

**Student Animal Legal Defense Fund**  
**Akron Law School Constitution and By-laws**

**Article One. Name.**

The name of this organization shall be Akron Law Student Animal Legal Defense Fund  
(hereinafter referred to as

environmental abuse and suffering in society and the justice system and strengthen awareness, scholarship, and action surrounding these issues.

The Akron Law SALDF is committed to scholarship and service in the Akron community and beyond.

The activities of Akron Law School SALDF shall include, but not be limited to hosting speakers, debates, and conferences on current issues in animal rights and animal welfare law; carrying out research projects for lawyers and organizations promoting animal welfare and animal rights litigation; networking with students at other law schools, colleges, universities, and high schools; conducting educational events such as information tables and video screenings on pertinent issues; carrying on community service projects dedicated to helping animals to help animals outside of the law school; producing a newsletter and/or blog/website to keep students current on animal rights issues in the law and in the news; advocating sustainable and cruelty-free lifestyles and options.

### **Article Three. Criteria for Membership.**

Membership in Akron Law School SALDF shall be open to all students currently enrolled in Akron Law School and in good standing with the University (with a GPA of at least 2.0 and good financial standing), regardless of gender, race, creed, age, color, national origin, diet, physical disability, or sexual orientation. Individual membership in the Animal Legal Defense Fund is encouraged but not required for all Akron Law School SALDF members.

Membership will be revoked upon failure to remain in good standing with The University of

Akron or failure to abide by this constitution's purpose. The member will be allowed to reinstate their membership upon good standing with The University of Akron or, for constitutional violations, by a majority (two-thirds) vote by members.

**Article Four. Officers.**

Officer positions of the Akron Law SALDF will be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

administrator the details of any event that is performed in direct service to the community or as a fundraiser for a charitable organization outside the School of Law.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer will be responsible for h

commencing on the date of their election and ending on the date of the election of the next year's Officers during the following Spring Semester.

#### **Article Five. Elections.**

Officers shall be elected each school year by a majority (two-thirds) vote of the members of Akron Law School SALDF who are in attendance at the election.

Students interested in serving as officers shall so inform and submit a statement of their interest to the advisor of the Akron Law SALDF no later than 48 hours prior to the election. In electing officers, each member who is in attendance at the election shall have one vote.

#### **Article Six. Meetings.**

Regular meetings of Akron Law School SALDF shall be held at least once each semester.

Decisions at meetings shall be made by a majority of the members, with every present party agreeing to, dissenting to, or abstaining from every action there decided. A necessary quorum for all decisions shall be at least 51% of all members present at the meeting and must include at least one officer.

Special meetings of Akron Law School SALDF may be called by any number of members, who shall inform the President or the entire membership at least one week prior to the date of the proposed meeting.

**Article Seven. Affiliation with the Animal Legal Defense Fund.**

Activities of the Akron Law School SALDF shall at all times be consistent with the mission of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (hereinafter “ALDF”). No litigation will be initiated, endorsed, or supported in the name of the Akron Law School SALDF, without prior approval of ALDF. All public policy positions taken by the Akron Law School SALDF shall be consistent with the mission of ALDF: “to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals.” The Akron Law School SALDF will not purport to speak for ALDF or commit it to any position on any matter of public policy or law on behalf of ALDF without ALDF’s prior written consent.

**Article Eight. Faculty Advisors.**

The Akron Law SALDF will have a faculty advisor or advisors.

The Faculty Advisor(s) must be a full time faculty member or contract professional at The University of Akron School of Law. The Akron Law SALDF shall recommend a faculty advisor to the Dean of the law school. The Dean shall select and approve the faculty advisor.

**Article Nine. Amendments.**

Any two current members shall be entitled to propose amendments. Proposed amendments shall be consistent with these By-

If the date of submission of these amendments is near the date of a regular or special business meeting, then no additional meeting need be scheduled. A two-thirds majority of all chapter members in attendance at the amendments meeting must vote on any amendments to this constitution.

**Article Ten. Finances.**

SALDF may undertake fundraisers for its own purpose. All fundraising shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of The University of Akron. SALDF shall apply for Extracurricular Activity Funding (EAF) according to the calendar prescribed by The University of Akron. The President, Vice-

based on sexual and racial or ethnic orientation in employment and admissions. See UA Board Rule 3359-38-01 (A2).