

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION LAW STUDENT DIVISION – UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI CHAPTER

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be “The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law Student Division – University of Miami Chapter (the “Chapter”). The organization is a division of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division (YLD), and is subject to The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors and the Bylaws of the Law Student Division of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division. The official website of the Division is <http://www.flayld.org/students/>.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

1. Encourage interest in and participation in the activities of the Law Student Division and The Florida Bar;
2. Provide programs that facilitate substantive interactions between law students, local attorneys, and the community;
3. Promote professionalism, mentoring, and the image of the legal profession, University of Miami, and The Florida Bar;
4. Serve the public through local service projects and activities; and,
5. Act as a liaison between University of Miami and The Florida Bar YLD.

Article III. Compliance Statement

Upon approval by the University of Miami, the Chapter shall be a registered student organization at University of Miami. The Chapter shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws as well as all University of Miami regulations, policies, and procedures. Such compliance includes but is not limited to the school’s regulations related to Non-Discrimination, Hazing, and Commercial Activity.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1: The membership of this organization shall be open to all interested law students enrolled at University of Miami who are in good standing.

Section 2: This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any student on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, veterans’ or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other protected group status.

Article V. Division Governors and Chapter Officers

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

- A. The Florida Bar YLD Law Student Division Governors – These six students will represent University of Miami at Law Student Division meetings and events. The Governors will be made up of two students from each class (3L, 2L, and 1L) at University of Miami. Their duties and responsibilities will comprise of those outlined in the Bylaws of the Law Student Division of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division.
 - 1. Each year a 1L will be elected to the statewide Law Student Division Board of Governors in accordance with the rules set out by The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division. These students will remain in their roles as representatives to the Law Student Division Board of Governors for their 2L and 3L years at University of Miami.
 - 2. Each year a 1L will be also be appointed by The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division President based in part upon the recommendation of University of Miami’s other Law Student Division Governors, University of Miami’s Law Student Division YLD Liaison, and the statewide Law Student Division President. These students will remain in their roles as representatives to the Law Student Division Board of Governors for their 2L and 3L years at University of Miami.
- B. Chapter Chair – A Chair of the Chapter shall be selected amongst the governors of the school. The Chapter Chair shall be responsible for communication of the Chapter, Chapter meetings, and perform the duties as referenced by University of Miami Student Bar Association and the ICC, including those duties assigned to a student organization president.
- C. Chapter Treasurer- A Treasurer of the Chapter shall be selected amongst the governors of the school. The Chapter Treasurer shall be responsible for all school related funding with the permission of the statewide Law Student Division President, including filling out reimbursement request or other such required forms. The Chapter Treasurer will also attend required meetings conducted by University of Miami SBA and ICC.

The Chapter Chair may also designate the following officers if necessary or required by the school:

- A. Chapter Vice-Chair – The Chapter-Vice Chair, if designated, shall organize meetings and serve as the coordinator of the organization’s activities. In the event the Chapter Chair is unable to attend a chapter meeting, the Chapter Vice-Chair shall preside over that meeting. The Chapter Vice Chair may also be charged with any duties and responsibilities delegated to him/her by the President.
- B. Chapter Secretary - The Chapter Secretary, if designated, shall record meetings and report pertinent information to the advisor. The secretary may also be responsible for announcing all events to the student body.

Section 2: The Chapter’s Executive Board shall be composed of the six (6) aforementioned Law Student Division Governors.

Section 3: Only those who sit on The Florida Bar YLD Law Student Division Board of Governors are eligible to hold positions on the Executive Board. University of Miami will have a minimum of four (4) Law Student Division Governors at any given time.

Section 4: Should a Law Student Division Governor seat at University of Miami become vacant during his/her term, The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division will work with the school’s Law Student Division Governors to appoint a replacement. Any replacement shall be appointed by The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division President based in part upon the recommendation of University of Miami’s other Law Student Division Governors, University of Miami’s Law Student Division YLD Liaison, and the statewide Law Student Division President.

Section 5: To seek removal of an officer, students should contact The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division President.

Article VI. Advisor

Section 1: The Chapter’s advisor shall be a member of the faculty at University of Miami.

Section 2: The duties and responsibilities of the advisor shall be to aide students in fulfilling the goals and purpose of the organization.

Section 3: Should the position of advisor become vacant during the year it will be the duty of the Chapter Chair to find a replacement, with the approval of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division President.

Article VII. Dues

Section 1: The organization will not charge dues to any of its members.

Section 2: Any monies or donations raised for a specific purpose must go toward the specific purpose that it was raised. Any fundraisers must have a representative from the charity present to accept and handle the funds.

Article VIII. Amendments

This constitution may be amended upon approval of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division President. All amendments must comply with school guidelines for registered student organizations.

**BYLAWS OF THE FLORIDA BAR YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION LAW
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Article I. Meetings

Section 1: Regular meetings of the organization shall be held in accordance with the rules set by University of Miami for Registered Student Organizations.

Section 2: Special meetings of the organization shall be held in accordance with the rules set by University of Miami for Registered Student Organizations.

Article II. Fees and Dues

No fees or dues shall be charged to members.

Article III. Board of Governors

This Chapter is subject to the bylaws of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law Student Division and The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division. Students interested in participating may run for a seat their 1L year or as one becomes available.

Article IV. Committees

Students are encouraged to volunteer to assist Division Chapter officers in holding events.

Article V. The Vision of the Division

This Chapter of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law Student Division is comprised of law students from University of Miami who work together locally and statewide to facilitate a smooth transition between law school and practicing law. The Law Student Division works with The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division, local bar associations, and practicing attorneys to provide networking, mentoring, legal education, and community service opportunities to Law Student Division members.

Article VI. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended subject to the bylaws of The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Law Student Division and The Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division. All amendments must comply with school guidelines for registered student organizations. Nothing in these bylaws shall contravene any provision of the Division Chapter's constitution.