

## **An Agreement between the Student Bar Association at the Columbus School of Law of the Catholic University of America and the Graduate Student Association of the Catholic University of America**


The following text establishes binding norms for the relationship between the Student Bar Association at the Columbus School of Law of the Catholic University of America (SBA) and the Graduate Student Association of the Catholic University of America (GSA). It also establishes norms for any organization that might replace either the GSA or the SBA.


- I. The SBA and GSA are two independent organizations at CUA. Neither is a part or affiliate of the other, and neither has any more formal relationship with the other than that stated in this document or made by subsequent agreement. All graduate students, except for those who are enrolled primarily in the Columbus School of Law, according to the standards used by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at the Catholic University of America, are, per the terms of GSA Constitution, A. I, s. 2, considered members of the GSA. All graduate students who are primarily enrolled in the Columbus School of Law, again according to the standards used by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at the Catholic University of America, are considered members of the SBA only and not of the GSA.
- II. The SBA and GSA will, in accord with university regulations, each set their own activity fees. Each will collect and retain the entirety of the student activity fee paid each semester by its members and administer the fee as it determines.
- III. The governing entities of each, both the SBA and GSA, have the duty, in some manner to communicate to the other, each year, its intentions regarding major social events.
- IV. Before all university-wide boards, committees, and the like, graduate students are represented by students chosen according the norms of the GSA. The SBA will not seek to be otherwise represented than by those representatives chosen by the GSA. For matters that primarily concern the Columbus School of Law, the SBA will provide graduate student representation. If the GSA is consulted on such matters, it will direct the matter in its entirety to the SBA. Those GSA representatives to the above-mentioned university structures have the duty to consider the interests of the SBA and, if necessary, consult the SBA on matters that have a significant impact on law students among other graduate students.
- V. A copy of this signed agreement is to be kept on file by the GSA, the SBA, the Office of Campus Activities, and Office of Student Life and Special Events at the Columbus School of Law. A digital copy of this document, including signatures, is to be kept by all four entities, and both the GSA and the SBA are to keep on the respective web site of each an easily accessible copy of this document.
- VI. This agreement takes effect only when the following conditions have been met.
  1. The GSA Senate has approved the agreement and the accompanying changes to its constitution, as found in Appendix A.
  2. The GSA President and Secretary have signed below to indicate that the first condition has occurred.

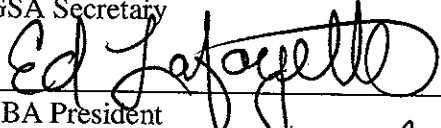
3. The SBA per its own procedures has approved the agreement.
4. The SBA President and Vice President for Academic Affairs have signed below to indicate that the third condition has occurred.
5. The Office of Campus Activities has approved this agreement and has agreed to enforce it.
6. Bill Jonas, Director of the Office of Campus Activities, has signed below to indicate that the fifth condition has occurred.
7. The Office of Student Life at the Columbus School of Law has approved this agreement and has agreed to enforce it.
8. Joan Vorrasi, Director of the Office of Student Life and Special Events at the Columbus School of Law, has signed below to indicate that the seventh condition has occurred.

VII. Any modification to this agreement or to the status and arrangements that it establishes requires the approval the GSA, the SBA, the Office of Campus Activities, and the Office of Student Life and Special Events at the Columbus School of Law, with the exception of any group no longer in existence at the time of amendment.

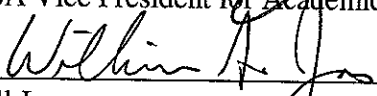
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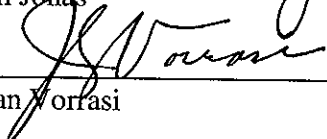
  
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**Appendix A: Proposed Modifications to the GSA Constitution for Implementing the GSA/SBA Agreement**

1. Insert in the Preamble after “all enrolled graduate students,”: “excluding enrolled primarily in the Columbus School of Law, according to the standards used by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at the Catholic University of America,”
2. Insert in A. I, s. 2 after “of the University”: “, excluding students enrolled primarily in the Columbus School of Law, according to the standards used by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at the Catholic University of America,”
3. Insert in A. I, s. 2 after “beforehand.”: “ Since students primarily enrolled in the Columbus School of Law are not members of the GSA, no provision of this Constitution is to be understood to apply to them or to organizations of which they are the only student members.”
4. Insert in A. II, s. 3 after “for the undergraduates.”: “ Requests for sponsorship from groups or individuals solely or primarily pertaining to the Columbus School of Law to the GSA shall not be recognized unless specifically requested in writing to the GSA president by the chief officer of whatever organization acts as a student government for the students of the Columbus School of Law.”
5. Delete the entirety of A. XVI.
6. Replace the title of Article XVII “Article XVII” with “Article XVI”
7. Replace the title of Article XVIII “Article XVIII” with “Article XVII”