

**CONSTITUTION OF THE CRIMINAL LAW SOCIETY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW**

PREAMBLE

We, students of the University of Miami School of Law, hereby associate ourselves in forming a Criminal Law Society to inform and educate the Law School community about career opportunities and current issues in the field of criminal law.

ARTICLES

ARTICLE I.

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Criminal Law Society of the University of Miami School of Law.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Criminal Law Society of the University of Miami School of Law shall be open to all students, faculty, and administrators upon the payment of dues.

ARTICLE III.

DUES

Dues shall be \$30.00 unless the membership of the Criminal Law Society votes otherwise. The payment of dues by the Executive Board shall be voted upon by each duly-elected Board.

ARTICLE IV.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1.

The Executive Board shall be comprised of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary.

Section 2.

The duties of the Executive Board shall be as follows:

- A. The President shall: be the chief executive officer; call and preside over meetings; serve as the official spokesperson and representative of the organization; form committees with the Vice-President to carry out the Society's objectives.
- B. The Vice-President shall: assume the Presidency upon resignation, incapacitation, or impeachment of the President until the President is able to resume his or her duties or until a new President is elected; perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President; assist the President with his or her duties.
- C. The Treasurer shall: keep a report of the finances; sign all requisitions and disbursements; submit all required budgetary materials to the proper administrative offices of the Law School.

- D. The Secretary shall: keep records of all laws and minutes of the meetings; notify members of future meetings; submit up-to-date membership lists to the Office of the Dean of Students; aid the Executive Board and members in correspondence; ensure that activities and programs of the organization are disseminated to the Law School Community.

**ARTICLE V.
VOTING MEMBERS**

Voting members shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and all members who have paid their dues.

**ARTICLE VI.
MEETINGS**

Meetings shall be held monthly during the fall and spring semesters unless prevented by calendar conflict.

**ARTICLE VII.
REMOVAL OR RESIGNATION**

Section 1. Removal

- A. The President shall preside over all impeachment proceedings unless the President is the subject of the proceedings.
- B. Malfeasance or nonfeasance shall constitute grounds for removal from office. Any member so accused shall be afforded every opportunity to defend himself or herself.
- C. Three-fourths of the voting members of the organization is required to remove the member from office. Upon being found guilty of malfeasance or nonfeasance, the official shall immediately forfeit his or her office and a new election held for a replacement.

Section 2. Resignation

Any official may resign upon the submission of a letter of resignation to the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE VIII.
ELECTIONS**

All members of the Criminal Law Society of the University of Miami School of Law may be eligible to run for office.

Section 1.

Elections may be by secret ballot.

Section 2.

Nominations may be made by secret ballot.

Section 3.

Officers shall be elected upon a receipt of the majority of the votes cast in the election; in the event that no member receives a majority or there is a tie, a runoff election shall take place immediately.

Section 4.

There will be no disclosure of the number of votes for each candidate.

Section 5.

Elections will be held annually in March.

**ARTICLE IX.
AMENDMENTS**

The voting members of the Criminal Law Society of the University of Miami School of Law shall have the power to propose amendments to, or revisions of, this Constitution by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members.

Dated by the Executive Board this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Allen Grove
President

Ronald Rhode
Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer