

# CONSTITUTION OF THE CORPORATE AND SECURITIES LITIGATION GROUP

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## **ARTICLE I. Name of Organization.**

The name of this organization is the “Corporate and Securities Litigation Group,” also referred to as “CSLG.”

## **ARTICLE II. Purpose Statement.**

The purpose of CSLG is to encourage the development of advocacy skills and mastery of corporate, securities, trademark, and business law among the students of the University of Florida Levin College of Law. To that end, CSLG shall prepare students to compete in interscholastic appellate competitions and participate in other activities that promote CSLG’s purpose.

## **ARTICLE III. Compliance Statement.**

Upon approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement, CSLG shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. CSLG shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws, as well as all University of Florida regulations, policies, and procedures. Such compliance includes but is not limited to the University’s regulations related to Non-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment (including sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking), Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

## **ARTICLE IV. University Regulations.**

Section A. Non-Discrimination. CSLG agrees that it will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information, and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act.

Section B. Sexual Harassment. CSLG agrees that it will not engage in any activity that is unwelcome conduct of sexual nature that creates a hostile environment.

Section C. Hazing. CSLG agrees that it will not initiate, support, or encourage any events or situations that recklessly, by design, or intentionally endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student for any purpose including but not limited to initiation or admission into or affiliation with any student group or organization.

Section D. Responsibility to Report. If this organization becomes aware of any such conduct described in this article, CSLG will report it immediately to Student Activities and Involvement, the Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, or the University’s Title IX Coordinator.

## **ARTICLE V. Membership.**

Membership in this organization is open to all enrolled students at the University of Florida. Non-enrolled students, spouses, faculty, and staff may be associate members; however, they may not vote or hold office. All members and associate members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

## **ARTICLE VI. Officers.**

All CSLG Officers are elected, unless there is a vacancy between elections in which case the vacancy may be temporarily filled by appointment. All CSLG Officers are elected to one-year terms by the procedure specified in Article VII of this Constitution. Upon the suggestion of any member, the membership may vote to impeach any Officer. Impeachment requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of the membership. In case of impeachment, resignation, or other unexpected vacancy of an Officer position, the President may nominate and appoint a member of CSLG to fill the position until the next election only if a majority vote of the Officers is taken, which vote affirms the appointment. The CSLG Officer positions and responsibilities are as follows—

### President:

Acts as chief executive officer of the Board; oversees all operations of the Board; presides over and conducts Board meetings; keeps all Officers accountable for their duties; maintains good relationships with the law school administration and student body; develops long-range plans and policies for CSLG; proposes any changes with the counsel of the Board for a vote by CSLG membership; ensures judges are present for benching sessions.

### Treasurer:

Develops an overall budget for the Board; attends Board meetings; administers financial matters of the Board; attends Student Government training session during the fall semester; keeps financial records; assists other Officers with financial matters; works with the Law College Council and Student Government to secure funding; coordinates fundraising activities.

### Secretary:

Keeps minutes for all Board meetings; maintains a list of CSLG members and their contact information; maintains an accurate calendar of CSLG competitions, benching sessions, due dates, and other activities; maintains the TWEN page; submits congratulatory messages and announcements in the UF Law newsletters.

### Vice President of the Corporate Law Committee:

Responsible for all aspects of the Ruby R. Vale Moot Court Competition; registers the group; attends all Board meetings; works with Treasurer to secure funding for the competition; works with Secretary and President to schedule benching sessions; helps Secretary to maintain a calendar of Ruby Vale related dates; oversees all operations of the Corporate Law Committee; presides over and conducts Corporate Law Committee meetings; keeps all members of the Corporate Law Committee accountable for their duties.

### Vice President of the Securities Law Committee:

Responsible for all aspects of the Kaufman Memorial Moot Court Competition; registers the group; attends all Board meetings; works with Treasurer to secure funding for the competition; works with Secretary and President to schedule benching sessions; helps Secretary to maintain a calendar of Kaufman related dates; oversees all operations of the Securities Law Committee; presides over and conducts Securities Law Committee meetings; keeps all members of the Securities Law Committee accountable for their duties.

### Vice President of the Trademark Law Committee:

Responsible for all aspects of the Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition; registers the group; attends all Board meetings; works with Treasurer to secure funding for the competition; works with Secretary and President to schedule benching sessions; helps Secretary to maintain a calendar of Lefkowitz related dates; oversees all operations of the Trademark Law Committee;

presides over and conducts Trademark Law Committee meetings; keeps all members of the Trademark Law Committee accountable for their duties.

Vice President of the Intramural Competition Committee:

Responsible for all aspects of the CSLG intramural competition, which doubles as the tryout for the next year's CSLG team; oversees all operations of the Intramural Competition Committee; host an information session at least two weeks in advance of the beginning of the tryout period; oversees the writing of the record; oversees the development of the tryout rules within the scope of the Constitution and bylaws; develops a fair scoring procedure; advertises the intramural competition; communicates with the Secretary to keep the master calendar up to date with any events related to the intramural competition.

**ARTICLE VII. Voting and Elections.**

Any CSLG member is eligible to hold one Officer position and to vote on CSLG matters. For a vote to be effective, there must be a quorum, which is one half of the members. Election of Officers shall take place during the last CSLG meeting of the academic year, in April or May. Members may nominate any second-year member for any Officer Position on the last CSLG meeting of the academic year. The President shall then take votes for each Officer position by a show of hands or electronic ballot. The President shall not vote in elections except to break a tie. The member with the most votes for each Officer position shall serve in that Officer position the following year. If there are two few second-year members to fill the Officer positions, the President may hold additional elections. Except for amendments to this Constitution and at the discretion of the President, voting may be by proxy or electronically for elections and other matters.

**ARTICLE VIII. Faculty Advisor.**

The faculty advisor shall be nominated by the Officers and confirmed by a majority vote of the members. The faculty advisor shall serve a term of (5) academic years. In the even that a faculty advisor is unable to continue in their position, officers may nominate a replacement at any time, to be confirmed by a majority vote of the members. The faculty advisor shall represent CSLG among the other faculty of the University of Florida Levin College of Law and serve as a counselor to CSLG. The faculty advisor shall not vote.

**ARTICLE IX. Finances.**

CSLG attempts to fund its activities without membership dues. However, in the event that CSLG does not obtain enough funds to pay for the travel and competition expenses, each member must cover the shortfall in funding for their own trip. CSLG will never charge dues of more than \$500 per member. If CSLG does charge dues, it will collect the dues in November or December of each year.

**ARTICLE X. Dissolution of Organization.**

In the event this organization dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts have been paid, shall be donated to the Law College Council at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. By a 2/3 affirmative vote, the members may dissolve CSLG.

**ARTICLE XI. Policies and Practice.**

CSLG members are expected to attend practice sessions for their own competitions as well as for other members' competitions. The Officers may adopt practice requirements and other policies to accomplish CSLG's purpose.

## **Article XII. Selection of Members.**

The Vice President the Intramural Competition Committee shall organize and intramural moot court competition, which will serve as the tryout for membership on CSLG. The Officers shall score the Intramural Competition briefs and oral arguments according to criteria established in advance by the Vice President of the Intramural Competition Committee and the President. The student competitors must comply with the rules of the competition as established by the Vice President of the Intramural Competition Committee and the President. The Board shall invite the highest scoring student competitors in the Intramural Competition to join CSLG. The President shall decide how many student competitors will be invited to join CSLG.

## **ARTICLE XIII. Amendment.**

This Constitution may be amended only by an absolute majority vote of CSLG members, in other words, this Constitution may be amended only by an affirmative vote of more than fifty percent of the members. Unless the President elects to vote on amendments electronically, the amendment must be proposed during a CSLG meeting in which at least a majority of the CSLG members are in attendance.