## CONSTITUTION of the BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY of UDSL

## ARTICLE I

§1. The name of this organization shall be the Business Law Society of the University of Dayton School of Law.

§2. Other acceptable names shall be Business Law Society, BLS, or Bus. Law Society

# ARTICLE II

§1. The purpose of this organization is to promote discussion, mentorship, and practical student experience in issues regarding business and corporate law.

## ARTICLE III

§1. Members of the BLS shall be matriculating students of the University of Dayton School of law, as well as other School of Law faculty, staff and administration.

§2. Only matriculating students shall have voting powers in the Business Law Society.

§3. For a student to have voting powers, she or he must have paid dues to the BLS Treasurer by the second meeting of the first semester. Dues will be determined by the members of the EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB) and shall be no lower than the lowest amount set by the Student Bar Association of UDSL.

§4. Membership in the organization will not be denied to anyone on the basis of race, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability, veteran's status, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.

# ARTICLE IV

§1. There shall be an EB of the Business Law Society

§2. The EB shall be composed of the following positions:

A. Chairman of the Board

- a. Term of Service: One calendar year from previous elections.
- b. Responsibilities: Preside over executive board meetings, set agenda for executive board meetings, and oversee all other offices. Chairman is the representative and spokesperson for the society

### **B.** President

- a. Term of Service: One calendar year from previous elections.
- b. Responsibilities: Charged with the daily running of the society. Act as a liaison with the Dean, delegate duties and responsibilities as necessary, and meet regularly with the faculty advisor.

### C. Executive Vice President

- a. Term of Service: One calendar year from previous elections.
- b. Responsibilities: Assist President, oversee all other Vice Presidents, act as a liaison with the Dean, and meet regularly with the faculty advisor.

## **D.** Vice President Internal Relations

- a. Term of Service: One calendar year from previous elections.
- b. Responsibilities: Maintain current and new membership, recruit new members, manage all internal communication, and coordinate advertising.

### E. Vice President External Relations

- a. Term of Service: One calendar year from previous elections.
- b. Responsibilities: Contact alumni and potential speakers, coordinate speaking events, prepare speaker budgets, and act as a liaison to the University of Dayton School of Business Administration.

### F. Vice President of Community Service

- a. Term of Service: One calendar year from previous elections.
- b. Responsibilities: Initiate and coordinate community service activities and prepare service budgets.

### G. Vice President Programming

- a. Term of Service: One calendar year from previous elections.
- b. Responsibilities: Assist other officers in coordinating events, oversee the execution of internal events, prepare event budgets, and coordinate social events for the society.

### H. Treasurer

- a. Term of Service: One calendar year from previous elections.
- b. Responsibilities: Collect membership dues, keep all budget and financial records, and prepare the budget for the society.

# I. Secretary

a. Term of Service: One calendar year from previous elections.

b. Responsibilities: Manage all paperwork associated with the society, record minutes from all meetings and record of all events, deliver the society schedule to the appropriate contact person(s) so that it can be posted on all available formats.

§3. The terms of office for all members of the EB shall commence the meeting immediately following the election of such officers and shall last to the adjournment of the meeting where the next members of the EB are elected.

- A. Elections should be held in the middle of the month prior to the start of the spring exam period
- B. Elections may be held at other times, if necessary.
- C. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the President.
  - D. New Committees
    - 1. The EB may establish new committees at any time in order to better facilitate specific goals or plan specific events

### ARTICLE V

- §1. This Constitution may be amended.
- §2. Amendment(s):
  - A. Amendments may be proposed to the Constitution by any dues-paying member of Business Law Society.
  - B. The process of adding amendments shall be as follows:
    - 1. The amendment is proposed at a general meeting.
    - 2. The EB investigates the need and impact of proposed amendment.
    - 3. At the next general meeting, the EB presents their findings and recommendations.
    - 4. Debate then takes place among all members of the Business Law Society.
    - 5. After motion to close debate has been heard, members vote to close debate.
    - 6. After debate has been closed, amendment is voted on by all dues-paying members of the Business Law Society
    - 7. There must be a quorum of members present for a vote to take place.
    - 8. Amendments must pass by a super majority (2/3) vote.

- §3. The amendments, if passed, take effect at the commencement of the next general meeting.
- §4. Ratification
  - A. Constitution shall be proposed at the first meeting
  - B. All members present at meeting shall vote on and enact the Constitution as currently proposed
  - C. Constitution must pass by a majority
- §5. The Constitution, if passed shall take effect immediately upon ratification.