

**CONSTITUTION**  
**J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY,**  
**GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY CHAPTER**

**PREAMBLE**

Recognizing the strength brought to law by a lawyer's personal religious convictions, the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, in concert with the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, strives through public service and professional excellence to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law.

**ARTICLE I - COMPOSITION OF ORGANIZATION**

**Section 1 - Officers**

The officers of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society ("Society") shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and other officers the Society deems necessary, duly elected in accordance with the requirements set forth in this constitution.

**Section 2 - Elections**

Candidates for office shall be continuing students of The George Washington University Law School who have completed at least one year of law school, who espouse the purposes of the Society as stated in the Preamble of this constitution, and who abide by the Society's standards. Candidates shall make known to the Society their intention of running for office prior to the day of election. Officers shall be elected by a majority of votes cast by members of the Society. Elections of new officers shall be held every April on a day that the Society's officers determine to be the most convenient for Society members.

**Section 3 - Terms of Office**

Each officer shall serve for a term of one year commencing with the end of Spring Semester. Any member may serve for as many terms as they remain qualified to run for office.

**Section 4 - Committees**

Society committees shall be created as the officers deem necessary.

**Section 5 - Definition of Membership**

Membership in the Society is open to all students enrolled at The George Washington University Law School regardless of race, color, ability, creed, sex, national origin, marital status, religion, or sexual orientation, who espouse the purposes of the Society as stated in the Preamble of this constitution and abide by the Society's standards.

## **ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **Section 1 - Officers**

The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings and activities of the Society, determine the format for each meeting, organize activities including guest speakers, and further the purposes of the Society. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to assist the President including the performance of any delegated duties, to conduct meetings as directed by the President, and to further the purposes of the Society in conjunction with the President. The Society officers shall set forth as necessary the duties of other officers as bylaws to this constitution.

### **Section 2 - Committees**

The duties and responsibilities of any committee the Society establishes shall be determined and set forth by the officers as a bylaw to this constitution.

## **ARTICLE III - REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

### **Section 1 - Processes for removal of officers**

Officer shall be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of Society members.

### **Section 2 - Terms for filling of vacant offices**

In the event an office becomes vacant before the date of election, said office shall be filled by a qualified candidate elected by a majority of votes cast by Society members at a special election called by the Society members.

## **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS**

The Society President shall preside at all meetings and shall determine the process for conducting the meetings. The President or a Society officer shall conduct each meeting as the President directs.

## **ARTICLE V - TERMS FOR AMENDMENTS**

Any amendment made to this constitution or to any Society bylaws shall be proposed to the Society members by the President and approved by a two-thirds vote of Society members. Other bylaws shall be proposed and approved in similar fashion as necessary. All changes of constitutions and bylaws are contingent upon approval by the Student Bar Association.

## **ARTICLE VI - UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE**

This constitution shall be construed in compliance with the provisions and spirit of the University Policy on Equal Opportunity, the University Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities, and the Student Bar Association Constitution and Bylaws.