

CONSTITUTION OF THE SAINT THOMAS UNIVERSITY ELDER LAW SOCIETY

ARTICLE I

NAME

The organization shall be known as the Saint Thomas Elder Law Society (STUELS).

ARTICLE II

MISSION STATEMENT

Our purpose is to assist students who have an interest in Elder Law. Our goal is to establish and maintain Elder Law related opportunities for Saint Thomas University law students. We will work to explore and promote education, experience and employment in Elder Law.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all students properly enrolled in Saint Thomas University School of Law, interested faculty, members of the administration, and members of the Elder Law Community granted honorary membership status. All members must also apply to the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

The STUELS shall have the following officers serving as the Executive Committee of the organization: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The manner of election, length of the terms, qualifications and duties shall be as provided in the By-Laws of STUELS.

ARTICLE V

RECALL OF OFFICERS

Should it become necessary, an elected officer may be recalled by special referendum held for the purpose of voting on the matter. A negative vote of the majority of such members voting, in the manner provided in the By-Laws, shall constitute a recall of that officer and a vacancy shall be created

ARTICLE VI

FILLING VACANCIES

Whenever there is a vacancy in the office President, it shall be filled by the Vice-President. Should the Vice-President be unable to fill the position, a special election will be held. Should other executive positions become vacant, the remaining officers shall fill the position with a society member by special appointment.

ARTICLE VII
THE BUDGET

The STUELS has adopted guidelines that are both practical and aspirational in nature to help focus the attention an resources of the organization. These include, but are not limited to things that:

- (1) Maintain the STUELS as vehicle to promote Elder related interests and activities.
- (2) Promote functions in conjunction with other student organizations where commonality of purpose exists.
- (3) Establish and maintain a greater variety and number of Elder law courses at St. Thomas, or other approved setting.
- (4) Lobby for, and create, Elder Law Seminars, Forums, and Colloquiums designated to raise awareness and meet the needs of students interested in Elder Law.
- (5) Sponsor and Co-Sponsor events designated in furtherance of STUELS goals.
- (6) Ultimately create an Elder Law Center at St. Thomas
- (7) The STUELS reserves the right to modify these provisions to accommodate future needs.
- (8) Active participation in the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

This constitution shall be amended by submissions in writing and majority vote of the membership in attendance. Adoption shall be temporary for a two week period, during which time members are not in attendance at the previous vote shall be notified and given an opportunity to raise any concerns about the amendment. After the two week period has passed and any concerns have been addressed, the amendment shall become permanent.

ARTICLE IX
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution will be effective as of this date: 08/01/2014.