

CONSTITUTION
of the
Media and Communications Law Society

PREAMBLE

The Media and Communications Law Society (CLS) is a Suffolk University Law School student organization, created in accordance with the school's regulations and those of the Student Bar Association. MCLS is dedicated to teaching the importance of communications and media law and to helping students interested in that field through networking and career opportunities.

ARTICLE I

Section 1 — Purpose

The purpose of MCLS is to provide all Suffolk University Law School students an opportunity to discuss and learn of topics related to communications law and media policy. Through dialogue and sponsorship of relevant events, MCLS intends to help further the school community's understanding of this growing and changing body of law. It is also the intent of MCLS to help students with professional interest in this field by creating networking and career advancement opportunities.

Section 2 — Membership and Duty of Members

Membership to MCLS is open to any student at Suffolk University Law School as well as interested faculty, administrators and alumni. MCLS shall not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, creed, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, age, disability or financial status. Responsibilities of all members include regular attendance at MCLS meetings, participation in group dialogue, assistance in the sponsorship of MCLS events and the active recruitment of additional MCLS members.

Section 3 — Faculty Advisor

The faculty advisor for MCLS will be a member of the Suffolk University Law School faculty or administration. In the temporary absence of a suitable faculty advisor, MCLS may turn to one of its active members to fill the position until a permanent replacement is named.

ARTICLE II

Section 1 — Officers

MCLS will have the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2 — Duties

MCLS officers shall have the following duties and any other responsibilities the President and/or voting members decide is necessary.

- A. *President* — The President shall be the chief executive of MCLS and embody the ideals of the society. He or she will preside over all MCLS meetings and activities, have veto power over all expenditures and serve as liaison to other student organizations, school faculty, administrators and the law school community at-large. The President is also responsible for maintaining steady, active membership and ensuring a successful transfer of leadership after each election.
- B. *Vice President* — The Vice President shall assist the President and assume his or her responsibilities in the President's absence or disability. The Vice President has full decision-making power subject to the approval of the President. He or she will be responsible for supervising all committees.
- C. *Secretary* — The Secretary shall take minutes of all MCLS meetings, maintain all MCLS correspondence, gather and submit new member applications and notify MCLS members of meetings and events. The Secretary will maintain a running log of all MCLS activities and

update the MCLS Website. The Secretary will also help the President and Vice President facilitate elections.

- D. *Treasurer* — The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of MCLS and shall present and supervise the society's budget. He or she will be responsible for all fundraising efforts.

Section 3 — Vacancies in Office

In the event that any officer is unable to fulfill his or her term for any reason, the President will appoint an interim replacement. At the next regularly scheduled meeting, an election will occur to fill that vacancy.

ARTICLE III

Section 1 — Executive Board

The members of the Executive Board shall be the four elected officers. The board will administer the business of MCLS and fulfill the society's goals. In the event of disagreement between board members, a vote will occur among those members with the President's vote determining the outcome in the event of a split decision. MCLS members may appeal any decision by the Executive Board by submitting a written notice of appeal to either the President or Vice President. The appeal will be addressed promptly and discussed at the following MCLS meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1 — Committees

Committees shall be organized to administer various MCLS activities. The Executive Board will create these committees as the need arises. They will consist of MCLS members and a chairperson or chairpersons who will report directly to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V

Section 1 — Meetings

MCLS meetings will occur on a regular basis, as prescribed by the Executive Board. At least one MCLS meeting will occur per semester. Elections for new officers will occur prior to the final meeting of the current academic year.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1 — Elections

Elections for all Executive Board positions will occur annually under the following guidelines:

- A. Elections will occur prior to the last MCLS meeting of the academic year.
- B. One meeting prior to elections, nominations will be accepted for all Executive Board positions. A reasonable amount of time will be given to each nominee to speak to the membership about his or her candidacy.
- C. The Secretary will list the members that are nominated for each position on a one-page ballot. This ballot will be distributed to MCLS members for review and submission during the election meeting. Only members at the meeting may vote unless accepted under special circumstances by the President.
- D. The Executive Board will count the ballots and announce the new leadership immediately following the election. Included in the announcement will be the names, addresses, phone numbers and emails of those elected.
- E. Any candidate for an Executive Board position that is currently on the board may preside over the election proceedings and may count votes.
- F. The new leadership will be introduced at the last MCLS meeting of the academic year with the new Executive Board effective at that time.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1 — Amendments

Any MCLS member may propose amendments to this Constitution. Amendments shall take effect upon ratification by two-thirds of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1 — Ratification and Effective Date

This Constitution is effective as of January 23rd 2009. Changes and amendments may be made at any time and voted on during membership meetings or any other meeting scheduled for the purpose thereof.

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