

National Security Law Association Constitution

Loyola University Chicago

National Security Law Association (NLSA)

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ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the National Security Law Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

Section 1: The objectives of this organization are to:

- a. Increase LUC students' exposure to the field of national security, private sector data/economic security, and domestic/international law enforcement through speakers, research, and events.
- b. Provide actionable information meant to increase the accessibility of national security careers and opportunities for dedicated students.
- c. Outline the various fields of national security and federal law enforcement and explore the contemporary issues surrounding the field.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES

Section 1: Membership in this organization shall be open to all students enrolled at the Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Students from other schools of law may obtain membership upon submission of a statement of purpose and approval by at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of the executive officers.

Section 2: Members of the NLSA must provide contact details and attend at least one NLSA meeting and one NLSA event per semester.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1: The Executive Officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and Editor and Chief, Blog Operations.

Section 2: Duties and Powers

- a. The duties of the President shall be to preside over all NSLA meetings, call meetings of the executive officers, to appoint committees or make special assignments, and to pursue the objectives of the NSLA.
- b. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to perform all duties of the President in her/his absence, to serve as program chairperson, to, along with the President, represent the organization in communications and relations with external persons or organizations, and to, along with the President, take actions in pursuit of NSLA objectives.
- c. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep an accurate, permanent record of the organization, to take charge of all correspondence between management and members, to post public information and announcements regarding meetings and activities, to make necessary reports, and other duties prescribed by the executive officers, collectively. All official documents or requests submitted to the faculty or Student Activities Office by the Secretary on behalf of the NSLA shall be approved by a Vice President before submission. The Secretary shall also attend Student Activity Fund Budget Workshops, submit budget requests to the Student Activities Office in accordance with the organization's mission and goals, keep an accurate and complete record of all monetary transactions, to collect the club dues, and other duties prescribed by the executive officers, collectively. All official documents or requests submitted to the faculty or Student Activities Office by the Secretary on behalf of the NSLA shall be approved by a Vice President before submission. The Secretary must disburse fund money in accordance with the regulations of the University.
- d. The duties of the Editor and Chief, Blog Operations shall be to maintain the National Security Law Association Blog. Ensure Blog posts are submitted to the entire board for editing and each post must be edited by at least two other member of the board other than the author. The Editor and Chief, Blog Operations shall ensure all Blog posts are timely posted and circulated via the different media outlets of the law school. Additionally, the Editor and Chief, Blog Operations will work with other board members to attract guest authors to the Blog.

Section 3: Officers for the following school year will be selected in April. Selection is based on votes from all members with the final decision resting on the approval from all existing officers.

- a. Selection process shall include:
 - i. The name and year of the applicant
 - ii. What position(s) the applicant is interested in
 - iii. A description of the applicant's interest and any experience in national security law
 - iv. Whether they have attended any NSLA meetings or events during the school year
 - v. Why they are interested in being on the NSLA Executive Board (1 paragraph)
 - vi. Ideas they have for NSLA to participate in or organizing for the coming year

Section 4: While each member of the Board has specific, designated roles, all members are expected to assist in growing the organization, planning events, attending events, writing and contributing to the Blog, and ensuring the continuation of the National Security Law Association in the future.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS & EVENTS

Section 1: Any member may attend NLSA meetings and events.

Section 2: Any student currently enrolled in a school of law or Loyola University Chicago school may attend NSLA events.

Section 3: Students are encouraged to be a member or contact an executive officer in order to attend meetings.

Section 4: The NLSA shall hold larger events at least once per semester and will hold smaller meetings or briefs at least once per month.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing and read at regular meetings and shall be acted upon at the following meeting.

Section 2: This Constitution may be amended by a majority of 2/3 of those members at the meeting and 2/3 of the executive officers, and the President has the right for veto.

ARTICLE VIII. ANTI HAZING STATEMENT

Section 1: The NLSA considers hazing to be a most destructive and degrading activity which is inconsistent with the standards of this student organization. Hazing, defined as: any intentional or reckless action or situation, created to produce emotional or physical discomfort, harassment, humiliation or ridicule, is strictly prohibited. The NLSA recognizes the dignity of every individual and opposes all forms of hazing.

ARTICLE IX. NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Section 1: It is unacceptable and a violation of university policy to harass, discriminate against or abuse any person because of his or her race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, age or any other characteristic protected by applicable law. Such behavior threatens to destroy the environment of tolerance and mutual respect that must prevail for this University to fulfill its mission. For this reason, every incident of harassment, discrimination or abuse undermines the aspirations and attacks the ideals of our community. Discrimination is adverse treatment of a person or group based on race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, age or any other characteristic protected by applicable law, and not individual merit.