

DETROIT MERCY LAW

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CHARTER TO

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY ASSOCIATION OF BLACK LAW ALUMNI

Preamble:

Whereas, alumni play an essential role in the mission and success of University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (School of Law); and

Whereas, the University of Detroit Mercy Law Alumni Association (the "Association") strives to meet the needs of all School of Law alumni; and

Whereas, The Association endeavors to engage all alumni, including underrepresented alumni and students through the formation, development and charter of affiliate and regional associations to accomplish the objects of Article II of the Association's Constitution by expanding its resources to include the School of Law's diverse alumni; and

Whereas, the undersigned seek to promote the participation of black law alumni and students with the Association through fellowship, career networking, mentoring, student recruitment, retention, scholarships and other activities that unite the alumni base; and

Whereas, it is vital to the mission and success of the School of Law and the Association that black alumni return to the School of Law in greater numbers and become active in the affairs of the School of Law and the Association, the undersigned seek to form an affiliate law alumni association to augment the resources of the School of Law and the Association and to increase black law alumni and student participation through fellowship, career networking, mentoring, student recruitment, retention, scholarship fundraising, and other activities that enhance the experience at the School of Law; and

Whereas, the undersigned seek to enter into an agreement to create an affiliate association for the benefit of black law alumni and students, the Association and the School of Law, to be named the University of Detroit Mercy Association of Black Law Alumni ("ABLA"); and

Whereas, it is the intention of the Association and ABLA to align their individual and collective efforts and mission to optimize resources, promote diversity, and to identify areas of shared responsibility through this Charter; and

Whereas, the Association approved the formation of ABLA by majority vote at its October 3, 2017 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, by execution hereof, the undersigned hereby agree:

1. To the formation of an affiliate association to be named the University of Detroit Mercy Association of Black Law Alumni ("ABLA") whose membership shall be open to those who are members of the Association who support the mission of the ABLA.
2. Mission: ABLA is dedicated to fostering a mutually beneficial and lifelong relationship between the School of Law and all current and future black alumni; ensuring black law students are able to attend and thrive at the School of Law; facilitating the successful transition of black law students into the legal profession; ensuring black alumni return to the law school in greater numbers and become active in the affairs of the Association and ABLA.
3. ABLA will be governed by the following documents: the Constitution and By-laws of the University of Detroit Mercy Law Alumni Association, that set forth the overall governance of the Association, its affiliate and regional associations, committees and members; this Charter, that establishes the basic rights and obligations between the Association and ABLA; and the ABLA Constitution and By-laws that will determine its internal governance.
4. ABLA's Constitution and By-laws will be drafted by its founding members and presented to the Association's Board of Directors for ratification by a three-quarter vote of the Board at any duly convened meeting. Any future amendments to ABLA's Constitution must be ratified pursuant to the same procedure.
5. Benefits:
 - a. The Association shall reserve at least one (1) seat on its Board of Directors each year for a representative appointed by ABLA.
 - b. ABLA will have use of the School of Law's logo, brand line and web page as long as such use is consistent with the official Brand Standards Guide for the School of Law.
6. Obligations: Any and all actions taken by ABLA and members acting on its behalf shall be consistent with the governing documents and in compliance with the University's tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) charitable entity.
7. In compliance with the University's tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) charitable entity, ABLA shall be able to solicit funds for scholarships and events that shall be deposited into accounts registered to and controlled by University of Detroit Mercy to be distributed in accordance with the University's expenditure policies.

8. Review: The Association or ABLA may at any time request to receive a review of the provisions of this Charter.
9. Successors: This Charter shall be binding upon each party and the party's successors and assigns.
10. Governing Law: This Charter shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan.
11. This Agreement amends and supersedes the Charter executed by the undersigned and approved by the Association dated January 16, 2018.

SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Charter as of the date of the latest signature set forth below.

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

By: Phyllis L. Crocker
Phyllis L. Crocker, Dean

Dated: 30 October 2018

University of Detroit Mercy Law Alumni Association

By: Edward G. Lennon
Edward G. Lennon, President

Dated: 11-2-18

University of Detroit Mercy Association Black Law Alumni

By: Terrence Keith
Hon. Terrence Keith, Founding Member

Dated: 11.7.2018