

Constitution of the Evening Law Student Association (ELSA)
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Preamble

We, the evening law students of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, in order to foster a supportive community, enhance our legal education, and promote the interests of students in the part-time evening program, do hereby establish this Constitution for the Evening Law Student Association (ELSA).

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Evening Law Student Association (ELSA) of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of ELSA shall be to:

1. Create a supportive network for students in the part-time evening program.
2. Facilitate communication and collaboration among members.
3. Organize educational, social, and professional events.
4. Advocate for the interests and needs of evening students within the school community.
5. Provide resources and opportunities for professional development.

Article III: Membership

1. Membership shall be open to all students enrolled in the part-time evening program at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.
2. Members are encouraged to actively participate in ELSA events and activities.
3. No member shall be discriminated against based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or any other status.
4. To be in good standing, a member must attend at least 2 events or meetings per academic year.
5. Regarding graduation cords, to qualify for membership cords at graduation, students must attend 2 association events or meetings prior to their graduation, with 1 being in the Fall semester prior to graduation. Attendance will be recorded by the Secretary and records will be maintained promptly.

Article IV: Officers

1. The officers of ELSA shall consist of:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Events Coordinator
 - Committee Coordinator
2. During the first academic year, officers shall be appointed by the association's founding members. After that first year, Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of all participating active members. All nominees must be in good standing.
3. Officers shall serve a term of one academic year and may be re-elected by a majority vote of participating active members.

Article V: Meetings

1. Regular meetings shall be held at least once per semester during the academic year.
2. Special meetings may be called by the President or at the request of at least five active members.
3. A quorum for conducting official business shall consist of at least one-third of the active membership.

Article VI: Committees

1. ELSA may establish committees on an interest basis, as necessary to fulfill its purpose and goals.
2. Each committee shall have a chairperson appointed by the Officers and may include any interested members.
3. The Committee Coordinator shall be the initial point person to communicate with the Officers.

Article VII: Amendments

1. Proposed amendments to this Constitution may be submitted by any member.
2. Amendments to this Constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the active members present at a regular meeting as long as such amendments have been circulated to the membership at least 24 hours before the vote is to be held.
3. All amendments to this Constitution shall be documented and made available to the membership.

Article VIII: Ratification

This Constitution shall become effective upon approval by a two-thirds majority of the founding members of ELSA and the faculty advisor.

Adopted on August 25, 2025

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Evening Law Student Association
