WHITTIER COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW BY-LAWS OF THE WOMEN'S LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME
§1. This organization shall be known as the Women's Law Student Association (WLSA).

ARTICLE II - AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ORGANIZATION
§1. WLSA is an equal opportunity organization. WLSA shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, sexual orientation, race, nationality, religion or ethnic origin or handicap.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE AND GOALS
§1. To promote diversity within Whittier Law School and within the general legal community.

§2. To expose legal problems and issues which affect women and society at large.

§3. To eradicate stereotypes and promote equal treatment for all women.

§4. To provide a support system to incoming and continuing students.

§5. To enhance the learning experience at Whittier Law School by introducing women's issues to fellow students.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS
§1. A general meeting shall be held at least once per semester.

§2. Board of Directors, as defined in Article V, shall meet at least once every four weeks, or at the discretion of the board. Additional Board of Directors meetings may be initiated by any officer upon notification to all directors.

§3. First General Meeting of the new academic year shall be organized by any board member from the previous year.

§4. If no board member from prior year is available, then any member may call the First General Meeting.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS
§1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following officers¹;
   1. President
   2. Vice-President
   3. Secretary
   4. Treasurer
   5. Publicist/Public Relations
   6. Evening Representative (optional)
   7. 1L Representative from each Section (optional)
   8. 2L Representative (optional)

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERS
§1. All members and officers shall pay dues in the amount of $10/year. If a member joins in the spring then they shall pay $5/semester.

§2. Membership is open to all students regardless of gender-sex. §3. Membership is open to all students all year long.

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ARTICLE VII - VOTING PROCEDURE

A. Elections to be held when membership is established at 15 or more member students that are:

1. Not in a board position
2. Paid dues for spring semester

If Part A. is satisfied, then the procedure of §1 - §4 below must be followed. If membership does not satisfy this requirement, then the board shall have the discretion to appoint nominees or candidates in its independent judgment – See Part B for procedures.

§1. Elections for all officers shall be held in the presence of two-thirds or more of all members

§2. Elections shall be held at the last general meeting of the Spring semester.

§3. Candidates with majority of all member ballots in their favor, shall be elected to the office for which they are a candidate.

§4. Members of WLSA may nominate any other member as a candidate for office. Nominations must be seconded by another member.

B. Appointment

§1. If appointment is necessary for lack of membership voters, the top three board, not running for a position, shall appoint candidates through independent judgment and subsequent discussion to decide the candidate who will represent WLSA in the best professional capacity.

§2. Board can use its discretion on whether to use form interview process through written answers or verbal interviews or combination of both to determine candidates’ qualifications for each position.

ARTICLE VIII - VACANCY OF OFFICE

§ 1. Vacancy of office of President: In the event that the President leaves, the remaining Vice-President shall assume all duties. A special election shall be called to fill the vacancy.

§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 process stated in Article VI.

ARTICLE IX - 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 members.