

## **Republican Law Society**

### **Constitution**

**February 12, 2023**

#### **ARTICLE I.**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Republican Law Society (RLS).

**Section 2.** The purpose of RLS shall be to:

- A. Promote a constructive political discourse in the University of Dayton School of Law (UDSL) community by sharing our ideals of:
  - i. Promoting and improving on the common good, especially among the poor, disadvantaged, and ill.
  - ii. Safeguarding both the inherent rights of a free society while also protecting and expanding on the inheritance of rights bequeathed by our forefathers.
  - iii. Recognizing liberty requires equality, equality requires prosperity, and prosperity requires order.
  - iv. Acting where civil society cannot or will not but not interfering where civil society is already vigorous and self-governing.
  - v. Governing efficiently, nimbly, and intelligently while ensuring against corruption, excess, and insolvency.
  - vi. Advancing a foreign policy which advocates for energy independence, a strong national defense, robust commerce, and active cooperation with our allies in Latin America, the Pacific, and Europe, whose success is necessary for our own.
- B. Providing a space for Republican, independent, and moderate members of the UDSL community to:
  - i. Discuss politics.
  - ii. Engage in local affairs.
  - iii. Help lawyer-leaders prepare for their careers.

**Section 3.** RLS is not formally affiliated with the Republican National Committee, the Ohio Republican Party, nor the Montgomery County Republican Party.

#### **ARTICLE II.**

**Section 1.** RLS membership is open to all UDSL students:

- A. Who are in good academic standing.
- B. Who have paid their annual dues, to be fixed at \$5 per academic year.
- C. Who contribute in good faith to the activities of RLS.

**Section 2.** If, in violation of either subsection of Section 1, a RLS member will be given:

- A. A semester's notice to comply with Section 1(a).
- B. A month's notice to comply with Section 1(b).
- C. After a majority vote of the Leadership Board, a formal warning to comply with Section 1(c).

**Section 3.** Unremedied violations will result in removal from the membership roster by the President.

### **ARTICLE III.**

**Section 1.** The Leadership Board (the Board) shall comprise of:

- A. The President.
- B. The Vice President.
- C. The Secretary.
- D. The Treasurer.

**Section 2.** The Board shall be open to all members in compliance with Article II.

- A. If a member of the Board falls out of compliance per Article II, they shall be given notice per Section 2 but may continue their duties.
- B. Additionally, all members of the Board shall be required to attend three-fourths of the organization's meetings during their term.
- C. An unremedied violation per Article II, Section 2 or Article III, Section 2 (B) shall result in the officer's resignation.
- D. Any vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment by the President for the remainder of the term.

**Section 3.** The Board shall be elected for a yearly term on the Friday preceding Spring Break, with the new Board's term taking effect after the conclusion of spring finals.

- A. Any member in compliance with Article II may announce their candidacy for one office.
- B. The slate of candidates must be finalized one week before the election.
- C. Elections shall be decided by a simple majority vote of the membership.
  - a. In the absence of an outright majority, a second round of voting shall be held, in which the highest two vote-getting candidates shall advance.
- D. If, following an election, the Board is comprised of a majority of rising 3Ls, a deputy position shall be created for each office, excluding the President, with a rising 3L occupant.
  - a. The deputy position shall be exempted from Article III, Section 2.
  - b. If filled following a spring election, the deputy position shall be exclusively open to all who are not rising 3Ls.
  - c. If filled during the subsequent academic year, the deputy position shall be exclusively open to all who are not 3Ls.
  - d. The deputy position shall be appointed by its respective Board member.

**Section 4.** The Board shall divide its responsibilities thus:

- A. The President shall be the principal officer of RLS, responsible for:
  - a. Guiding the organization to the successful realization of its goals.
  - b. Calling and presiding over meetings and events.
  - c. Presiding over elections and referenda.
  - d. Proposing expenditures.
  - e. Maintaining the membership roster.
  - f. Managing RLS' social media accounts.
- B. The Vice President shall be the organization's second-highest officer, responsible for:
  - a. Assuming the President's duties in the case of a vacancy, the President's absence, or by request by the President.
  - b. Overseeing outreach to the 1L class.
- C. The Secretary shall be the organization's records officer, responsible for:
  - a. Keeping minutes of each Board meeting.
  - b. Handling all official correspondence of RLS.
  - c. Assisting in the management of RLS' social media accounts.
- D. The Treasurer shall be the organization's financial and compliance officer, responsible for:
  - a. Maintaining RLS' financial records.
  - b. Collecting yearly dues.
  - c. Maintaining and managing RLS' budget and treasury.
  - d. Ensuring compliance with SBA's and UDSL's financial procedures and policies.

**ARTICLE IV.**

- A. Amendments may be proposed by any member.
- B. Ratification shall be subject to a weeklong simple majority vote.

**ARTICLE V.**

- A. No student is to be excluded from membership or participation on the basis of age, race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national or ethnic origin, sex/gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, genetic information, military status, veteran status, familial status or any other protected category under applicable local, state or federal law, ordinance or regulation, including acting to oppose discrimination or participating in any complaint process on campus or through other human rights agencies.
- B. Therefore, anyone who acts to deny, deprive, or limit the educational, employment, residential and/or social access, benefits required by applicable law, and/or opportunities of any member of the campus community on the basis of their actual or perceived membership in the protected classes listed above (which denial, deprivation or limitation constitutes "discrimination" under this policy) is in violation of the University's policy on nondiscrimination. When brought to the attention of the University, any such

discrimination will be appropriately remedied by the University according to its policies and procedures.

- C. RLS considers hazing to be a most destructive and degrading activity which is inconsistent with the standards of this student organization. Hazing, defined as: Any planned/executed action or activity, by or against an active member, associate member, pledge or potential member or new member of an organization or group that inflicts physical or mental harm, distress, anxiety, or which may demean, degrade, embarrass, or disgrace any person, regardless of location, consent or intention is prohibited. Examples of hazing include but are not limited to forced consumption of food, alcohol, drugs, or any other substance, forced physical activity, deprivation of food or sleep, and physical acts such as branding or paddling. Students may not imply that a person would be shunned, removed, or not initiated for failing to participate in any form of hazing. Any action or situation that intentionally or unintentionally endangers a student, who is attempting admission into or affiliating with any student organization, is prohibited. RLS recognizes the dignity of every individual and opposes all forms of hazing.