Preamble:
The Military Law Society, herein referred to as “MLS,” seeks to provide students who have an interest in military and veterans law with an opportunity to become involved in and acquire a greater knowledge of the issues in these fields. MLS aims to sponsor numerous student activities, both intra-school and inter-school, through academic and recreational opportunities. Our goal is to connect students with Judge Advocates and civilian practitioners in order to foster long lasting, professional relationships.

Article I: Purpose
Section 1: The purpose of MLS shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
   a. Afford our members the opportunity for further education in the fields of military and veterans’ law.
   b. Advocate for interests of our veterans, active servicemembers, and military connected students.
   c. Promote civic values and selfless service through meaningful engagements within the university and local community.

Article II: Organization
Section 1: Members
   a. All students of the Western New England University School of Law, hereinafter referred to as the “Law School,” who are eligible candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree, shall be regular members of the MLS. Such regular members of the MLS, hereinafter referred to as the “Members,” are entitled and encouraged to attend any and all general meetings of MLS.
   b. Western New England University is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in education and employment. No student at Western New England University School of Law shall be denied Membership to the MLS, the equal opportunity to hold office, or the right to participate in any MLS-sponsored activity on the basis of sex, race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, genetics, or disability.

Section 2: Executive Board
a. The Executive Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Community Liaison. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Community Liaison have been appointed on a first come first-served basis of those who directly inquired. They are to be elected by the Members after the end of the first academic year of receiving funding.

Article III: Powers
Section 1: Powers of Members
a. The Members shall have the power to elect the Executive Board.
b. The Members shall have the powers of initiative, recall, and referendum reserved to them; the effect of any legislation passed pursuant to this provision shall have the same weight as similar legislation passed.
c. The Members maintain the power to directly propose and initiate legislation in the nature of Bylaws, rules, and amendments. An initiative petition containing the full text of the proposal and signatures of not less than six (6) members shall be submitted to the MLS Secretary for a special election, for consideration by all the Members. A simple majority of the Members shall be necessary to effectuate such proposal.
d. The Members maintain the power to directly remove from office any Executive Board Officer at any time upon the showing of good cause, pursuant to this section. A recall petition, containing the Executive Board Member’s reason for removal and signatures of not less than six (6) Members, shall be submitted to the MLS Secretary; in the event they wish to remove the Secretary, it shall be submitted to the President. Following the submission of the petition, the Executive Board shall make reasonable attempts to hold a closed meeting with the Representative or Officer, prior to an open hearing. This shall be necessary to effectuate such removal.
e. The Members shall each have equal representation in MLS. The President reserves the right to function as a tiebreaker in events where MLS reaches an impasse.

Section 2: Powers of the Executive Board
a. President:
   1. Shall serve as the official spokesperson for the MLS in accordance with the policy officially adopted;
   2. Shall be the primary representative to the administration of the Law School and the Board of Trustees;
   3. Shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Board;
   4. Shall, with advice and consent of the Executive Board and a majority of the Representatives, make any and all appointments to said MLS positions in accordance with rules, procedures, or Bylaws promulgated and accepted by a simple majority of the members for such purposes;
   5. Shall keep the members informed as to committee activities as requested or required;
   6. Shall perform all other duties specified elsewhere in this Constitution and its Bylaws; and
7. Shall share the power of signature with the Treasurer in all matters of finance; and
8. Shall be a voting member.

b. Vice President:
1. Shall act in the absence of the President and in case of a permanent absence of the President shall assume full responsibility of the office of the President;
2. Shall adopt any powers of the President abdicated by the President as necessary;
3. Serve as an alternative spokesperson for MLS;
4. Shall keep the members informed as to MLS activities as requested or required;
5. Directs constitutional updating and revisions;
6. Shall perform other duties specified elsewhere in this Constitution and its Bylaws; and
7. Shall be a voting member.

c. Secretary:
1. Shall maintain a written record of all official business conducted by MLS, including the minutes of all general meetings;
2. Shall have the responsibility for management of MLS supplies and equipment;
3. Shall maintain the MLS files and records of:
   a. Bylaws, policies, and regulations.
   b. Current members, their attendance, and past membership rolls.
4. Shall go over the agenda of each meeting with the President as needed;
5. Prepare a calendar of events;
6. Shall be a voting member.

d. Treasurer:
1. Shall have joint authority and responsibility with the President for the distribution and maintenance of the MLS treasury;
2. Shall spend no MLS funds without a simple majority vote of board;
3. Shall keep a record of all financial transactions.
4. Serve as the primary signatory on all financial accounts;
5. Prepare an annual budget;
6. Prepare all budget requests for funds; and
7. Shall be a voting member.

e. Community Liaison:
1. Shall have the primary authority and responsibility to plan events on campus and with local veteran service organizations;
2. Shall procure the necessary accessories, items, etc. to successfully run said events;
3. Submit specific plans in advance of scheduled meetings to all other Executive Board Members;
4. Coordinate accordingly with the Treasurer with financial needs; and
5. Shall be a voting member.
Article IV: Bylaws and Amendments

Section 1: The Executive Board may enact such Bylaws, as it deems necessary and proper to promote the purposes of the Constitution.

Section 2: Amendments and revisions to this constitution may be proposed by resolution through the mutual satisfaction of each Member through a two-thirds majority vote.

Section 3: The amendment or revision of this Constitution may be initiated by referendum on a petition signed by not less than twenty percent of the student body, at which time the President shall call to order a Constitutional Convention to review the included proposals.

a. A member may be removed from the association after excessive absences without excuse. More than three absences per semester are considered to be excessive. This is to ensure participation and dedication to being an active member.

b. Each member must be respectful of one another’s opinions.

c. Each member must participate in at least the majority of MLS’ events in order to maintain their membership status.

d. Each Voting Member must contribute in some form, at their own discretion, to the majority of MLS’ events in order to maintain Voting Member status.