

FIU LAW REVIEW
CONSTITUTION
EFFECTIVE JUNE 2022





I. PREAMBLE

- A. The FIU Law Review is an organization composed of FIU College of Law students.
- B. The purposes of the Law Review are:
 - 1. To publish journals of legal scholarship.
 - 2. To provide a forum for the analysis of important legal and policy issues.
 - 3. To promote the educational purposes of the FIU College of law by strengthening Members' legal research, writing, analysis, and leadership skills.
- C. The provisions of this Constitution may be supplemented by Bylaws.

II. ORGANIZATION

A. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

The Law Review is composed of and run by selected students at the FIU College of Law. The Law Review will provide equal opportunity for membership on Law Review while imposing such limitations as are required to retain the academic integrity of the Law Review. There are four types of Membership: Staff Members, Senior Staff Members, Articles/Comments Editors, and Executive Editorial Board Members.

1. STAFF MEMBERS

Staff Members are second, third, and fourth-year law students. Staff Members will be assigned various tasks related to the production of the Law Review.

2. SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS

Senior Staff Members are third and fourth-year law students. Senior Staff Members receive editing assignments and perform the same function as a regular staff member, and are expected to generate original content for FIU Law Review's social media platforms.

3. ARTICLES EDITORS

The Articles Editors are members who have served as a Staff Member for one academic year. Articles/Comments Editors are responsible for evaluating and editing all articles submitted and/or accepted for publication, and for supervising and coordinating the timely production and editing of student Comments.

4. EXECUTIVE EDITORIAL BOARD

The Executive Editorial Board (EEB) consists of Members with at least one academic year of experience as a Staff Member.



B. LAW REVIEW FACULTY ADVISOR & ADMINISTRATOR

The Law Review Faculty Advisor and Law Review Faculty Administrator (LRFA) are faculty members appointed by the Dean. The LRFA provides appropriate guidance for the effective management of the Law Review, supervises the Staff Member writing assignment, and awards academic credit for participation on law review, among other functions.

C. STUDENT COMMENT FACULTY ADVISOR

Removed for 2022-2023.

III. WRITING REQUIREMENT

Removed for 2022-2023.

IV. ACADEMIC CREDIT

- A. Each Member of the Law Review will receive graded academic credit for service as a Member on the Law Review.
- B. The maximum credit allowed for service on the Law Review will be in accordance with the FIU College of Law's Academic Policies and Regulations.
- C. Upon resignation of membership to the Law Review, a "withdrawal" will be placed on the Member's transcript (if the Member was enrolled to receive academic credit for participation) and the FIU Law Review will not appear on the Staff Member's resume for that period covered by the withdrawal.

V. PUBLICATIONS

- A. The goal of the Law Review is to publish at least four issues per academic year. The issues may be symposium-based (live or paper) or other special topics, and may include Student Comments.
- B. Selection of topics for symposium issues will be through a process determined by the Dean.

VI. EDITING PHILOSOPHY

The Law Review places a premium on maintaining the author's voice and the strength of the author's argument throughout the editorial process and therefore employs a light-edit philosophy. Our edits strive to improve readability and ensure accuracy and stylistic consistency, not to co-opt the article from its author. This light edit approach also helps ensure the article is published as quickly as possible, while the rigorous multi-level editing process provides citation accuracy.



VII. SANCTIONING MEMBERS

- A. Members must not permit employment activities or other co-curricular activities (including other student groups, such as the Student Bar Association or the Board of Advocates) to adversely affect or otherwise interfere with their ability to complete their required duties in an efficient, effective, and timely manner.
- B. Leave of Absence. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the ability of a Member to take a leave of absence. The LRFA will approve any requests for leaves of absence.
- C. Sanctions may be imposed for good cause. Good cause includes, but is not limited to, failure to fulfill responsibilities on the Law Review, unethical or dishonest conduct, or other conduct that adversely affects the Law Review.
- D. Sanctions include, but are not limited to, oral or written admonition or reprimand, demotion from position of responsibility to Staff Member, probation, suspension, or dismissal. The decision by the LRFA to not award academic credit for participation in Law Review as described above is not a sanction within the meaning of this section.
- E. The EIC may impose sanctions that do not include suspension or dismissal. These sanctions may be appealed to the LRFA.
- F. The EIC will refer cases that may merit suspension or dismissal to the LRFA. The LRFA's decision on these cases is final.
- G. Any Member may be removed if the Member is placed on Academic Probation or if sanctioned for misconduct by the FIU College of Law administration under the same procedures as those used to suspend or dismiss a Member.

VIII. PROCEDURE

The EEB will comply with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. In exigent circumstances, the EIC may independently decide an issue within the EEB's power, respectively, subject to the later ratification or veto of such decision by the EEB.

IX. AMENDMENTS

The policies established in this Constitution are binding on the Law Review and may be amended only by a vote of two-thirds of the members of a committee appointed by the Dean to revise the Constitution. The EIC may recommend amendments to the LRFA.