

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW
DIVEBAR STUDENT CHAPTER
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

1. NAME: The name of this organization shall be the “DiveBar Student Chapter.”

ARTICLE II:

1. DURATION: The date of this organization’s existence will commence on the date of filing of these by-law with University of Miami School of Law.

ARTICLE III

1. PURPOSE: DiveBar is a bar association composed of legal professionals that promotes education and awareness about coral reefs and the marine environment through scuba diving, philanthropic activities and learning experiences. The marine environment in Florida provides the foundation for one of the largest ocean and coastal economies in the United States and there is no shortage of legal issues for law students to become involved with. This DiveBar Student Chapter (DBSC) is created to inspire law students to love and respect the marine environment, to make them aware of the legal issues concerning the marine environment and to get them involved in advocacy on local marine environment issues.

ARTICLE IV

1. MEMBERS:
 - a. Qualification of Members: All law students enrolled at University of Miami School of Law may be members of this organization.
 - b. Admission of Members: Applicants shall be admitted by completing an application, signing the application, and submitting the appropriate dues.

c. Members' Meetings: All meetings of members shall be held at the ~~Shepard Broad Law Center~~, or at any other location designated by the Officers.

i. At any meeting of members, a majority in interest, represented by members of record in person or by conference call, or by online communication, shall constitute a quorum. When a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority in interest shall decide any question brought before each meeting.

ii. Notice of members' meetings, shall state the time, place, and the purpose for which the meeting is called. Notice of members' meeting will be done via email, communications folders, or other sufficient avenue.

iii. Termination of membership shall happen upon notice of such termination in writing or email delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the DBSC. Failure to pay annual dues within 30 school days of due date, or for conduct that violates the honor code.

iv. This organization shall at all times have a faculty advisor. This advisor must be informed of upcoming meeting and kept informed of all general activity within the DBSC. The faculty advisor for the DBSC is Richard Grosso.

d. This organization is to work in a collaborative manner with the DiveBar.

ARTICLE V

1. DUES:

a. Dues are to remain reasonable.

b. Dues are to be \$50.00 dollars a year.

c. Dues shall only be collected from an individual in the form of a check.

ARTICLE VI

1. OFFICERS: Officers shall be chosen by an election at the end of the Spring semester for the following school year. All vacant position at the beginning of the school year will be filled by election or Presidential appointment with confirmation by the advisor. The number officers shall not be less than three (3) or more than (9) nine. Each officer will serve the whole year or until his/her successor is duly elected.

a. The officers shall have power over the entire management of the organization. Officers are hereby vested with all the powers possessed by the organization itself, so far as this delegation is not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Florida, the Honor Code of the Law School, and these by-laws.

b. The power to adopt, amend, alter, or repeal the by-laws of this organization shall vest with the officers. A majority vote of the officers is needed to adopt, amend, alter, or repeal any by-law.

c. The officers of this organization shall maintain at all times a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Through the majority consent of these positions, additional board positions may be created. A newly created position may only be eliminated with just cause and a majority vote of the officers.

i. **President:** The President shall preside over all meetings of the members and shall perform such duties, as the Executive Board shall designate. The president shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Executive Board and of committees of the Executive Board are carried into effect. The president shall be the liaison between the DBSC and the DiveBar executive board. The president must attend at least one DiveBar executive board meeting per

semester to report on the status of the DBSC and discuss existing programs and future collaborations.

ii. **Vice President:** The Vice President shall be responsible for communicating information to all the other officers, and shall keep the President informed on the group feelings and opinions of the DBSC as a whole. The Vice President shall assume the position of President upon the removal or resignation of the existing president.

iii. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of the money, funds, and valuable papers of the organization. The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of monies and shall determine a manageable budget to be approved by the Executive Board. A checking account shall be established if the organization is in possession of more than \$100.00 dollars.

iv. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the members and the Executive Board. The Secretary shall note the members in attendance and shall determine if a quorum exists. The Secretary shall aid in the organization of DBSC documents and materials.

v. **Marshall:** The Marshall shall maintain order at all meetings, and if need be remove a member from the meeting room and/or report the misconduct of members at meetings. The Marshall shall also be responsible for recruiting new members.

vi. **Public Relations Director:** Public Relations Director is responsible for maintaining a file with the contact information, correspondence, and other materials associated with the duties of this position. The Public Relations Director is responsible for contacting law firms, business organizations, or other establishments that the DBSC interacts with. When off campus events are held, the Public Relations Director shall work with the Field Trip Organizer.

vii. **Field Trip Organizer:** The Field Trip Organizer is responsible for contacting organizations that the DBSC wish to use. This includes comparing bids for services, comparing value for services, and informing the other officers of his reports.

viii. All board positions are expected to aid in areas that are not listed in their job descriptions.

ARTICLE VII

1. RULES OF CONDUCT: The Honor Code of the Law School and the law of the State of Florida are to govern the conduct and activities of the Environmental & Land Use Law Society.

ADOPTED ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2014.