WHITTIER COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW

BY-LAWS OF THE
HISPANIC AMERICAN LAW SOCIETY

ARTICLE I - NAME

§ 1 This organization shall be know as the Hispanic American Law Society (HALS).

ARTICLE II - AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ORGANIZATION

§ 1 HALS is an equal opportunity organization. HALS shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national or ethnic origin or handicap.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE AND GOALS

§ 1 To provide a support system to incoming and continuing Hispanic and all other students attending Whittier College School of Law.

§ 2 To enhance the learning experience at Whittier College School of Law by introducing Hispanic customs and cultures to fellow students.

§ 3 To promote diversity within Whittier College School of Law and within the general legal community.

§ 4 To expose legal problems and issues which effect Hispanic American communities and society at large.

§ 5 To eradicate stereotypes and promote equal treatment for Hispanic Americans and all other ethnic groups.

§ 6 To cultivate the name of Whittier College School of Law within the Hispanic Community.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

§ 1 A general meeting shall be held once per semester in the ninth week of each semester.

§ 2 Board of Directors, as defined in Article V, shall meet once every four weeks. Additional Board of Directors meetings may be initiated by any officer upon notification to all directors.
ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

§ 1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the following officers:
   President
   Vice President
   Secretary
   Treasurer
   Public Affairs Coordinator

ARTICLE VI - VOTING PROCEDURE

§ 1 Elections for all offices shall be held in the presence of two-thirds or more of all members.
§ 2 Elections shall be held yearly at the general meeting of the Spring semester.
§ 3 Candidates with more than one-half of all ballots cast in his/her favor, shall be elected to the office for which he/she is a candidate.
§ 4 Members of HALS may nominate any other member as a candidate for office. Nominations must be seconded by another member.

ARTICLE VII - VACANCY OF OFFICE

§ 1 Vacancy of the office of President: The Vice President shall serve as the acting president for the duration of the president’s temporary of permanent absence. A special election shall be called to fill the office of the Vice President.
§ 2 Other vacancies: A special election shall be called to fill any vacancy other than President.
§ 3 Special elections shall be held as per voting procedures stated in Article VI.

ARTICLE VIII - CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

§ 1 Changes in any part of these By-Laws may be implemented upon approval of two-thirds or more of all the members.

CHARTER MEMBERS
Francisco Castillo (spouse) Thomas Griego Irene Duran Muller (spouse)
Paul Castillo Leticia T. Moreno FACULTY ADVISOR
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