

A Constitution of Indigenous Law Student Association

ARTICLE I: Name

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the University of Miami Law School Indigenous Law Student Association, herein referred to as ILSA.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of this organization shall be to establish a chapter at the University of Miami Law School aimed to promote unity among Indigenous Law students and allies, increase awareness of the needs of Native communities across the country, establish a community with a common goal of enhancing policies related to the overall quality of life of Native Peoples, and promote both learning and advocacy for Native Peoples' rights.

ARTICLE III: Affiliations

Section 1: This organization is not affiliated with any other organization.

ARTICLE IV: Membership

Section 1: General membership and Executive Board membership are open to all enrolled students at the University of Miami School of Law. ILSA membership shall consist of students who have signed up for their emails.

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 V: Officers

Section 1: The officers of the organization shall consist of the following:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer

The duties of the officers shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 2: All officers must be members of the organization.

Section 3: The process for removal of officers from office shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 4: 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.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings

Section 1: The ILSA chapter shall hold at least 2 meetings per semester. The executive board shall provide notice of the meeting at least 5 days in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII: Amendments

Section 1: This constitution may be amended by a member of the ILSA executive board, seconded by at least one other ILSA general body member, and receiving a two-thirds vote of the membership at any regular or special meeting.

Section 2: Notice of a proposed amendment shall be emailed to the member list at least one week before the date of the vote.

ARTICLE VIII: Fundraising

Section 1: The executive board will draft and approve a fundraising plan for any given upcoming semester within the first 60 days of the semester.

Section 2: The specifics of the Fundraising plan shall be outlined in the by-laws.

ARTICLE IX: Recordkeeping

Section 1: This document shall be recorded and published on the ILSA website.

ARTICLE X: Land Acknowledgement

Section 1: This ILSA chapter acknowledges that the University of Miami, which exists in the town of Coral Gables, sits on the ancestral lands of the Miccosukee People and Tequesta People. We recognize, support, and advocate for the Indigenous Peoples and communities who live in the area today and for those forcibly removed from their ancestral homes. The ILSA chapter honors all Indigenous Peoples within and beyond the United States.

Approved at the Organization's First Meeting

Laura Stinson

3/27/24

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Name of Organizer:

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3/27/24

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Initials of Faculty Advisor: