

REPUBLICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

OF NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY – THE SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW

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ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION.

The name of this organization shall be: Republican Law Students Association of the Shepard Broad College of Law (“RLSA”).

Republican Law Students Association of the Shepard Broad College of Law shall consist of members drawn from those students attending and who are in good standing, GPA of at least 2.25 and compliance with the legal and ethical standards, at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE.

The Republican Law Students Association is committed to fostering a community where students can engage in open, respectful, and meaningful discussions on political and legal issues without fear of retaliation. The Organization serves as a forum for robust intellectual discourse, ensuring that conservative perspectives are represented and heard on campus.

Our Mission

The RLSA is dedicated to:

- Encouraging critical discussion on conservative legal principles, constitutional law, and public policy.
- Hosting distinguished guest speakers, including conservative-minded lawyers, legal scholars, judges, and elected officials, to provide valuable insights on legal and political issues.
- Providing networking opportunities that connect students with legal professionals, policymakers, and leaders in the Republican political sphere.
- Creating an inclusive environment where students of all political backgrounds can engage in open and respectful debate, fostering critical thinking and a deeper understanding of diverse perspectives.

Beyond serving as a discussion forum, the Organization is committed to building strong relationships within the legal community and empowering our members to become active in local and national affairs. Through professional development, mentorship, and engagement with legal and political leaders, RLSA members will gain the skills and connections necessary to influence the future of law and public policy.

The RLSA does not exist merely as an echo chamber but as a platform that promotes open dialogue across the political spectrum while upholding the core values of free speech, fairness, and professionalism. By successfully reviving this Organization, we aim to enhance political discourse at the Shepard Broad College of Law for years to come and establish a lasting tradition of intellectual diversity and student engagement.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. General. Any person who is a student in good standing at the Shepard Broad College of Law shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Dues. Annual Dues, if any, will be determined at the first meeting of the school year by approval of the majority of the executive board.

Section 3. Removal. Any member deemed to be unfit for membership may have their membership terminated pursuant to a successful motion for removal. In order for a motion for removal to succeed, it must be supported by the majority of the executive board.

ARTICLE IV. Executive Board.

Section 1. Titles. The Executive Board of the organization shall consist of: a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, an Alumni Outreach Coordinator, a Student Outreach Coordinator, and a Historian. Everyone on the Executive Board shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws. Additionally, any necessary amendments or clarifications to the duties of the Executive Board shall be regularly reviewed and addressed during meetings to ensure effective governance and alignment with the Organization's mission.

Section 2. Elections. Elections for the Executive Board shall be held yearly. Elections shall be by a majority vote of the members in good standing. By order of the President or two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members, voting may be conducted by anonymous ballot. An anonymous ballot shall be conducted via written votes. In the event of an officer vacancy, appropriate notice shall be given to members, and the election shall be held at a special meeting or no later than the next regular scheduled meeting.

Section 3. Restriction. No member shall be allowed to hold more than one office at a time. All executive officers must be in good standing.

Section 4. Terms of Office. The terms of office of the Executive Board shall be for a period of one year following the elections. The elected officers shall assume the duties of their individual positions immediately upon being elected.

Section 5. Transition of Officers. As a final duty, all outgoing officers shall set a transition meeting with their succeeding officers.

Section 6. Duties of Officers. The elected officers of the Executive Board shall have the following duties:

a. President.

The President shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the RLSA. The President shall preside at all meetings of the RLSA and decide all questions of law and order of the organization. He/she shall ensure that all Executive Board members perform the duties of their respective offices and shall be responsible for the welfare of the organization during his/her term of office. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Board, the President shall have the power to appoint a replacement until such time when an election can be held pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of these bylaws.

b. Vice President.

The Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of such duties as may be requested of him/her by the President. In the absence, resignation, disqualification or removal from office of the President, the Vice President will assume the position of the President. The Vice President shall assist the President in managing the Executive Board's activities and ensuring the Organization's smooth operation.

c. Treasurer.

The treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the RLSA. He/She shall have charge of all RLSA funds and of the collection and disbursement thereof. He/She shall deposit initiation fees, if any, in the appropriate account(s) and ensure that all financial obligations of members, if any, have been paid. The Treasurer shall give a report of the RLSA's current financial status at every, or every other meeting. The Treasurer shall give a current report at the last regular meeting of each semester. He/She will also need to communicate with the proper office in the school to acquire school funding and arrange reimbursements, if any. The Treasurer shall be in charge of developing sources of revenue.

d. Secretary.

The Secretary shall be the chief recorder and correspondent of the RLSA. The Secretary shall keep a true and complete record of all matters pertaining to this organization. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the RLSA bylaws and membership roster. The Secretary shall maintain close relations with the Shepard Broad College of Law Student Organizations webpage manager. The Secretary shall also be responsible for disseminating information to the members regarding, but not limited to, dates, times, and locations of meetings and events, and for sending the appropriate meetings and events notification to the SBA Secretary for school-wide publication.

e. Alumni Outreach Coordinator.

He/She will establish and maintain relationships with alumni, coordinate guest speakers to speak at RLSA events and organize networking events to connect current students with alumni.

f. Student Outreach Coordinator.

He/She will promote the Organization to new members by making WhatsApp announcements, creating flyers for events, and delivering announcements about events in class. He/She will also ensure student engagement in events and discussions.

g. Historian.

The historian must document the Organization's events, maintain historical records, and keep track of all attendants at events. He/She must take detailed notes at every meeting and event. He/She must also manage the Organization's social media presence (if applicable).

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS.

Section 1. The regular meeting shall be held once a month, on a date determined by the Executive Board at the first meeting of each year. The Executive Board may adjust meeting dates as needed with reasonable notice to members.

Section 2. A special meeting may be called at the discretion of the President. The President must provide proper and reasonable notice of the special meeting to all members.

ARTICLE VI. FACULTY ADVISOR.

In order to promote continuity from board to board, the board shall recommend a faculty advisor from the faculty of the college of law. Each board may elect to recommend a new faculty advisor or continue the relationship with the current faculty advisor. The faculty advisor shall be the liaison between the chapter and the Shepard Broad College of Law administration as concerns the general policy and other matters not specifically provided for in these bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.

These bylaws may be changed at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing, to the President and Vice President, at least one meeting prior to a regular meeting at which the vote is called and the members of the RLSA are provided proper and reasonable notice of the proposed amendment.