

**THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
SCHOOL OF LAW**

CONSTITUTION
OF THE

Law School Democrats

2012-2013

Preamble:

The Law School Democrats , an all-inclusive student organization, is dedicated to sharing the ideals of the Democratic Party with the University of Dayton School of Law (UDSL) community. As such, it strongly encourages participation from those who are interested in politics within the local and national political sphere and strives to provide law students with volunteer opportunities for political campaigns as well as professional opportunities in the political arena

Article I: Name of the Association

The name of this association shall be the University of Dayton School of Law (USDL) Law School Democrats. It may be abbreviated as Law School Dems.

Article II: Objectives of the Law School Dems.

The objectives of the Law School Democrats:

1. To promote students' interest in the political participation within the community;
2. To Afford a liaison between its members and the administration, faculty, alumni, and the Student Bar Association;
3. To encourage professional development in the study of law;
4. To serve as a forum for the discussion of professional and academic issues; and
5. To serve as a support group for Democrat students pursuing their JD.

Article III: Membership

The Law School Dems is and all inclusive organization and is open to any and all students who desire to join the organization.

Article IV: Dues

Each active member of the Law School Dems is required to pay dues before the Student Bar Association registers you as a member of the Law School Dems.

1. Dues shall be \$5 per year (\$2.50 per semester).
2. Dues contribute to the activities that the Law School Dems may sponsor including lunches, and guest speakers.

Article V: Organization

The President, Vice-President, and treasurer of the Law School Dems shall govern the organization, with various officers to be announced which will serve as liaisons with the Admissions office and a liaison to the Student Bar Association.

Article VI: Executive Officers

As required by Student Bar Association (SBA) regulations, Law School Dems must maintain a minimum of two officer positions: President and Treasurer. To the extent that membership allows, additional positions may be created for the administrative ease of the organization. These new positions include but are not limited to vice-president, secretary, or service chair.

A majority of the voting members shall elect the following officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and other Law School Dems Liaisons.

§1. All Executive Officers shall have the following duties in addition to their specifically enumerated duties:

1. With the exception of the President, Officers shall have to power to vote on all motions before the organization;
2. Attend a minimum of 75% of the meetings of the Law School Dems during their term;

§2 The President shall:

1. Be the presiding officer at all the Law School Dems meetings;
2. Have no vote on motions before the organization except in the event the vote is equally divided on any issue or item;
3. Schedule events and room reservations for meetings of the organization;
4. Represent the organization in official capacities wherever needed; and
5. Perform those duties as described in Article V, §1.

§ 3 The Vice-President shall:

1. Perform the duties of the President in the President's absence;
2. Assume the office of the president in the event of an indefinite or permanent vacancy in accordance with the by-laws.
3. Represent the organization in official capacity wherever needed;
4. Perform any other duties delegated by the President; and
5. Perform those duties described in Article V, § 1.

§ 4 The Treasurer shall:

1. Be responsible for the Law School Dems financial transactions;
2. Disburse funds that have been approved by the Student Bar Association;
3. Submit a budget to the Student Bar Association at the beginning of each Term (semester);
4. Perform any other duties delegated by the President; and
5. Perform those duties described in Article V, § 1.

§ 5 The Secretary shall:

1. Conduct all official correspondence;
2. Record the minutes of all the Law School Dems meetings;
3. Keep a record of attendance;
4. Ensure that each student has access to the Constitution and all amendments hereto;
5. Perform any other duties delegated by the President; and
6. Perform those duties described in Article V, § 1.

Article VII: Meetings

§ 1. The AHLSA Law School Dems shall meet at least once each month during the term.

§ 2. All meetings for the term shall be posted by October 10th but may be subject to change if conflicts arise.

§ 3. A special meeting may be called by the executive board, by the President, or by a quorum vote of the committee members.

§ 4. Notice of all Law School Dems meetings shall be posted one week before each meeting in a conspicuous place in UDSL. If a special meeting is called, notice shall be posted as quickly as time permits and emailed to all members.

Article VIII: Nominations

In order to qualify for nomination as an officer, all candidates must be Law School Dems members in good standing, with fully paid dues and only run for one office per election.

Article IX: Elections

§ 1. A candidate shall present a declaration of intent for the office sought, which shall include reasons for seeking office. The declaration may be written, or given orally at a meeting of the Law School Dems.

§ 2. All elections are to be held using secret ballot.

§ 3. In the case of a tie, the candidates shall give a further speech to try to convince the Law School Dems members as to why they should be voted for office.

§ 4. Newly elected officers shall be inducted into office at the end of the second semester, and the previous administration shall hand over any and all information which may be of value in the future for the success of the organization before the end of the second semester.

Article X: Removal

1. An officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of his/her constituency.
2. An officer may also be removed for failure to attend less than 75% of the Law School Dems meetings.

Article XI: Voting Rights

All Law School Dems members in good standing who have paid their dues for the term are eligible to cast their ballot in any vote held by the Law School Dems.