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Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ) Constitution
Date created: September 2011

Preamble

We the members of Law Students for Reproductive Justice, and subscribing to the regulations and policies of the University of Georgia, establish this Constitution to govern the matters within our organization.

Law Students for Reproductive Justice is a student-led, student-driven national non-profit network of law students, professors, and lawyers committed to fostering the next wave of legal experts for the reproductive justice movement. Mobilizing and mentoring new lawyers and scholars is a long-term strategy that will build capacity, vision, and leadership for a more successful reproductive justice movement. Law functions as both a catalyst to prompt the expansion of rights and a tool with which to hold governments and communities accountable for the delivery of liberty, equality, dignity, and fairness promised by those rights.

Reproductive justice will be achieved when all people and communities have access to the information, resources, and support they need to attain sexual and reproductive self-determination. We dedicate ourselves to ensuring access to medically accurate, age-appropriate, culturally competent sex and sexuality education, as well as comprehensive, quality reproductive healthcare, including prenatal care, postnatal care, contraception, abortion services, and alternative reproductive technologies for women and men, free from coercion, discrimination and violence.

Today, a growing number of law schools offer comprehensive courses in reproductive rights law, but opportunities for professional training remain scarce. As individuals, each of us faces difficulties obtaining the education and training we need to become strong, successful advocates for reproductive justice. Together, we can change this situation and become a powerful, educated force that defends and expands reproductive rights in the United States and around the world.

ARTICLE I: Name

- a. The name of this organization Law Students for Reproductive Justice, also known as LSRJ.
- b. We are affiliated with the national Law Students for Reproductive Justice organization, <http://lsrj.org/>.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

The purpose of Law Students for Reproductive Justice shall be to educate, organize, and support law students to ensure that a new generation of advocates will be prepared to protect and expand reproductive rights as basic civil and human rights.

ARTICLE III: Membership

- a. Membership shall be limited to regularly enrolled University of Georgia students, faculty, and/or staff members.
- b. There will be no dues required of members at this time.
- c. Membership shall not be denied to any person because of age, ethnicity, gender, disability, color, handicap, disability, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

ARTICLE IV: Non-Discrimination

- a. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, will be extended to all students without regard to age, ethnicity, gender, disability, color, handicap, disability, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
- b. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, are extended to all students as stated in the University of Georgia Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy.

ARTICLE V: Officers

- a. The officers of this organization shall consist of: President, Publicity Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and additional roles. The terms of each office shall be one year. Officers must be UGA students.

By accepting office, each officer assumes the responsibilities of the respective position. Failure to perform these tasks may constitute an Honor Code violation and will require that an officer remove the office from her resume or other job application materials and correct any outstanding applications that list said position on the resume/materials. All officers must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at the University of Georgia and should be in good academic standing. Officer descriptions are as follows:

List of officers:

PRESIDENT

The President leads the LSRJ organization by identifying, creating, and planning events for LSRJ members in coordination with the LSRJ executive board. She or he serves as the primary representative of LSRJ in events with law school administration and visitors from outside the university. The President leads executive board meetings and sets the agenda for board meetings. With assistance from other executive board members, the President prepares and sends the 1L incoming class mailing, and collects membership forms as they are mailed in. The President should be prepared to run full body meetings and to address questions from members, faculty, and non-law school contacts. The term is one school year.

PUBLICITY CHAIR

The Publicity Chair serves as LSRJ's line of electronic communication to the law school. The Publicity Chair will be responsible for: compiling and managing LSRJ's listserv, managing the online outline depository, drafting and/or forwarding emails for LSRJ that will be sent to the law school listserv or LSRJ's listserv, and updating LSRJ's website. Great computer skills would be

helpful, but are not a requirement. However, basic technical communications proficiency is required. The term is one school year.

TREASURER

The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the accounts of the organization. She or he will receive and deposit checks from members and donors throughout the year, keep track of which members have paid their dues, if any are required, and reimburse people for expenditures on behalf of the organization. The account records are maintained on an Excel spreadsheet, so please be familiar with that program or eager to learn. The treasurer is also responsible for hunting for other potential funding sources. The term is one school year.

SECRETARY

The Secretary maintains records of the organization, including a membership list. The Secretary is also responsible for taking executive board meeting minutes and counting votes for any email elections or award selections. Should be detail-oriented, well organized, and prepared to perform basic data entry tasks. Computer skills are a must. The term is one school year.

ADDITIONAL ROLES

By a majority vote of the officers, the Board may appoint additional leaders to serve LSRJ, which may include a Community Service Chair.

- b. Students must be enrolled in the UGA Law School to be an officer. There are no GPA requirements.
- c. Officers will serve terms of one academic year.
- d. There are no term limits.
- e. Election of officers shall take place annually in the spring semester to elect officers for the following academic year. Elections will be decided by simple majority vote using the secret ballot method or as the current officers may otherwise designate.
- f. Officers may be removed by unanimous vote of the remaining officers. Officers may also be removed by a supermajority (2/3) vote of members. Officers may resign at any time and will be replaced using appropriate election methods designated by the remaining officers.
- g. Officer vacancies will be filled immediately by an election for a new officer.

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ARTICLE VI: Meetings

- a. General meetings will be held at the discretion of the officers who will notify members of date, time, and place.

b. Quorum: At all Law Students for Reproductive Justice meetings where business is conducted, quorum shall be 10% of membership.

ARTICLE VII: Amendments

Amendments to the Law Students for Reproductive Justice Constitution shall require majority vote of members present at the meeting where the amendment(s) is/are proposed.

ARTICLE VIII: Advisors

a. There is no requirement for an advisor, however it is recommended that LSRJ have at least one (1) advisor who shall be the members ex-officio with no voting privileges.

b. An advisor may be selected by any officer.

c. Expectations for an advisor include but are not limited to: attending events, providing advice, acting as liaison between students and faculty and staff.

LSRJ Fall 2011 Members			
Name	Email	Possibly interested in a leadership role?	year if known
Caitlin Pyne	catpyne@gmail.com		3L
Cody Emerson Whetsel	whetsel@uga.edu	yes	1L
Victoria Mathias	victoria.s.mathias@gmail.com		1L
Rachel Hudgins	hudgins.rachel@gmail.com		3L
Azi Golshan	azadehgolshan@gmail.com	no	3L
Kendall Thompson	kmt412@gmail.com		3L
Megan Vonk	mlvonk@uga.edu	maybe?	2L
Jennifer Newport Nix	jennifernewport@gmail.com	no	3L
Laura Burnett	lfburnett@gmail.com	no	
Jasmine Rice	jasminearice@gmail.com	probably no	3L
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Ryan Michael Heron	rheron@uga.edu	no	1L
Joseph Kim	jwkim86@gmail.com	yes	1L
Robert Michael Abrunzo	rabrunzo@uga.edu	maybe. has ideas	1L
Annie Watson	annie.watson@gmail.com	YES	3L
Kelly Wegel	kwegel@uga.edu	YES	1L
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Amanda Proctor	mandy211@uga.edu	No	3L

2011-2012 Law Students For Reproductive Justice Budget	
Event	Cost
Conference: enrollment fee	200
Conference: for public transportation	20
Conference: parking at airport	48
Take Back the Night	250
Panel on Racial Disparities	150
Stickers for Rape Hotline	50
LRSJ Conference	300
Total:	1018

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Rachel Hudgins	hudgins.rachel@gmail.com		3L
Azi Golshan	azadehgolshan@gmail.com	no	3L
Kendall Thompson	kmt412@gmail.com		3L
Megan Vonk	mlvonk@uga.edu	maybe?	2L
Jennifer Newport Nix	jennifernewport@gmail.com	no	3L
Laura Burnett	lfburnett@gmail.com	no	
Jasmine Rice	jasminearice@gmail.com	probably no	3L
Setareh Davoudzadeh	setareh@uga.edu	maybe	1L
Jenna Jackson	jennajackson89@gmail.com		
Laura Armstrong	lauraparmstrong@gmail.com		
Ryan Michael Heron	rheron@uga.edu	no	1L
Joseph Kim	jwkim86@gmail.com	yes	1L
Robert Michael Abrunzo	rabrunzo@uga.edu	maybe. has ideas	1L
Annie Watson	annie.watson@gmail.com	YES	3L
Kelly Wegel	kwegel@uga.edu	YES	1L
Kaitin Ball	kball14@uga.edu	maybe	1L
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