

**THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
SCHOOL OF LAW**

CONSTITUTION OF THE

**ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER LAW STUDENT
ASSOCIATION**

Preamble:

The Asian and Pacific Islander Law Student Association (APILSA) is an all-inclusive student organization committed to the sharing of Asian and Pacific Islander culture with the University of Dayton School of Law (UDSL) community. Therefore, it strongly encourages dedicated participation from those who are interested in Asian and Pacific Islander culture regardless of ethnic heritage.

APILSA seeks to share Asian and Pacific Islander culture and further the study of the law through active involvement in the UDSL community. This shall entail participation in activities planned exclusively by APILSA, as well as those planned in conjunction with other organizations at UDSL. These activities may include, but are not limited to, speakers, discussions, meals and celebrations for various holidays.

A further focus of APILSA shall be interaction and involvement in the Dayton community. Indeed, as an organization comprised of future legal professionals, APILSA has a responsibility to contribute to the community. Therefore, where opportunities arise for public service, APILSA shall strive for active participation in such opportunities.

Article I: Name of the Association

The name of this association shall be the University of Dayton School of Law (UDSL) Asian and Pacific Islander Law Students Association. It may be abbreviated "APILSA".

Article II: Objectives of APILSA

The objectives of APILSA shall be:

1. To promote knowledge and interest in the Asian and Pacific Islander legal professional community;
2. To provide a liaison between its members and the administration, faculty, alumni, community and the Student Bar Association;
3. To encourage professional development in the study of the law;
4. To foster discussion of the history of the law, and contemporary legal issues;
5. To serve as a forum for the discussion of professional and academic issues; and
6. To serve as a support group for all students pursuing their J.D., LL.M, or M.S.L.

Article III: Membership

APILSA membership is strongly encouraged and open to, any and all students who desire to join the organization. Membership is NOT limited to Asian and Pacific Islander students.

Article IV: Dues

Each active member of APILSA shall pay dues before the Student Bar Association registers them as a member of APILSA.

1. Dues shall be \$15 per year, payable in one sum, or per semester.
2. Dues shall contribute to the activities that APILSA may sponsor including, but not limited to, lunches and guest speakers.

Article V: Organization

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary of APILSA shall govern the organization, with several officers to be announced which shall serve as liaisons with Career Services, Admissions, faculty and the Student Bar Association.

Article VI: Executive Officers

As required by Student Bar Association guidelines, APILSA shall maintain a minimum of two (2) officer positions: President and Treasurer. Additional positions may be established for the administrative ease of the organization. These positions shall include, but are not limited to: Vice-president and Secretary.

A majority of the voting members of APILSA shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

§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 the power to vote on all motions before the organization;
2. Attend a minimum of 75% of the meetings of APILSA during their term.

§2. The President shall:

1. Preside over all APILSA meetings;
2. Not 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 necessary; 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 necessary;
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 APILSA 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 or 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 APILSA 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. APILSA shall meet at least once per semester.

§ 2. All meetings for the term shall be announced at least one (1) week in advance, but may be subject to change should conflicts arise.

§ 3. A special meeting may be called by the executive board, by the President, or by a written request of at least 30% of the members in good standing.

§ 4. Notice of all APILSA meetings shall be posted one week before each meeting in a conspicuous place in UDSL or via email. If a special meeting is called, notice shall be posted or emailed as quickly as time permits.

Article VIII: Nominations

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

Article IX: Elections

§ 1. The Officer Election shall be conducted in the month of April.

§ 2. All elections shall be conducted by ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

§ 3. Ballots shall be distributed to members in good standing.

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 APILSA meetings.

Article XI: Voting Rights

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