

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

A Statement Of Position Regarding The Interpretation Of Article VIII of the Student Bar Association Constitution

Where as: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee for the Student Bar Association (SBA) of the University of Connecticut School of Law is charged with the interpretation, amending, and editing of the SBA Constitution and Bylaws;

Where as: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee is presently drafting amendments to the current SBA Constitution, last amended in Spring 2008;

Where as: Article VIII of the SBA Constitution currently reads;

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by a vote of a majority of the voting members of the Association with due notice for that purpose, except that this Article of the Constitution may be amended by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the total Association membership.

Section 2: A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be posted on the Association notice board for at least one week prior to the vote on such amendment.

Where as: There is no current interpretation of Article VIII of the Constitution and its meaning has been contested and ambiguous;

Therefore: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee interprets Article VIII to require that an amendment receive a majority of the vote (twelve votes in the affirmative) by Members of the Board of the Student Bar Association.

Furthermore: The Constitution and Bylaws Committee interprets Article VIII to require that an amendment to Article VIII in specific, requires a three-fourths (3/4) vote from the entire student body that is eligible to vote;

Be it resolved: The Board of the SBA agrees with the Constitution and ByLaws Committee's interpretation of Article VIII of the SBA Constitution and has adopted such interpretation as its own.