



**AMENDED CONSTITUTION
OF THE
MCGEORGE BUSINESS AND TAX LAW SOCIETY**

Amendment

WE DECLARE, that this Amended Constitution, dated as of June_____, 2011, shall supersede any and all prior Constitutions of the society which were formerly in effect.

Preamble

The official purpose of the McGeorge Business & Tax Law Society is to promote business and tax law and community service, and to provide a venue for students to join with other students and professionals who share these interests.

Article One - Name

The official name of the society shall be the "McGeorge Business & Tax Law Society", hereinafter referred to as "MBTLS."

Article Two - Responsibilities

The responsibilities of MBTLS shall include: to promote the tax concentration, to encourage engagement in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA), to introduce business and tax law issues and other related matters to interested students, to provide a friendly atmosphere for discussing business and tax law, and to hold related social activities.

Article Three - Membership

Section 3.01 Scope of Membership

Membership in MBTLS shall be limited to current students or alumni of McGeorge School of Law. There is no requirement of enrollment in a tax-related or business course; however, current or prior enrollment in such courses is preferred. Membership by students enrolled in the Tax Law or Business Law Concentrations are highly encouraged.

Section 3.02 Honorary Members

Honorary members shall be recognized by a majority vote of the MTBLS membership.

Section 3.03 Membership Fees

Each member is encouraged to make a contribution of five dollars (\$5) annual fee to MBTLS, upon the commencement of membership.

Section 3.04 Waiver or Proration of Fees

The fee may be waived or pro-rated by a majority vote of the elected officers for the purpose of encouraging membership.

Article 4 – Qualifications

There are no additional qualifications to be eligible for membership in MBTLS, other than the requirements listed in Article 3.

Article 5 – Officers

Section 5.1 Positions and Terms

The four offices of the MBTLS are president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and VITA chair. Each office is held for a one-year term, with possibility of re-election without term limits.

Section 5.2 Vacancies

In the event an office remains vacant after the elections, the elected officers may appoint an eligible member to the position by a majority vote of the elected officers, and any duties left unattended shall be performed by the remaining officers.

Section 5.3 Requirements of Office

No office shall be subject to requirements other than the requirements specifically required within this Constitution.

Section 5.4 Office of the President

The responsibilities of the President are as follows:

- Planning of the general membership meetings and the officer planning meetings. This includes (1) securing a location to hold meetings; (2) preparing the location for the meeting; (3) inviting and securing any speakers or outside participation, as required;
- Working as a liaison between McGeorge School of Law, the Student Bar Association, other student organizations, and any community organizations;
- Acting as the head of MBTLS in all official duties;
- Performing a bi-monthly review of all MBTLS financial statements; and
- Performing any other duties as required for operating and preserving MBTLS.

The President shall attend at least 50% of the general membership meetings per semester, and at least 75% of the officer planning meetings. Failure to meet these requirements shall result in immediate impeachment proceedings, pursuant to Article 7, Section 2.

The President may resign from the position at any time. Recognition of his or her service prior to resignation shall be subject to a 2/3-majority vote by the remaining officers.

Section 5.5 Office of the Vice President

The responsibilities of the Vice President are assisting the president in all of the president's duties as requested by the president, and represent MBTLS, and in the absence of the president, represent MBTLS and perform all the president's duties.

The Vice President shall attend at least 50% of the general membership meetings per semester, and at least 75% of the officer planning meetings. Failure to meet these requirements shall result in immediate impeachment proceedings, pursuant to Article 7, Section 2.

The Vice President may resign from the position at any time. Recognition of his or her service prior to resignation shall be subject to a 2/3-majority vote by the remaining officers.

Section 5.6 Office of the Treasurer

The responsibilities of the Treasurer are as follows:

- Recording and accounting of all incoming and outgoing funds;
- Ensuring payment of all MBTLS expenses with MBTLS funds;
- Monthly disclosure of MBTLS financial statements to president and faculty advisor; and
- Maintaining all MBTLS financial statement to be made available upon request by an officer of the MBTLS.

The Treasurer shall attend at least 50% of the general membership meetings per semester, and at least 75% of the officer planning meetings. Failure to meet these requirements shall result in immediate impeachment proceedings, pursuant to Article 7, Section 2.

The Treasurer may resign from the position at any time. Recognition of his or her service prior to resignation shall be subject to a 2/3-majority vote by the remaining officers.

Section 5.7 Office of the Secretary

The responsibilities of the Secretary are as follows:

- Recording and reproducing meeting minutes;
- Presenting a record of meeting minutes to the general membership;
- Storing any MBTLS documents, including but not limited to, the Constitution, meeting minutes, financial sheets, bank statements, and charter documents, unless expressly excluded by a majority vote of the elected officers.

The form and content of the minutes shall be in accordance with the Secretary's discretion; or can be changed by unanimous vote of the other elected officers.

The Secretary shall take the required steps to re-charter MBTLS as required by McGeorge School of Law.

The Secretary shall attend at least 50% of the general membership meetings per semester, and at least 75% of the officer planning meetings. Failure to meet these requirements shall result in immediate impeachment proceedings, pursuant to Article 7, Section 2.

The Secretary may resign from the position at any time. Recognition of his or her service prior to resignation shall be subject to a 2/3-majority vote by the remaining officers.

Section 5.8 Office of the VITA Chair

The responsibilities of the VITA Chair are as follows:

- Advertise and promote MBTLS and all sponsored events;
- Work closely with the President and VITA officials; and
- Provide officers with up-to-date information on the current progress of VITA.

The VITA Chair shall attend at least 50% of the general membership meetings per semester, and at least 75% of the officer planning meetings. Failure to meet these requirements shall result in immediate impeachment proceedings, pursuant to Article 7, Section 2.

The VITA Chair may resign from the position at any time. Recognition of his or her service prior to resignation shall be subject to a 2/3-majority vote by the remaining officers.

Article 6 – Election of Officers

Section 6.1 Time of Elections

Elections for each office shall be held at the last general membership meeting of the school year, or at the first general membership meeting of the school year for officers not filled at the last general membership meeting.

Section 6.2 Office Eligibility

Individuals running for office must be a member of MBTLS in the year that the office is held. Candidates for an office must be available and willing to perform all the required duties of the office they are running for.

Section 6.3 Method of Elections

In order for an eligible person to be a candidate for office, they must be nominated by either themselves or by a MBTLS member.

Section 6.4 Contested and Recalled Elections

A member wishing to contest the election must present his or her argument to the elected officials. If the officers find that there is just cause for the election results to be recalled, they shall recall the contested election(s) void and the new election(s) shall be held during the first meeting of the next school year.

Article 7 – Removal of Officers

Section 7.1 Resignation

Resignation shall be made in writing and submitted to all elected MBTLS officers.

Section 7.2 Resignation of the President

In the event that the president resigns, the vice president shall automatically assume the position of president. The vacancy left open by the vice president shall be filled first by any remaining officer who wants to fill that position. If two officers want to fill the position, a special election among the general members will be held pursuant to Article 6, Section 3. If non of the remaining officers want to fill the position, a special election will be held to fill the vacancy pursuant to Article 6, Section 3.

Section 7.3 Resignation of the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or VITA Chair

In the event that the Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, or VITA Chair resigns, the vacancy will first be filled by on eof the remaining officers. If two officers want to fill the position, a special election among the general members will be held pursuant to Article 6, Section 3. If non of the remaining officers want to fill the position, a special election will be held to fill the vacancy pursuant to Article 6, Section 3.

Section 7.4 Impeachment

Any current MBTLS member or officer may initiate impeachment proceedings, in writing. Further action on the initiated proceedings is subject to unanimous approval of the other officers.

Section 7.5 Reasons for and Adjudication of Impeachment

Impeachment proceedings may be brought for the following reasons: (a) failure to meet the above duties of an office; and (b) disregard for the general welfare of MBTLS. Final adjudication shall be made by a unanimous vote of the current officers, excluding the officer in question. The service of an impeached officer will not be officially recognized.

Article 8 – Meetings

Section 8.1 General Membership Meetings

There shall be at least 2 general meeting per academic semester. The elected officers shall decide up the purpose and the content of the meeting at any time before the general membership meeting. All general membership meetings shall be open to the student body, professors, and administrators of the McGeorge School of Law. Officers may elect to call a meeting consisting of current members only.

Section 8.2 Officer Planning Meetings

The officers must meet at least twice per month.

Section 8.3 Postponement of Meetings

Officers may elect to postpone planning meetings by a unanimous vote.

Section 8.4 Time and Purpose

Meetings shall be held at least two weeks before the next general membership meeting. The purpose shall be for the planning and preparation of general meetings, MBTLS sponsored events, and any other administrative issues that may require attention.

Article 9 – Faculty Advisors

Section 9.1 Advisor Required

A faculty advisor from McGeorge School of Law is required in order for MBTLS to operate. The advisor must be a current professor of law teaching at McGeorge School of Law, and shall be appointed by the elected officers.

Section 9.2 Duties

The advisor shall have no official duties other than those stated above, however, he or she is encouraged to participate in MBTLS meetings, and provide assistance and advice as needed.

Article 10 – Amendments

Section 10.1 Process of Amendment

Any proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be presented to the elected officers for an up or down vote. Two-thirds of the officers must vote in favor of the amendment for it to pass.

Dated: June _____, 2011

Taylor Hanning, President

Christine Le, Vice President

Sandy Liu, Secretary

Jessica Phan, Treasurer

Mark Benson, VITA Chair