

**PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT AND/OR READMISSION  
TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE  
SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW  
STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (“SSC”)**

**N.B. ALL DECISIONS OF THE SSC ARE FINAL AND NOT APPEALABLE.**

**YOU MUST MEET WITH THE ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING YOUR PETITION. IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING A PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT, PLEASE COMPLETE THE GRADE POINT AVERAGE CALCULATION TO ANSWER QUESTION 16 (C) PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.<sup>1</sup>**

1. Your name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Your NSU “N” number: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Your NSU e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Your preferred phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
5. A student may submit only one petition for reinstatement and/or readmission while at the College of Law. A student may seek both reinstatement and readmission in the same petition. In addition, a student who is readmitted as a first-year student may submit one petition for reinstatement even if he/she had submitted one petition for reinstatement during his/her prior admission at the College of Law. However, a student cannot file another petition for readmission.
6. I am petitioning for (check one):
  - a. Reinstatement: A Petition for Reinstatement is a request that the College of Law allow the student to continue his/her studies, retaining his/her earned academic credits.
  - b. Readmission: A Petition for Readmission is a request that the College of Law allow the student to be readmitted in the following fall semester in which the student will begin his/her legal studies anew, and will not retain his/her earned academic credits and GPA.
  - c. Reinstatement or Readmission

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<sup>1</sup> The GPA Average Calculation form is posted on the Student Services Website under the Student Forms tab.

**Note: The Student Services Committee may elect to treat a Petition for Reinstatement as a Petition for Readmission if the Committee determines that readmission is the appropriate outcome for a student petition regardless of student preference. A student whose reinstatement is denied, but who is offered readmission is not bound to accept the readmission offer.**

7. To have a student representative participate in the committee meeting regarding your petition, you must waive your privacy rights. Generally speaking, it is to your advantage to have the student representative participate in this process. As a result, if you decide to waive your rights, we encourage you to contact the student representative to explain your situation face-to-face.

Please check one of the following:

       I waive my right to privacy and request that the SBA president (or a student he/she designates) read and vote on my petition.

       I do not waive my right to privacy and I do not want to have the SBA president (or a student he/she designates) read and vote on my petition.

8. Your school year (i.e. are you a 1L, 2L, 3L, or 4L?): \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you a Full-Time or Part-Time student? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Your cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Your semester-by-semester (include summer terms) GPA (i.e., the GPA you earned each semester in law school):

First Semester or Term:	Fifth Semester or Term:
Second Semester or Term:	Sixth Semester or Term:
Third Semester or Term:	Seventh Semester or Term:
Fourth Semester or Term:	Eighth Semester or Term:

**Note: YOU MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR COMPLETE NSU TRANSCRIPT.**

12. After which semester of law school were you dismissed? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Prior to your current dismissal, were you ever dismissed from any law school (including NSU)? Please check one of the following.

       Yes

No  
If yes, please provide complete details (including dates):

**14. Petition for Reinstatement:**

Section 4.5 of the Code of Academic Regulations provides that:

For a petition for reinstatement to be granted by the Student Services Committee, the petition must demonstrate that (a) the student's poor academic performance was a result of extenuating circumstances outside of the student's control (such as serious illness, unusual hardship, or qualitatively similar circumstances), (b) the extenuating circumstances that caused the student's poor academic performance have been fully resolved and no longer exist, and (c) given one more semester, the student will be able to attain (and maintain thereafter) the requisite GPA.

**15. Petition for Readmission:**

Section 4.5 of the Code of Academic Regulations provides that:

For a petition for Readmission to be granted by the Student Services Committee, the student must demonstrate that (a) the student's poor academic performance was a result of extenuating circumstances (such as undiagnosed illness, unusual hardship, or qualitatively similar circumstances that impacted the learning experience throughout the time the student was admitted), (b) the extenuating circumstances have been fully resolved and no longer create an impediment to success, and (c) when readmitted the Student Services Committee anticipates the student will be able to successfully attain and then maintain the requisite GPA.

16. To help the SSC decide your petition, please answer the following three questions (using as much space as necessary). Note: Complete candor and truthfulness is expected, and the SSC reserves the right to verify each and every statement.

- a. What extenuating circumstances outside your control caused your poor academic performance?

- b. Have the extenuating circumstances identified above been resolved so that they no longer exist? Please check one of the following.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please describe how they have been resolved and why they are unlikely to recur in the future.

- c. Please answer the applicable following question(s). If you are petitioning for both reinstatement and readmission, answer both (1) and (2).

1. Petition for Reinstatement: Assuming you are reinstated, what GPA will you need to earn next semester to avoid future dismissal? (Note: Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of a 2.25 or above after their first semester of law school in order to avoid dismissal. However, you should check Section (4) of the Code of Academic Regulations and with Student Services to determine exactly what you will need):

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2. Petition for Readmission: Assuming you are readmitted, how will you be able to successfully attain and maintain the requisite GPA?

17. Is there anything else you would like the SSC to know or consider about your circumstances?

***You may submit any relevant documentation that supports your petition (e.g., medical evaluations, diagnostic reports, letters of recommendation, etc.). However, attaching documentation that is not directly relevant to your petition is extremely discouraged.***

The foregoing information is true and correct.

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Date

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Signature of Petitioner