

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW
Immigration Students Law Association (“ISLA”)

Article I- Name

Section 1:

The name of this organization shall be Immigration Students Law Association (also known as ILSA).

Article II- Purpose

Section 1:

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A. To engage in various educational and professional opportunities for students interested in immigration law.
- B. To promote justice, awareness, and discussion of current legal issues in immigration law.
- C. To create pro bono service opportunities relating to immigration law for immigration law students.
- D. To create a community of immigration law students and provide networking opportunities for immigration law students.

Article III - Membership

Section 1:

The membership of this organization shall consist of any student enrolled at the University of Miami School of Law who wishes to become a member.

Section 2:

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individuals for reasons of race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, veteran status, or national origin.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1:

The officers of the organization shall consist of the following:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. 1L Representative

Section 2:

All officers must be eligible members of the organization.

Section 3:

The term of each office shall run from April 1 to May 31 and last for one year. If the organization does not elect officers prior to April 1, the organization will become inactive in accordance with the rules of the University of Miami School of Law. The process for electing officers and filling vacancies shall be in accordance with the Bylaws.

President

Section 4:

The President shall preside at all meetings of the society, call all general and executive board meetings, appoint all standing committees and such special committees as are authorized from time to time by the Executive Board, and address day-to-day management issues of the Society.

Section 5:

The President shall be responsible for managing the administration, finances programming, and events of the society.

Section 6:

The President shall be responsible for representing the society at Inter-Club Council meetings and to the law school at large.

Section 7:

In the event that an individual board member fails to perform the required obligations of his office, the President may, with the approval of the Vice President, remove said officer and appoint another member to fulfill the rest of that Officer's term. The new appointment must be approved by a majority of the voting executive board members. If the President fails to fulfill his or her duties, he or she may only be removed by a full majority (100%) of the remaining voting board members.

Vice President

Section 9:

In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall run the duties of that office. The Vice President shall be responsible for reserving the location of general and executive board meetings. The Events and Advocacy Chair shall be responsible for securing venues for society events.

Section 10:

The Vice President shall be responsible for helping to carry out the goals, programming, and objectives of the President. The Vice President shall be charged with recruiting other students to attend society events and general meetings.

Secretary

Section 11:

The Secretary shall be responsible for sending out all communications to the society at large, for managing the society's e-mail address, and for ensuring that the society's event descriptions are placed in the SBA's Hearsay E-mail each week. The Secretary shall be responsible for promoting any events planned by the organization. Additionally, the Secretary will be in charge of posting on social media.

Section 12:

The Secretary shall also be responsible for taking the minutes of all executive board meetings and for distributing those minutes to the rest of the executive board after the

conclusion of each meeting.

1L Liason

Section 13:

The 1L Liason shall recruit and provide information to the 1L class through emails and social media. The 1L Liason will assist in organizing events that are of interest to the 1L class.

Article V - Nominations, Elections, and Terms

Section 1:

Elections shall be held prior to April 1 for the positions of President, Vice President, and Secretary. Elections do not constitute immediate revocation of authority to any officers. Officer terms shall run to the conclusion of classes for the school year. Newly selected officers will be designated as "Incoming President, Vice President, and Secretary.

Section 2:

Officers must receive no fewer than a majority of votes from the voting members present at the special election meeting. Voting shall be by secret ballot with all votes kept confidential. Nominations must be given in open proceedings. The President shall conduct the elections. The President will determine the order of procedure including speeches of candidates and nominations.

Section 3:

The 1L Liaison shall be selected within the first month of each new academic year. At the first general meeting of each academic year, the President shall announce to the

incoming 1L class the availability of the 1L Liaison position. It is up to the discretion of the Executive Board how to conduct the selection process. Each member of the Executive Board must approve the 1L Liaison selection. If a consensus cannot be reached, it is up to the discretion of the President to appoint the 1L Liaison.

Section 4:

In the event that there are an overwhelming number of students seeking to run for Executive Board positions, the President may, with the unanimous approval of the outgoing Executive Board, create an additional Executive Board position for the next academic year. That position will only last for the duration of that next academic year.

Article VI - Meetings

Section 1:

The President shall organize membership meetings at the discretion of the Executive board although it is often necessary to meet at least once a month during the academic year. Failure to organize such meetings or communications will be evidence of a failure to uphold the by-laws stated in this article. The meeting shall be informative and organizational in nature. Mandatory attendance of all board members will be required.

Article VII – Amendments

Section 1:

All future amendments to the Constitution will be presented to all Executive Board members during a meeting of the Executive Board. Amendments will be approved by a two-thirds majority of the Executive Board, or otherwise amendments will not be incorporated into the Constitution.

