

Cardozo Legal Society of the University of Miami School of law
Revised By-Laws as of April 2007

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be Cardozo Legal Society. The organization also trades as “Cardozo Jewish Legal Society.”

Article II – Objective and Purpose

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to engage in various charitable, social, and educational activities to promote and enhance the student life and the professional development of Jewish Law Students.

Article III – Membership

Section 1: Any law student currently enrolled as either a full time or part time student is eligible to become a member.

Article IV – Fees, Contributions, and Assessments

Section 1: All dues shall be fixed from time to time by the President and a majority of voting board members.

Section 2: All dues shall remain fixed for a period of any given school year.

Section 3: At the discretion of the President, fees and assessments for events for non-members may exceed those charged to members in good standing.

Article V – General Membership Meetings

Section 1: The general membership meetings of the Society shall be fixed by the President. The President, with the consent of the majority of the voting Board Members, may postpone or suspend any meetings.

Section 2: Any special meeting of the Society may be called by the President who shall notify all members of the object and purpose of the meeting in a timely manner.

Article VI – Elected Officials

Section 1: The elected officials of the Society shall consist of a President, Executive Vice President, and Treasurer. Each elected official has all the voting rights, privileges, and obligations as set forth in these by-laws. Any elected official on the Executive Board must be a member of the Society in good standing.

President

Section 2: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, call all social meetings as provided for by these By-Laws, 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. The President may appoint up to two (2) assistants to provide assistance and consultation. 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 Executive 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 duties, he may only be removed by a full majority (100%) of the remaining voting board members. The President shall be responsible for the administration, finances, and programming of the society.

Vice President

Section 3: In the absence of the President, the duties of the office shall be run by the Vice President. The Vice President shall be responsible for helping carry out the goals, plans, programming, and objectives of the President.

Treasurer

Section 4: The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Society and shall receive all fees, contributions, charges, and other monies of the organization and shall keep a complete account of the monies received and expended and shall make disbursements according to the rules and procedures established by the University of Miami School of Law. The treasurer shall provide a complete and detailed accounting record as defined above to the President upon request. Failure to comply with this request shall be grounds for immediate expulsion from said executive board. The treasurer is also primarily responsible for raising funds from the School of Law and its law students.

Article VII – Nominations, Elections, and Terms

Section 1: Elections shall be held by the end of the school year. 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 elected officers will be designated as "Incoming...President, Vice President, and Treasurer." Terms for officers will run one full year from the conclusion of classes in year one (1) to the conclusion of classes in year two (2).

Section 2: Voting must take place with no less than a Quorum present. A Quorum shall be defined as thirty percent (30%) of the membership in good standing present or 30 members whichever is less.

Section 3: Officers must receive no less than a majority of 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.

Article VIII – Board Meetings

Section 1: The President shall organize no less than one (1) Executive Board Meeting each month during the school year. Failure to do so 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. Minutes of the meetings shall be handled by the Vice President with reports of the minutes provided to each member if possible.

Article IX – By-Law Amendments

Section 1: These by-laws can only be amended with the majority approval of the Executive Board.