

BY-LAWS
ALUMNI COUNCIL OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Alumni Council of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Hereafter it will be called the "Council" and the Sturm College of Law will be called the "Law School."

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Council shall be:

- To stimulate and encourage the loyalty and enthusiasm of the alumni of the Law School in order to promote the general welfare of the Law School, its alumni, students, faculty and administration.
- To serve as a bridge between the Law School and its alumni.
- ~~To assist in interpreting the responsibilities of the Law School to its alumni.~~
- To initiate, recommend and support policies, programs and activities that will further the interests of the Law School, its student body and the general legal community.

The Council shall be specifically charged with (a) organizing and fostering alumni activities, including class reunions, alumni meetings, seminars, lectures and receptions; (b) establishing and organizing fund solicitations from alumni and other friends of the Law School; ~~and~~ (c) assisting student admissions and placement offices in recruitment and placement of students, and (d) continuing to work collaboratively with faculty, administration and trustees to improve the Sturm College of Law's bar passage.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The alumni body shall be represented on the Council as follows:

- **Group I**, ~~six-ten~~ representatives chosen from alumni who graduated 40 or more years prior to the date of the annual election, each with staggered three-year terms of office.
- **Group II**, 12 representatives chosen from alumni who graduated less than 40 years but 10 or more years prior to the date of the annual election, each with staggered three-year terms.
- **Group III**, 10 representatives chosen from alumni who graduated less than 10 years prior to the date of the annual election, each with staggered three-year terms.
- **Group IV**, two representatives from the most recent graduating class, each to serve a two-year term.
- **Group V**, alumni who reside outside of Colorado. There shall be at least three representatives, each of whom must meet the qualifications of Groups I, II, or III, and each with staggered three-year terms.

Comment [Id1]: The committee recommends adding four more people to group I for a total of 10 members. As people are practicing for many more years now, the committee felt it made sense to have a larger representation from this group. We propose that we add two additional alumni to Group I this year, and two additional members next year (to avoid having too many members roll off of the council at the same time).

A member elected to the Council shall continue in office for the full term to which he or she was elected (including any consecutive term, as allowed in this Article), notwithstanding classification in another group due to the passage of time.

Each year the nominating committee shall prepare, on or before August 1, a list of proposed candidates for election or re-election at the ensuing fall Council meeting, which list shall include any additional candidates whose names have been presented in writing to the Council or the nominating committee prior to the ~~July-August~~ date. Candidates shall be elected by the Council and shall take office at the fall Council meeting.

In addition to the foregoing, members of the Council include:

- (a) Two members of the SBA, one of whom shall be the president of the association.
- (b) Past chairs of the Council, who shall be honorary members.
- (c) ~~Up to~~ At least four faculty members, who shall be appointed annually by the dean of the College of Law.
- d) Up to four additional members for two-year terms as appointed by the Chair of the Council with consent of the Executive Committee.
- (e) The Director of the Mentor Program shall be a member of the Alumni Council.

Except as noted in the preceding paragraph, members shall serve three-year terms, and no member may serve more than two consecutive terms. Despite the foregoing, a member's term shall be extended for the period of the member's service as an elected officer under Article IV and, in this case, a successor member shall be elected under this Article III for the group position so extended. Those members serving as officers shall not be counted within their Groups. All members shall be entitled to vote.

Comment [Id2]: The nominations committee recommends that we appoint the director of the mentor program as a permanent member of the council. If approved, Mike Massey will become a member of the Council. As the Mentor Program is a critical element of the Council's activities, it was recommended that the Program should have a permanent seat on Council. Thus, in the event that there is a change in the Directorship, the next Director would become the Council representative.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee shall select annually from among the members of the Council, a chair, a vice chair and a secretary, who shall be elected by the Council at each fall meeting and shall serve for a term of one year. None may hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms. In addition to being members of the Executive Committee, the officers shall have these duties and any other duties assigned to them by the Council.

- **Chair:** The chair shall call and preside over the meetings of the executive committee and the Council.
- **Vice Chair:** The vice chair shall assume the duties of the chair in his or her absence.
- **Secretary:** The secretary shall record the minutes and carry on the official correspondence of the Council and the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V. RESIGNATION

Resignations of officers and members of the Council shall be submitted in writing to the chair or the secretary and shall be effective upon receipt unless another date is indicated in the resignation notice.

ARTICLE VI. REMOVAL

Any officer or Council member may be removed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all the other members of the Council, who shall be polled by mail by the presiding Council officer or by written ballot at a Council meeting. The results of the poll shall be reported promptly to all Council members. In addition, any member who does not attend at least two Council meetings during any three-year term shall be subject to automatic removal by the Council.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

The Council shall meet at least two times in each fiscal year. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. QUORUM

A majority of all Council members shall constitute a quorum. Except as noted in Articles VI and X, action by the Council shall require a majority vote of members present.

ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES

Committees shall meet at the discretion of the committee chairs, with no quorum required for a meeting, and shall prepare and submit such reports to the Council as may be requested by the Council chair. The Executive Committee may create such additional standing or special committees, as it deems appropriate.

The standing committees shall be:

- **Executive Committee.** The Council officers and the Dean of the Law School, in an ex-officio capacity, shall constitute the Executive Committee, which may act for and on behalf of the Council in all matters when the Council is not meeting. This Committee shall replace all members who resign or are removed pursuant to these bylaws. The chair of the Council shall be chair of the Executive Committee.
- **Nominating Committee.** This Committee shall consist of the immediate past Council chair as Committee chair and two or more Council members appointed by the Council chair on or before the first day of July preceding each fall meeting of the Council. No member of the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for nomination to the Executive Committee.
- **Other Committees.** The Executive Committee shall from time to time name other committees and shall appoint the chairs thereof.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

The Executive Committee may propose amendment to these bylaws at any time, and notice of each such amendment shall thereafter be given to all Council members on or before the next Council meeting. Any such amendment shall be adopted upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Council members present at such meeting.

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