

REPUBLICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name of this organization shall be: Republican Law Students Association of the University of Miami School of Law.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE.

The purpose of the Republican Law Students Association (RLSA) is to increase knowledge and interest in political issues and foster open debate. The RLSA provides a forum for rational discourse of Republican ideals and a framework through which UM Law students can participate in the political process. The organization also generates interest in the party by sponsoring speakers, debates, and panel discussions. Our goal is to encourage participation in the legal aspects of the political process. The RLSA welcomes all views and encourages diversity.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. General. Any person who is either a student of the University of Miami School of Law or a faculty member of the same shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS.

Section 1. Titles. The Executive Board of the organization shall consist of: a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Board of Advisors. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization.

Section 2. Elections. Elections for the Executive Board shall be held during first regular April meeting. Elections shall be by a majority vote of the members in good standing, present and voting. By order of the President or two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, voting may be conducted by secret ballot. In the event of an officer vacancy, appropriate notice shall be given to members and the election shall be held at a special meeting or no later than the next regular scheduled meeting.

Section 3. Restriction. No member shall be allowed to hold more than one office at a time.

Section 4. Terms of Office. The terms of office of the Executive Board shall be for a period of one year following the elections. The elected officers shall assume the duties of their individual positions immediately upon being elected.

Section 5. Transition of Officers. As a final duty, all outgoing officers shall set a transition meeting with their succeeding officers.

Section 6. Duties of Officers. The elected officers of the Executive Board shall have the following duties:

a. President.

The President shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the RLSA. The President shall preside at all meetings of the RLSA, and decide all questions of law and order of the organization. He/ she shall ensure that all Executive Board members perform the duties of their respective offices and shall be responsible for the welfare of the organization during his/ her term of office. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Board, the President shall have the power to appoint a replacement until such time when an election can be held pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of these bylaws.

b. Vice President.

The Vice President shall assist the President in the performance of such duties as may be requested of him/ her by the President. In the absence, resignation, disqualification or removal from office of the President, the Vice President will assume the position of the President. The Vice President shall meet with the Board of Advisors and manage the Board's activities.

c. Treasurer.

The treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the RLSA. He/ she shall have charge of all RLSA funds and of the collection and disbursement thereof. He/ she shall deposit initiation fees in the appropriate account(s) and ensure that all financial obligations of members have been paid. The Treasurer shall give a report of the RLSA's current financial status at every, or every other meeting. The Treasurer shall give a current report at the last regular meeting of each semester. The Treasurer shall be in charge of developing sources of revenue and responsible for working with the Board of Advisors.

d. Secretary.

The Secretary shall be the chief recorder and correspondent of the RLSA. The Secretary shall keep a true and complete record of all matters pertaining to this organization and shall certify thereto when necessary. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the RLSA bylaws, membership roster, minutes, and administrative reports. The Secretary shall maintain close relations with the UM School of Law Student Organizations webpage manager. The Secretary shall also be responsible for disseminating information to the members regarding, but not limited to, dates, times, and locations of meetings and events, and for sending the appropriate meetings and events notification to the SBA Secretary for school-wide publication.

e. Board of Advisors.

RLSA may establish Advisors for special purposes as determined by the organization, whose membership and duties shall be determined by the President. The Advisors shall lead committees comprised of regular members. These committees may be, but are not limited to: Recruitment Committee, Alumni Networking Committee, Social Committee, Public Relations Committee, Fundraising Committee, and Representatives from each class.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS.

The regular meeting shall be held specified by the President.

ARTICLE VI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern in all cases in which they are applicable but not inconsistent with these bylaws. Parliamentary procedure may be dropped, at a particular meeting, to expedite that meeting by way of motion and majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.

These bylaws may be changed at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing, to the President and Secretary, at least two meetings prior to a regular meeting at which the vote is called.