

CONSTITUTION

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY

Article I

Name and Object

This organization shall be known as the Northwestern University Media and Entertainment Law Society. Its purpose shall be to increase awareness, offer learning events, and provide employment opportunities in the fields of media, entertainment, and sports law for the Northwestern University community. It shall provide a forum for the discussion of topics of concern to media and entertainment corporations and talent, their agents, and managers, as well as to the legal representatives of both groups.

Specifically, the objectives of the society are to:

- Inform students about the real-world experiences of attorneys practicing in the fields of media, entertainment, and sports
- Contact Northwestern University School of Law alumni who work in these fields as well as local practitioners and assist the School of Law with campus recruiting in order to maximize potential employment and internship opportunities
- Partner with groups of similar interest such as the Entertainment and Media Business Network at the Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, as well as with Media, Entertainment, and Sports Law student organizations at other universities in service of both of these objectives.

In order to achieve these objectives, the Society shall arrange to host speakers and panels regarding matters of interest and concern to the membership of the Society; create an alumni database and network; provide information and assistance to the School of Law placement office and administration; and, participate in media, entertainment, and sports business and law symposiums sponsored by student organizations at other universities (with an eye toward ultimately hosting one).

Article II

Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Media and Entertainment Law Society is open to all students currently enrolled at the Northwestern University School of Law.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected at the end of the spring semester in accordance with Article VIII. Officers shall serve in their elected positions until the next election of officers by the Society. Officers may resign or be removed in accordance with Article IX.

Section 3. The officers of the Society shall constitute an Executive Board, consisting of the following positions:

- a) Chairperson – Event Planning and Communications
- b) Chairperson – Alumni and University Relations
- c) Chairperson – Industry Relations
- d) Chairperson – Finance

Section 4. The powers and responsibilities of the officers shall be as follows:

- a) The *Chairperson – Event Planning and Communications* is responsible for the organization and coordination of Society activities, event publicity and Society communications, as well as membership and recruiting. With the assistance of the other officers, the Chairperson – Event Planning and Communications also oversees all routine logistical operations of the Society.
- b) The *Chairperson – Alumni and University Relations* is responsible for the creation and maintenance of an alumni database, inter-school outreach, and liaising with Career Services and the Society Advisory Board (a body comprised of faculty and practitioner sponsors of the Society). The Chairperson – Alumni and University Relations also assists with all routine logistical operations of the Society.
- c) The *Chairperson – Industry Relations* is responsible for outreach to the media-, entertainment-, and sports-related legal communities for the purposes of producing learning events and creating potential employment opportunities. The Chairperson – Industry Relations also assists with all routine logistical operations of the Society.
- d) The *Chairperson – Finance* is responsible for the budget, effectively serving as Treasurer of the Society, and organizes and coordinates all fundraising efforts to support Society activities. The Chairperson – Finance also assists with all routine logistical operations of the Society.

Article III

Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board (Board), as stated in Article II, is comprised of the officers of the Society.

Section 2. The function of the Board, is to supervise all aspects of the Society. The Board shall establish guidelines for the routine logistical operations of the Society as well as for Society-sponsored activities, such as panel presentations. The Board shall have the power to approve the operating procedures established by the officers.

Section 3. Meetings of the Board shall be open to all Society members.

Section 4. The Board shall strive to make consensus-based decisions. In the event this is impractical, each member of the Board shall have one vote, and all matters on which the Board votes shall pass with a simple majority of the Board members present. In the case of a tie, the matter in question shall be presented to the general membership for a vote.

Article IV

Meetings and Activities

Section 1. General meetings of the Society and meetings of the Board shall be held as the Board deems advisable. Committees to organize specific events shall meet at their own discretion.

Section 2. Executive Board members shall rotate the responsibility for chairing general meetings and Board meetings. Committee meetings shall be chaired by their respective organizers.

Article V

Voting

Section 1. All members shall have one vote per matter at general meetings. All Board members shall have one vote per matter at Board meetings.

Section 2. With the exception of matters concerning Articles VII and VIII, all motions shall pass by a simple majority of the members present.

Section 3. The Board may establish a means of voting by proxy as it deems advisable.

Article VI

Selection of Board of Directors

Section 1. Officers shall be selected at the beginning of each Spring semester.

Section 2. Any first- or second-year Society member is eligible to apply for a position on the Board.

Article VII

Resignation and Removal

- Section 1.** Any Board member may resign from a position on the Board by submitting a written resignation to the Board.
- Section 2.** Any Board member may be removed from the Board, and relieved of all duties of the position by a unanimous vote of the other Board members.
- Section 3.** Any Society member may be removed from the Society by three-fourths majority of the membership at large.

Article VIII

Amendment

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any general meeting held after notification of at least one week in advance of the meeting. The Board may establish a means of voting by proxy for the purpose of Constitutional amendments.