AMENDED BYLAWS
Effective 10/3/15

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1
All previous bylaws shall be disregarded and considered null and void

SECTION 2 NAME
The name of the association shall be the Western New England University School of Law Alumni Association (“Law Alumni Association”).

SECTION 2 OBJECTIVE
The objective of the Law Alumni Association shall be to establish mutually beneficial relations between Western New England University School of Law (“School of Law”) and its alumni.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Any graduate of the School of Law shall be a member of the Law Alumni Association, providing the individual was in good standing while in attendance at the School of Law.

ARTICLE III: FEES
No dues shall be required to be a member of the Law Alumni Association.

ARTICLE IV: PRIVILEGES
Members shall have the right to attend all general and special meetings of the Law Alumni Association.

ARTICLE V: GOVERNANCE

SECTION 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The Law Alumni Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors (the “Board”) including one student director appointed by the Student Bar Association. The Board may consist of up to twenty-two members at any given time.

SECTION 2 OFFICERS
The Officers of the Law Alumni Association shall be a president and president-elect. The president, at his/her discretion, may appoint a clerk and/or treasurer. The president shall chair all meetings of the Law Alumni Association, the Board and the Executive Committee and shall appoint all committees, subject to Board approval. The president-elect shall act in place of the president during absences or incapacity of the latter. The clerk, if any, shall maintain the records of the Law Alumni Association. The treasurer, if any, shall maintain the finances of the Law Alumni Association.

SECTION 3  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Between the meetings of the Board, an Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Law Alumni Association. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the officers, with the remaining members to be appointed by the president with the consent of the Board.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIONS

SECTION 1  BOARD MEMBERS

The Board Members, with the exception of the Student Board Member, shall be elected for three-year terms, or until their successors are elected, staggered such that approximately one-third of the Board is elected each year. The Board Members shall be elected by the membership via ballot, in any method determined by the Board, and shall take their seats at the conclusion of the General Meeting. The Student Board Member shall be appointed annually by the School of Law’s Student Bar Association. At the conclusion of the Board Members’ three-year term, s/he may be re-nominated to serve another term as a board member, if one or more year has passed since her/his last term. To that end, nothing in this provision prohibits Board Members from serving more than one three-year term on the board.

SECTION 2  OFFICERS

The Officers shall be a president and president-elect and, if appointed, a clerk and/or treasurer. Generally, the president shall serve a one-year term, or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. However, pursuant to unanimous consent of the Board Members and subsequent vote, the President’s term maybe extended for an additional year. The president-elect shall be elected from among the Board Members by the Board at the fall meeting of the Board, and shall take his or her seat at the conclusion of the election of the Officers. Should the president-elect position become vacant, a special election may be held at any meeting of the board at the discretion of the president. The president-elect also serves a one-year term, unless the president’s term is extended as stated above. The clerk and treasurer, if appointed, shall serve shall serve a term concurrent with that of the appointing president.

At the end of the president’s current term, the president-elect shall automatically succeed to the office of the president. If the president-elect is unable or unwilling to serve as president, the Board of Directors shall elect a new president at the earliest opportunity.”
SECTION 3 NOMINATIONS
The nominating committee shall review potential candidates and shall make recommendations for new members to the Board. The Board shall review the nomination committee’s recommendations and approve a slate of candidates to be included in the Ballot submitted to the Membership. The nomination committee shall solicit candidate nominations for officers and shall present a list of those candidates to the Board for election.

SECTION 4 ELECTIONS
Ballots shall be made available to the Board, as soon as available, prior to the voting deadline.

SECTION 5 VACANCIES
If any Director position becomes vacant prior to the end of the full term, the president may appoint a member of the Law Alumni Association to complete the term. If the office of president or president-elect becomes vacant prior to the end of the full term, the Board shall elect an officer from the current board members.

SECTION 6 REMOVAL
Whereas, Board Members are elected by the Alumni to serve a three year term consisting of quarterly meetings, as indicated in Article IX, attendance is a crucial. Any two unexcused absences, and/or lack of participation in a committee, may cause a member to be removed at the discretion of the President and the Nominations Committee Chairperson. If that should happen, a new board member may be appointed or the seat may stay vacant.

ARTICLE VII: CHAPTERS
An organization of School of Law alumni that is based on geography, area of practice, or other factors in common, may become an affiliated Chapter of the Law Alumni Association by petitioning for and receiving formal recognition by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 STANDING COMMITTEES
There shall be standing committees on nominations, communications and chapters. The president shall appoint a chairperson for each standing committee, and committee members shall serve a term concurrent with that of the appointing president.

SECTION 2 SPECIAL COMMITTEES
Special committees and task forces may be created by the president, with Board approval, as the need arises. The president shall designate the functions and duration of the committee, the method of choosing the chairperson and to whom the chairperson reports. Recommendations from special committees or task forces must be submitted to the Board for consideration. Members of special committees and task forces shall serve
for a period concurrent with that of the appointing president, or upon completion of the task for which the special committee or task force was created, whichever is sooner.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

SECTION 1  BOARD MEETINGS

There shall be four Regular Meetings of the Board each year. One Regular Meeting shall be held fall and the other Regular Meeting shall be held in the spring. Two additional electronic meetings shall be held in the winter and summer of each year, a date to be decided at each fall meeting. Additional meetings of the Board may be called by the Executive Committee or by a majority of the Board.

SECTION 2  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee shall meet at the request of the president or the majority of the Executive Committee, and otherwise at least once between each meeting, electronically or otherwise.

SECTION 3  QUORUM

Meetings of the Board, Executive Committee or other Committees may be conducted in person, by telephone conference, video conference or other electronic medium. A majority of the Board present at the meeting, either in person or calling in shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X: AWARDS

The Alumni Association will present awards, in the name of the Alumni Association, to alumni so deserving. Nominees for the award will be determined by nominations submitted to the Board, and vetted by a special committee of the Board. A slate of nominees for any alumni award will be presented to the full board present, each spring

ARTICLE XI: PROCEDURE

SECTION 1  FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Law Alumni Association shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

SECTION 2  AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the members of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association.

SECTION 3  RULES OF ORDER

Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Bylaws or by specific rules of procedure adopted by the Law Alumni Association.
SECTION 4  STANDING RULES

The Board shall have full power to make such Standing Rules considered necessary for the governing and well being of the Law Alumni Association and its members not inconsistent with these Bylaws. The Board may alter, amend or repeal these standing rules.