5.2 Policies & Procedures — Students with Disability

A. General

The Stetson University College of Law is committed to providing reasonable accommodations of the documented disability for a student, in the form of necessary support services, so as to provide the student with a disability an equal opportunity to achieve success in his or her enrollment in the College’s program of courses leading to the Juris Doctor degree.

A student with a disability is a student who:

1. Has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities (such as performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, learning or working);

2. Has a record of such impairment (has a history, or has been classified as having a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities); or

3. Is regarded as having such an impairment.

B. Reasonable Accommodations

Any student who believes himself or herself to be disabled as that term is defined in section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, or the Americans With Disabilities Act, and who desires any necessary accommodation of his or her disability in classes, examinations, housing, physical plant, or otherwise, should have documented proof indicating the disability and such documentation should be given to the Office of the Dean during orientation, or the first week of classes. It is important to understand that the College may not be obliged to provide accommodation unless and until requested by the student. Thus any request for accommodation of pre-existing disabilities in classes must be acted upon during the first week of the class, or in the case of examinations, prior to the examination in question.

Under applicable law, accommodation plans are between the College and individual student. Thus, students with essentially similar disabilities may be accommodated differently. A disabled student should not assume that the accommodation afforded another student is to be provided to him or her also, merely because the other student is similarly disabled. Accommodations may be acted upon, as to any student, only upon request, and mutual agreement and will be sought on a case by case basis as to appropriate and reasonable accommodations.