

Constitution

PREAMBLE: We, the students of Chicago-Kent College of Law, IIT, hereby create the Muslim Law Students Association in order to promote a diverse legal community and to render assistance to Muslim students in their pursuit of academic achievement and excellence. We aim to explore Islamic legal issues and to bring a greater understanding of such to all members of Chicago-Kent College of Law.

ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Muslim Law Students Association at Chicago-Kent College of Law (hereafter "MLSA").

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

All students enrolled in one or more courses at Chicago-Kent College of Law, IIT shall be eligible members of the MLSA during the period of their attendance.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS AND MLSA MEMBERS

Sec. 1 The officers shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary/3L advisor
- d. Treasurer

Sec. 2 Any enrolled student in Day Division or Evening Division shall be the qualifications for officers and members of the MLSA

Sec. 3 Elections for MLSA officers shall be held no later than the fourth week of each academic fall semester.

Sec. 4 The Duties and Responsibilities of the officers of the MLSA shall be:

- a. President:
 - i. The President shall personally represent the MLSA and direct it generally.
 - ii. The President shall have the power to establish any necessary committees.
 - iii. The President along with the consent of at least two other officers (Vice-President, Treasurer, or Secretary) shall have the power to appoint Chairpersons to committees.
- b. Vice-President
 - i. The Vice-President shall preside over the general meetings in the absence of the President.
 - ii. The Vice-President shall be an ex officio member of all committees.
- c. Secretary/3L advisor:
 - i. The Secretary shall keep records of the MLSA and any minutes or other reports as may be necessary.

- ii. The Secretary shall record the votes of the individual members of the MLSA on all matters considered by the MLSA involving appropriation, allocation, or expenditure of the MLSA funds.
 - iii. The Secretary shall be responsible for publishing announcements to all MLSA officers and members.
- d. Treasurer:
- i. The Treasurer shall be responsible for submitting a detailed final budget to the Chicago-Kent Law School Finance Office.
 - ii. The Treasurer shall keep all financial records of the MLSA and make the information available to any MLSA member upon request.
 - iii. The Treasurer shall allocate funds and approve of disbursement only after an appropriation has been approved by the MLSA officers.

ARTICLE IV: VACANCIES

Sec. 1 Presidency

Should the office of the President become vacant, the existing Vice-President shall be appointed without election.

Sec.2 Officers

Should the office of the Vice-President, the Treasurer, or the Secretary become vacant, a member of the MLSA nominated by him or herself or another member shall be elected by a majority vote of the remaining Officers.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Sec. 1 General meetings of the MLSA shall have at least one (1) regularly scheduled meeting every month during the fall and spring semesters. A schedule announcing all meeting dates shall be posted by the third Monday of the semester by the Secretary.

Sec. 2 Special meetings may be called by the President by giving reasonable notice to all officers and members. Reasonable notice in this constitution shall consist of two (2) school days.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1 The Constitution shall be amended only by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members and officers. Any vote on proposed amendments must be held after newly elected first year members are seated in the fall semester.

Sec. 2 Any member of the MLSA may propose an amendment to the Constitution and should submit such proposed amendment to the President.

Sec. 3 Notice of such proposed amendments shall be given one (1) week in advance of the time set for ratification by announcing such proposed amendments by reasonable means.

Sec. 4 This Constitution shall conform to the requirements of the Chicago-Kent College of Law administration and the Chicago-Kent Student Bar Association at all times.

ARTICLE VII – DISPUTES

Sec. 1 The power to resolve disputes, arising under this Constitution or the Bylaws, between Officers or between an Officer and one or more Members, shall vest in an Arbitrator, who shall be a member of the Chicago-Kent administration or faculty. The Bylaws shall provide the name and position of the current Arbitrator and procedures for arbitration.

Sec. 2 The Executive Board shall appoint the Arbitrator by unanimous consent of the Board and the Arbitrator, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this Constitution, and from time to time as required by the Bylaws.

Sec. 3 The power to resolve disputes, arising under this Constitution or the Bylaws, between Members who are not Officers shall vest in the President.

ARTICLE VIII – BYLAWS

Sec. 1 There shall be Society Bylaws for the purpose of implementing this Constitution. The procedures to enact, amend, and repeal Bylaws shall be enumerated within the Bylaws.

Sec 2. All powers to enact, amend, and repeal Bylaws shall vest in the Officers.

Sec 3. The Bylaws shall be enacted concurrently with this Constitution, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Ratified on the _____ day of _____, in the year 2012 by

Saba Mahmud, President

Claudia Bertacchi, Vice President

Zain Afzal, Treasurer

Eyad Tabahi, Secretary/3L advisor