

# **Constitution Article I - Name**

The name of the organization is "Lambda Law Student Association."

## **Article II - Purpose**

To provide support, networking, and social events for members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered ("GLBT") community and their friends at the University of New Mexico ("UNM") School of Law; to educate the law school community, as well as the community-at-large regarding legal issues affecting the GLBT community; to advocate for equal and legally-protected human rights, regardless of sexual orientation.

## **Article III - Membership**

At least 75% of Lambda Law Student Association ("Lambda") shall consist of students at UNM. Voting Members shall be those who pay the annual membership fee. No student shall be excluded from participation in Lambda, or be denied full benefits of Lambda membership, except for failure to pay the annual membership fee. Lambda shall not otherwise discriminate against a person or class of persons.

## **Article IV - Officers**

1. The officers of Lambda shall be comprised of two Co-presidents, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Ally Coordinator, and the First Year Representative.
2. The officers shall be elected for one year at the end of each Spring semester by the voting members.
3. No limitation is placed on the number of terms that can be served if an officer is reelected.
4. Any three Officers shall have the power to approve expenditures in excess of \$50 when an approval process by the membership is otherwise impractical.
5. Removal of Officers: the removal of any officer shall be accomplished by an affirmative vote of the current members. Such a vote must occur at a meeting with at least seven days notice in writing or email that such a vote is taking place. Members must attend to vote and no proxies will be allowed.

## **Article V - Meetings**

a. Regular meetings of Lambda to conduct the basic functions of the organization shall be held at least once every other month during the school year. Committee and officer meetings shall be held as needed.

2. All meetings shall be held with at least two days notice to all voting members. Notice must be provided by email or written form.
3. All meetings pertaining to nominations, elections, removal of officers, major policy changes, and amendments to the constitution or bylaws must have at least seven days notice provided to members with either email or written notice.
4. Any general meeting must contain a quorum to hold votes.

## **Article VI - Quorum**

A quorum to do business or vote and ratify any proposed agenda item at any regular or special meeting shall consist of a majority of the Board. Further, for purposes of establishing a board meeting quorum, the voting membership of the Board shall consist of the elected officers. A quorum for a Board meeting shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Board, of which one member must be either: the President, President-Elect, or the Vice-President.

## **Article VII - Legislation**

1. All decisions pertaining to nominations, elections, removal of officers, major policy changes, and amendments to the constitution or bylaws must be made with at least a quorum present and by a simple majority vote of those present.
2. Committees may make implementation and administrative decisions relating to the areas they were created and designated to manage. All decisions must be approved by 3/4 of the committee.
3. Officers may make implementation and administrative decisions relating to ideas, actions, policies, and procedures, which have been approved by the voting members at a meeting where a quorum was present.

## **Article VIII - Amendments**

Amendments may be proposed by any member of the Executive Board. The amendment must be passed by a simple majority of the Executive Board to be placed on the ballot. Members must have three days' notice of proposed amendments prior to the election. The amendment must be ratified by a 2/3 majority of the LAMBDA members voting in the general election.