

BYLAWS OF THE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY

NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF LAW

ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

The student organization described in these Bylaws shall henceforth be known as the Sports and Entertainment Law Society, hereinafter SELS, of the Nashville School of Law.

As students with a common interest in entertainment and sports law, the society at Nashville School of Law explores the multifaceted issues relating to the entertainment and sports industries. The society's goals are to assist members in obtaining legal employment in entertainment and sports; to provide a forum for the dissemination and discussion of legal issues within the fields; and to establish contacts with the entertainment and sports industries in Nashville. Further, the society encompasses all aspects pertaining to the fields including music and film, sport and labor, broadcasting and many other areas.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

- (A) **Membership Requirements:** Any member of the Nashville School of Law community may become a member of SELS.
- (B) **Eligibility:** Upon completion of one (1) full semester at Nashville School of Law and at least a part-time student, each member is eligible to compete for any elected office on the Executive Board and vote.
- (C) **Resolutions:** Each member has the right to propose and vote resolutions to these Bylaws. The Board must approve the draft of the amendment by a two-thirds majority. The resolution must pass by a two-thirds majority of the general membership attending the special meeting at which it is presented.
- (D) **Non-discrimination statement:** No student may be denied membership on the basis of race, creed, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, parental status, disability, or the inability to pay dues.
- (G) **Conditions:** No hazing or discrimination will be used as a condition of membership in this organization.

(H) REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership may be revoked without mutual agreement for violation of Nashville School of Law's policies and procedures, including the Honor Code. The member will be notified in writing of the possible revocation at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the vote and will be allowed to address the Executive Board in order to relate to them any relevant defense prior to the voting for removal. Membership can only be revoked upon a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board. Revocation of membership will be valid for two (2) semesters.

(I) APPEAL OF REVOCATION

Any student whose membership is revoked will have seven (7) calendar days to appeal the revocation. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the President and Secretary, and must include any relevant information that has not already been presented. The President will then submit the appeal to the Appeals Committee. This committee consists of three Executive Board members and four general members. This committee will then render a decision at the next general body meeting or in seven calendar days, whichever occurs first.

ARTICLE III – EXECUTIVE BOARD

(A) Executive Board: This organization’s policies and executive functions shall be carried out by four elected officers who comprise the Executive Board.

- (a) Within the first month of the academic year, members of the Executive Board shall set annual goals and determine the focus of the organization for the year of tenure.
- (b) Members of the Executive Board are required to call meetings for the general membership at least twice during the academic year.
- (c) Decisions by the Executive Board are made by a simple majority vote.
- (d) Each Executive Board member shall assist the newly elected Board in their respective roles over the Summer subsequent to the end of the school year elections as to get them ready for their upcoming roles that begin August 1.

(B) Eligibility: All officers of the, Sports and Entertainment Law Society shall be enrolled at least part-time at the Nashville School of Law. The election is decided by a simple majority vote.

(C) Board Roles: The Executive Board is divided as follows:

- (1) The direction and oversight of the organization is the primary function of the President. This function includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - (a) presenting the agenda for the upcoming year in accordance with current issues and concerns, and the overall goals of the organization;
 - (b) presiding over all meetings;
 - (c) establishing ad hoc committees;
 - (d) representing SELS at meetings with the Dean, or, in the case of emergency which precludes the President from such attendance, appointing another member of the Board for the purpose of such representation;
 - (e) assist in planning and organizing of activities;
 - (f) supervising the recruitment of new SELS members.
- (2) The Vice President primarily assists the President and shall:
 - (a) be vested with the responsibility and duties of the President, in the absence of the President;
 - (b) oversee the planning and organizing of activities;
 - (c) be a liaison with other student organizations;
 - (d) coordinate recruitment of new members for SELS;
 - (e) share in the responsibility of keeping the communities abreast of all SELS activities

and events.

- (3) The Secretary is charged with:
 - (a) keeping a current roster of the membership;
 - (b) recording attendance at the SELS meetings;
 - (c) preparing minutes of all SELS meetings;
 - (d) communicating to the membership about any scheduled meetings, activities, and/or events; and
 - (e) share in the responsibility of responding and preparing incoming and outgoing correspondence.

- (4) The Treasurer is charged with the duty of administering all the finance of the organization including to:
 - (a) prepare and submit a budget to the President;
 - (b) maintain proper and accurate records of SELS accounts;
 - (c) distribute SELS funds.

- (5) **Other Officers:** There shall be officers appointed by the executive board to serve the course of the executive's terms. The officers shall be:
 - (a) Social Media Coordinator
There shall be a Social Media Coordinator to manage the SELS Twitter, Facebook, and other Social Media sites which they deem appropriate.

 - (b) Public Relations Coordinator
There shall be a Public Relations Coordinator to help with all press releases, monthly newsletters and any other work which they deem appropriate.

 - (c) Career Coordinator
There shall be two (2) Career Coordinators to regularly search and post to the SELS website new job postings of legal careers related to the sports and entertainment industries.

(E) REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

- (1) **Removal.** An elected officer may be removed from office for any violation of Nashville School of Law's policies and procedures, including the Honor Code and failure to fulfill the duties of an elected position, by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Board. The officer will be notified in writing and will be allowed to address the Board in order to relate to the Executive Board any relevant defense prior to voting for the removal. The removed Executive Board member will be required to wait four (4) semesters before running for a future position on the Executive Board.

- (2) **Resignation.** Officers no longer wishing to serve on the board must submit their resignation to the President two (2) weeks in advance of your resignation date. Prior to the officer's final day, he/she shall share all documents relating to the organization they have and brief the President or Vice President of current projects in his/her care.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTIONS

- (B) **Eligibility.** Members eligible to vote are those active members described in Art. II cl. B.
- (C) **Nominations & Elections.** Open positions will be announced in January. All officers shall be nominated and elected between March and April of the calendar year immediately succeeding the August 1 effective date of such officers' terms.
- (D) **Term.** All officers shall hold their offices for a one-year period commencing on August 1 of each calendar year.
- (E) **Vacancies.** If an officer is vacated during the term of office:
- (1) By the President, Vice President shall assume the role of President for the remainder of the term.
 - (a) The interim President shall nominate an interim Vice President, subject to majority approval by the remaining Executive Board members, who shall assume the role for the remainder of the term.
 - (2) By any other officer, the President shall appoint a replacement officer for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE V – ADVISOR

- (A) **Nomination and Role.** The advisor shall be selected by the Executive Board of this organization by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The advisor shall serve as a mentor to the organization providing guidance to the officers and members. The advisor has no voting rights. The advisor position has no term limit other than he/she must be a current NSL faculty or staff member.
- (B) **Removal and Replacement of Advisor.** The advisor will be notified in writing of the possible removal at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the vote and will be allowed to address the Executive Board in order to relate to members any relevant defense prior to the voting for removal. Upon a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board, the advisor will be removed from his/her duties. In the event that an advisor is removed or resigns, a new advisor shall be elected within fourteen (14) calendar days.

ARTICLE VI – FINANCES

For the protection of the organization and its officers it is required that two authorized signatures sign all monetary transactions. Only the President, Treasurer, and NSL faculty/staff advisor can be signers on the organization's account. Organizational funds may be spent on items such as office supplies, events/activities, publicity, travel expenses, conference fees, etc., but will not be used for anything illegal under NSL, local, state, or federal laws.

ARTICLE VII – PUBLICATIONS

All advertisements of the organization must comply with the NSL Communications Policy. The President must approve all publications, shirts, flyers, etc. prior to duplication and distribution.

ARTICLE VIII – ADOPTION

SELS hereby incorporates the Constitutions of the United States, the State of Tennessee, and policies of the Nashville School of Law. SELS members shall abide by the Student Honor Code and the rules of the Nashville School of Law in order to remain a member in good standing.