

**CONSTITUTION FOR THE
ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
MOOT COURT BOARD**

Preamble

The Moot Court Board of the *St. Thomas University School of Law* is hereby created for the purposes of fostering excellence in written and oral advocacy and competition. The Moot Court Board provides equal access and equal opportunity without regard to race, color, national origin, age, political affiliations or opinions, religion, marital status, veteran status, handicap status, sexual orientation, or gender. This document shall serve as the Constitution of the *St. Thomas University School of Law* Moot Court Board and shall be enforced at all times.

Autonomy Statement

The Moot Court Board, International Moot Court Board, and the Trial Court Board shall remain separate entities. The Bylaws of the Moot Court Board are not binding upon the International Moot Court Board or the Trial Court Board.

Qualifications

All Members of the St. Thomas University Moot Court Board must be students in good academic standing at *St. Thomas University School of Law*. All Members shall be selected on the basis of outstanding written and oral advocacy, pursuant to the Bylaws of the Moot Court Board. Membership is contingent upon participation in activities as set out in this Constitution and the Bylaws of the Moot Court Board.

The conduct of all Members of the St. Thomas University Moot Court Board will, at all times, be in accordance with the highest standards of ethical conduct as promulgated by the St. Thomas University Honor Code. The conduct of all Members will be regulated by this Constitution and the Bylaws of the Moot Court Board.

Interpretation

This Constitution and the Bylaws of the Moot Court Board are never to be interpreted in any manner that puts them in conflict with any rule of *St. Thomas University School of Law*, or any law, state or federal. Should any provision of this Constitution or the Bylaws of the Moot Court Board be deemed invalid, the remaining provisions shall be given full force and effect.

Operation

The operation of the *St. Thomas University School of Law* Moot Court Board shall be in accordance with this Constitution and the Bylaws of the Moot Court Board.

Faculty Advisory Board

The *St. Thomas University School of Law* Moot Court Board shall, at all times, be under the general supervision of a faculty advisor from the *St. Thomas University School of Law*.

Amendment

An amendment to either the Constitution or the Bylaws of the Moot Court Board shall require the approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the Membership.

Notice

The Constitution and the Bylaws of the *St. Thomas University School of Law* Moot Court Board shall be kept on file at the St. Thomas University Law Library.

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW MOOT COURT BOARD BYLAWS

I. DEFINITIONS

- A. Members: all students that are selected in the First-Year Intramural Competition and the Second-Year/Third-Year Competition.
- B. Membership: all Members of the Moot Court Board.
- C. Moot Court Executive Board: the President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President(s) of Membership, Vice-President of Financial Affairs, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, and Vice-President of Alumni Relations.
- D. Officer: any Member of the Moot Court Executive Board.
- E. Quorum: 60% of the Membership. Once a Quorum is established at a meeting, it is present until the meeting is adjourned.
- F. Majority: 50% of the Membership plus one (1) more member.
- G. Legitimate: conforming to recognized principles or accepted rules or standards.
- H. Workshop: seminar emphasizing practical methods and training.

II. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Composition.
 - 1. All law students having successfully completed Appellate Advocacy and are in good academic standing shall be eligible for Membership on the Moot Court Board.

B. Selection.

1. Fall Tryout Competition

- a. The Moot Court Board shall sponsor an intramural competition for Second-Year and Third-Year students every Fall Semester, no later than September.
- b. The competition shall be coordinated by the Vice-President(s) of Membership.
- c. Informational Meeting.
 - 1) The Vice-President(s) of Membership shall hold an informational meeting for all interested Second-Year and Third-Year students. Notice of such meeting shall be given to all interested at least one (1) week in advance.
 - 2) The Vice-President(s) of Membership shall distribute release forms which entitle the Executive Board to determine Competitor's academic standing. Students on academic probation shall be precluded from participating in the Fall Intramural Competition.
 - 3) The Competitor release form shall not entitle any Member to determine a Competitor's specific grade(s) or grade point average.
 - 4) Information obtained from these procedures shall remain confidential and under the control of the Executive Board.
- d. The Vice-President(s) of Membership may post sign-up sheets and shall schedule pairings he/she deems necessary for competition rounds.
- e. Judging shall be conducted by Members. The Vice-President(s) of Membership shall conduct an informational meeting for judges and explain scoring procedures.
- f. Should the Moot Court Board use the problem of the Appellate Advocacy class immediately preceding the Fall Intramural Competition, the Vice-President(s) of Membership shall obtain available bench briefs from the Legal Writing Department for distribution to judges.

- g. Member attendance at the final round of the Fall Intramural Competition is strongly encouraged.
 - h. The Vice-President(s) of Membership shall provide the Executive Board a final report of Competitor performance at the end of the Intramural Competition. Scores shall be calculated by adding the average of a Competitor's oral argument scores and the average of a Competitor's written brief scores, the sum of which is to be divided by two (2).
 - i. Competitors who meet the qualifications set by the Executive Board shall be invited to join the Moot Court Board. The qualifications for Membership shall be determined by combining a qualifying score in a written brief and oral argument.
 - j. The Executive Board may, at its discretion, accept additional Competitors for Membership on the Moot Court Board, who otherwise would not have been chosen for Membership.
2. Spring Tryout Competition
- a. The Moot Court Board shall sponsor an intramural competition for Second-Year students every Spring semester, no later than February.
 - b. Deleted.
 - c. The competition shall be coordinated by the Vice-President(s) of Membership.
 - d. Informational Meeting.
 - 1) The Vice-President(s) of Membership shall hold an informational meeting for all interested Second-Year students. Notice of such meeting shall be given to all interested at least one (1) week in advance.
 - 2) The Vice-President(s) of Membership shall distribute release forms which entitle the Moot Court Board Executive Board to determine Competitor's academic standing. Students on academic probation shall be precluded from participating in the Spring Intramural Competition.

- 3) The Competitor release form shall not entitle any Member to determine a Competitor's specific grade(s) or grade point average.
 - 4) Information obtained from these procedures shall remain confidential and under the control of the Executive Board.
 - 5) Deleted.
- e. The Vice-President(s) of Membership may post sign-up sheets and shall schedule pairings he/she deems necessary for competition rounds.
 - f. Judging shall be conducted by Members. The Vice-President(s) of Membership shall conduct an informational meeting for judges and explain scoring procedures.
 - g. Competitors who meet the qualifications set by the Executive Board shall be invited to join the Moot Court Board. The qualifications for Membership shall be determined by combining a qualifying score in a written brief and oral.
 - h. The Executive Board may, at its discretion, accept additional Competitors for Membership on the Moot Court Board, who otherwise would not have been chosen for Membership.

C. Duties

1. General

- a. Membership is contingent upon participation to activities as set out in this Constitution and the Bylaws of the Moot Court Board.
- b. Members shall have the responsibility of informing themselves of meeting times and other functions by checking their mail and email.
- c. Members shall be required to attend all general meetings and sessions.
- d. Members are encouraged to promote the St. Thomas Moot Court Board by attending the Moot Court Board Banquet and other social functions.

- e. Membership duties include, but are not limited to, the following: serving as judges for both intramural competitions and appellate advocacy practices, competition preparation, fundraising, and attending general Membership meetings and sessions.
- f. Members are required to serve as a research assistant, competitor, or coach for a competition team before his/her graduation date. Failure to complete this duty will result in removal from the St. Thomas Moot Court Board.
- g. Failure to fully participate in the competition requirements as specified by the competition rules, Faculty Advisor, Student Coach, or competitor set deadlines may result in removal from the St. Thomas Moot Court Board.

2. Interscholastic Competitions

a. Competitors

- 1) Accepting a position in a competition means that a Competitor will read all competition rules carefully to ensure that they prepare the best possible presentations, whether written, oral or both.
- 2) All work must be accurate, thorough, and completed by the assigned time. Preliminary drafts of briefs must be completed by the date designated by the Student Coach, after consultation with the competing team.
- 3) All Competitors must meet with practice requirements imposed by their Student Coach. At a minimum, all Competitors should give four (4) practice arguments as appellants and four (4) practice arguments as appellees, or their respective equivalents for a total of eight (8) practice panels.

b. Student Coaches

- 1) Following the selection of interscholastic competitions as defined in Article III, Section E, Clause 2, the Moot Court Board Executive Board shall select Student Coaches.

- 2) Student Coaches together with the Faculty Advisor shall designate dates on which preliminary briefs must be completed by the Competitors, after consultation with the competing team.
- 3) Student Coaches should ensure that bench briefs are written for the competition. All bench briefs shall be blue-booked and proofread for grammatical errors in citations. All bench briefs shall be completed by the assigned time.
- 4) Student Coaches shall obtain the Competitors' schedules and plan practice rounds for their oral arguments.
- 5) Student Coaches shall ensure that judges are obtained for practice rounds once it is determined outside judges will be beneficial. All Members are expected to judge Interscholastic Competitors.
- 6) Student Coaches shall ensure that thank-you notes are written to all faculty and outside attorneys who judge Competitors.

3. Intramural Competitions

- a. Members may be required to assist with, but are not limited to, judging intramural competition rounds.
- b. All Members shall attend the meeting during which judging procedures will be explained for all competitions.
- c. All Members shall attend the final round of the First-Year Intramural Competition. Members that cannot attend must submit a legitimate reason to the Moot Court Board President.

D. Discipline

1. Any Moot Court Board Member whose conduct is not in accordance with any Constitutional provision, Bylaw or duly enacted Policy of the Moot Court Board, may be brought up for disciplinary action at the request of any Moot Court Board Member.

2. Members who violate the Membership duties and/or responsibilities as set out by the Executive Board and Constitution and Bylaws, shall be subject to an initial oral reprimand. The Executive Vice-President shall orally reprimand the Member and the Member shall sign a statement attesting that an oral reprimand was given.
3. Members who violate the Membership duties and/or responsibilities as set out by the Executive Board and the Constitution and Bylaws for a second time, shall be subject to a written reprimand. The Executive Vice-President shall specify the violation in writing and the Member shall sign the reprimand attesting that a written was given.
 - a. A Member may appeal a written reprimand by filing a request of appeal within ten (10) days of receipt of the reprimand. Once an appeal is filed, the Executive Board will meet with the Member in an informal process whereby the Member may present reasons for the violation. The Executive Board shall vote to either overturn or stay the written reprimand by majority vote. The decision of the Executive Board shall be final.
4. If a Moot Court Board Member has a third incident of a violation, the Member shall be brought up for disciplinary actions.
5. To initiate disciplinary proceedings, the individual Moot Court Board Member shall file a complaint with the Executive Vice-President. The complaint shall:
 - a. Allege with specificity, both the conduct of the accused Member that is the subject of the proceeding, and which Constitutional provision, Bylaw, or Policy has been violated;
 - b. Be copied by the Executive Vice-President and delivered to the accused within five (5) school days of the filing of the complaint.
6. After the complaint is filed, the Executive Vice-President shall set a disciplinary hearing within ten (10) school days of the filing of the complaint. The Executive Vice-President shall inform the accused, the complainant, and the Executive Board, and shall notify the faculty advisor.
7. All disciplinary hearings will proceed in the following manner:

- a. The disciplinary hearing shall be a closed proceeding.
- b. The Executive Vice-President shall call the hearing to order.
- c. The Faculty Advisor shall be present to ensure that the proceedings are fair and impartial.
- d. The Executive Vice-President shall preside over the proceedings and make procedural rulings not inconsistent with this section.
- e. Since the Executive Board is comprised of law students, the proceedings are not subject to any formal rules of evidence. No relevant evidence or testimony will be excluded.
- f. The complainant shall be allowed to present evidence and testimony to the Executive Board.
- g. After the complainant rests, the accused shall be given the opportunity to present evidence and testimony to the Executive Board.
- h. At the end of the accused's presentation, both sides shall be given an opportunity to present closing arguments not to exceed ten (10) minutes each.
- i. The Executive Board shall then deliberate and render a verbal decision within two (2) days of the hearing.
- j. The Executive Board will provide a written opinion to be available to all Members within seven (7) days of the hearing, which shall include the following:
 - 1) "Findings of Fact"; demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence which the Executive Board must find by a majority vote;
 - 2) "Conclusions of Law"; which shall be based upon the Constitution and Bylaws and the Executive Board must find by a majority vote.
 - 3) "Sanctions"; which the Executive Board must find by a majority vote.
- k. Sanctions

- 1) Sanctions for a first violation of the Membership duties set forth by the Executive Board, the Constitution and Bylaws shall be an oral reprimand.
 - 2) Sanctions for a second violation of the Membership duties set forth by the Executive Board, the Constitution and Bylaws, shall be a written reprimand.
 - 3) Sanctions for a third violation of the Membership duties set forth by the Executive Board, the Constitution, and Bylaws, shall be disciplinary action up to and including removal from Moot Court Board.
 - 4) If after a third violation, a Member is not removed from Moot Court Board, but continues to violate the provisions of the Bylaws, the Executive Board may, at its discretion, initiate disciplinary proceedings and sanctions shall be disciplinary action up to and including removal from Moot Court Board.
1. Upon rendition of the verdict, an aggrieved party may appeal the decision of the Executive Board. The appeal shall be made to a Quorum of the Moot Court Board and shall take place at the next scheduled general board meeting. The appeal must proceed as follows:
- 1) The Moot Court Board President shall preside.
 - 2) The appeal shall begin with a reading of the verdict of the Executive Board by the Executive Vice-President.
 - 3) Each party shall be allocated ten (10) minutes to argue.
 - 4) A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes will then be allocated for the Moot Court Board to ask questions of the parties. The President will recognize Moot Court Board Members for questions. Under no circumstances will argument or discussion be allowed during this question and answer period.
 - 5) Following the question and answer period, the parties shall leave the room.
 - 6) A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes will then be

allocated for discussion among Moot Court Board Members present. The President will recognize Members for purpose of discussion.

- 7) Moot Court Board Members will then vote on the appeal. The President, however, shall vote only in the event of a tie.
 - 8) To overturn the decision of the Executive Board, a majority of all Members present must vote in favor of reversal. Under no circumstances will any proxy votes be allowed or counted.
8. Any Member who violates Article II, Section C, Clause 1(f) shall be subject to removal from Moot Court Board at the discretion of the Executive Board.

III. EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. Composition

1. The Moot Court Board shall be governed by Constitution and Bylaws, which are to be enforced by the Executive Board.
2. The Executive Board shall consist of: President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President(s) of Membership, Vice-President of Financial Affairs, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, and Vice-President of Alumni Relations all of whom must be Members of the Moot Court Board.
3. The Executive Board shall consists of: President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President(s) of Membership, Vice-President of Financial Affairs, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, Vice-President of Alumni Affairs.

B. Eligibility

1. Members seeking Executive Board Positions must not be on academic probation.
2. Members seeking the office of President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President(s) of Membership, Vice-President of Financial Affairs, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, , and Vice-President of Alumni Relations must run for these positions in March of their second year of law school.
3. Members graduating in December shall be precluded from running

for the office of President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President(s) of Membership, Vice-President of Financial Affairs, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, and Vice-President of Alumni Relations.

C. Election Procedures

1. Letter of Intent

- a. Members seeking Executive Board positions must submit a letter of intent to the Moot Court Board President one (1) week prior to an election.
- b. Members submitting a letter of intent must specify the position(s) they are seeking and why they feel they are qualified to be an Executive Board officer. Failure to indicate a position will result in a disqualification for that position.
- c. The President shall display the letters in the Competitions Room, and the Members of the Moot Court Board shall read the letters of intent prior to an election.

2. Absentee Ballots

- a. Members that cannot attend an election must submit a legitimate reason to the Moot Court Board President.
- b. Upon determination that a Member's reason for non-attendance at an election is legitimate, the Moot Court President shall issue the Member an absentee ballot.
- c. Members permitted to vote by absentee ballot must submit their vote to the President one (1) day prior to an election.
- d. The absentee ballots will be prepared in advance with the names of the prospective candidates and the positions for which they are running. The ballots can be retrieved from the President or Executive Vice-President.
- e. The ballots must be turned in by the party signing it or, if submitted by some other individual, must be sealed in an envelope with the voter's signature across the seal.
- f. The President will then announce the number of absentee ballots prior to the commencement of the voting process.

3. Election Session

- a. The election for President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President(s) of Membership, Vice-President of Financial Affairs, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, and Vice-President of Alumni Relations, shall take place sometime in March.
- b. The election process requires the presence of a Quorum.
- c. Ballots shall be distributed to all Members present at the election.
- d. All candidates running for President shall be allowed four (4) minutes to deliver a speech.
- e. The Moot Court President shall allow two (2) Members to each ask one (1) question of the candidate running for President.
- f. All candidates running for Executive Vice-President and Vice-President(s) of Membership shall be allowed three (3) minutes to deliver a speech.
- g. All candidates running for Vice-President of Financial Affairs, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, and Vice-President of Alumni Relations shall be allowed two (2) minutes to deliver a speech.
- h. Candidates opposing each other shall leave the room while their opponents are delivering their speeches.
- i. Executive Board officers shall be elected by a Majority Vote.
- j. The President, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, and one (1) Member who is not an officer shall count all votes, and the President shall announce the winners,
- k. If a candidate receives a majority of votes cast, that candidate is declared elected. In the case of a tie, a “runoff election” will be held immediately. If a tie remains in effect after a runoff election, Members shall continue voting until a candidate receives a majority vote.

D. Term

1. The term of the President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President(s) of Membership, Vice-President of Financial Affairs, Vice-President of Internal Affairs, and Vice-President of Alumni Relations shall be one year, commencing in April and concluding in April of the following year.
2. Following the election in March, the Executive Board officers shall spend two (2) weeks training the newly-elected Executive Board officers.

E. General Duties

1. The Executive Board shall enforce all the provisions of the Constitution and the Bylaws of the Moot Court Board.
2. The Executive Board shall examine all interscholastic Moot Court Board competitions and select the competitions the Moot Court Board will participate in the following school year. The Executive Board shall consider:
 - a. The expense of the competition;
 - b. The Moot Court Board's previous success at the competition;
 - c. The interests of the Moot Court Board.
3. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the fair, timely, and efficient selection of teams for Moot Court Board competitions and for facilitating the preparation of the teams for their respective competitions. The Executive Board shall consider:
 - a. The Member's prior participation in an interscholastic competition. The Executive Board shall give the greatest consideration to this factor.
 - 1) Members that have not competed and have not been asked to compete in an interscholastic competition shall receive the most priority.
 - 2) Members that have been asked to compete and have refused will receive the least priority.
 - b. The Member's level of participation in Moot Court Board activities.
 - c. The Member's field of interest.

- d. The Member's team partner preference.
 - e. The Member's oral argument and brief scores in intramural competitions. The Executive Board shall give the least consideration to this factor.
- 4. The Executive Board shall select all Student Coaches after the final determination of interscholastic competitions for that year.
 - 5. The Executive Board shall be responsible for maintaining a cooperative working relationship with the law school staff and administration.

F. Specific Duties

- 1. The President's responsibilities include:
 - a. Calling and conducting all meetings held by the Executive Board and Moot Court Board.
 - b. Presiding over the appeal of a decision by the Executive Board.
 - c. Verifying that a Quorum is present at all meetings in which a vote is taken.
 - d. Voting in the event of a tie at any meetings. This responsibility shall not apply in an election session.
 - e. Representing the Moot Court Board at all Deans' Counsel meetings and Student Bar Association meetings.
 - f. Acting as a liaison to the faculty, administration, and community.
 - g. Assisting the Vice-President of Financial Affairs in completion of the Moot Court Board budget for the Director of Operations.
 - h. Delivering the budget to the Moot Court Board Faculty Advisor for approval. Upon approval, delivering the budget to the Director of Operations and the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs.
 - i. Answering all Moot Court Board mail.
 - j. Approving all written correspondence by Executive Board

Members.

2. The Executive Vice-President's responsibilities include:
 - a. Assuming the duties of the President in the event that the President is unable to serve;
 - b. Conducting a disciplinary hearing, as set forth in Article II, Section D, of these Bylaws. Should the Vice-President be the subject of disciplinary action, the Executive Board will appoint another Executive Board Member to assume the duties of Vice-President under this subsection.
 - c. Reading verdicts of the Disciplinary Committee at the general meeting, following their deliberations.
 - d. Overseeing all ad hoc committees.
 - e. Overseeing all Student Coaches and ensuring that they are carrying out their responsibilities as specified in Article II, Section C, Clause 2 (b).
3. The Vice-President(s) of Membership's responsibilities include:
 - a. Planning any intramural competition(s).
 - b. Organizing an orientation meeting with new Moot Court Board Members no later than the week after their selection.
 - c. Providing each new Member with a copy of the Moot Court Board Bylaws and Constitution.
 - d. Coordinating oral argument and brief writing workshops for Moot Court Board Members.
 - e. Arranging and facilitating tryouts during the Fall and Spring Semesters. This includes the tryouts arranged for students who take appellate advocacy in the Summer.
 - f. Determining the results of all students who tryout to become Members of the Moot Court Board.
4. The Vice-President of Financial Affairs' responsibilities include:
 - a. Assisting the President in the completion of the Moot Court Board budget for the Director of Operations.
 - b. Planning the Moot Court Board budget for the Student Bar

Association and submitting it to the Treasurer of the Student Bar Association.

- c. Overseeing the maintenance of the office and purchase of necessary supplies.
 - d. Keeping an accurate accounting of all expenditures of the Moot Court Board.
 - e. Organizing the Spring Banquet and purchasing and awarding Member honorary plaques and certificates. The awards include:
 - 1) Plaques for the winning team of the First-Year Intramural Competition.
 - 2) Certificates for the semi-finalists of the First-Year Intramural Competition.
 - 3) Gift for the Third-Year Member who has contributed significantly to the Moot Court Board. This Member cannot be a Member of the Executive Board.
 - 4) Gift for the Faculty Advisor.
 - 5) Certificates of Achievements for every competition team during that academic year.
5. The Vice-President of Internal Affairs' responsibilities include:
- a. Taking minutes at all meetings and distributing of same to all Members.
 - b. Maintaining records of Membership attendance at all required meetings.
 - c. Maintaining accurate addresses and telephone numbers of all current Members and distributing same to all Members.
 - d. Publicizing all Moot Court Board meetings and events by placing notices in Members' mail folders.
 - e. Preparing and posting a calendar of all Moot Court Board events.
 - f. Submitting a list of newly selected Members and newly

elected officers after each election to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, the Moot Court Board Faculty Advisor, and the Law Librarian.

- g. Receiving all Moot Court Board keys from outgoing Board Members.
 - h. Organizing and maintaining accessible files for briefs from previous competitions.
6. The Vice-President of Alumni Relations' responsibilities include:
- a. Organizing and maintaining accurate files concerning alumni addresses, phone numbers, and contributions.
 - b. Soliciting alumni for contributions.
 - c. Collecting news clippings and other documentation of Moot Court Board competitions and accomplishments.
 - d. Photographing various Moot Court Board activities.

G. Vacancies

- 1. Resignation or Removal.
 - a. An Executive Board officer that wishes to resign must submit a letter of resignation to the Moot Court Board President.
 - b. If an Executive Board officer fails to satisfy any general or specific duties, that officer is subject to the same disciplinary proceedings as any Moot Court Board Member.
- 2. Upon an officer's resignation or removal from office following a disciplinary proceeding, the Vice-President of Internal Affairs shall notify all Members of the vacancy.
- 3. Interested Members shall follow the Election Procedures in Article III, Section C, with the exception that the election for the vacant office shall be held at the next scheduled meeting.

IV. AMENDMENT AND INTERPRETATION OF BYLAWS

A. Amendment

- 1. Moot Court Board Members that wish to amend the Bylaws must

draft a proposed Amendment and submit it to the Moot Court Board President.

2. The Moot Court Board President shall ensure that the Moot Court Board receives the proposed Amendment one (1) week before the next scheduled meeting.
3. The Moot Court Board President shall read the proposed Amendment at the next scheduled meeting and entertain a vote provided that a Quorum is present.
4. The Bylaws shall be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Moot Court Board Membership.

B. Interpretation

1. Any ambiguities in the interpretation of the Bylaws shall be voted on by the Moot Court Board.
2. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Membership present at the next scheduled meeting shall be required to effectuate any interpretation.

Legislative History:

1. The original Constitution and Bylaws for the *St. Thomas University School of Law Moot Court Board* were adopted over the course of two (2) general Membership meetings held on February 29, 1996, and March 21, 1996. The original documents are located on diskette and named “CONSTIT MOO” and “BYLAWS MOO.” Subsequent versions should be saved with the month and year represented as the three (3) digit extension following either “CONSTIT” or “BYLAWS.”
2. This document was amended in March of 1997. The first amendment made Article IV, Section A, Clause 4, conform to the Amendment requirement of the Moot Court Board Constitution. The second amendment changed the old Article III, Section C, Clause 2, entitled “Proxy Voting,” and substituted the words “Absentee Ballots,” and also added additional language.
3. This document was amended in April of 2001. The amendment added a provision to Article II, Section B, Clause 1 (“First-Year Intramural Competition”) and Article II, Section B, Clause 2 (“Second-Year/Third-Year Intramural Competition”), giving the Executive Board discretion, under exceptional circumstances, to accept up to three (3) additional people for Membership, who otherwise would not have been chosen for Membership on the Board.
4. This document was amended in November of 2009. The amendment modified provisions to Article II and Article III. Specifically, the amendment changed the term “Election Meeting” to “Election Session.” Additionally, the amendment clarified that the President does not have the authority to break a tie in an Election Session. The Executive Board position of Travel Chair has been changed to Competition Chair. The Competition Chair’s duties have merged with the Travel Chair’s duties and have increased the position’s responsibilities.
5. This document was amended in August 2014. The amendment modified provisions to Article III. Specifically, the amendment eliminated the Executive Board Competition Chair position because four of the five Competition Chair’s duties are handled by other individuals. The Competition Chair’s one remaining duty was merged with the Vice-President of Internal Affairs’ duties and has increased that position’s responsibilities.
6. This document was amended in March 2015. The amendment modified

provisions to Article II, Section C. Specifically, the amendment made it a requirement for members of the Moot Court Board to fulfill the minimum requirement of serving as a research assistance, competitor, or coach for a competition team prior to his/her graduation date.

7. This document was amended in August of 2015. The changes mostly include stylistic updates to make the document more readable and clear. Additionally, the titles of several E-Board positions were changed. Specifically, the Treasurer was changed to Vice-President of Financial Affairs; the Secretary was changed to Vice-President of Internal Affairs; and the Alumni Chair was changed to Vice-President of Alumni Relations. The duties of the Vice-President of Financial Affairs were amended to include the responsibility of getting Certificates of Achievements for every competition team during that academic year. Duties of Membership were amended to provide that a student who is selected for competition team and who fails to comply with competition rules or rules set by the team, competitors, coach, or faculty advisor may be removed from the Moot Court Board. The election process was also amended to provide that any student who fails to indicate a position or positions he or she wishes to run for on the letter of intent is disqualified from running for that position during the actual election.