings

- All meetings of members shall be held at the Shepard Broad College of Law, or at any other location designated by the Officers.
- At any meeting of members, a majority in interest, represented by members of record in person or by conference call, or by online communication, shall constitute a quorum. When a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority in interest shall decide any question brought before each meeting.

- Notice of members' meetings, shall state the time, place, and the purpose for which the meeting is called. Notice of members' meeting will be done via email, communications folders, or other sufficient avenue.
- Termination of membership shall happen upon notice of such termination in writing or email delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the ELULS/ELS. Failure to pay annual dues within 30 school days of due date, or for conduct that violates the honor code.
- This organization shall at all times have a faculty advisor. This advisor must be informed of upcoming meeting and kept informed of all general activity within the ELULS/ELS.
- This organization is to work in a collaborative manner with the Environmental & Land Use Law Clinic.

ARTICLE V

DUES

- Dues are to remain reasonable.
- Dues are to be collected for the students' entire Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law academic career.
- Dues shall be collected in the form of a check or cash.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

- Officers shall be chosen by an election at the end of the spring semester for the following school year. All vacant position at the beginning of the school year will be filled by election or Presidential appointment with confirmation by the advisor. The number officers shall not be less than three (3) or more than (9) nine. Each officer will serve the whole year or until his/her successor is duly elected.
- The officers shall have power over the entire management of the organization. Officers are hereby vested with all the powers possessed by the organization itself, so far as this delegation is not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Florida, the Honor Code of the Law School, and these by-laws.
- The power to adopt, amend, alter, or repeal the by-laws of this organization shall vest with the officers. A majority vote of the officers is needed to adopt, amend, alter, or repeal any by-law.
- The officers of this organization shall maintain at all times a President, Vice President, Director of Finance, Director of Social Affairs, and 2L Representative. Through the majority consent of these positions, additional board positions may be created. A newly created position may only be eliminated with just cause and a majority vote of the officers.
- The President shall preside over all meetings of the members and shall perform such duties, as the Executive Board shall designate. The president shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Executive Board and of committees of the Executive Board are carried into effect.
- The Vice President shall be responsible for communicating information to all the other officers, and shall keep the President informed on the group feelings and opinions of the ELULS/ELS as a

whole. The Vice President shall assume the position of President upon the removal or resignation of the existing president.

- The Director of Finance shall have the care and custody of the money, funds, and valuable papers of the organization. The Director of Finance shall keep accurate records of monies and shall determine a manageable budget to be approved by the Executive Board. A checking account shall be established if the organization is in possession of more than \$100.00 dollars.
- The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the members and the Executive Board. The Secretary shall note the members in attendance and shall determine if a quorum exists. The Secretary shall aid in the organization of ELULS/ELS documents and materials.
- The Marshall shall maintain order at all meetings, and if need be remove a member from the meeting room and/or report the misconduct of members at meetings. The Marshall shall also be responsible for recruiting new members.
- The Director of Social Affairs is responsible for maintaining a file with the contact information, correspondence, and other materials associated with the duties of this position. The Director of Social Affairs is responsible for contacting law firms, business organizations, or other establishments that the ELULS/ELS interacts with. When off campus events are held, the Director of Social Affairs shall work with the Field Trip Organizer.
- The Field Trip Organizer is responsible for contacting organizations that the ELULS/ELS wish to use. This includes comparing bids for services, comparing value for services, and informing the other officers of his reports.
- The 2L Representative is responsible for informing the 2L class of the events which the club is sponsoring.
- The 1L Representative is responsible for informing the entire 1L class of the events which the club is sponsoring.
- All board positions are expected to aid in areas that are not listed in their job descriptions.

ARTICLE VII RULES OF CONDUCT

- The Honor Code of the Law School and the law of the State of Florida are to govern the conduct and activities of the Environmental & Land Use Law Society.

ADOPTED ON THIS DAY OF August 4, 2015.