

Constitution of The University of Akron School of Law

Student Chapter

Of

The American Association for Justice

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ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name of the chapter shall be the Student Chapter of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) at the University of Akron School of Law (Student Chapter).

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE.

The Student Chapter has been established to encourage law students and future trial attorneys at The University of Akron School of Law to become actively involved in promoting the civil justice system and championing the cause of those who deserve redress for injury to person and property.

ARTICLE III. AAJ AFFILIATION.

By the adoption of this Constitution and compliance with any other requirement of AAJ, the Student Chapter shall be recognized as an affiliated Student Chapter of AAJ and shall enjoy rights and privileges of affiliation as determined by the AAJ Board of Governors. The Board of Governors, through the AAJ Law Scholl Committee and the

SECTION 4. Membership will be revoked (removed) by the Student Chapter upon failure to pay annual Student Chapter membership dues as established through the Executive Committee, failure to remain in good standing with The University of Akron School of Law, violation of the Disciplinary Code of the The University of Akron School of Law, and/or failure to abide by the purpose of the Student Chapter as stated in this constitution or the mission of AAJ as stated in the constitution of AAJ.

SECTION 5. Voting and non-voting members. Voting members are members on a trial team participating in competition. Non-voting members are members not on a competing trial team.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

SECTION 2. The President shall be at least a second year law student who has been a Student Chapter Member for a minimum of one (1) year. The President

SECTION 7. The term of office shall be one (1) year, which shall begin at the close of the last general Student Chapter meeting of each school year, and no officer may succeed himself or herself in the same office.

SECTION 8. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the duties, powers and responsibilities of President shall be assumed immediately by the next officer in the line of succession as follows: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President.

In the event of a vacancy in the other offices, notice of the vacancy shall be given to the Members who shall elect to fill the vacancy by majority vote a meeting to be held not sooner than thirty days after such notice has been given.

For purposes of this Article, a vacancy arises upon the death or resignation of an officer, or upon certification by two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee that an officer is mentally or physically unable to fulfill the duties of office.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee shall manage and direct the affairs of the Student Chapter.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall total nine (9) Members including all elected Officers as well as five (5) Student Chapter members appointed by the President and approved by a majority of the elected Officers.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least six times during the school year, with notification of such meetings going to all members of the Executive Committee at least ten (10) days in advance of a regularly scheduled meeting.

SECTION 4. Emergency or special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President, with notification to all Members at least two (2) days in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII. FACULTY ADVISOR.

SECTION 1. The Student Chapter shall have a Faculty Advisor who is a full-time faculty member at The University of Akron School of Law.

SECTION 2. The Faculty Advisor shall provide guidance to the Executive Committee and the President as needed relating to the activities and programs of the Student Chapter.

SECTION 3. The Faculty Advisor shall be selected by the School of Law Dean's Office.

SECTION 4. The length of the term for th

SECTION 1. General Student Chapter meetings shall be held at least four (4) times during the school year, with the final meeting held at the close of the school year for the purpose of electing officers for the following school year.

SECTION 2. Notification of a General Student Chapter meeting must be provided to all Members fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XIII. COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee may create Standing Committees deemed necessary to operate the Student Chapter on a continuous basis. The Executive Committee shall elect members to fill positions on Standing Committees with staggered terms so that one-third (1/3) of all terms expire each year. The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies on each Standing Committee at the beginning of each school year. The President shall appoint the Chair(s) from among the members of the Standing Committee.

SECTION 2. The President may appoint such other Committees at her or her discretion. The President shall appoint Members to fill these Committees and appoint the Chair of each Committee.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee shall by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members on the Executive Committee have the power to remove any Committee member or Chair.

