Mission Statement:
The Environmental Law Organization seeks to connect its members to each other and the broader environmental law community, inform them of the environmental law and policy issues they are likely to encounter during their careers, and empower them to confront those issues thoughtfully and practically.

To achieve these goals, the ELO will:

- **Connect**— create and maintain an active environmental law student group by organizing and funding activities like:
  - hiking and exploring the Knoxville area
  - showing or attending showings of films with environmental relevance
  - publicity for Tenn. Bar Association environmental law programs.
  - joint activities with other groups, on and off-campus.

- **Inform**— educate our members and fellow students at the College of Law about current environmental law and policy issues by:
  - inviting speakers with experience relevant to environmental litigation and policy.
  - channeling student interest in environmental law to support more course offerings in the field.
  - sending a regular newsletter to our members and other interested students.

- **Empower**— prepare its members to effect change, in their own lives and in their careers, by:
  - providing attendees with materials after speaker events and other activities
  - developing contacts with environmental law firms and creating channels to facilitate student internships and summer job opportunities.
  - working to establish an environmental law clinic with a particular emphasis on environmental justice.

Recognizing that the ELO is a member-driven organization, relying on the interests and motivations of individual members to determine the structure, contribution, and output of the organization as a whole, the ELO will at all times provide a welcoming atmosphere for all law students, from those who advocate increased environmental regulation to those troubled by the economic costs of that regulation.