

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS NOVA FASHION LAW ASSOCIATION

Article I. Name.

1.1 The name of this organization is the Nova Fashion Law Association and shall also be referred to as (“NFLA”), a group consisting of law students at the law school of Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law (“NOVA”).

Article II. Mission and Purposes.

2.1 **Mission:** The mission of NFLA is to bring together a group of law students together that are interested in the fashion industry and want to learn and grow a career in the fashion industry as a fashion lawyer. It will concentrate on legal issues that overlap with fashion law such as international trade, contracts, intellectual property, labor and employment, entertainment, agency and internet law.

2.2 **Purposes:** NFLA shall fulfill the following purposes:

- a. Provide sources of information relating to legal matters that face clients in the fashion industry.
- b. Provide awareness and knowledge of proper professional etiquette, ethics and first impressions.
- c. To inform and teach through workshops, speakers, lessons and classes on fashion law issues and developments.

Article III. Membership.

3.1 **Equal Opportunity and Equal Access:** In the conduct of all aspects of its activities, NFLA 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 NOVA who are interested in the mission and purpose set forth in Art. II. Any NFLA member who, for any reason, ceases to be a student at NOVA shall immediately cease to be a member of NFLA.

3.3 **Eligibility to Vote:** NFLA Members are the only persons eligible to vote for NFLA officers and for amendments to this Constitution and 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 NFLA members who are present during voting or who vote by proxy. In addition, officers must be enrolled as students at NOVA, and must agree with the mission and purpose set forth in Article II. They must also endeavor to conduct in the manner set forth in Paragraph 4.2. NFLA officers shall encourage students to join NFLA. Any NFLA officer who, for any reason, ceases to be a student at NOVA shall immediately cease to be an officer of NFLA.

4.2 **Code of Conduct:** Officers must exemplify the highest standards of professionalism in all their interactions and dealings with others.

4.3 **Transition of Authority:** To insure the continual well-being of NFLA, outgoing officers shall facilitate the orderly transition of authority by taking adequate time in the Spring to train new incoming 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 NFLA members.

Article V. Advisor.

5.1 NFLA officers shall assist NFLA faculty member or local attorney to serve as an advisor to the NFLA. The officers shall meet with the advisor on a regular basis and shall keep him or her informed of NFLA meetings, special events, financial matters, problems with the NFLA or NOVA, and other relevant matters.

Article VI. Meetings.

6.1 NFLA meetings shall be held with enough frequency to accomplish the mission and purposes enumerated in Article II; at a minimum at least four (4) general meetings shall be held during each school year. The officers, in consultation with the NFLA members and advisors shall insure that adequate notice is given of each meeting.

Article VII. Finances.

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

Article VIII. Restrictions on Activities.

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

Article IX. Amendments and Interpretation

9.1 The organization may amend this Constitution and Bylaws by a 75% member vote.

BYLAWS OF THE NOVA FASHION LAW ASSOCIATION

I. OFFICERS

- Officers shall be elected from among the members of the NFLA who are currently students enrolled in at least three credit hours at the Nova Southeastern University Shephard Broad College of Law.
 - The Officers of NFLA shall consist of one President, one Vice-President, one Treasurer, one Secretary, one Social Media Coordinator, one Events Coordinator, one Membership Coordinator, one 1L Representative, one 2L Representative, one 3L Representative and one Evening Representative.
 - 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 NFLA 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 NFLA.
 - The Secretary shall record the minutes of the meetings and publish them to the NFLA email list within one week of each meeting.
 - The Membership Coordinator shall keep a record of the current members of NFLA and be responsible for keeping the NFLA email list current.
 - The Events Coordinator shall be responsible to arrange and coordinate all organization events.
 - The Social Media Coordinator shall maintain and actively update social media channels such as the organization's Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages. The Social Media Coordinator shall promote upcoming events, ensure student feedback and social media interactions among school organizations and the surrounding community.

- NFLA officers are voting members of the NFLA board of directors and are designated to attend all NFLA board meetings and to vote on behalf of NFLA.
- The 1L, 2L and 3L and Evening Representatives are voting members of the NFLA board. Each representative's responsible is to welcome other 1L/2L/3L and evening students to NFLA and to communicate with the board concerning how to best serve the law school community.

○ **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- All officers except the 1L, 2L, 3L and Evening Representative shall be elected at the first organization meeting following graduation of current board and shall serve until graduation.
- The 1L, 2L, 3L and Evening Representatives shall be elected during the first or second meeting 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ of members who are either present at a meeting or who vote by e-mail.