

Government Law Society Constitution

Article 1: Organization Name

Section 1: Name. This constitution establishes our organization at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, hereafter known as the Government Law Society.

Article II: Purpose

Section I: Purpose Statement. The purpose of the Government Law Society is to promote public interest law and advance the ideals of justice, equality, and access to legal representation within our community and beyond. We are committed to fostering a culture of public service and social responsibility among law students, inspiring them to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those in need. Through advocacy, education, and collaboration we aim to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities to engage in pro bono work and advocate for the underserved and underprivileged. By building a strong network of passionate legal professionals, we strive to create a more just and equitable society.

Section II: Policy Agreement. Our organization is willing to abide by all TMSL policies and guidelines, especially relating to on or off campus activities which our club may sponsor or in which we may participate.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Membership. All students who are currently enrolled at Thurgood Marshall School of Law who have an interest in government law are eligible to be a member of the Government Law Society.

Section II: Dues. \$25 per academic year is required

Section III: Selection. New members may join by paying dues.

Section IV: Voluntary Member Withdrawal. Any member of our organization can, at any time, voluntarily withdraw his/her membership from the organization.

Section V: Non-Voluntary Member Removal. A member of the Government Law Society may be subject to non-voluntary removal from the organization for the following reasons:

Section VII: Non-discrimination. Our organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, sexual orientation, veteran status and physical or mental ability or disability.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1:

President - Davida Johnson

Vice President - Jose Reyes

Treasurers - Gabriella Ramirez and Ester Garza

Secretaries - Morgan Leon and Delanie Gomez

Internship Coordinator - Len Badu

Community Service Chair - Anaya Johnson

Section II: President. The President shall develop goals and strategies to enhance the organization's impact and relevance within the law school community. Coordinate and oversee the activities and events of the organization, ensuring they align with the organization's objectives. Serve as the primary point of contact for the organization, representing it to other students, faculty, and external parties.

Section III: Vice President. The Vice President shall assist the president in carrying out their duties and responsibilities. Step in to fulfill the president's duties in their absence or as needed. Work closely with the president and other executive board members to develop and execute the organization's vision, goals, and strategies. Participate in decision-making processes and contribute ideas to enhance the organization's impact.

Section IV: Treasurer. The Treasurer shall oversee the general financial management of the organization. Plan and keep track of budgets within the organization: collect, deposit, and keep track of funds. Provide financial reports regularly to fellow committee members.

Section V: Secretary. The Secretary shall ensure that all meetings are effectively organized and minuted. Maintains effective records and administration. Ensure compliance of the organization's bylaws. Conduct rules of order and the proper procedures for meetings.

Section VI: Historian. The Historian shall keep records of all activities and events. Provide recognition of individual member achievements. Maintain accurate historical records. Work closely with the secretary in keeping a record or history of all activities.

Section VII: Community Service Chair. The Community Service Chair shall plan and execute community service activities for the organization (at least one per semester). Develops a calendar

of community service events each semester. Inform members of community service activities on and off campus.

Article V: Advisor

Section 1: Advisor. The Advisor shall provide mentorship and advice to the student organization's leaders and members. Offer insights, suggestions, and recommendations based on academic and professional experience.

Article VI: Function/Operation

Section 1: Nominations. Nominations for officers are held in the Spring of each academic year. All members of the organization are eligible to be nominated for an officer position. Nominations shall be received via Google Forms.

Section II: Terms. Officers will serve for one academic year and may be permitted to serve more than one term in a row.

Section III. Officer Impeachment. Officers can be impeached by a majority vote of the other officers.

Section IV. Voluntary Office Resignation. Any officer of our organization can, at any time, voluntarily resign from their position with proper notice given to the other officers.

Article VII: Constitutional Amendments

Section 1. Amendment Proposal. Amendments can be proposed by the officers of the organization.

Section II. Procedures. Rules regarding the proposal of amendments are as follows. Officer shall submit an amendment proposal to the President and/or Vice President via email.

Section III. Voting. The amendments shall be voted and agreed on by a majority of the officers.

Article VIII: Method of Dissolution

Section 1: Dissolution. Dissolution may occur by an agreement between all officers.