

**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 Students Law Association of the Shepard Broad College of Law (“RSLA” or the “Organization”).

Republican Students Law Association of the Shepard Broad College of Law shall consist of members drawn from those students attending and who are in good standing at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE.**

The Republican Student Lawyers Association – Shepard Broad College of Law Student Chapter aims to provide a social and intellectual community on campus focused on enhancing public discourse. In addition to providing a forum for discussion, the Organization will focus on building relationships in the legal community and creating a pathway for our members to become active in local and national affairs. The Organization will promote discussions about professionalism, fairness in all aspects of the political process, including elections, free speech, and provide career opportunities to our members. This Organization will also be a staple to provide a fair balancing to the Democratic Law Student Council (“DLSC”) which is already established on campus and allow students a choice of organizations to be involved in.

Through our charter with the Republican National Lawyers Association (“RNLA”), we will be able to use this powerful network to bring prominent speakers to the Shepard Broad College of Law. The upcoming election cycle will only further enhance our ability to bring accomplished speakers to share their thoughts and platforms on our campus. Our mission, as an organization is not simply share beliefs in an echo chamber but to also invite democratic leaders to provide a different perspective and to encourage healthy intellectual discourse within the confines of our law school.

Over the coming year, we will be working with Republican law student organizations from other local law schools (University of Miami, FIU, and St. Thomas) to create dynamic opportunities for our members. We plan on holding networking events, debates, educational forums and offer platforms for new players to the political arena as well as established political to share their beliefs and garner support. We hope to attract prestigious members of the legal and political community to these exciting events through the diverse group of local and national Republican contacts that the RNLA will provide. In doing so, we will be able to increase opportunities for our members in the present and the future.

Unlike the Federalist Society, which is a non-party affiliate organization on campus, this organization will help focus attention on the present party dynamics of politics and law and how the legal profession at large interacts within local and national politics, for example

campaign financing, election law and non-profit organization structure. Instead of advocating against the liberal agenda, the Organization will focus on educating the student body and creating an open forum for political debate amongst all political parties. If we are successful in chartering our organization, we will bring value to the Shepard Broad School of Law for years to come that will enhance healthy political discourse in opposition to the Democratic law society already established on campus.

### **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, to be determined at the first meeting of the school year by approval of 2/3 of a quorum, shall be paid by each student member on or before October 1, of each year. Those whose annual fee is more than one month in arrears shall be automatically dropped from membership. Dues must be a minimum of \$1 U.S. Dollar.

**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 3/4 of a quorum.

### **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS.**

**Section 1. Titles.** The Executive Board of the organization shall consist of: a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Advisors. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization.

**Section 2. Elections.** Elections for the Executive Board shall be held during first regular April meeting. Elections shall be by a majority vote of the members in good standing, present and voting. By order of the President or two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, voting may be conducted by secret ballot. A secret ballot shall be conducted via written votes, and presided upon by the current Executive Board. 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 RSLA. The President shall preside at all meetings of the RSLA, 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 meet with the Board of Advisors and manage the Board's activities.

**c. Treasurer.**

The treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the RSLA. He/ she shall have charge of all RSLA funds and of the collection and disbursement thereof. He/ she shall deposit initiation fees in the appropriate account(s) and ensure that all financial obligations of members have been paid. The Treasurer shall give a report of the RSLA'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. The Treasurer shall be in charge of developing sources of revenue and responsible for working with the Board of Advisors.

**d. Vice President of Administration.**

The Secretary shall be the chief recorder and correspondent of the RSLA. The Secretary shall keep a true and complete record of all matters pertaining to this organization and shall certify thereto when necessary. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the RSLA bylaws, membership roster, minutes, and administrative reports. 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.

**ARTICLE V. MEETINGS.**

**Section 1.** The regular meeting shall be held every third Thursday of each month, unless otherwise specified by the President.

**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.

**Section 3.** A quorum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the members in good standing of the RSLA must be in attendance in order for a meeting to proceed.

#### **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 general policy and other matters not specifically provided for in these bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.**

[Roberts Rules of Order](#), the standardized rules of board meeting governance shall govern in all cases in which they are applicable but not inconsistent with these bylaws. Parliamentary procedure may be dropped, at a particular meeting, to expedite that meeting by way of motion and majority vote of those present.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.**

These bylaws may be changed at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority of a quorum, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing, to the President and Secretary, 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.