Terms of Use

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These Terms of Use ("Terms") govern access to and use of **The Pre-Law Network**, including the website at **theprelawnetwork.com**, associated accounts, profiles, directories, communications, content, and related services (collectively, the "Network").

The Pre-Law Network website is hosted by Dean Beardsworth.

The website is currently a free personal networking project. In these Terms, "The Pre-Law Network" and the "Network" refer to the website and community only. References to "we," "us," or "our" refer to Dean Beardsworth as the website host. These references do not identify a separate business entity or a business name under which Dean Beardsworth operates.

By creating an account, accessing the Network, or otherwise using the website and its features, you agree to these Terms.

1. Purpose of the Network

The Pre-Law Network is a professional networking platform designed to connect undergraduate students interested in law with pre-law societies, law students, lawyers, legal professionals, firms, organizations, and others participating in the legal community.

The Network is intended to facilitate professional connections, mentorship, information sharing, community building, and access to opportunities.

The Pre-Law Network is not a law firm, legal referral service, university, employment agency, or provider of legal advice.

2. Account Types

The Network may offer different account types, including:

- Student Accounts;
- Professional Accounts;
- Society or Organization Accounts;
- Law Student Accounts; and
- other account categories introduced by The Pre-Law Network.

Different account types may have different eligibility requirements, features, permissions, and verification procedures. All account types are currently free of charge.

3. Student Eligibility

Student Accounts are intended for individuals currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at a recognized post-secondary institution and who otherwise satisfy the eligibility requirements established by The Pre-Law Network.

Student access may be provided through an approved participating society or through another access method authorized by The Pre-Law Network.

We may require reasonable proof of current enrolment or affiliation before creating, activating, or maintaining a Student Account.

Users must not falsify their educational status, institutional affiliation, society membership, year of study, identity, or other eligibility information.

4. Professional Eligibility

Individuals applying for Professional Accounts may be asked to provide information reasonably necessary to establish their identity, professional background, employment, legal education, licensing status, or other relevant qualifications.

Acceptance of a Professional Account does not constitute an endorsement, certification, recommendation, or guarantee by The Pre-Law Network regarding that individual's competence, character, professional standing, or services.

Users are responsible for independently evaluating any person with whom they choose to interact.

5. Society and Organization Accounts

Pre-law societies, student associations, firms, and other organizations may be required to apply for approval.

The person establishing an organizational account represents that they have authority to act on behalf of the organization.

The website host may establish additional requirements for participating organizations, including membership verification, account administration requirements, or membership reporting. Participating societies and organizations are not currently charged for access.

6. Age and Legal Capacity

The Network is not intended for children under 13.

Users must have the legal capacity to agree to these Terms. Where a user has not reached the age of majority applicable in their jurisdiction, parental or guardian consent may be required where necessary.

The Pre-Law Network may establish additional age or eligibility requirements where reasonably required for particular services.

7. Account Information

You agree to:

- provide truthful, accurate, and reasonably current information;
- maintain only accounts you are authorized to control;
- protect your login credentials;
- promptly notify us of suspected unauthorized access;
- keep relevant profile and eligibility information reasonably current; and
- not permit another person to impersonate you through your account.

You are responsible for activity conducted through your account unless that activity results from circumstances reasonably outside your control.

8. Professional Conduct

The Network is intended to be a professional environment.

Users must communicate and interact with others respectfully and in good faith.

You may not use the Network to:

- harass, threaten, intimidate, stalk, or abuse another person;
- discriminate against users in a manner prohibited by applicable law;
- impersonate another person or organization;
- knowingly provide materially false or misleading information;
- engage in fraud or deceptive conduct;
- distribute unlawful, defamatory, threatening, obscene, or malicious content;
- sexually harass or exploit another user;
- encourage unlawful activity;
- interfere with another person's ability to use the Network;
- create fraudulent opportunities, credentials, job postings, events, or organizations; or
- use the Network in a manner reasonably likely to harm users or the integrity of the community.

9. Networking and Professional Outreach

The Network exists to facilitate genuine professional interaction.

Reasonable individual outreach for mentorship, professional discussion, recruiting, opportunities, events, or networking is permitted where consistent with the recipient's reasonable expectations.

Users may not:

- send mass unsolicited messages;
- repeatedly contact someone who has clearly asked not to be contacted;
- harvest email addresses, phone numbers, profile information, or other contact information;
- use member information primarily to build external marketing lists;
- sell member contact information;
- use automated systems to message large numbers of members;
- scrape or systematically download member profiles;
- operate bots, crawlers, scripts, or similar automated systems without written permission; or

- use the professional directory as a bulk lead-generation database.

10. No Solicitor-Client Relationship

Participation by a lawyer, law student, firm, legal professional, or other member does not create a solicitor-client relationship between that person and another user.

Messages, posts, conversations, networking calls, mentorship discussions, profile information, or other interactions through the Network should not be assumed to constitute legal advice.

A solicitor-client relationship may arise only where the relevant lawyer or legal service provider separately agrees to establish one in accordance with applicable professional obligations.

Users should obtain independent legal advice where appropriate.

11. No Guarantee of Opportunities

The Pre-Law Network facilitates introductions and access to a professional community.

We do not guarantee:

- employment;
- internships;
- mentorship;
- admission to law school;
- academic outcomes;
- professional references;
- interviews;
- responses from other users;
- business relationships;
- legal services; or
- any particular result from participating in the Network.

Users remain responsible for their own professional, educational, and career decisions.

12. User Content

Users may be able to submit profile information, biographies, work experience, achievements, photographs, posts, messages, comments, opportunity listings, society information, and other material ("User Content").

You retain ownership of your User Content.

By submitting User Content to the Network, you grant Dean Beardsworth, in his capacity as the website host, a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free licence to host, store, reproduce, format, transmit, and display that content only as reasonably necessary to host, administer, maintain, secure, and make the Network available.

This licence ends when the relevant content is deleted, except where continued retention is reasonably necessary for backups, legal obligations, fraud prevention, security, dispute resolution, or content

previously shared with other users.

We will not claim ownership of your original User Content merely because you upload it to the Network.

13. Responsibility for User Content

You are responsible for the content you submit.

You represent that you have the right to submit that content and that doing so does not unlawfully infringe another person's intellectual property, privacy, publicity, contractual, or other rights.

The Pre-Law Network may remove content that violates these Terms or applicable law.

14. Private and Public Information

Some profile information may be visible to other approved members of the Network.

Users are responsible for considering what information they choose to include in member-visible portions of their profiles.

Information identified as private, administrative, verification-related, or otherwise non-public will be handled in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

15. Intellectual Property

The website's name, branding, logos, interface, software, design, original text, databases, and other proprietary materials are owned by Dean Beardsworth or their respective rights holders, or used under licence, and are protected by applicable intellectual property laws.

Except as expressly permitted by us, users may not copy, reproduce, sell, license, reverse engineer, redistribute, or commercially exploit proprietary portions of the Network.

Nothing in these Terms transfers ownership of the website host's or any other rights holder's intellectual property to a user.

16. Free Access and Any Future Paid Offering

The website is currently a free networking project. Students, professionals, societies, and organizations are not charged membership fees, subscription fees, or access fees by the website host.

Creating an account or accepting these Terms does not authorize any payment, recurring charge, or future subscription.

If a paid offering is introduced in the future, its pricing, the identity of the person or entity providing it, and the applicable payment, renewal, cancellation, and refund terms will be disclosed separately before a user or organization chooses to purchase it.

These Terms govern the current free website. They do not establish a paid membership agreement or commit a user or organization to a future paid offering.

17. Communications

We may send users communications reasonably necessary to administer their accounts and the website, including security notices, verification messages, website announcements, account administration communications, and material updates.

Promotional or commercial electronic communications will be managed in accordance with applicable Canadian anti-spam requirements.

Where required, users will be given an opportunity to unsubscribe from promotional communications.

Unsubscribing from promotional messages does not necessarily prevent us from sending communications necessary to administer an active account.

18. Third-Party Services

The Network may contain links to or integrate with third-party services.

The Pre-Law Network does not control and is not responsible for third-party websites, products, privacy practices, or services.

Use of third-party services may be governed by separate terms and privacy policies.

19. Safety and User Disputes

The Pre-Law Network does not supervise every interaction between members.

Users are responsible for exercising reasonable judgment when interacting online or meeting another member in person.

If you believe another user has engaged in misconduct, fraud, harassment, impersonation, or other inappropriate behaviour, you may report the concern to **dbeardsw@uwo.ca**.

We may investigate reports and take action we consider reasonably appropriate.

20. Suspension and Termination

We may warn, restrict, suspend, or terminate an account where we reasonably believe that:

- these Terms have been violated;
- eligibility information is materially inaccurate;
- the account poses a security risk;
- the account is being used fraudulently;
- another user is being placed at risk;
- continued access could expose the website host or its users to legal liability; or
- suspension or termination is otherwise reasonably necessary to protect the Network.

Where appropriate, we may provide an opportunity to explain or appeal a decision.

Users may stop using the Network and request account closure at any time.

21. Changes to the Network

The Pre-Law Network is an evolving website and community project.

We may add, modify, restrict, or discontinue features where reasonably necessary.

We do not guarantee that any particular feature, account type, directory, integration, or functionality will remain available indefinitely.

22. Disclaimer of Warranties

To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Network is provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis.

We do not guarantee that the Network will always be uninterrupted, error-free, secure, or free from harmful components.

Nothing in these Terms excludes warranties, rights, or remedies that cannot lawfully be excluded.

23. Limitation of Liability

To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, Dean Beardsworth, in his capacity as the website host, will not be liable for indirect, incidental, special, consequential, exemplary, or punitive damages arising from use of the Network, including loss of opportunity, reputation, data, profits, or anticipated benefits.

The website host is not responsible for the independent acts, statements, advice, omissions, representations, or conduct of users.

Where liability cannot lawfully be excluded, our liability will be limited only to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Nothing in these Terms limits liability where doing so would be prohibited by law.

24. Indemnification

To the extent permitted by applicable law, you agree to indemnify Dean Beardsworth, in his capacity as the website host, against claims, losses, or expenses arising directly from your unlawful use of the Network, your material breach of these Terms, or User Content submitted by you that unlawfully violates another person's rights.

25. Privacy

Our collection, use, disclosure, retention, and protection of personal information is described in our Privacy Policy.

The Privacy Policy describes how the website host handles personal information associated with your participation in the Network.

26. Changes to These Terms

We may update these Terms as the Network evolves.

Where a change materially affects users' rights or obligations, we will provide reasonable notice through the Network, by email, or through another appropriate method.

Continued use following the effective date of updated Terms constitutes acceptance where permitted by law.

Where additional consent is legally required, we will request it.

27. Governing Law

These Terms are governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the applicable federal laws of Canada, without regard to conflict-of-law principles.

Subject to any mandatory rights available under applicable law, disputes relating to these Terms or the Network will be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Ontario.

28. Severability

If any provision of these Terms is found unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in effect to the extent permitted by law.

29. Contact

Questions about these Terms may be directed to:

The Pre-Law Network

Dean Beardsworth, Website Host

Email: **dbeardsw@uwo.ca**