

BYLAWS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW
INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY

I. MISSON:

The International Law Society shall be a place of global mindedness where those with interest in International Law and Policy can come together to exchange ideas and learn. ILS seeks to cultivate a community within UNM School of Law that contributes to an international and global legal education while also assisting members to seek a globally focused experience. To that end, the ILS will work to increase opportunities for education and growth with an emphasis on, but not limited to: International Criminal Law, International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights, International Business and Trade, International Environmental Law, Human Rights and Peace Studies.

II. ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

A. Name- The name of the organization shall be the University of New Mexico School of Law International Law Society

B. Purpose

1. The purpose of this club shall be:

- a) Facilitate law student interest in international law including; international criminal law, international humanitarian law, international business, human rights, as well as Global Affairs and Peace.
- b) Expose students to international law though guest speakers, presentations, conferences, and more.
- c) Provide members with opportunities to participate in relevant academic, professional, and networking activities.
- d) Advocate for access to international law course work and experience within the law school curriculum.
- e) Serve as a resource to current and potential law students who come from abroad or those interested in learning more about international law.

III. ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND DUE

A. Membership - There shall be three (3) classes of members; voting, nonvoting, and honorary.

1. Voting membership shall be open to any dues paying full/part-time law students.
2. Non-Voting membership shall be open to any full/part-time law students.
3. Honorary membership shall be open to any person desiring such membership, elected to such membership by a majority of the voting members (ie. Attorneys, community organizers, faculty or staff).

- B. Eligibility- Membership shall be open to part-time and full-time students enrolled at the University of New Mexico School of Law upon payment of the dues as outlined in Section C.
- C. Removal- Should a member fail to pay dues they will become a non-voting member, however; should a member conduct themselves in a manner contrary to the mission of ILS or in any other way the Executive Board deems unacceptable, the Executive Board can vote to remove said member. If a simple majority is reached in favor of removal the President will send a letter to the member within one week of the vote as notice of removal.
- D. Dues- Dues shall be \$10.00/ year.
- E. Inclusion Statement - The organization is dedicated to furthering tolerance and understanding. As such, this organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender, disability or handicap, religion, sexual orientation, veteran's status in any of its policies, procedures and practices. This policy will include, but is not limited to, recruiting, membership, organization activities, or opportunity to hold office. This organization aims to bring together diverse thought and experience and will uphold that aim in all activities. The organization shall promote diversity, equity and inclusion in pursuing its mission.

IV. ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

- A. Positions- The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer
- B. Eligibility
 - 1. Officers must be enrolled students in good academic standing with the University of New Mexico School of Law.
 - 2. While in office the officer must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA and must not have below 2.0 for more than one semester
- C. Election- The officers shall be elected by ballot at the last meeting of the spring semester by a majority of the vote cast for that office.
- D. Term- The officers shall serve for one year and their term of office shall begin at the commencement of the fall semester.
- E. Removal- Any officer who, during their term, becomes a non-voting member, falls below a 2.0 cumulative GPA, becomes in bad academic or disciplinary standing with the University shall be removed from their position and a replacement will be elected.
- F. Vacancy- If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the VicePresident shall assume the office for the remainder of the term and vacancies in any other office shall be filled by appointment and majority vote by the membership approving the appointment
- G. Impeachment- Any member may initiate officer's removal by the following procedure.
 - 1. Petition Executive Board with signatures of 1/3 of all voting members petition should state reason for removal.
 - 2. The Executive Board shall then notify officers and call for a removal vote within fourteen days of the filing of the petition.

3. Memberships shall be notified at least one week prior to removal vote meeting.
4. At the meeting for removal, the petition's stated grievances shall be made public and the officer charged shall be allowed to respond to the charges of the petition.
5. Removal from office shall require a vote of 2/3 of all voting members.

V. ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. President- It shall be the duty of the President to:
 1. To call for and preside over meetings
 2. Represent the club with the administration, community allies, employers and other student organizations
 3. To seek out and facilitate research, speakers, and other projects that will further the objectives of the organization
 4. Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office
 5. The President is responsible for educating his/her successor on the obligations of this position.
 6. Cast a vote in the event of a tie
- B. Vice- President- It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to:
 1. Preside in the absence of the President
 2. Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office
 3. The Vice-President is responsible for educating his/her successor on the obligations of this position.
- C. Secretary - The duties of the Secretary shall consist of the following:
 1. To record and maintain the minutes of all regular and special meetings
 2. To handle and maintain a file of correspondence,
 3. To act as historian
 4. Maintain a current roster of membership
 5. The Secretary is responsible for educating his/her successor on the obligations of this position
- D. Treasurer- The duties of the Treasurer shall consist of the following:
 1. To prepare a budget proposal for the approval of the membership at large,
 2. To submit budget proposals to the membership at large and supporting and funding organizations in a timely manner,
 3. To keep financial records and disburse funds

VI. ARTICLE V: ADVISOR

- A. Selection - The University Advisor shall be selected by the executive board
- B. Duties

1. Maintain an awareness of the activities and programs sponsored by the student club.
2. Meet on a regular basis with the leaders of the student club to discuss upcoming meetings, long range plans, goals, and problems of the club.
3. Attend monthly meetings as often as the schedule allows.
4. Explain and clarify campus policy and procedures that apply to the club.
5. Maintain contact with the Student Activities Office as necessary.
6. Provide direction in the area of parliamentary procedure, meeting facilitation, group-building, goal setting, and program planning.

VII. ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. Responsibility- Management of this student organization shall be vested in an Executive Committee responsible to the entire membership to uphold these bylaws.
- B. Membership - This committee shall consist of the elected officers of the student organization as listed in Article III and the faculty advisor.
- C. Meetings - - This committee may determine the need to meet between regular meetings of the club to organize and plan future activities.

VIII. ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

- A. Meetings- Regular meetings shall be held monthly during the regular school year.
 1. Meetings shall be held at such a place determined by the Executive Board.
 2. The membership shall be given two weeks notice of the place and time of the meeting.
- B. Special Meetings- Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- C. Quorum- A quorum shall consist of more than half of the voting membership.

IX. ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

- A. Committees shall be formed by the executive board as needed for such things as fundraising, community outreach, special events, or any other. The members and a Chairperson will be appointed, and can be removed, by the Executive Board.

X. ARTICLE X: ELECTIONS

- A. Elections will be held at the second to last meeting in the spring semester.
- B. Nominations for office shall occur: third to last meeting in the spring semester.
- C. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those persons casting ballots.
- D. Officers will take office at the beginning of the fall semester.

XI. ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

- A. Process

1. Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by a member and shall be voted upon at the next meeting of the Student Organization following notice of such proposed amendment to the voting members.
 2. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the chapter membership.
- B. Notice of Amendments
1. All members shall receive notice prior to a meeting of the proposed amendment prior to the meeting where the vote on said amendments shall take place.
 2. All members shall receive notice of any passing amendments.

XII. ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION

- A. Upon the dissolution of the International Law Society for any reason, all work, funds, and property controlled by the organization will be transferred to the University of New Mexico School of Law Community Lawyering Clinic.
- B. The Advisor and executive officers of the student organization will oversee the dissolution process.