CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF
THE SOUTH ASIAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW

Article I - Name

1. The name of this society shall be the *South Asian Law Students Association* and referred to as *SALSA*.
2. This society shall be located at the University of Miami School of Law in Coral Gables, Florida.

Article II - Mission

The purpose of *SALSA* is to facilitate cultural integration and awareness within members of the South Asian legal community and beyond. The United Nations Statistics Division defines South Asia to consist of India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Afghanistan, and Iran\(^1\). *SALSA* aims to provide a community to students; supporting South Asian participation and achievement in the legal arena. *SALSA* hopes to promote an understanding of South Asian legal, political, and social issues.

Article III - Membership

*SALSA* shall consist of students and faculty members of the University of Miami School of Law.

Article IV - Governance

Section A - Officers

The Executive Board of *SALSA* shall consist of the following officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Officer of Professional Relations, and Social Chair.

The Executive Board may decide to include to additional positions: 1L Liaison and LLM Liaison.

Section B - Duties of the Officers

1. President

*SALSA*'s President shall have the following duties:

   a. Serve as Chairperson of the Executive Board.
   b. Preside over *SALSA* meetings.
   c. Inform officers and advisors of all meeting times and locations.
   d. Be conspicuous at *SALSA* events.

\(^1\) [http://millenniumindicators.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49regin.htm#asia](http://millenniumindicators.un.org/unsd/methods/m49/m49regin.htm#asia)
e. Conduct general meetings when necessary.
f. Conduct Executive Board meetings, for the purpose of planning, at least one week prior to each general meeting.
g. Participate in SALSA throughout the year.

2. Vice President

a. Shall assist the President in the duties listed above.
b. Participate in SALSA throughout the year.

3. Treasurer

a. Keep itemized ledger of all financial activities.
b. Collect Membership Dues.
c. Coordinate all fundraising projects.
d. Maintain records of membership participation in all SALSA activities.
e. Inform the Executive Board and SALSA membership of the financial outcome of fundraising efforts.
f. Participate in SALSA events throughout the year.

4. Secretary

a. Inform the student body of all upcoming chapter meetings and events via email.
b. Maintain SALSA’s website as well as online networking groups; e.g. Facebook.
c. Maintain a roster and email list of active members accessible to the Executive Board.
d. Provide logistical support to Executive Board Officers with SALSA meetings and events; i.e. room reservations etc.
e. Maintain important correspondence.
f. Should keep a record of a brief summary of each meeting.
g. Participate in SALSA throughout the year.

5. Officer of Professional Relations

a. Coordinate professional networking, public interest and speaker events.
b. Develop and maintain networking contacts with South Asians associated with law; e.g. keep a list of contact information from networking sources.
c. Communicate with various other organizations involved with South Asian issues; e.g. SaharaFL.
d. Participate in SALSA throughout the year.

6. Social/PR Chair

a. Create a relationship with other organizations at the University of Miami; undergraduate, graduate, law and medical schools.
b. Raise awareness and advocate participation within SALSA about local cultural events.
c. Participate in SALSA throughout the year.

Section III - Election of Officers
a. The date for the election shall be determined by the Executive Board.
b. Any law student at the University of Miami may declare intent to seek an office in SALSA.
c. Each candidate may give a brief campaign speech at the SALSA general election or via other media.
d. All SALSA members may vote for officers.
e. The candidate receiving the majority vote shall be declared officer-elect and shall assume the duties of the office upon election.
f. General elections shall be held toward the end of spring semester; however there may be other elections as necessary to fill vacant positions.

Section IV - Terms of Office:
The terms of office for the Executive Board shall begin upon their election and expire upon the election of new officers or the end of the subsequent spring semester.

Section IV - Meetings
It shall be the duty of the Executive Board:
a. Develop goals for SALSA.
b. Coordinate SALSA activities.
c. Conduct SALSA business.
d. Establish dates and times for SALSA meetings and programs.
e. Devise a timeline for SALSA activities for each year.

Article V - Amendments
All proposed amendments to this Constitution can come from member of SALSA. Proposed amendments must be submitted to and approved by the majority of SALSA members.