

Constitution of the International Law Students Association of The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law

We, the students at Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America,

BELIEVING that the principles of International Law should be more fully understood and recognized;
RECOGNIZING our duty and obligation to educate ourselves, our fellow students, and our faculty in the principles and purposes of international law, comparative legal systems, and international organizations and institutions;
REALIZING that students have a special opportunity, as well as a duty, to promote peace, justice, and mutual interdependence through greater understanding of the world in which we live;
DO therefore adopt the following Constitution and Articles within as the governing instrument of the International Law Students Association.

Article I: Our Name

The name of this organization shall be the International Law Students Association (hereinafter referred to as "ILSA").

Article II: Chapter Organization

The national International Law Students Association, whose website is www.ilsa.org, is the parent organization of ILSA.

Article III: Organizational Ties

The American Society of International Law (ASIL) and the American Bar Association (ABA) International Section have special relationships with ILSA as companion organizations in the field of international law. The relationships include the transfer of information, joint sponsorship of conferences, speakers, and programs, and generally maximizing mutual resources. The special relationship between ILSA and these organizations is referenced within the Constitution, but may be supplemented in the future.

Article IV: ILSA Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be

1. To promote awareness, understanding, and respect of international law and foster relations between our members, alumni and area professionals in the international field.
2. To educate ourselves and others in the field of international law, and to promote association with foreign lawyers and students.
3. To engage students in international, national, regional, and local conferences.
4. To engage students in community volunteer projects as such may arise.

Article V: Membership

1. Membership shall consist of any student of law or graduate student of international or comparative studies at Catholic University of America.
2. Members will not be expected to pay dues.
3. A general meeting of the membership will be held no fewer than once each semester.

Article VI: Executive Board Duties

1. The Executive Board of ILSA shall consist of at least the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Director, Events Director, and IL Representative.

2. Each officer, including an officer for an office created by the Executive Board, shall be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the members of ILSA.
3. Each ILSA officer shall have access to the CUAInternationalLawStudents@gmail.com email account and the International Law Students Association Westlaw TWEN site, to post information or to communicate with members.
4. Duties for each officer are as follows:
 - a. President:
 - 1) Call meetings to order and preside over meetings;
 - 2) General oversight;
 - 3) Principal representative to Student Body and Administration;
 - 4) A candidate for President shall have completed at least one full year of law studies by the beginning of her term.
 - 5) Organize and conduct elections.
 - b. Vice President:
 - 1) Call meetings to order in the absent of the President;
 - 2) General oversight.
 - 3) Assist and Advise the President in the execution of her/his duties;
 - c. Secretary:
 - 1) Stand ready to assist the President in the execution of her/his duties;
 - 2) Primary responsibility for documentation of membership, for ILSA written correspondence, and taking minutes and attendance at meetings.
 - d. Treasurer:
 - 1) Act as a liaison to SBA regarding budget preparation;
 - 2) Collect, keep, and disburse all monies belonging to ILSA.
 - 3) To monitor all monies belonging to ILSA and report to the Executive Board on financial issues.
 - e. Communications Director:
 - 1) Inform members about events;
 - 2) Link ILSA electronically with the wider international law community;
 - 3) Interact with Computer Services;
 - 4) Post and maintain the ILSA website.
 - 5) Encourages students to submit written material to be published on the ILSA Blog.
 - f. Events Director:
 - 1) Propose and Organize Events and Fundraisers;
 - 2) Coordinate and delegate responsibilities to members for the purposes of holding events;
 - 3) Encourage the student body to attend and participate in ILSA events;
 - 4) Work with other student organizations to co-sponsor events.
 - g. First Year Representative:
 - 1) Act as a liaison to the Executive Board regarding 1L interests;
 - 2) Responsible for the submission of all funding and events documentation to the Administration;
 - 3) Attend Executive Board meetings;
 - 4) Report 1L scheduling conflicts to the Executive Board before ILSA events are scheduled;
 - 5) Must be a current member of the 1L Class;
 - 6) Will be elected in separate election from Executive Board.

Article VIII: Elections Procedures

- 1) ILSA elections for the Executive Board shall be held in the Spring semester for the next school-year. All candidates will be required to submit a statement of interest.
- 2) The election of the Executive Board will be conducted as a poll on TWEN.

- 3) Nomination and election of the First Year Representative will be held in person during the first Fall semester meeting of ILSA.
- 4) A quorum shall consist of no fewer than 10 members.
- 5) In the case of a newly created office or the vacancy of an office, an election shall be held as soon as practical during the school-year to fill that office for the remainder of the school year.
- 6) Prior to the election, the acting President, shall request nominations from the members of ILSA. A member may nominate herself. All nominees will be placed on a ballot.

Article IX: Removal for Cause

Officers shall be removed from office for cause by a unanimous vote of the remaining Executive Board. Members may be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article X: Amendments

Proposals for amendments to the Constitution shall be made by submitting written notice of the amendment to the President, who shall then give notice to the members of ILSA. The amendment shall be voted on by the members at the next general meeting. So long as the elections quorum requirements are met, approval by a majority of the members present at that meeting is required to adopt any proposed amendment.