



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

ARTICLE I. NAME

The organization shall be known as the St. Thomas University School of Law Moot Court Board (hereinafter, “the Board”). It may alternatively be referred to as the “St. Thomas Moot Court Board” or simply the “Moot Court Board.”

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The Board is hereby created for the purposes of fostering excellence in written and oral advocacy and competition. The 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 Board and shall be enforced at all times.

ARTICLE III. POWERS AND AUTHORITY

The Board shall have the authority to take all actions necessary and proper to advance the purposes of the organization as denoted in the Bylaws. Specifically, the Board shall authorize and make all provisions necessary for its members to attend and participate in Moot Court competitions. The Board shall have the authority to regulate its membership.

ARTICLE IV. INTERPRETATION

This Constitution and the Bylaws of the 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 Board be deemed invalid, the remaining shall be given full force and effect.

ARTICLE V. OPERATION

The operation of the Board shall be in accordance with this Constitution and the Bylaws of the Board.

ARTICLE VI. GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

Governance of the Board shall be viewed in the Executive Moot Court Board, consisting of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Internal Affairs, Vice President(s) of Membership, Vice President of Financial Affairs, and the Vice President of Alumni Relations. The



Executive Board shall be selected in the manner provided in the Bylaws of the Board, and their titles and respective duties shall be described in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP

The Board shall consist of second and third-year law students who have completed the required Appellate Advocacy course. All members shall be selected on the basis of outstanding written and oral advocacy, pursuant to the Bylaws of the Board. For application to the Board, candidates must have at least a 2.5 minimum GPA requirement. If at any point, a member's GPA falls below 2.5, that member may not compete or coach in any of the competitions in that semester until the GPA requirement is met.

The conduct of all members of the 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 Board.

ARTICLE VIII. FACULTY ADVISOR

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

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

The Board shall hold at least one (1) general meeting within thirty (30) days of the beginning of each academic semester. The purpose of this meeting shall be to discuss all pertinent issues affecting the Board and its composite competition teams. Additional general meetings shall be held when deemed necessary by the Executive Board. All such meetings of the Board shall be mandatory, with notice given at least seven (7) days in advance. At general meetings, quorum is required as stated in the Bylaws. Those members that have informed the Executive Vice President of a valid reason why they cannot attend shall be excused and shall have twenty-four (24) hours to dissent or, like all unexcused members, shall be considered to have voted in favor of all matters.

ARTICLE X. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Proposals for amendments may be made by the members of the Board or the faculty of the law school. Members of the Board may propose an amendment by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the membership, given either orally or in writing, provided that notice setting forth the proposed amendment shall have been given at least ten (1) days prior to the general meeting in which it is considered.