

American Constitution Society of The University of Dayton School of Law

Constitution

Article I

This organization shall be known as “The American Constitution Society of Dayton University School of Law,” and is a chapter of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy.

Article II

The American Constitution Society (ACS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization. It is a national organization of members encompassing law students, active lawyers and judges, policymakers, and activists. The ACS promotes a progressive understanding of American law and politics and seeks to protect and ensure the basic fundamental privileges guaranteed to the public in the American Constitution.

The ACS strives to obtain equal access to justice for every American citizen and advocates for the enforcement of human dignity, individual rights, and equality under the American law. Throughout the country, dedicated members of this Society are enforcing the ideals of the ACS by:

- Promoting a progressive view and understanding of the American Constitution, state and local laws and public policy. This view is supported and relayed to the public through numerous speaking events, conventions, media relations, publications and social projects.
- Educating law students, lawyers, policymakers and the general public of the legitimacy and importance of the ACS’ vision and interpretation of law.

- Strengthening the support and intellectual integrity of progressive law reform and ideology.
- Building a national network of diverse and active members that play pivotal roles in debates and political discussions throughout America in order to advocate for the current and future importance of progressive ideals and reform.

The University of Dayton School of Law chapter shall commit to serving and engaging in activities that are consistent with the ACS' national mission and policies. The University of Dayton School of Law chapter will be committed to upholding the Constitution through an interpretation that focuses around basic human rights and values, decency and respect, and concern for the less fortunate. The University of Dayton School of Law shall use the ACS' network and progressive interpretation of American law as a vehicle for achieving these goals.

Article III

Membership shall be open to all University of Dayton School of Law students, faculty and staff. Members will not be required to, nor deterred from, belonging to other organizations throughout the University of Dayton School of Law community.

Article IV

The officers of the University of Dayton School of Law chapter shall be current members of the American Constitution Society. Meetings will take place periodically to

determine the direction and focus of the chapter as well as focus on the national direction of the ACS. The officer positions of the shall be as follows:

Faculty Advisor: The Faculty Advisor shall serve as a resource for ACS members, facilitate the acquisition of speakers, and serve as a liaison between the local chapter and the advisors of other American Constitution Society chapters.

President: The President shall call chapter meetings, coordinate the operations and direction of the ACS, and serve as the liaison between the chapter and the University of Dayton School of Law administration.

Vice-President: The Vice-President shall call chapter meetings in the President's absence and coordinates the activities of the Chairs.

Secretary: The Secretary shall compile and maintain the minutes of chapter meetings and the records of the organization, keep a current list of members, update the ACS national calendar with chapter events, and be responsible for notifying members of meetings.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall maintain the financial accounts and records of the ACS, set forth the ACS' budget, submit the ACS' financial reports to the Student Bar Association according to SBA guidelines.

Membership Chair: The Membership Chair shall organize membership drives as needed to recruit new members and assign them to committees.

Programming Chair: The Programming Chair shall lead the Program Committee, which shall plan and organize the chapter events.

Social Media and Publicity Chair: The Social Media and Publicity Chair shall lead the Social Media and Publicity Committee, which shall be responsible for advertising ACS events, membership drives, and membership meetings.

Historian: The Historian shall take records of the chapter events and meetings in order to ensure the continuance of the chapter. The Historian will track member information and participant information.

Liaison to Lawyer Chapter: The Liaison shall serve as the primary contact and connection to the ACS local lawyer chapter, coordinating with the lawyer chapter to cosponsor and organize local events.

Liaison to Student Chapters: The Liaison shall coordinate with other ACS student chapters in the geographical vicinity to cosponsor events and organize networking events and socials.

Career Development Chair: The Career Development Chair will work with alumni, the career service's department and others to help advance the careers of the current ACS student members.

Class Representatives shall be appointed to be responsible for outreach and providing information to their respective class about the chapter.

Article V

Officers shall be appointed by a majority vote in January of every year. Each officer shall serve a term of one year or the equivalent of three semesters.

Article VI

Officers may be removed for good cause by unanimous vote of the remaining members of the Executive Board (Faculty Advisor, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer).

Article VII

Amendments to this Constitution and by-laws shall be adopted by majority vote of the Executive Board. However, no amendment shall be adopted without the affirmative vote of both the President and Faculty Advisor.

Article VIII

This organization shall be governed by this Constitution, its by-laws, and the rules and regulations of The University of Dayton School of Law.