

I. Judicial Powers

A. The judicial powers of Student Government are vested in a Student Government Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch shall have jurisdiction over the Student Body in all cases involving violation of any student regulation except those reserved to the administration (See Administrative Policies). Actions by the student judicial boards shall be in the form of recommendations to the Vice President for Student Affairs or the Vice President's designee.

B. The Student Government Judicial Branch shall have complete jurisdiction over all cases involving student organizations, except those reserved to the administration, and all Student Government violations. These violations shall be heard by the Supreme Court in the form of a recommendation from the Attorney General.

II. Positions and Responsibilities

A. Office of the Attorney General: The Office of the Attorney General shall be composed of the Attorney General, the Assistant Attorney General(s), and the student advisors.

1. Attorney General

a. The Attorney General shall coordinate the operation of the student judicial boards. This constitutes the coordination of all paperwork for cases, recommended sanctions, selection and dismissal of justices, and the coordination of the appeal process. The Attorney General shall also serve as advisor to the student judicial boards.

b. The Attorney General shall recommend to the Student Body President and the Student Senate the Chief Justice along with the five Supreme Court justices and the alternative justice.

c. The Attorney General, in addition to administering student judicial board and Supreme Court affairs, shall be the student representative of the University to the administration in all matters involving student policies and judicial procedures.

d. The Attorney General shall be responsible for maintaining a pool of students willing to serve as the student representative for Administrative Hearings. This selected pool of students must be pre-approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs or the Vice-President's designee.

e. The Attorney General shall ultimately be responsible for the appointment of all members within the Office of the Attorney General and all matters within the office's jurisdiction.

2. Assistant Attorney General(s)

- a. The Assistant Attorney General(s) shall be responsible for coordinating all affairs involving the internal operations of the Judicial Branch. This shall include, but not be limited to, the coordination of all conduct advisors and examiners and the paperwork for the trial courts.
- b. The Assistant Attorney General(s) shall perform all tasks otherwise assumed by the Attorney General involving Administrative Hearings or any other administrative matter.
- c. The Assistant Attorney General(s) shall perform all other tasks required to assist the Attorney General in the operations of the Judicial Branch.

3. Attorney General and the Parking Review Board

- a. The Attorney General shall be responsible for coordinating the student representatives for the Clemson University Parking Review Boards.
- b. The Attorney General must coordinate all use of Student Government facilities for the Clemson University Parking Review Board.
- c. The Attorney General shall serve as a liaison between Student Government and the Parking Review Board and shall inform Student Government of all matters pertaining to the Parking Review Board within the University.

4. Official Notice of Appearance. The Office of the Attorney General has the ability to require any member of the Clemson University Student Body to appear before a student judicial board hearing. Failure to comply with the official notice may result in charges against the student, which shall be filed by the Attorney General. An Official Notice of Appearance shall be served to students or organizations at least 72 hours prior to the time of the hearing.

B. Supreme Court

1. Supreme Court Chief Justice

- a. Jurisdiction. The Chief Justice has the ability to determine whether a hearing is warranted from the information presented by the Attorney General. All student appeals for cases from student judicial boards must be approved as having some merit for recourse in order for the Supreme Court to be called into session.
- b. The Attorney General shall recommend to the Student Body President and the Student Senate the Chief Justice along with five supreme court justices and the alternate justice.
- c. Interpretation. The Chief Justice, in addition to the Attorney General, has the authority to interpret Student Government policies. However, if the Attorney General makes a hearing recommendation, the Chief Justice must convene the Supreme Court.

2. Supreme Court Justices

- a. Term. The five justices and one alternate will serve a one year term.
- b. Appointments. The appointments of justices are in the form of recommendations from the Student Body President to the Student Senate. Approval of the recommendation shall be a two-thirds vote from the Student Senate.
- c. Qualifications. All students nominated must have a minimum of one academic year of experience on a student peer review board and must meet the same qualifications as those for judicial board members.

C. Student Judicial Board Members

1. Selection. The members shall be selected by the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Judicial Services in the Fall and Spring semesters of every academic year.
2. Qualifications. No member may be approved as a student judicial board member if they are currently on probation. For students who have been placed on any type of probation at any University, they must be pre-approved. A minimum GPR of 2.3 is required, in addition to one academic semester as a Clemson University student.

D. Parking Review Board Representatives

1. Selection. The Attorney General shall appoint the student representative to the Clemson University Parking Review Board.
2. Qualifications. No student may be approved as a Parking Review Board representative if they are currently on probation. For students who once before have been placed on any type of probation at any university, they must be pre-approved. A minimum GPR of 2.2 is required, in addition to one academic semester as a Clemson University student.

III. Court System

A. Supreme Court

1. The Supreme Court has ultimate jurisdiction over all matters within the Student Government jurisdiction.
2. The Supreme Court has the right to hear any appeal that does not have a recommended sanction of eviction, suspension or expulsion.
3. The Supreme Court must meet at least once a month per semester.
4. Dated files of all Supreme Court hearings and decisions shall be kept by the Attorney General.

B. Student Judicial Boards

1. Jurisdiction. The Board shall have original jurisdiction of all cases not retained by administration involving violations of student regulations. The Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Judicial Services will assign all cases. The Attorney General's office will be responsible for maintaining all audio records pertaining to cases. All permanent records shall be given to the Office of Judicial Services.
2. Each student judicial board must have three members present for quorum.
3. Each board shall meet at least once a month during the Fall and Spring semesters.
4. Procedures. The Office of the Attorney General will retain a copy of the procedures, to be followed by chairperson, for any student or organization that chooses to review them prior to the hearing.
5. Each board will have a chairperson to facilitate the hearings. The chairperson will not have a vote in the hearing, except for in the case of a tie. The Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Judicial Services will appoint the chairperson for each board at the beginning of each semester.

C. Student Judicial Advisors

1. The Student Advisors will advise members of the Clemson University student body that appear before a student judicial board hearing and wish to have their counsel. The members will advise the accused student of their rights according to the student handbook.
2. Each Student Advisor will be assigned to a different Student Judicial Board.
3. The Student Advisors shall meet at least once a month during the Fall and Spring semesters, independent of their respective boards.
4. The Student Advisors shall be selected by the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Judicial Services.

IV. Awards

A. The Ralph (RJ) Pinnock Memorial Award

1. The Ralph (RJ) Pinnock Memorial Award is to be given annually to a judicial member who exemplifies all that Ralph represented during his life as well as his time as a Clemson University student. Awarded to a board member who is dedicated not only to the judicial branch, but also contributes to the entire campus and the community. He or she strives to continually improve upon judicial interaction and representation at Clemson. The recipient should possess good moral character and work ethic.
2. The award is to be decided on by the Attorney General and the Office of Community and Ethical Standards—Graduate Assistants. All members are eligible including Assistants, Advisors, and Chairs. Recipients of the award will be recorded every year on a plaque to be displayed in the CUSG office.