

# MASS TORTS LITIGATION SOCIETY: BYLAWS

## PREAMBLE

The Mass Torts Litigation Society (“MTLS”) of the University of Miami School of Law is hereby created for purposes of fostering discussion of current and emerging issues pertinent to the field of complex litigation.

## ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

### A. Eligibility

Any University of Miami student, staff, administrator, or alumni with an interest in complex litigation is eligible to be a general board member of MTLs.

For purposes of MTLs’s inaugural meeting, any University of Miami student, staff, administrator, or alumni who is present at the inaugural meeting will be considered a MTLs general board member, and will have the right to vote in the MTLs inaugural election, as well as ratification of MTLs’ constitution and bylaws.

After the inaugural meeting is finished, a University of Miami student, staff, administrator, or alumni will be considered a general board member only after they have attended at least three (3) MTLs meetings.

### B. Officers

- a. There shall be an Executive Board consisting of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Editor-In-Chief of Publication, Executive Editor of Publication. Each of these officer positions shall be filled by candidates winning a majority vote of current Board members in attendance at the election meeting.
- b. Officers will be elected annually. MTLs’s election will be held on the third Monday of every March. An officer’s term will span the course of one year.
- c. Office shall not be denied to a member on the basis that such member holds another office in another campus organization; however, such other responsibilities may be considered by voting board members as one factor affecting such a member’s fitness for office.
- d. Responsibilities

- i. All officers shall:

1. Be available at least once a week for Executive Board Meetings; AND
2. Be available at least once a month for General Board Meetings.
3. The responsibilities assigned to individual officers can be found in the MTLS Constitution.

### C. Removal

Officers may be removed from the Executive Board for cause by 2/3 ballot vote, rounded up, of all general board members present at the meeting at which removal proceedings can be conducted; however, no person whose removal is sought at a meeting, shall have a vote. However, if removal of several members is sought, and the causes of removal arise from distinct and separate facts and circumstances, then a vote shall only be denied to the person whose removal is sought in that given vote. If removal is sought due to alleged improper activity; then none of the persons allegedly involved in the activity shall have a vote in the removal of any other person also allegedly involved in the same improper activity.

### D. Vacancies

In the event that the President is unable to fulfill his or her term for any reason, the Vice-President shall automatically assume the office of President. In the event that any other officer is unable to fulfill his or her term for any reason, an election for that office shall be held during the next regularly scheduled MTLS meeting following the vacancy. New officers shall serve until the MTLS election, taking place on the third Monday of every March.

## ARTICLE II: VOTING

### A. Majority

- a. Except as provided for elsewhere in these bylaws, Executive Board votes shall be by majority of the board members present, with the President's vote counting twice in case of a tie.

- b. Except as provided for elsewhere in these bylaws, the General Board may overrule any Executive Board vote, action, or resolution, by a 2/3 vote, rounded down, of those present at a General Board Meeting.

B. Quorum

- a. 50.1% of the General Board's current membership shall constitute a quorum.
- b. For any vote, other than elections, to have effect in the board there must be present at least 50.1% of the General Board's current membership at the General Board meeting when the vote is to occur.

Article III: Ratification and Effective Date

- A. This Constitution shall take effect immediately upon ratification by two-thirds of the members who attended MTL's inaugural meeting. Each active member of MTL's may receive a copy of the Constitution as well as any amendment or by-laws subsequently adopted in accordance with Article V.