Preamble
We, as Students of Marquette University Law School, cognizant of our role as student government in addressing the current needs of the student body through representation, leadership, and service, expressing student opinion to the faculty and administration, in resolving common student problems, in achieving common student purposes within the University, do hereby establish this Constitution for the Marquette University Law School Student Bar Association.

Article I – Name
The name of this organization shall be the Student Bar Association, hereinafter referred to as the SBA. The name of the group elected as representatives by the student body shall be the SBA Representative Body. The name of the group elected as officers by the student body shall be the SBA Executive Board, hereinafter referred to as the Executive Board. Collectively, the Executive Board and the SBA Representative Body shall comprise the SBA Governing Body.

Article II – Membership

Section 1
The membership of the SBA shall include all full-time and part-time law students of Marquette University Law School.

Section 2
Non-discrimination clause. Consistent with all applicable Federal and State laws and University policies, this organization and its subordinate bodies and officers shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, veteran’s status, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability in its selection of members.

Article III – The SBA Governing Body

Section 1
The SBA Governing Body shall govern the SBA in order to:

(1) Act as the primary student voice of Marquette University Law School to the administration, faculty, staff and University;
(2) Provide an effective medium for the expression of students’ views;
(3) Maintain an effective liaison between students, the administration, and faculty;
(4) Support student organizations; and
(5) Sponsor and maintain such services and activities as may be deemed beneficial to the Law School community and specifically to the students.
Section 2

In addition to any authority granted elsewhere in this Constitution, the SBA Governing Body shall have the following authority and responsibilities:

(1) To establish policies for, and have the supervision over all affairs, properties, and activities of the SBA as outlined in the Constitution and SBA budgets;
(2) To regulate student activity within the confines of the Law School facility by working with administration, faculty and student organizations to facilitate activities and minimize over programming or under programming;
(3) To pass such legislation as may be required to execute its duty to the student body;
(4) To express its opinion on matters of general or specific concern to the student body in the form of a resolution, and such resolution will be the representative expression of the Law School student body as a whole;
(5) To pass such administrative rule as may be required to execute the duties and responsibilities of the SBA Governing Body as established by this Constitution or Marquette University Law School;
(6) To approve an annual budget;
(7) To conduct referenda if approved by a majority of the SBA Governing Body, or upon the petition of at least twenty percent (20%) of the student body;
(8) To take necessary action to ensure elected or appointed officials represent the SBA and carry out the official policies that it has established;
(9) To impeach any SBA Governing Body member pursuant to Article XIV;
(10) To convene a general meeting of the SBA Governing Body pursuant to Article XI;
(11) To convene Special Meetings to consider new or old business pursuant to Article VIII, Sections 1 and 2;
(12) To make known in advance to the student body all General and Special Meetings and conduct such meetings in public;
(13) To maintain SBA services and equipment not provided by the Law School; and
(14) To annually review and approve of this Constitution.

Section 3

The officers on the Executive Board of the SBA Governing Body shall be the SBA President, SBA Vice-President, SBA Treasurer, SBA Secretary, and SBA Public Relations Director.

Section 4

There shall be one (1) elected ABA Representative. There shall be four (4) elected Class Representatives for each corresponding law school class (First-Year, Second-Year, and Third-Year). There shall also be at least one (1) Part-Time Representative appointed, subject to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 2.

Section 5: Advisor

The SBA Governing Body shall have the ability to choose a Faculty Advisor for assistance each
year. A majority vote will choose the Advisor. If the SBA Governing Body chooses not to have an Advisor, a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote will be necessary. The vote shall take place at the first meeting after the fall elections for the First-Year Representatives.

Article IV – Qualifications for Governing Position

Section 1

To be eligible for office, a student must be in good standing, as defined by the Marquette University Law School Handbook, subject to the provisions of Article VII. Members of the SBA Governing Body shall be in good standing. Officers on the Executive Board shall also meet a Grade Point Average (GPA) minimum of 2.0 before they can be elected.

Section 2

No SBA Governing Body officer shall hold an Executive Board position and a Representative position simultaneously. Each class, except for the Part-Time class, shall always have four (4) representatives in the SBA Governing Body, irrespective of the class make-up of the Executive Board.

Article V – Officers of the SBA

Section 1

The officers of the SBA shall be the SBA President, SBA Vice-President, SBA Treasurer, SBA Secretary, and SBA Public Relations Director. These positions are elected separately from the representative positions each spring. The duties of each officer are listed below in Article VIII.

Section 2

No SBA President shall simultaneously serve as president of any other student organization at Marquette University Law School.

Article VI – Election Responsibilities

Section 1

The authority of the SBA elections is hereby vested in the SBA Election Rules, determined according to Section 4 of this Article. The creation of, and any changes in, the SBA Election Rules is subject to a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the SBA Governing Body. The Elections Committee shall be charged with the responsibilities of the implementation of the SBA Election Rules for all SBA elections and student referenda.
Section 2

There shall be an Election Coordinator appointed by the SBA President for every year. The Election Coordinator can be any member of the SBA Governing Body, provided that individual is not running for office in the upcoming election. The SBA President has this appointment power, provided that the SBA President is not a candidate for office in the upcoming election. In the event that the SBA President is a candidate in the upcoming election, the next highest-ranking member of the Executive Board (the hierarchy being in the order of SBA President, SBA Vice-President, SBA Treasurer, SBA Secretary, SBA Public Relations Director) who is not a candidate for office shall appoint the Election Coordinator. If all the members of the Executive Board are candidates for office, the Election Coordinator shall be selected by a majority of the Third-Year Representatives. The appointment of the Election Coordinator shall always be made with the advice and consent of the Executive Board.

Section 3

The Election Coordinator shall appoint an Election Committee to administer specific elections in accordance with the established Election Rules. No member of the Election Committee may be a candidate for the election they are supervising. The Election Committee shall disseminate information to students about the positions being elected, and this information shall be available to the student body one (1) week before petitions or nominations are due. Multiple Election Committees may exist at any point in time, provided each committee is supervising different elections (i.e., An Election Committee can be established to monitor the election of class representatives, while at the same time another Committee may be established to monitor exclusively the Senior Speaker election).

Section 4: SBA Election Rules

The Election Coordinator shall create and/or approve of a written list of SBA Election Rules within one (1) week of being appointed, subject to Section 1 of this Article.

Section 5

The Election Coordinator shall submit a request to the Dean of Academic Affairs or other administrator capable of providing said information for a complete list of the names of current students eligible to vote in the particular election being held. The Election Coordinator must receive this list at least two (2) days before the election is to occur. The Election Coordinator must assure that only those students who will attain or hold the status of a given law class year (e.g., 1L, 2L, 3L), at the beginning of the semester immediately following the particular election, are eligible to vote for that particular law class year, and that no errand or ineligible votes were cast. The foregoing eligibility requirements apply to both full-time and part-time students. In any event, all students may only vote for one particular law class year of SBA representative.
Section 6

The SBA President, SBA Vice-President, SBA Treasurer, SBA Secretary, SBA Public Relations Director, and ABA Representative shall be elected annually in a spring election. The Second-Year Class Representatives and Third-Year Class Representatives shall be elected annually in a spring election following the election of the Executive Board and the ABA Representative. First-Year Class Representatives shall be elected annually in the fall election.

Section 7

The election for the recipient of the Ghiardi Faculty Teaching Award and the election of the Senior Speaker will also be organized and administered by an SBA Election Committee each spring semester. The winners of these elections are to be announced at the spring event referred to in Article VII, Section 5.

Article VII – Election Requirements

Section 1

In order for the name of any person to be placed on the ballot for one (1) of the Executive Officer positions or the ABA Representative position, the individual running for the office must submit to the Election Coordinator: (1) a personal statement, explaining why he or she desires to be a member of the SBA Governing Body, (2) a petition with fifty (50) nominating signatures of the SBA members who will be eligible to vote in the upcoming election, and (3) a letter of good standing from the Administration. In order for the name of any person to be placed on the ballot for any Class Representative position, the individual running must submit to the Election Coordinator: (1) a personal statement, explaining why he or she desires to be a member of the SBA Governing Body, (2) a petition with twenty-five (25) nominating signatures of the SBA members who will be eligible to vote in the upcoming election, and (3) a letter of good standing from the Administration.

Section 2

If less than four (4) candidates from any class in their respective Class Representative position, shall be elected, then the SBA President shall, with two-thirds (2/3) approval of the SBA Governing Body, fill any vacant seat with the students from such class. This Section does not apply to the Part-Time Class Representative position.

Section 3

Candidates running for any Executive Board position must receive at least forty percent (40%) of the total votes cast for that office, if the office is contested. If, in contested elections, no candidate for an Executive Board position receives more than forty percent (40%) of the total votes cast for that office, the leading two (2) candidates shall face each other in a run-off election to be held no less than one (1) day and no more than seven (7) school days after the original elections.
Section 4

The Election Committee shall certify the qualifications of candidates for any elected position through the Letter of Good Standing, as defined in Article IV, subject to a right of appeal to the Executive Board. A simple majority of the Executive Board shall affirm or reverse the Election Committee’s decision. The determination of the Executive Board is final. If the candidate whose qualifications are in question is a member of the Executive Board, a simple majority of the remaining Executive Board members shall affirm or reverse the Election Committee’s decision.

Section 5

All SBA elections, except for the election of the representatives for the entering class, shall be held no later than the end of the first full week of school days in April, on a day or days assigned by the Election Committee. Nominations shall not be due nor elections held, on Passover and/or Good Friday. The winners of the Executive Board election shall be announced at a spring event following the elections. Officials elected in the spring election shall take office the Monday after the spring event and shall serve for one (1) calendar year.

The election of First-Year class representatives shall be held no later than September 20. If the Election Committee determines that it is not feasible to hold elections at that time, then elections will be held at the earliest possible date. First-Year class representatives shall take office the day after the election and serve until the spring event.

Article VIII – Duties and Powers of the Executive Board

Section 1

The Executive Board shall:

1. Be the executive arm of the SBA Governing Body;
2. Consist of the following members:
   a. The SBA President;
   b. The SBA Vice-President;
   c. The SBA Treasurer;
   d. The SBA Secretary; and
   e. The SBA Public Relations Director;
3. Meet no less than twice monthly, irrespective of any Special Meetings called by the SBA President pursuant to Section 2 of this Article.
4. Have the authority to call Special Meetings of the SBA Governing Body and/or the SBA Executive Board without the consent of the SBA President, but only after an affirmative vote of three (3) Officers;
5. Upon successful passage of any legislation, resolution, or administrative rule duly passed by the SBA Governing Body pursuant to the provisions in Article XI, have the authority to reconsider such legislation, resolution, or administrative rule upon petition to the Executive Board by any member of the Executive Board. The petition must be made within one (1) week of the date of the passage of the legislation, resolution, or administrative rule. The Executive Board must reconsider the passed legislation, resolution, or administrative rule within one (1) week of the petition. A simple
majority of the Executive Board shall either repeal or affirm the prior decision. If the Executive Board repeals the legislation, resolution, or administrative rule, the issue may be put on the agenda for the next SBA Governing Body meeting. Passage of the repealed legislation, resolution, or administrative rule requires an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the SBA Governing Body;

(6) Upon the rejection of any SBA Governing Body member’s reimbursement request by the SBA Treasurer as pursuant to Section 3 of this Article, the Executive Board has the power to reconsider the request. The member who originally submitted the request may only petition the Executive Board for reconsideration within one (1) week of the rejection. The Executive Board will then reconsider the rejection within one (1) week of the petition, at a Special Meeting, if necessary. A simple majority of the Executive Board will either reject or approve the reimbursement request. The determination of the Executive Board is final. If the appealed reimbursement request is approved by the Executive Board, the SBA Treasurer must submit the request to the Financial Representative of Marquette University Law School;

(7) Have the power to approve or deny additional responsibilities bestowed upon any Executive Board member by the SBA President;

(8) Have the power to reprimand any member of the SBA Governing Body for failure to fulfill his or her duties;

(9) Have the power to, but is not required to, remove from office any member of the SBA Governing Body after that member has been successfully impeached by the SBA Governing Body, pursuant to Article XIV;

(10) Approve a Letter of Impeachment as written pursuant to Section 2 of this Article, upon the impeachment of any member of the SBA Governing Body. If the Executive Board does not approve of the Letter of Impeachment, the Executive Board shall make suggestions to the drafter and shall consider subsequent revisions of the Letter of Impeachment until approved; and

(11) Approve a Letter of Dismissal as written pursuant to Section 2 of this Article, upon the removal from office of any member of the SBA Governing Body. If the Executive Board does not approve of the Letter of Dismissal, the Executive Board shall make suggestions to the drafter and shall consider subsequent revisions of the Letter of Dismissal until approved.

Section 2
The SBA President shall:

(1) Be the chief executive officer of the entire SBA, with the responsibility for the administration and coordination of the operations and policies of the SBA Governing Body, and for the enforcement of the Marquette Law School SBA Constitution;

(2) Be the official representative leader of the SBA, both inside and outside of the Marquette University Law School community;

(3) Be responsible for the prompt and orderly execution of all resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and/or the SBA Governing Body;

(4) Preside over all duly constituted meetings of the Executive Board;

(5) Appoint, with approval by the SBA Governing Body, signified by an affirmative majority vote, committee chairs for both standing and ad hoc internal committees of the SBA Governing Body;
(6) Appoint, with approval by the SBA Governing Body, signified by an affirmative majority vote, members of faculty committees;

(7) Appoint, with approval by the SBA Governing Body, signified by an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, between one (1) and four (4) Part-Time Representatives;

(8) Determine the time and place of all regular meetings of the Executive Board and/or SBA Governing Body, but is not limited to the number of meetings required in Article XI;

(9) Have the authority to call Special Meetings of the Executive Board and/or the SBA Governing Body, provided notice of three (3) days is given to members of the respective group;

(10) Decide questions and resolve problems, in the form of Executive Orders, in the event of an extreme emergency, without the immediate approval of the SBA Governing Body, but with full SBA authority behind the decision. This executive prerogative is contingent upon the SBA President calling a meeting of the SBA Governing Body within one (1) week of its having been invoked, in order for the SBA Governing Body to either pass or repeal the decision by the required majority;

(11) Have a working knowledge of Robert’s Rules of Order;

(12) Be an ex-officio member of all SBA Committees;

(13) Have the authority to fill vacancies in any officer position, with the advice and consent of the SBA Governing Body, subject to the provisions in Article XIV;

(14) Report to the Executive Board and the SBA Governing Body all activities relating to the office;

(15) Attend the ABA Annual Meeting;

(16) Meet with the Dean of Marquette University Law School no less than twice per semester;

(17) Write a Letter of Impeachment, subject to the provisions of Article XIV, Section 6, addressed to any member of the SBA Governing Body after that member has been duly impeached. If the SBA President has been impeached, the SBA Vice-President shall write the Letter of Impeachment;

(18) Write a Letter of Dismissal, subject to the provisions of Article XII, Section 7, addressed to any member of the SBA Governing Body after that member has been duly removed from office. If the SBA President has been removed from office, the SBA Vice-President shall write the Letter of Dismissal;

(19) Give a welcoming address to the incoming first-year students at orientation;

(20) Organize a booth for representation at the Inter-Organizational Fair held during orientation for incoming first-year students; and

(21) Be present at all duly constituted meetings of the Executive Board and the SBA Governing Body.

Section 3
The SBA Vice-President shall:

(1) Preside over all duly constituted meetings of the SBA Governing Body;

(2) Be the communicative voice among the Marquette University Law School organizations, and shall act as the liaison between the SBA and all other aforementioned organizations; the Vice President shall have the authority to represent
the SBA in any Inter-Organizational meetings held and may further appoint an SBA elected representative to act as the SBA’s representative in any such meetings;

(3) Immediately assume the duties and responsibilities of the SBA President in the event there is a permanent or temporary vacancy in that office;

(4) Attend Law Alumni Association Board Meetings. In the case that the Vice-President cannot attend a Law Alumni Association Board Meeting, the Vice-President shall appoint another member of the SBA Governing Body to attend in his or her stead;

(5) Attend Marquette University Law School Faculty Meetings. In the case that the Vice-President cannot attend a Marquette University Law School Faculty Meeting, the Vice-President shall appoint another member of the SBA Governing Body to attend in his or her stead;

(6) Oversee the fall elections for First-Year Representatives, and form an ad hoc election committee if necessary;

(7) Report to the Executive Board all activities relating to the office;

(8) Be responsible for duties as assigned by the SBA President, but only upon the consent of the Executive Board; and

(9) Be present at all duly constituted meetings of the Executive Board and the SBA Governing Body.

Section 4
The SBA Treasurer shall:

(1) Be the chief fiscal officer of the SBA;

(2) Coordinate aspects of the budgeting and expenditure processes with the Financial Representative of Marquette University Law School;

(3) Assist in preparation for any external audits of the SBA;

(4) Have the sole power to submit expenses to the Financial Representative at Marquette University Law School. This includes the authority to accept or reject reimbursement requests from SBA Governing Body members for use of SBA funds, subject to the provisions in Section 1 of this Article;

(5) Supply each SBA Governing Body member with a written list of guidelines on how SBA funds can be spent and the circumstances under which reimbursement requests may be rejected, by September 20;

(6) Report to the Executive Board all activities relating to the office;

(7) Be responsible for duties as assigned by the SBA President, but only upon the consent of the Executive Board; and

(8) Be present at all duly constituted meetings of the Executive Board and the SBA Governing Body.

(9) Meet once per semester with the Financial Representative of the Law School to discuss the SBA budget and upcoming programs.

Section 5
The SBA Secretary shall:

(1) Be in charge of keeping all records except those relating to fiscal matters under the purview of the SBA Treasurer;

(2) Publicize the Constitution to the SBA by disseminating it to all students by September 1 of each year;
(3) Be responsible for publishing and/or obtaining a Directory of the SBA Governing Body;
(4) Be responsible for publishing and/or obtaining a Directory of the SBA. The SBA Secretary will chair the committee, if any, in charge of publishing the Directory of the SBA;
(5) Keep accurate and complete minutes of all SBA meetings, subject to the provisions in Article XI;
(6) Present minutes of the previous meeting to the SBA Governing Body for verification at every meeting. The procedure for the presentation of minutes for verification shall be determined by September 20 each year;
(7) Issue, publish, and post in a conspicuous place accurate and complete minutes of the SBA Governing Body meetings. This includes submitting the accurate and complete minutes to the SBA Public Relations Director for publication on the SBA Webpage;
(8) Submit a record of all SBA business throughout the course of the year, including votes, minutes, legislation, resolutions, administrative rules, and Executive Orders to the SBA Public Relations Director for publication on the SBA Webpage;
(9) Report to the Executive Board all activities relating to the office;
(10) Be responsible for duties as assigned by the SBA President, but only upon the consent of the Executive Board; and
(11) Be present at all duly constituted meetings of the Executive Board and the SBA Governing Body.

Section 6
The SBA Public Relations Director shall:
(1) Publicize all SBA events, both inside the law school and outside, including the time and place of regular meetings of the SBA Governing Body. This duty includes maintaining the SBA bulletin board in the student lounge;
(2) Be the SBA Webmaster, which shall include:
   a. Meeting with the Marquette University Law School Webmaster to get webmastering privileges for the SBA;
   b. Posting events, SBA activity, and current information by updating the SBA Webpage, in accordance with, but not limited to, Section 5, provisions 7 and 8, herein;
   c. Communicating with the Marquette Law School Webmaster; and
   d. Maintaining the aesthetics of the SBA webpage;
(3) Be the SBA Newspaper Liaison, which shall include communicating with the Golden Leage editor-in-chief, attending Golden Leage meetings, and writing a monthly newspaper article or any other Law School Newspaper that may begin publication.
(4) Be the primary contact person for all communication relating to SBA activities with parties outside of Marquette University Law School;
(5) Chair a Public Relations Committee, if any, and administer the operations of the Committee pursuant to Article X;
(6) Report to the Executive Board all activities relating to the office;
(7) Be responsible for duties as assigned by the SBA President, but only upon the consent of the Executive Board; and
(8) Be present at all duly constituted meetings of the Executive Board and the SBA Governing Body.

Article IX – Duties and Powers of the SBA Representative Body

The current issue of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall apply in all parliamentary instances not otherwise provided in this Constitution or its corresponding By-Laws.

Section 1

The SBA Representative Body shall consist of the following members:

(1) The ABA Representative;
(2) Four (4) Third-year Representatives;
(3) Four (4) Second-year Representatives;
(4) Four (4) First-year Representatives; and
(5) Two (2) Part-time Representative(s)

Section 2

The ABA Representative shall:

(1) Serve as the chief ABA liaison to the Marquette Law School SBA;
(2) Allocate ABA Representative funds to projects that benefit the SBA;
(3) Report to the SBA Governing Body all activities relating to the position;
(4) Immediately after appointment to the position, register with the ABA as the Marquette University Law School ABA Representative for the following school year;
(5) Be responsible for increasing membership in the ABA at Marquette University Law School;
(6) Disseminate information to the SBA concerning ABA activities and programs;
(7) Attend the ABA Annual Meeting;
(8) Be responsible for all other duties as outlined by the ABA’s Role and Responsibilities of the ABA School Representative. This list of duties can be found at http://www.abanet.org/lsd/membership/reps/role.html; and
(9) Be responsible for duties as assigned by the SBA President, with the advice and consent of the SBA Governing Body.

Section 3

The SBA Governing Body Class Representatives shall:

(1) Be the voice of their respective class in the SBA Governing Body;
(2) Serve on any committees as assigned by the SBA President, with the consent of the SBA Governing Body; and
(3) Serve as chair to any committee as assigned by the SBA President, with the consent of the SBA Governing Body.
Article X – Standing and Special Committees

Section 1

Standing and special committees shall be established as deemed necessary by the Executive Board of the SBA. The members and chairperson of such committees shall be appointed by the SBA President. The SBA President and the SBA Governing Body shall determine the duties and responsibilities of each committee.

Section 2

The SBA President shall appoint a Constitutional Committee every year. This Committee shall review this Constitution and provide suggestions for revision to the SBA Governing Body. Any changes to this Constitution shall only be made pursuant to Article XV.

Article XI – Meetings

Section 1

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, unless otherwise provided in this Constitution.

Section 2

Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held at least twice monthly during the fall and spring semesters, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2. The SBA President may call additional meetings of the Executive Board if deemed necessary, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2. All meetings shall require at least three (3) class days’ written notice by the SBA President.

Section 3

Regular meetings of the SBA shall be held at least twice monthly during the fall and spring semesters, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2. The SBA President may call additional meetings if deemed necessary, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2.

Section 4: Special Meetings

Upon adequate notice, the SBA President may call a special meeting at a time and place he or she shall designate, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2. Special meetings may also be called upon written notice signed by a majority of the members of the Executive Board upon adequate notice, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1.

Section 5

Quorum for all of the aforementioned meetings shall be defined as greater than fifty percent (50%) of the SBA Governing Body. If the quorum is not met, no meeting may be held.
Section 6
All elected SBA Governing Body members, and those appointed pursuant to Article XII, shall have voting power. At the beginning of each year, the Executive Board and the appointed Part-Time Class Representatives shall determine whether each Part-Time Class Representative shall have full voting power of the SBA Governing Body, subject to the same attendance requirements and responsibilities as the full-time student members of the SBA Governing Body, or whether the Part-Time Class Representative shall work as a liaison to the Part-Time Class opinion, not subject to the same attendance requirements and not allowed any voting power in the SBA Governing Body.

Article XII – Vacancies

Section 1
In the event of vacancy in the office of the SBA President, the SBA Vice-President shall immediately become the SBA President.

Section 2
In the event of vacancy in the office of the SBA Vice-President, the SBA President shall appoint a successor, subject to approval by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the SBA Governing Body.

Section 3
In the event of vacancy in the office of the SBA Treasurer, the SBA President shall appoint a successor, subject to approval by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the SBA Governing Body.

Section 4
In the event of vacancy in the office of the SBA Secretary, the SBA President shall appoint a successor, subject to approval by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the SBA Governing Body.

Section 5
In the event of vacancy in the office of the SBA Public Relations Director, the SBA President shall appoint a successor, subject to approval by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the SBA Governing Body.

Section 6
In the event of vacancy in the office of any Class Representative, including Part-Time Representative, students at-large shall be notified of the vacancy and given one (1) week to inform the SBA President of their interest in the position. If only one (1) person informs the SBA President of his/her interest in the position, that person shall immediately fill the vacancy.
If more than one (1) person informs the SBA President of his/her interest, a simple-majority vote of the SBA Governing Body shall determine who immediately fills the vacancy.

Section 7

In the event of vacancy of any position not previously mentioned in this article, the SBA President shall appoint a successor, subject to approval by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the SBA Governing Body.

Section 8

In the event of vacancy in any position after the election of officers and before the spring election of Representatives, the provisions of this Article shall apply subject to this Section. The SBA Governing Body shall be comprised of the newly-elected Executive Board and the sitting SBA Representative Body. If any sitting member has been elected to the Executive Board, his or her relinquished position shall not be considered vacant, and that relinquished position’s vote shall not be considered.

Section 9

In the event of vacancy in any position after the spring elections and before the fall election of First-Year Representatives, the provisions of this Article shall apply subject to this Section. The SBA Governing Body shall be comprised of the newly-elected Executive Board, ABA Representative, Second-Year Representatives, and Third-Year Representatives, and the sitting First-Year Representatives. If any sitting First-Year Representative has been elected to another position, his or her relinquished position shall not be considered vacant, and that relinquished position’s vote shall not be considered.

XIII – Absences

Section 1: Tabling Events and Adhering to Various Duties

Class Representatives may miss two (2) Executive Board required events (including tabling to sell tickets, etc.) or representative duties per semester. Every absence after the first two (2) missed Executive Board required events or representative duties will count as one (1) missed meeting.

Section 2: Meetings

Class Representatives may miss three (3) meetings a semester. An absence will be counted if a Class Representative is more than ten (10) minutes late to a meeting. A Class Representative that will be absent from a meeting shall notify the SBA President twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting that he or she will not be in attendance. If more than three (3) meetings are missed by that Class Representative for unexcusable reasons, the Class Representative shall be subject to the provisions in Article XIV, Section 1.
Section 3: Executive Officer Requirements

Executive Officers shall be present for all meetings. Allowances shall be made for excused absences. Excused absences will be approved by no less than two (2) Executive Officers.

Article XIV – Impeachment and Removal from Office

Section 1: Impeachment

Any member of the SBA Governing Body may be subject to Impeachment Proceedings for malfeasance, nonfeasance, or misfeasance in office. Impeachment Proceedings shall be conducted upon application of at least six (6) voting members of the SBA Governing Body. Written notice specifying charges against the member shall be given to all members of the SBA Governing Body by the SBA President. If the SBA President is being impeached, then the written notice specifying charges shall be given to all members of the SBA Governing Body by the SBA Vice-President. At such Impeachment Proceedings, the member shall have the right to face the accusing applicants and offer defense to the charges against him or her. The member being impeached is not required to attend the Impeachment Proceedings and/or defend himself or herself. A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the SBA Governing Body shall be necessary to impeach any member of the SBA Governing Body.

Section 2: Removal

Upon impeachment, the SBA President shall call a Special Removal Meeting of the Executive Board within five (5) class days or one (1) week of the impeachment, whichever is sooner. If the SBA President has been duly impeached, then the SBA Vice-President shall call the Special Removal Meeting of the Executive Board within five (5) class days or one (1) week of the impeachment, whichever is sooner. The impeached member of the SBA Governing Body shall be invited to attend the Special Removal Meeting and defend himself. An impeached member is not required to attend the Special Removal Meeting and/or defend himself or herself. Removal from office requires an affirmative vote of four (4) of the five (5) Executive Board members. If an Executive Board member has been impeached, removal from office requires an affirmative vote of the other four (4) members of the Executive Board.

Section 3: Appeals from Impeachment

No right to appeal any impeachment shall exist.

Section 4: Removal Appeals Proceedings

Upon removal from office, the removed member of the SBA Governing Body may appeal to the SBA Governing Body for reconsideration of the Executive Board’s determination of removal. The removed member must submit a written "Petition for Reconsideration of Removal" to the SBA President to appeal the Executive Board’s decision, subject to the provisions of Section 5 of this Article. If the SBA President has been removed, then the written "Petition for Reconsideration of Removal" shall be submitted to the SBA Vice-President. The SBA President
(or SBA Vice-President in the case of the SBA President’s removal) shall submit the Petition to each member of the SBA Governing Body before the Removal Appeals Proceedings. The removed member shall have an opportunity to state the reason for the appeals at that Special Meeting, but is not required to. Reversal of the Executive Board’s decision to remove that member requires an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the SBA Governing Body. The Removal Appeals Proceedings shall be the final decision on any removal from office. There shall be no appeal from Removal Appeals Proceedings.

Section 5: Appeals Deadline

A removed member shall have five (5) class days or two (2) weeks from the Executive Board’s removal decision, whichever is sooner, to submit his written "Petition for Reconsideration of Removal." The Removal Appeals Proceedings shall occur within five (5) class days or one (1) week of the submission of the "Petition for Reconsideration of Removal," whichever is sooner. If there is no SBA Governing Body meeting scheduled within those five (5) class days or one (1) week, a Special Meeting of the SBA Governing Body shall be called for the Removal Appeals Proceedings.

Section 6: Letter of Impeachment

A Letter of Impeachment shall be drafted pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2, and approved by the Executive Board, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1, subject to the provisions in this section. The Letter of Impeachment shall list the charges and reasons for impeachment. This Letter shall be delivered to the impeached member and to the Dean of Marquette University Law School, along with any grievance submitted pursuant to Section 8 of this Article, for possible insertion into the student’s Academic Record. This Letter shall not be written until after a Special Removal Meeting of the Executive Board has been held, pursuant to Section 2 of this Article, and Removal Appeals Proceedings, if any, have been completed by the SBA Governing Body, pursuant to Section 4 of this Article. This Letter shall not be written if a member of the SBA Governing body is ultimately removed from office.

Section 7: Letter of Dismissal

A Letter of Dismissal shall be drafted pursuant to Article VII, Section 2, and approved by the Executive Board, pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, subject to the provisions in this section. This Letter shall be delivered to the removed member and to the Dean of Marquette University Law School, along with any grievance submitted pursuant to Section 8 of this Article, for possible insertion into the student’s Academic Record. This Letter shall not be written until after the member has been removed by the Executive Board, pursuant to Section 2 of this Article, and Removal Appeals Proceedings have been completed by the SBA Governing Body, pursuant to Section 4 of this Article. If no appeal is made by the removed member, the Letter shall be written any time after the expiration of the Appeals Deadline. The submission of this Letter to the removed student and to the Dean of Marquette University Law School shall revoke a previously submitted Letter of Impeachment as a result of the same impeachment and removal proceedings.
Section 8: Grievances

Upon impeachment or ultimate removal from office, the aggrieved member of the SBA Governing Body may submit a written grievance to the Executive Board, defending the charges made against him or her. The grievance must be submitted within five (5) class days or one (1) week of the date of impeachment or ultimate removal from office, whichever is sooner. This grievance shall be attached to any Letter of Impeachment or Letter of Dismissal submitted to the Dean of Marquette University Law School.

Section 9: Effect of Impeachment or Removal on Qualifications for Governing Positions

Notwithstanding any provision in Article IV, Impeachment or Removal shall not disqualify any SBA member from running for an SBA Governing Body position.

Article XV – Amendment of the SBA Constitution

Section 1

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the SBA Governing Body. The amendment shall become effective after consultation with the SBA Advisor, if any. The Constitution shall be voted on and approved by the SBA Governing Body every year by April 1. Approval of the Constitution requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the SBA Governing Body.