Health Law Association Constitution and Bylaws

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Article I Name and Purpose

The name of the organization shall be the University of Miami Health Law Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association. The objectives of the Association shall be to expose the members to health-related legal issues and to increase awareness of career opportunities in the area of health law.

Article II Membership

Membership is open to students and alumni of the School of Law. Practicing attorneys and medical professionals are invited to participate in Association activities.

Article III Meetings

Association meetings shall take place at least monthly during the academic year, beginning in the first month of each semester.

The purpose of such meetings shall be either to conduct general Association business or to provide a program consistent with the objectives as outlined in Article I.

The officers shall meet over the summer, if possible, to plan fall activities. The Association members shall have the power by majority vote of those members present to enact all resolutions necessary to the control and administration of the business affairs of the Association and to determine its policies and recommendations.

The Association members shall have the power of majority vote to determine the amount of membership dues, and shall have the same power to appropriate the expenditures from such funds.

Article IV Association Officers

Any member of the Association may serve as an officer. The elected officers of the Association shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Officer of Profession Relations. These officers shall take office at the earliest meeting following their elections and shall hold office until replaced by their successors.
The Officer of Professional Relations shall:

1. Coordinate professional networking, public interest and speaker events.

2. Develop and maintain networking contacts with local health law professionals, as well as students from the Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami.

3. Assume all other duties as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Constitution.

Article V Elections

Election of officers shall be held during the first two weeks of April. Members of record at the time of election shall be entitled to vote. Election ballots shall be distributed to members and returned to a designated location. The Executive Committee shall count and certify the results.

Article VI Committees

The Executive Committee shall be a standing committee comprised of the officers and the faculty adviser. The Executive Committee shall: 1. Plan and coordinate the Association Functions. 2. Establish any select committees to carry out the above. Any powers or duties not provided for in the Constitution shall be delegated to the Executive Committee.

Article VII Removal From Office

Any officer may be removed from office for failure to perform in accord with the provisions of this Constitution. Charges of impeachment may be raised against any officer by written petition of one third of the membership. The petition shall be presented to the faculty adviser who shall conduct a proper hearing and decide the question of impeachment. In the case that an elected office becomes vacant for any reason, the position shall be filled in a manner identical to that in which it was filled originally.

Article VIII Adoption and Amendment

The Constitution shall take effect when approved by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at any meeting. Amendment may be presented to the members, who shall vote on the proposal in accord with the provisions in this Article.