

**Constitution of the Environmental Law Society
University of Miami School of Law**

Article 1: Purpose

The purpose of the organization is to examine policy issues and career opportunities in Environmental Law and related areas, and to promote the environmental interests of the school and students at the University of Miami School of Law to the local and national community.

Article II: Membership

Attendance at more than one general meeting shall constitute active membership. Active membership shall be open to all University of Miami School of Law students and shall not be restricted on the basis of gender, race, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, handicap or other rights secured by the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Article III: Officers, Executive Committee, and Faculty Advisor

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Recycling Chair
- d. Earth Day Chair

Section 2. The above named officers shall comprise the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The faculty advisor shall be a member of the University of Miami School of Law faculty.

Article IV: Powers and Duties

Section 1. The membership at a meeting shall have the power to:

- a. Determine organizational policies and initiate or terminate programs.
- b. Develop and adopt additional bylaws as may be necessary for the well-being of the organization, provided that they do not conflict with the elements and spirit of this constitution.

Section 2. The duties of the President shall include:

- a. Calling and chairing regular and special meetings.
- b. Appointing standing and special committee chairpersons.
- c. Assuring that the resources of the University of Miami School of Law, including

facilities and funding, are used in accordance with University policy.

d. Performing his or her duties in good faith, and in the best interests of the organization.

Section 3. The duties of the Vice President shall include:

a. Publicizing to the University community the policies and activities of the organization.

b. Assisting the President as necessary.

c. Temporarily acting as President as necessary.

d. Performing his or her duties in good faith, and in the best interests of the organization.

Section 4. The duties of the Recycling Chair shall include:

a. Supervising and promoting recycling efforts that are conducted on campus, through close contact with the University staff responsible for such efforts.

b. Exploring and implementing new recycling techniques to be used on campus.

c. Promoting recycling within the community.

d. Performing his or her duties in good faith, and in the best interests of the organization.

Section 5. The duties of the Earth Day Chair shall include:

a. Organizing Earth Day Festival, including contacting possible sponsors and environmental organizations to participate.

b. Performing his or her duties in good faith, and in the best interests of the organization.

Section 6. The duties of the Faculty Advisor shall conform to University of Miami School of Law guidelines.

Section 7. The duties of the executive committee shall conform to duly adopted ELS bylaws.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1. General meetings of the organization shall be held twice per semester.

Section 2. A special meeting may be called as necessary by the members of the Executive Committee.

Article VI: Bylaws

Properly adopted bylaws shall be accorded the same force and effect as any provision of this constitution.

Article VII: Honor Code

The provisions of the Honor Code of the University of Miami School of Law shall apply to all activities of the ELS and its members.

Article VIII: Amendments and Referenda

Section 1. Proposals for amendments to the constitution or bylaws, or issue referenda shall be announced at a regular meeting and posted at least one week prior to consideration.

Section 2. Voting on amendments and referenda shall take place at a general meeting held during the regular school year.

Section 3. A two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of those members of the organization present at the meeting shall be required to ratify bylaws, referenda, or amendments to the constitution.