

## InsightFul Mind Initiative Student Organization Constitution

### **Preamble:**

We, the members of the "Insightful Mind Initiative" hereby associate ourselves to create and offer a space where law students can gather to share, learn and practice mindfulness and other contemplative traditions. Together we will support the collective intention of developing skills to focus the mind and nurture the body. We will share tools and ideas to be at peace in life, and flourish in a high stress career. The organization will place the educational experience into perspective by serving others, and reaching out to and connecting with attorneys interested in contemplative practices.

### **Article I: Name**

The name of the organization shall be the Insightful Mind Initiative.

### **Article II: Membership**

**Section A:** The membership of this organization shall be University of Miami School of Law students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni who unite to promote their common interests.

**Section B:** The Advisor of this organization shall be a full-time member of the faculty, administration, or staff.

**Section C:** An Insightful Mind Initiative Mentor ("IMI Mentor") may be appointed by Council Members to provide guidance to the organization. An IMI Mentor shall not be a student at the University of Miami School of Law, but shall be deemed a member.

**Section D:** There are no membership fees.

### **Article III: Leadership**

**Section A:** The leadership of the organization shall consist of members who wish to play a more integral role in the organization's administration. These members shall be elected to serve on the organization's Council ("Council Members"). Members elected to officer positions, pursuant to Article V, shall be granted Council Member status.

**Section B:** All Council Members shall be full-time law students who have paid the university activity fee and are in good academic standing.

**Section C:** The length of the term of elected officers shall be for one year running from May to May or until their successors are elected. For the initial election, the term shall extend to May 2011. Council Members shall serve from the time of appointment through graduation unless their status is changed pursuant to Article V. As Reflected in the attached organizational chart.

#### Article IV: Meetings

**Section A:** Regular Meetings are held once a week during the school year where members shall meet to share, learn and practice mindfulness and other contemplative traditions.

**Section B:** Organizational Meetings shall be held monthly for organizational and management purposes. All members may attend Organizational Meetings.

#### Article V: Appointment of Officers and Council Members

**Section A:** Officers shall be elected by majority vote from the floor.

**Section B:** The vacancy of an Officer mid-term shall be filled by election at an Organizational Meeting. Candidates are chosen by Council Members and elected by majority of all organization members.

**Section C:** A member becomes a Council Member by evidencing the requisite intent to do so. Such intent shall be deemed satisfied by the member's submission of a Council Membership Application Form ("CM Application") and, where necessary as set forth in Article VII, the approval of the Council members (the "Council Membership").

**Section D:** Council Membership may terminate upon a member's resignation from the Council or through the decision of a majority of the Council Membership at an Organizational Meeting.

#### Article VI: Leadership Duties

**President:** The President serves as the liaison between the organization and the Dean of Students. The President will be the primary contact for all things relating to the student organization. The President will oversee all organizational initiatives to ensure that all initiatives abide by the vision of the organization.

**Vice President:** The Vice-President supports the President in the execution of his or her leadership duties.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall fulfill traditional secretarial functions, oversee communication with members, and serve as liason between the organization and the various student service departments to arrange and coordinate meetings.

**Treasurer:** A Treasurer, or financial officer, will be the primary contact for the organization's budget. This person will be responsible for managing the finances of the organization and will personally execute all financial transactions.

**Council Members:** The Council Members determine the vision for the organization. Each Council Member will support a specific function deemed by the Council Membership to be a worthwhile pursuit and which shall become a part of the organization's structure (a "Designated Function").

**Lead Council Member:** Each Designated Function will be administered by one Council Member selected by a majority of the Council Membership. The initial slate of Lead Council Members selected at the inception of this organization shall serve through May 2011.

### Article VII: Designated Functions

**Section A:** The following Designated Functions shall come into existence as of the establishment of this Constitution: «Weekly Meeting Planning and Management," "Service Projects," and "Lawyer Outreach." These three Designated Functions shall serve as core functions. Subsequent Designated Functions may be established and eliminated pursuant to Article VIII, but these three functions may be dissolved only through amendment to this Constitution.

**Section B:** A member who wishes to serve on the Council Membership shall submit a CM Application whereby the member asserts

- (1) the Designated Function they would like to support, and
- (2) their interest in doing so.

In the event a member wishes to establish and serve as a Council Member on a Designated Function that does not yet exist and which they wish to establish, they shall set forth on the CM Application

- (1) the Designated Function they would like to establish,
- (2) their perceived need for a new Designated Function, and
- (3) their interest in doing so.

All CM Applications shall be reviewed and voted on, by the Council Members, at an Organizational Meeting to be held within a reasonable time following submission. In the event a member proposed a new Designated Function, their status as Council Member is contingent on the function being approved at the Organizational Meeting. In the event of a tie among Council Members as to whether to accept a CM Application, the CM Application shall be deemed "accepted."

### Article VIII: Miscellaneous

**Section A:** Conflict Resolution:

All conflicts within the organization and between members should be dealt with mindfully. Respect for others is essential in resolving

conflict is not resolved by the organization members, it may be resolved through the guidance of the Advisor or IMI Mentor.

Section B: Fundraising: Fundraising activities may take place from time to time based on the will of the Council Members.

Section C: Discipline: Any violation of this constitution by this organization or any member of it will be presented first to the Advisor or IMI Mentor for resolution. The Advisor or IMI Mentor may defer the matter if necessary to the Committee On Student Organizations for a hearing.

Section D: Organizational Meeting Agenda: Any member may contact the Council Member in charge of the "Weekly Meeting Planning and Mangement" Designated Function and request that an item for discussion be placed on the agenda for a subsequent Organizational Meeting.

#### Article IX: Amendments

Section A: Amendments to this constitution shall be submitted to the President in writing for submission to the members for a vote.

Section B: A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members at an Organizational Meeting shall suffice for adoption. Council Members not present shall be able to vote through absentee ballot.

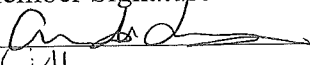
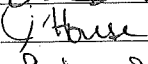
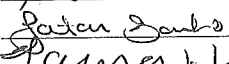
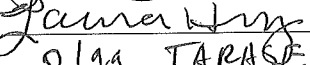




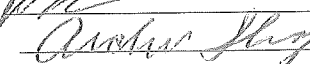

Section C: Notification of amendment voting will be posted in advance.

#### Article X: Dissolution

Section A: This organization shall be dissolved by unanimous consent of all Council Members and by a two-thirds vote of its members, provided that notice of a vote on dissolution, is furnished to the members at least sixty (60) days before the vote is taken.

Section B: Upon dissolution, the officers shall utilize the assets of the organization to pay all obligations and expenses of the organization, including those arising from dissolution and distribution. The balance, if any, shall insofar as possible, be distributed equitably among the contributing organizations. If funds were not contributed by outside organizations, the balance shall be donated to a local Miami charity in the name of the organization.

Article XI: Ratification: We hereby attest to the ratification of this constitution:

	Member Signature	Student ID
1)		07444594
2)		05526195
3)		02110771
4)		06149113
5)		07438614
6)		07441803
7)		03666459
8)		060416043
9)		03050352
10)		03454629

### **Statement of Purpose for Insightful Mind Initiative**

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