

**THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
SCHOOL OF LAW**

CONSTITUTION
OF THE

**ASIAN & HISPANIC LAW STUDENT
ASSOCIATION**

2012-2013

Preamble:

The Asian & Hispanic Law Student Association (AHLSA), an all inclusive student organization, is dedicated to sharing the Asian and Hispanic cultures with the University of Dayton School of Law (UDSL) community. As such, it strongly encourages participation from those who are interested in Asian & Hispanic culture regardless of ethnic heritage.

AHLSA seeks to share Asian and Hispanic culture through active participation in the UDSL community. This entails activities planned by UDSL as well as activities planned by AHLSA. AHLSA encourages the engagement of outside speakers, organization meals, and holiday celebrations among other activities in being an active participant of the UDSL community.

While Asian and Hispanic cultures are a focus for AHLSA, the organization recognizes that as an organization of future attorneys and lawyers, its members have a responsibility to the community. This community extends beyond the University of Dayton and into the communities of Metropolitan Dayton. As such, where opportunities exist for public service AHLSA will strive for active participation in those activities.

Article I: Name of the Association

The name of this association shall be the University of Dayton School of Law (UDSL) Asian & Hispanic Law Students Association. It may be abbreviated "AHLSA".

Article II: Objectives of the AHLSA

The objectives of the AHLSA shall be:

1. To promote students' interest in the Asian & Hispanic law practicing community;
2. To Afford a liaison between its members and the administration, faculty, alumni, and the Student Bar Association;
3. To encourage professional development in the study of law;
4. To serve as a forum for the discussion of professional and academic issues; and
5. To serve as a support group for the Asian & Hispanic students pursuing their JD.

Article III: Membership

AHLSA is open to any and all students who desire to join the organization. Membership is not limited to Asian or Hispanic students.

Article IV: Dues

Each active member of the AHSLA is required to pay dues before the Student Bar Association registers you as a member of the AHLSA.

1. Dues shall be \$5 per year (\$2.50 per semester).
2. Dues contribute to the activities that the AHLSA may sponsor including lunches, and guest speakers.

Article V: Organization

The President, Vice-President, and treasurer of the AHLSA shall govern the organization, with various officers to be announced which will serve as liaisons with the Admissions office and a liaison to the Student Bar Association.

Article VI: Executive Officers

As required by Student Bar Association (SBA) regulations, AHLSA must maintain a minimum of two officer positions: President and Treasurer. To the extent that membership allows, additional positions may be created for the administrative ease of the organization. These new positions include but are not limited to vice-president, secretary, or service chair.

A majority of the voting members shall elect the following officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and other AHLSA Liaisons.

§1. All Executive Officers shall have the following duties in addition to their specifically enumerated duties:

1. With the exception of the President, Officers shall have to power to vote on all motions before the organization;
2. Attend a minimum of 75% of the meetings of the AHLSA during their term;

§2 The President shall:

1. Be the presiding officer at all the AHLSA meetings;
2. Have no vote on motions before the organization except in the event the vote is equally divided on any issue or item;
3. Schedule events and room reservations for meetings of the organization;
4. Represent the organization in official capacities wherever needed; and
5. Perform those duties as described in Article V, §1.

§ 3 The Vice-President shall:

1. Perform the duties of the President in the President's absence;
2. Assume the office of the president in the event of an indefinite or permanent vacancy in accordance with the by-laws.
3. Represent the organization in official capacity wherever needed;
4. Perform any other duties delegated by the President; and
5. Perform those duties described in Article V, § 1.

§ 4 The Treasurer shall:

1. Be responsible for the AHLSA financial transactions;
2. Disburse funds that have been approved by the Student Bar Association;
3. Submit a budget to the Student Bar Association at the beginning of each Term (semester);
4. Perform any other duties delegated by the President; and
5. Perform those duties described in Article V, § 1.

§ 5 The Secretary shall:

1. Conduct all official correspondence;
2. Record the minutes of all the AHLSA meetings;
3. Keep a record of attendance;
4. Ensure that each student has access to the Constitution and all amendments hereto;
5. Perform any other duties delegated by the President; and
6. Perform those duties described in Article V, § 1.

Article VII: Meetings

§ 1. The AHLSA shall meet at least once each month during the term.

§ 2. All meetings for the term shall be posted by October 1st but may be subject to change if conflicts arise.

§ 3. A special meeting may be called by the executive board, by the President, or by a quorum vote of the committee members.

§ 4. Notice of all AHLSA meetings shall be posted one week before each meeting in a conspicuous place in UDSL. If a special meeting is called, notice shall be posted as quickly as time permits and emailed to all members.

Article VIII: Nominations

In order to qualify for nomination as an officer, all candidates must be HLSA members in good standing, with fully paid dues and only run for one office per election.

Article IX: Elections

§ 1. A candidate shall present a declaration of intent for the office sought, which shall include reasons for seeking office. The declaration may be written, or given orally at a meeting of the AHLSA.

§ 2. All elections are to be held using secret ballot.

§ 3. In the case of a tie, the candidates shall give a further speech to try to convince the AHLSA members as to why they should be voted for office.

§ 4. Newly elected officers shall be inducted into office at the end of the second semester, and the previous administration shall hand over any and all information which may be of value in the future for the success of the organization before the end of the second semester.

Article X: Removal

1. An officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of his/her constituency.
2. An officer may also be removed for failure to attend less than 75% of the AHLSA meetings.

Article XI: Voting Rights

All AHLSA members in good standing who have paid their dues for the term are eligible to cast their ballot in any vote held by the AHLSA.