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To Whom It May Concern,

The Student Bar Association of Seattle University School of Law represents student interests, needs, and welfare.¹ All enrolled students at the School of Law have full membership in the SBA.² No Registered Student Organization may discriminate against a student, due to their political beliefs.³ All School of Law students shall be allowed to participate, gain membership, and seek a leadership position in all RSOs, no matter the student's beliefs.⁴

The SBA's power is defined through its constitution and bylaws. The Governing Council does not have jurisdiction over settling disputes regarding student organizations or their members. Per the SBA's governing documents, the Judicial Board is tasked with duties including ruling on complaints against RSOs and resolving controversies arising from the SBA Constitution and Bylaws.⁵

Cases brought before the Judicial Board are decided by a simple majority.⁶ When resolving complaints against RSOs, the Judicial Board has the power to provide the following remedies: (1) temporarily suspend funding to the RSO, for no more than one semester; (2) rescind the recognition status of the RSO; or (3) send findings to the SBA Vice President and Governing Council.⁷ The Judicial Board may remedy RSO controversies arising from the SBA Constitution and Bylaws in the following ways: (1) make a declaratory judgement, which settles the controversy or question; or (2) invalidate or reconstruct the relevant provision of the SBA Bylaws, if it conflicts with the Constitution.⁸

The Federalist Society is a Recognized Student Organization. The RSO was recertified in September 2020, by the Student Bar Association Governing Council, for it met all the qualifying criteria.⁹ Any action to be taken by the SBA, regarding the Federalist Society or its members, is contained within the jurisdiction of the Judicial Board. Mike Davis is the Chair of the Judicial Board and can be reached at the following email address: davisc16@seattleu.edu.

If you have additional questions, please reply via email.

Take care and be well,
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¹ SBA Constitution, Preamble.

² SBA Constitution, Article III §1.

³ SBA Constitution, Article IV §1; SBA Bylaws Chapter II §11; SBA Bylaws, Chapter II §11.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ SBA Constitution, Article IX §4; SBA Bylaws, Chapter IX §8(B); SBA Bylaws, Chapter IX §8(G).

⁶ SBA Constitution, Article IX §6.

⁷ SBA Bylaws, Article IX §8(G).

⁸ SBA Bylaws, Chapter IX §8(B).

⁹ *See* SBA Bylaws, Chapter II §6(B).