

**** PROPOSED CONSTITUTION ****

**1Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association
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Article 1 Name

Section One The official name of this organization shall be the Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA).

Article 2 Purpose

Section One The Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) was formed with two major goals: 1) to organize, support, and promote the concerns with of Asian and Pacific Islander minorities in the legal profession and 2) to increase ethnic diversity and awareness in the law school and legal profession.

Article 3 Affiliations

Section One The Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) is affiliated with the University of Washington, the University of Washington School of Law, and the Minority Law Students Association (MLSA).

Section Two The Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) seeks to maintain relations with the Asian Bar Association of Washington (ABAW).

Article 4 Membership

Section One All regularly enrolled law students at the University of Washington School of Law are welcome to join.

Article 5 Officers

Section One The officers of the Asian/Pacific Law Students Association (APALSA) shall consist of a (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Treasurer, (4) Secretary, (5) Director of Mentorship, (6) Director of Community Events, (7) Bar Liaisons and (8) additional officers as deemed necessary by the executive board with new positions to be established by majority vote of the executive board.

The duties of the officers will be as follows:

President: It shall be the duty of this officer to oversee all officers of the executive board, schedule and run all membership meetings and officer meetings, and perform any and all administrative duties as required, but not explicitly listed for the function of the organization

Vice President: It shall be the duty of this officer to oversee different projects of the organization, to establish contacts with clinics and other APALSAs, and to maintain recruitment efforts.

Treasurer: It shall be the duty of this officer to manage the organization's finances, and perform administrative duties as required, but not explicitly listed for the function of the organization.

Secretary: It shall be the duty of this officer to provide administrative and clerical support to the APALSA.

Director of Community Events: It shall be the duty of this officer to promote and maintain relationships between the organization and the surrounding community through charitable and service-oriented activities. This officer shall also perform any and all administrative duties as required for the planning of such events.

Director of Mentorship: Establish APALSA mentorship program by pairing APALSA members with incoming 1Ls based on background and areas of concentration. This officer shall also maintain other Minority Bar sponsored mentorship programs and also perform any and all administrative duties as required for the planning of such events.

Bar Association Liaison: A liaison shall maintain relations with minority bar associations such as the Asian Bar Association of Washington, the Korean American Bar Association of Washington and the Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington. This officer shall attend Bar Association board meetings and report back to APALSA. This officer shall notify APALSA of upcoming events hosted by the minority bar associations.

Section Two Qualifications for Office: All officers must 1) be registered students at the University of Washington School of Law, (2) members of the Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association, and 3) have attended at least one general meeting and participated in one extracurricular event within the past academic quarter (excluding Summer Quarter).

Section Three Terms of Office: All officers shall serve a term of one academic year beginning on the first day of Spring Quarter and ending on the last day of the following Winter Quarter.

Officers must complete a new officer orientation/training session prior to stepping down from office.

Section Four Removal of Officers: Officers shall only be removed for just cause as determined by a majority vote of the executive board.

Officers shall also be removed automatically from office upon (1) withdrawal from the University of Washington School of Law, or 2) having been placed on academic probation.

Article 6 Elections

Section One Elections for officers shall be held during a general membership meeting no later than the first week of Spring Quarter of each year.

The President shall announce the elections to the membership by e-mail no later than two weeks prior to the election date and allow all interested parties to be nominated and run for office.

Section Two All those in attendance shall be given one vote for each position. Anonymous ballots shall be the method of voting. The winner of the election will be the candidate that receives greater than 50% of the vote. Should no candidate receive greater than 50% of the vote, the highest two vote-getting candidates will be placed in a run-off vote to determine the winner.

Section Three Should an insufficient number of candidates express interest in running for officer positions, the executive board reserves the right to solicit additional candidates and appoint person to fill vacancies in officer positions.

If vacancies in officer positions occur prior to the end of the term, the executive board shall hold an emergency vote following the guidelines in Article 6, Section 2. If no candidates express interest following two weeks notice, the executive board shall be empowered to solicit members and appoint a replacement.

Article 7 Executive Board

Section One Management of the organization shall be vested in the executive board.

The composition of the executive board shall consist of the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, director of community events and director of mentorship.

The executive board shall make reports to the general membership during each regularly scheduled membership meeting.

Article 8 Meetings

Section One Regular meetings of this organization shall be held monthly as announced by the executive board by e-mail. In addition, there shall be an APALSA membership meeting as part of each Minority Law Students Association meeting as announced by e-mail.

Quorum shall consist of 51% of the voting members of the organization at any regular or special meeting.

Article 9 Constitutional Amendments

Section One Amendments to the Constitution shall be made by a minimum two-thirds vote of the general membership of those in attendance at the general membership meeting where the amendment is announced so long as a minimum of one week notice of the vote is given to the membership by e-mail.

All members shall be given the opportunity to propose amendments to the Constitution at a general membership meeting.

Article 10 Bylaws

Section One A copy of the organization's by-laws shall be kept in the Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association office.

By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of membership of all those attending a general membership meeting following the notice of such vote for amendment.

Meetings and administration of the organization shall follow the organization by-laws.