Whittier Law School

CONSTITUTION OF
ARMENIAN LAW STUDENTS’ SOCIETY

Preamble

We, the members of Armenian Law Students’ Society, do hereby establish this Constitution on November 11, 1999.

Article I – NAME

§ The name of the organization is Armenian Law Students’ Society (ALSS).

Article II – PURPOSE

§ The purpose of ALSS is to enhance cultural awareness among our members, other Whittier Law School (WLS) students, and the legal community. The Society’s purpose includes encouragement of legal networking and social activities among members and Whittier Law School students. The Society will associate with various similar organization from other law schools in order to further the Society’s purposes. Our purpose includes building bridges with the remaining student body at Whittier Law School.

ALSS understands and is committed to abiding by the policies and procedures of WLS as listed in the student handbook.

Article III – COST

Financial obligation of $15.00 society fee, per semester.

Active participation is required in most activities sponsored by ALSS unless the activity interferes with either a class or job.

ALSS welcomes all WLS students to join, and does not discriminate against anyone. Alumni, faculty, and staff may be honorary members.

Article IV – OFFICES

The President will preside at all meetings. The President will also be a liaison between students, the Student Bar Association, and other organizations and associations. The President will have the
power to appoint all committee chairpersons and be responsible for budget and activity planning in collaboration with Secretary and Treasurer.

The Vice President’s duties shall be to preside at all meetings and functions. In addition, the Vice President shall take on duties of the President in the event that the President is unavailable.

The elected Secretary will keep minutes at meetings and keep a record of all members that attend at each meeting.

The elected Treasurer will collect and deposit all dues and revenues. He or she will handle all expenditures, including keeping records of all transactions.

The elected Activity Director will be head of publicity. In collaboration with the President and Vice President, he or she will help plan and publicize ALSS events.

Article V – PROCESSES

§ Voting Eligibility:
Those members which meet all requirements of active membership as set forth in Article III will be eligible to vote.

§ Election Process:
Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of eligible ALSS members. Elections will be held on an annual basis by February 15, at a meeting composed of a quorum (50% + 1) of members.

The President will take nominations from the floor for one office at a time, beginning with the President. All nominations for office members must be seconded.

All voting shall be done via secret ballot to be collected and computed by the Secretary and President. Candidates having the majority of votes will be considered elected to their office.

§ Removal:
Any officer of WLS in violation of the club’s purpose of Constitution of who fails to fulfill duties as stated above may be removed from office by the following process:

*75% of the voting membership must be in attendance and a two-thirds majority must vote to remove the officer from his or her office.*

§ Replacement:
Should an officer resign or be removed, a special election will be held one week after written notification to all voting members.
§ Meetings:
All meetings will occur on a weekly basis and, if needed, an additional meeting can be held with a provided agenda. Any members can contribute to the agenda and make suggestions or changes during the meeting. However, elected officers may change the schedule of meetings as needed.

Article VI – FISCAL YEAR

ALSS fiscal year runs from January 1 through December 15.

The signatures of the Treasurer or the President and the Advisor are required on all financial transactions.

Article VII - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any voting member of ALSS at any meeting at which two-thirds of the voting members are present.

Proposed amendments will become effective following approval of two-thirds majority vote of voting members.