

**Harvard Law School
National Security & Law Association
CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the National Security and Law Association, which is referred to herein as “NSLA.”

Section 2. NSLA is nonpartisan, unaffiliated with any particular national security agenda, and welcomes people of all backgrounds and viewpoints.

Section 3. The purpose of NSLA is expressed in the following paragraph: NSLA’s objective is to promote discourse on national security at Harvard Law School. Accordingly, we create fora for engaging the intersection between legal questions and national security policies. To wit, we bring distinguished national security scholars and practitioners to campus for lectures and discussions, assist our members with career advice and networking opportunities, and provide academic resources to the Harvard Law School community.

ARTICLE II. Membership

Section 1. Membership in NSLA shall be open to all Harvard Law School students. Any student who is on the NSLA mailing list shall be considered a member of NSLA (“Member”).

Section 2. An Active Member is any NSLA Member who has attended at least three NSLA events in the current academic year.

Section 3. No individual shall be refused membership on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, disability, source of income, or status as a veteran.

ARTICLE III. The Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board of NSLA shall be composed of up to two Presidents, up to two Executive Vice Presidents, up to two Vice Presidents for Academics, up to two Vice Presidents for Careers, up to two Vice Presidents for Communications, and up to two Vice Presidents for Events. Responsibilities for each board member position are further defined in the NSLA Bylaws.

Section 2. NSLA’s Faculty Advisor shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Executive Board.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall function as the governing body of NSLA and shall be primarily responsible for the transaction of the business and functions of NSLA.

Section 4. The Executive Board shall have the ability to add non-voting, *ex officio* members to the Executive Board, according to procedures specified in the Bylaws. The rights and responsibilities of any *ex officio* members shall be decided by the Executive Board via majority vote.

ARTICLE IV. Selection of the Executive Board

Section 1. Any NSLA Active Member shall be eligible for election as an officer of NSLA.

Section 2. The term of the Executive Board shall last from May 1 of the year in which they are elected to April 30 of the subsequent year.

Section 3. Procedure for Election of Executive Board members will be conducted pursuant to the NSLA Bylaws.

ARTICLE V. Removal of Executive Board Members

Section 1. Removal procedures will be followed pursuant to the NSLA Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI. Amendments

Section 1. Any NSLA Active Member may propose amendments to this Constitution by submitting them to the President(s) of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Amendments to this Constitution must be approved by unanimous consent of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII. Ratification

This Constitution shall take effect after it receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the persons present at its Executive Board meeting of ratification.