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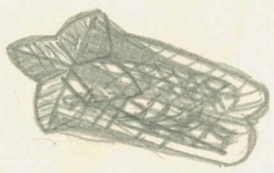


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HONOR CODE CONSTITUTION

THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW

PREAMBLE

In keeping with the spirit of our great profession, knowing that upon every student at the School of Law rests the duty to maintain a code of unimpeachable conduct, and that there is need for a system which will enable students not to condone in others any conduct which detracts from the good name of our law school, we, the students, do hereby ordain and establish this Honor Code Constitution.

ARTICLE I. HONOR COURT

SECTION 1. There shall be a body known as the Honor Court. The Honor Court shall have the responsibility of promoting an effective educational campaign against dishonesty at the Law School (which shall include quarterly presentation of the Honor Code to first year students and annually to the entire student body). The Honor Court shall also serve as a court for the trial of infractions and the sentencing of punishment in cases of guilt.

SECTION 2. Membership: The Honor Court shall consist of seven justices; two of whom shall be chosen from the first year law class, two from the second year law class, and three from the third year law class. The justices shall be nominated by the members of their respective classes, and shall be elected by majority vote of the entire student body of the Law School by secret ballot.

SECTION 3. One of the third year justices shall be Chief Justice as elected by majority vote of a quorum of the entire student body of the Law School by secret ballot. Fifty percent of the student body of the Law School shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II. HONOR CODE

SECTION 1. The Honor Code requires that the students of our law school shall act honorably in all relations of student life.

SECTION 2. Lying, cheating, stealing or breaking one's word of honor under any circumstances, or a breach of Section 3, are considered as infringements of the Honor Code.

SECTION 3. The Honor Code requires that where a student witnesses a breach of the Honor Code he shall report same to an Honor Court member.

SECTION 4. In view of these provisions, all incoming students shall take the following pledge upon registration.

I subscribe to the Honor Code of The University of Georgia School of Law, and shall uphold the Code as long as I am a student therein.

Signature

ARTICLE III. PROCEDURE

SECTION 1. Anyone believing that a breach of the Honor Code has been committed shall, with the assistance of such members of his or her class as he or she may desire to call upon, investigate the matter as secretly and as speedily as possible. After a thorough investigation, explanation of his or her conduct by the accused,

or a review of the evidence, if the investigator or investigators are convinced of the guilt of the accused, the Honor Court shall be convened by the Chief Justice and the case tried.

SECTION 2. Either the accuser, accusers, or the accused may have the court convene by notification to the Chief Justice of his or their wish.

SECTION 3. The trial shall be private before the Honor Court and all the proceedings thereof shall be utterly confidential and secret. The Justices, as well as those appearing before the court in any capacity whatsoever, are honor bound not to divulge anything that may happen in court. The place or time is to be kept secret. The court may, however, publish such of its proceedings or conclusions as it thinks to be advisable and wise.

SECTION 4. In the trial both sides may be represented by counsel from the student body.

SECTION 5. Counsel shall have the privilege of asking the witness questions, but only such questions as shall tend to bring out the facts of the case. Counsel shall not be allowed to make an argument, but the accused may say what he chooses in his or her own defense.

SECTION 6. The Court shall be allowed all possible latitude in determining guilt or innocence. All testimony must be given under oath.

SECTION 7. If, after thorough trial, five of the seven who compose the Honor Court are convinced of the guilt of the accused,

and shall so cast their votes in a secret ballot, the accused must leave the Law School immediately.

SECTION 8. The faculty of The University of Georgia School of Law stands undividedly behind the decisions of the Honor Court and the workings of the Honor System. From the decision of the Honor Court there shall be no appeal.

SECTION 9. Each student will be assigned a seat in one of the classrooms which he will occupy for the school year whenever taking a term examination.

SECTION 10. All examination papers are required to have the following pledge in full over the student's signature: "I have neither given nor received aid on this examination nor witnessed any violation of the Honor Code." No examination will be considered by a professor without the signed pledge thereon.

ARTICLE IV. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be amended by a $5/7$ majority vote of the Honor Court when ratified by a $3/4$ majority vote of the student body. A proposal for amendment may originate in either body.

(This Constitution, adopted November 3, 1949, is a revision and clarification of the Honor Code adopted unanimously by The University of Georgia School of Law, November 10, 1930).