REPUBLICAN LAW SOCIETY
CONSTITUTION

Article I — Name
The name of this organization shall be The Republican Law Society of the University of Maryland, Carey School of Law. A short name for this organization is “RLS.”

Article II — Purpose
1. The Organization is founded on the traditional principles that:
   1.1. The strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person’s dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored;
   1.2. Free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity;
   1.3. The most effective, responsible and responsive government is a government closest to the people;
   1.4. Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times;
   1.5. Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.
2. The objectives of the Organization are:
   2.1. To promote an awareness of its principles and further the application of those principles through the Organization’s activities;
   2.2. To create a conservative, intellectual network extending throughout the legal community;
   2.3. To provide a forum for debate on legal and policy issues;
   2.4. To provide conservative students a forum to comfortably share their beliefs.

Article III — Membership
1. RLS is open to all students in good standing at the University of Maryland, Carey School of Law.
2. To be considered a Member in good standing, students must:
   2.1. Attend at least one meeting per semester
   2.2. Pay applicable dues as determined by the Executive Board
   2.3. Adhere to RLS’s objectives
3. New members are members within their first year of membership regardless of year in school.
4. All members and new members compose the general body for Organization meetings.
Article IV — Meetings

1. The Organization must hold at least one Organization meeting per semester according to the by-laws of the Student Bar Association.
2. The Executive Board must have at least one meeting prior to the first Organization meeting each semester. The Executive Board may hold any additional meetings as needed.
3. The Executive Board may call to hold additional Organization meetings after the mandatory semester meeting as needed.

Article V — Officers

1. The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Representative.
2. The officers shall compose the Executive Board.
3. The President shall be a member in good standing and shall:
   3.1. Preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and the Organization at large;
   3.2. Serve as the primary contact for the national and state organizations;
   3.3. Serve as the primary contact for the University of Maryland, Carey School of Law Administration and Student Bar Association;
   3.4. Co-sign exchanges of funds;
   3.5. Establish committees as needed; and
   3.6. Appoint interim officers should an Executive Board position become vacant.
4. The Vice President shall be a member in good standing and shall:
   4.1. Perform all duties and responsibilities designated by the President;
   4.2. Attend all Executive Board and Organization meetings, or notify the President and Secretary in advance;
   4.3. Oversee Organization activities alongside the President; and
   4.4. Take the place of the president in their absence for the remainder of the term;
5. The Secretary shall be a member in good standing and shall:
   5.1. Attend all Executive Board and Organization meetings, or notify the President in advance;
   5.2. Record minutes for all Executive Board and Organization meetings; and
   5.3. Maintain an accurate record of members including contact information, payment of dues, and meeting attendance.
6. The Treasurer shall be a member in good standing and shall:
   6.1. Attend all Executive Board and Organization meetings, or notify the President and Secretary in advance;
   6.2. Attend all Student Bar Association required meetings for treasurers, create a budget, and submit funding or reimbursement requests in accordance with the Student Bar Association requirements;
   6.3. Maintain the Organization’s accounting records, and collect and deposit membership dues; and
7. The **Representative** shall be a new member to the Organization and shall;
   7.1. Perform all duties and responsibilities designated by the President;
   7.2. Attend all Executive Board and Organization meetings, or notify the President
       and Secretary in advance; and
   7.3. Serve as the point of communication between new or potential new members and
       the organization.
8. Terms of office shall be one year beginning after the last Organization meeting in the
   Spring, or as otherwise required by the Student Bar Association.
9. Officers may be dismissed for inadequate performance of duties outlined herein by a
   majority vote of the Executive Board or the general body of the organization.
10. The Executive Board officer positions and responsibilities may be reorganized according
    to amendment procedures in Article VII. The offices of President, Vice President,
    Secretary, and Treasurer may not be eliminated from the Executive Board.

**Article VI — Elections**
1. Elections shall be held in the Spring according to Student Bar Association Bylaws and
   Guidelines.
2. Elections will be decided by a majority vote of the members present at an Organization
   meeting. Members absent from the Organization meeting during elections will not be
   provided a vote.
3. Candidates running for office must attend the voting Organization meeting in order to
   run, unless an emergency arises, and the candidate receives executive board approval to
   run.

**Article VII — Amendments**
1. This Constitution may be amended at an Organization meeting by two-thirds of the
   members present.
2. An amendment may be proposed by any officer to the Executive Board no less than one
   month prior to the Organization meeting where the amendment will be considered.
3. The Executive Board must review and pass the amendment, by a majority of the officers,
   to a vote at the next Organization meeting.
4. The amendment shall be distributed to members no less than fourteen days prior to the
   Organization meeting where the amendment will be considered.