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Proposed Constitutional amendments:

Article 2.1(b)

Law students, any person who attends law school. A law student member may retain that membership status for one year following graduation or until ~~he or she~~ **they** become eligible for another membership category, whichever comes first, **with the exception that a currently serving Student National Vice President shall have the option to finish out their elected term;**

Article 5.10(b)

Removal for Ineligibility - The positions of National Jailhouse Lawyer Vice President, ~~National Law Student Vice President,~~ and National Legal Worker Vice President shall be deemed vacant in the event that the holder ceases to be eligible for membership as a jailhouse lawyer, ~~law student,~~ or legal worker, respectively.

Rationale

By operation of our Constitution, specifically Articles 2.1(b) and 5.10(b), if read together and acted upon, we would need to remove our currently sitting (senior) National Law Student Vice President, and also our incoming (junior, soon to be senior) National Law Student Vice President sometime this fall, or in May 2021.

This would be manifestly disruptive to the functioning of the NEC, and law student representation on the NEC.

Acutely, this disruption would exist from the removal of two of our current LSNVPs.

Long-term, any 2L or 3L on a standard three year track is ineligible to serve after either (a) they are admitted to the bar, or (b) one year after their graduation, whichever comes first. This would essentially mean that with a late summer / autumn convention timing, only 1Ls could expect to serve their entire term, and replacements would need to be appointed every year, in some cases after the Law Student Caucus had immediately finished voting for the incoming (junior) LSNVP.