

***Constitution of the Environmental Law Society at the
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law***

Abbreviations

ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources – SEER

Community Research Committee – CRC

Environmental Law Society – ELS

Tulane Environmental and Energy Law Society – EELS

Tulane Environmental Law & Policy Summit – TELS

Article I – GENERAL

Section 1: The official name of this organization shall be the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Environmental Law Society (ELS).

Section 2: The organization shall be an affiliate of the American Bar Association’s Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources’ (SEER) Environmental Law Society Network (ELSN).

Section 3: The student group shall operate as a non-profit organization.

Article II – PURPOSE

Section 1: The purposes of the Environmental Law Society are:

- A. To promote awareness of environmental concerns, issues, and problems within the legal community.
- B. To bridge the communication and information gaps between the scientific and political/legal communities.
- C. To enhance the law school experience for students interested in environmental issues confronting Louisiana, the United States, and the world.
- D. To welcome and embrace members of all races, cultures, ages, sexes, genders, sexual preferences, religions, philosophies, physical or mental abilities, medical conditions, and family status in all aspects of organization.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership is open to all in the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law community who agree with the statement of purpose in Article II.

Section 2: Voting membership is open to all students, faculty and staff at the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.

Section 3: ELS welcomes and embraces members of all races, cultures, ages, sexes, genders, sexual preferences, religions, philosophies, physical or mental abilities, medical conditions, and family status.

Section 4: Membership is open to all students without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, creed, marital status, public assistance status, sexual orientation, gender identity, social class, political beliefs, immigration status, or any other identity or status.

Article IV – OFFICERS

Section 1: The management and Government of this Organization shall vest in the entire membership, except for those duties and obligations specifically delegated to the Officers or Committees as provided in this Constitution. Business necessary to the maintenance for the Organization shall be performed between regular or special meetings by the Executive Board or individual officers.

Section 2: The officers of this Organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Chair, Community Research Committee (CRC) Chair, , and the Tulane Environmental Law & Policy Summit (TELS) Advisor.

Section 3: All officers must be currently enrolled students at Loyola University College of Law. Officers should also be in good standing with the University and free of any sanctions defined within the Student Code of Conduct administered by the Office of Student Affairs.

Section 4: Officers shall be selected during the first month and the last month of the academic year and shall serve for a period of one year, terminating with the election of new officers. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the voting members.

Section 5: At least one officer position shall be reserved for a 1L student representative.

Article V – DUTIES

Section 1: The duties of the President shall consist of the following:

- A. To call and preside at meetings,
- B. To set agendas for meetings,
- C. To participate in Committees and meet regularly with Committee Chairpersons,
- D. To seek out and facilitate research, speakers, and other projects that will further the objectives of the Organization,

- E. To track and maintain a kitchen cleaning schedule,
- F. To ensure that such projects are carried out in a professional and timely manner and in accordance with Law School rules.
- G. Anything else to carry out the purpose and goals of ELS.

Section 2: The duties of the Vice President shall consist of the following:

- A. To perform all the duties of the President if the President is unavailable,
- B. To assist the President in his/her duties,
- C. Work with the President to create a monthly newsletter for ELS membership to be sent via email,
- D. To carry out kitchen cleaning duties when scheduled,
- E. Anything else to carry out the purpose and goals of ELS.

Section 3: The duties of the Secretary shall consist of the following:

- A. To record and maintain the minutes of all regular and special meetings,
- B. To keep and maintain an updated contact list for all current ELS members,
- C. To carry out kitchen cleaning duties when scheduled,
- D. Anything else to carry out the purpose and goals of ELS.

Section 4: The duties of the Treasurer shall consist of the following:

- A. To prepare a budget proposal for Organization events for the approval of the Executive Board,
- B. To keep financial records and disburse funds,
- C. To carry out kitchen cleaning duties when scheduled,
- D. Anything else to carry out the purpose and goals of ELS.

Section 5: The duties of the Communications Chair shall consist of the following:

- A. To assist in facilitating research, communicating with speakers, and promoting other projects that will further the objectives of the Organization,
- B. To promote events via chat threads, emails, and socials.
- C. Act as a liaison between ELS and Loyola Law's Student Bar Association in facilitating SBA communications and requests to ELS and vice versa.
- D. To carry out kitchen cleaning duties when scheduled,
- E. Anything else to carry out the purpose and goals of ELS.

Section 6: The duties of the Community Research Committee Chair shall consist of the following:

- A. Identifying partner organizations in the community,
- B. Communicating with partner organization to identify and carry out a legal research or policy advocacy project in partnership with Loyola ELS CRC,

- C. Hosting CRC workshops to carry out the goals of the identified project
- D. To carry out kitchen cleaning duties as scheduled,
- E. Anything else to carry out the purpose and goals of ELS.

Section 7: The duties of the Tulane Environmental Law & Policy Summit Advisor shall consist of the following

- A. Act as a liaison between this Organization and the Tulane Environment and Energy Law Society (EELS) in their organizing of the annual TELS;
- B. Identify the Tulane law student who is the Executive Director of TELS for the school year and establish a relationship and offer assistance as the Loyola Advisor;
- C. Communicate with ELS Membership TELS registration, important dates, volunteer opportunities, fundraising initiatives, calls for speakers, etc., related to the organization of TELS;
- D. Communicate effectively with EELS TELS executive committee and attend meetings as needed;
- E. Anything else to carry out the purpose and goals of ELS and TELS.

Section 8: The duties of the 1L Representative(s) shall consist of the following:

- A. Learn about ELS administrative, educational, and legal goals as a student organization at Loyola University,
- B. Help out with ELS events and attend ELS meetings when possible.

Article VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Executive Committee, also known as the Executive Board, shall consist of all elected officers with the President as its Chairperson.

Section 2: Permanent and temporary committees shall be established by a majority vote of the members of the organization or the President.

Section 3: The Community Research Committee shall be chaired by the Community Research Committee Chair and is a permanent subcommittee of the executive board.

Article VII – MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular meetings of the organization shall be held at least once each semester at a time to be determined by the officers of the organization.

Section 2: A consensus among members present will provide the parliamentary authority governing any one particular meeting, with all members consenting to make decisions in accordance with the purposes and values stated in Article II.

Article VII – FINANCIAL MATTERS

Section 1: The student organization shall not provide monetary gain, incidentally or otherwise to its officers or membership.

Article IX – BY-LAWS

Section 1: By-Laws may be proposed by the membership and may be adopted by a majority vote of those voting members present at a general body meeting.

Article X: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution can be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a majority of the voting members present. Written notification will be provided to all members prior to voting on the proposed amendment, which may be accomplished by group email.

Date Constitution ratified: March 1, 2026

Officer: President - Rebecca Keller

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Officer Vice President- Analise Morrow

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Officer Secretary - Graysen Cox

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Officer: Treasurer - Hailey Griffin

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Officer: Communications Chair - Zach Dowling

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Officer: Community Research Committee Chair - Mindy Miller

Signature: _____ Date: _____