Constitution

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Preamble
We the members of the University of Georgia School of Law Military Justice Society, and subscribing to the regulations and policies of the University of Georgia, establish this Constitution to govern the matters within our organization.

ARTICLE I: Organization Name

a. The name of this organization or association is: The University of Georgia Law School Military Justice Society. Also known as UGA Military Justice Society, UGA Law MJS, UGA MJS, MJS. Hereafter in this constitution referred to as MJS.

ARTICLE II: Purpose/Mission

a. The purpose/mission of MJS shall be to allow those students at the University of Georgia with an interest in the military and the military justice system as a whole. MJS will serve as a forum for discussion of both historical cases as well as current events. In addition, it will allow those who aspire for careers in the field of military law through a branch of the military's judge advocate general office to learn more about these careers as well as assist them in their preparations.

ARTICLE III: Membership

a. Membership shall be limited to regularly enrolled University of Georgia students, faculty, and/or staff members. Affiliation with the University of Georgia School of Law is not required.

b. MJS does not maintain funds as its purpose is to discuss the military, its laws, and current events. In the event that funding is required, the event will be completely voluntary and individual funding may be necessary.

ARTICLE IV: Non-Discrimination

a. Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, shall be extended to all students without regard to age, ethnicity, gender, disability, color, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

b. Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments Act of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex or handicap in most educational programs and activities within the University.

ARTICLE V: Officers (qualifications; terms; election and removal)

a. All officers must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at the University of Georgia and should be in good academic standing.

b. The elected leadership positions within MJS will be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and activities/alumni affairs officer. All elections will proceed by secret ballot. Each officer will be elected by simple majority (51%) of active members present at the election meeting. If there are more than two candidates running for an office and no candidate receives a simple majority, there will be a run-off election between the two candidates that receive the highest percentage of votes. In the event there is a tie in the run-off election, there will be a special election. In the special election, the current president, vice-president, and secretary will vote to break the tie, and the candidate receiving two or more votes in this special election will be declared the winner. Each person will serve in their elected position for the duration of one academic school year with re-elections taking place before the expiration of the academic school year.

c. Removal of an elected officer within MJS will take place by a recommendation by no less than two active members of MJS and a subsequent 2/3 majority vote by secret ballot of all attending active members of MJS. In addition, removal may take place by the recommendation of the advisor with the same 2/3 majority vote previously mentioned.
d. In the event of an officer vacancy, nominations with at least one concurring nomination will suffice as long as the nominated member concurs.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings***

a. Meetings shall be held normally on a monthly basis. The activities officer will be responsible for notification of meeting times and locations. Primary method of notification will be by email. Secondary method will be by phone.

b. Unless a meeting for the election of officers is taking place, a quorum is not required for regular meetings.

c. A quorum is of no less than 50% of active members (active member defined as listed on the official roster for the academic school year) will be required for any binding and/or official business to be conducted. Such official business shall not include Article VII, Article V (c).

ARTICLE VII: Amendments

a. The constitution may be amended by a vote of a 2/3 majority of all active members of MJS.

ARTICLE VIII: Advisors

a. There shall be no less than one faculty/staff member advisor who shall be a member ex-officio with no voting privileges

b. Advisor selection will take place through a volunteer process of a member of faculty/staff.