

BUSINESS & LAW SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

Overview

The intersection of law and commerce is pervasive. To that end, the Business & Law Society [BLS] at Indiana University Maurer School of Law aims to expose its students to the legal frameworks that enable commerce.

Article I: Membership

Participation in the Business & Law Society must be without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

All officers and members of the Business & Law Society must be currently enrolled as law students in good standing at Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

Article II: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all law school regulations, university regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article III: Executive Officers

The Business & Law Society shall have the following officer positions:

President: Responsible for overseeing all aspects of the BLS. Coordinates and leads officer and member meetings. Develops meeting agendas and activity agendas each semester. Responsible for representing the BLS at all student recruiting and alumni networking events. If enrolled as a dual-degree student, the President must be exclusively enrolled in classes at the law school during his or her term.

Vice President: The Vice President assists the President in overseeing all aspects of the BLS. In the event that the President is unable to perform his or her duties, the Vice President shall assume all responsibilities. Takes minutes for each BLS board meeting. If enrolled as a dual-degree student, the Vice President must be exclusively enrolled in classes at the law school during his or her term.

Treasurer: The treasurer shall oversee the BLS Student Organization Financial Account and be responsible for all BLS accounting. Organizes and executes fundraising events. The treasurer will also attend all necessary training sessions as required under University Student Organizations policy.

Competition Coordinator: Duties include organizing competition events related to business and law. To the extent reasonable the competition coordinator shall organize at least two such events during his or her term.

Director for Alumni Affairs: Shall maintain and expand the BLS network of alumni and other professionals and attend BLS functions to network with alumni and provide the organization's membership with access to said network; and serve as a primary contact point for alumni seeking to communicate with BLS. The Director for Alumni Affairs shall be responsible for coordinating the internal and external mentor programs.

Director for Events & Communications: Shall be Responsible for tracking external and internal competitions and for marketing such opportunities to the BLS community. Shall work with Dir. For Alumni Affairs to plan speaker events and shall be responsible for all communications to membership and maintaining the organization's website and related media.

In addition to these core responsibilities, each officer shall participate as a full member of the BLS executive board,

and shall assist other officers as needed. To the best of their ability, each officer is required to attend all BLS functions.

Each officer participates in officer meetings, as described above. All officers shall actively seek out speakers and develop other events of interest to BLS members.

Officers are elected each year in the month of April. There are no restrictions on re-election of officers. Past officers are responsible for meeting with newly elected officers to share organization information.

Article IV: Advisor

BLS shall be advised by a faculty board that may assist students with planning events and provide other assistance as needed.

Any general student organization questions should be directed to the Director of Student Services

Article V: Meetings

The President has the authority to call officer and general meetings but should consult with the BLS officers before calling a general meeting. General meetings are held during the semester as determined by the officers. Meetings are held to discuss general organization information, to hear guest speakers, to allow career networking and to discuss opportunities in business and law. Attendance at general meetings is not mandatory for members unless expressly stated.

Article VI: Elections

Elections for officer positions shall be held once a year during the month of April. Nominations for officers should be announced by email 1-2 weeks before elections take place. Paying members may nominate themselves or other paying members for an officer position. If there is a contest for a given position, the officer shall be elected by a majority vote of paying members. Voting will be done by ballot at a general meeting. Absentee voting shall be allowed via email to the current BLS Vice President.

Article VII: Non-Hazing

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade or intimidate the person as a condition of association with the BLS, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article VIII: Dues, Budget, & Personal Gain

Each member, including all officers, is required to pay dues each year as determined by the Executive Board at the beginning of each year. The Vice President and Treasurer collect and record dues. Only members who have paid dues shall be eligible for officer positions or be eligible to participate in any BLS election.

The BLS will account for all of its assets in expenditures and shall make all of its finances available to any BLS member that requests such data. All BLS financial records must be submitted to the Student Activities Office of the law school at the end of each school year.

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation directly from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article IX: Amendments

A majority vote of present members at a general meeting will ratify any proposed amendments. Any absentee members may submit a vote by email prior to the meeting if desired. Once approved by the BLS members, all constitutions with amendment must be submitted to the Student Activities Office for approval.