

# WESTERN LAW REVIEW

## Bylaws

### *RECITALS*

Whereas, the **Western Law Review (WLR)** is a selective, peer-reviewed legal publication focused on ethics, legal studies and law pedagogy, legal environment of business, taxation as well as legal and policy analysis;

Whereas, the WLR was founded in 2021;

Whereas, the WLR will provide a forum for scholarship on ethical, pedagogical, legal and business issues, taxation, legislative reform and on the efficiency and efficacy of legislative decision-making;

Now therefore, the Bylaws of the WLR shall be as follows.

### **ARTICLE 1 – NAME, OFFICES, AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

**Section 1.1. Name.** The Journal shall be known as the “Western Law Review” (WLR).

**Section 1.2. Offices.** The WLR office shall be located at the Western Academy of Legal Studies in Business.

**Section 1.3. Organizational Structure.** The WLR is a part of the Western Academy of Legal Studies in Business, which is a regional association of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business.

### **ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE**

**Section 2.1. Mission Statement.** The WLR seeks to promote academic and professional discourse on business, ethical, legal, tax and pedagogical issues.

**Section 2.2. Non-Partisan Journal with Commitment to Objectivity.** WLR publications and events shall not have any party affiliation. Further, the WLR shall not campaign on behalf of or against any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding the foregoing, WLR events may be co-sponsored with partisan organizations. The WLR will also be objective in seeking to publish articles from different viewpoints based on novelty, professionalism and importance.

**Section 2.3. Online Journal.** In order to expand its online presence and to reach new readership, the WLR shall also maintain and operate a website, which will include articles and other digital

content to be published online in addition to digital and printed versions of articles published in the WLR.

### **ARTICLE 3 – CALENDAR**

**Section 3.1. Publishing Calendar.** The WLR shall endeavor to publish at least one issue in a calendar year.

**Section 3.2. Symposia Calendar.** The WLR may host an annual symposium/conference that shall take place during the academic year. The Symposium/Conference Chairs are responsible for coordinating all events related to the symposium/conference. All symposium/conference participants shall be encouraged to submit articles for publication.

**Section 3.3. Elections Calendar.** The WLR shall hold elections for Officer positions as needed. The elections shall be held as determined by the Board.

### **ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 4.1. Membership.** All who serve as Editors as well as all Officers of the WLR, shall be considered members of the WLR. Every member shall have the rights and privileges that accompany such designation.

### **ARTICLE 5 – THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Section 5.1. The Board.** The Executive Board (“Board”) shall be comprised of the Editor-in-Chief, the Managing Editor, and all other Editors and Officers.

**Section 5.2. Board Meetings.** The Editor-in-Chief and the Managing Editor shall have the right to call a Board meeting at their discretion.

**Section 5.3. Changes to Bylaws.** The Board may update and/or amend the Bylaws as needed after proper notice, a meeting and a simple majority vote of the Board.

### **ARTICLE 6 – OFFICERS**

**Section 6.1. Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor.** The WLR’s Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor (“Presidents”) shall consist of two people responsible for the content and operations of the WLR. The Editor-in-Chief may choose to split obligations between article content and other WLR operations as s/he sees fit. However, both shall bear responsibility for the entirety of Journal content and operations.

**1. Oversight.** The Editor-in-Chief shall have responsibility for overseeing all operations and functions of the WLR including editing, article selection, publication, symposia, membership recruitment, and digital content.

**2. Calendar.** The Editor-in-Chief shall have responsibility for setting the WLR calendar and for scheduling all WLR events consistent with these Bylaws.

**3. Articles Selection.** The Editor-in-Chief shall have responsibility for the selection of articles. Articles shall be selected with consideration given to the recommendations of the Editors and Reviewers. Consideration shall also be given to the originality, quality, academic impact, contribution to public discourse, and legal pertinence of the article. Finally, consideration shall be given to the diversity and balance of content in each issue.

**Section 6.2. Managing Editor.** The Managing Editor shall consist of one person with primary responsibility for maintaining an accurate account of WLR revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities. The Managing Editor shall also work with the Editor-in-Chief to organize membership recruitment, schedule and organize Board meetings, schedule and organize social events, administer promotions, and facilitate all other WLR operations.

**Section 6.3. Other Officers.** The following positions shall also be Officers of the Journal and serve as members of the Journal's Board of Officers:

**1. Articles Editors.** The Articles Editors shall review submissions to the Journal that require expedited review and make recommendations for publication to the Editor-in-Chief. They will also work with the authors of accepted articles in order to prepare the articles for publication.

**2. Associate Editors.** The Associate Editors shall have primary authority over article citations and the Journal Style Guide. They will supervise the work of Reviewers and provide their own recommendations as to whether to accept or reject manuscripts to the Editor-in-Chief.

**3. Appointment of Other Officers.** Other Officers will be appointed by the Board as needed.

**4. Removal of Officers.** Any Officer of the Journal, including the Editor-in-Chief, may be removed if a supermajority (two-thirds) of the Board votes in favor of removal. An Officer must be allowed due time and sufficient opportunity to address the Board regarding his or her removal before a removal vote.

**5. Notice.** To solicit candidates to fill a vacant position, the Managing Editor shall make reasonable efforts to notify all WLR members of the vacancy. The notice(s) shall provide that any interested members must submit a statement of interest by a date determined by the Managing Editor. The WLR may also seek candidates outside the membership to fill vacancies.

**6. Selection.** The Board shall review all timely submitted statements and meet to select the candidate to fill the vacant position. The candidate shall be selected by a simple majority vote of the Board.