

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Whereas it is the desire of the Law Graduates of the University of Colombo and its predecessors to form an Association of its Law Graduates

Be it enacted by those who present at and witness this occasion on this 29th day of March 1998 at Colombo as the Constitution of the Alumni Association of the Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo.

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF ASSOCIATION

- 1.1 There shall be established an Association known as the "**Alumni Association of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo**", hereafter referred to as the "Association".
- 1.2 The address of the Association shall be "**Alumni Association of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Cumaratunge Munidasa Mawatha, Colombo 3.**"

2. OBJECTS

2.1 The objects of the Association shall be -

- 2.1.1 the promotion of fellowship among the alumni of the Faculty of Law;
- 2.1.2 the promotion of the welfare of the alumni, staff and students of the Faculty of Law;
- 2.1.3 the promotion of matters of interest and research of relevance to the students, staff, alumni of the Faculty of Law and the community;
- 2.1.4 the promotion of educational, professional and employment interests of the alumni and of the students of the Faculty of Law;
- 2.1.5. the assistance of the Faculty of Law in the development of its curricula and teaching methodologies;

2.1.6. the facilitation/ fostering of contacts between the students and alumni of the Faculty of Law in order to promote counselling, career guidance and other mutually beneficial activities; and

2.1.7. the performance of any other acts which are necessary, conducive or incidental to the attainments of the foregoing objects.

2.2 The Association shall not engage in any activities which are of a political nature.

3. **MEMBERSHIP**

3.1.1. All persons who have graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Ceylon (Colombo - Peradeniya), the University of Sri Lanka (Colombo Campus) or the University of Colombo shall be eligible to apply for membership.

3.1.2. The membership shall be a Life Membership.

3.1.3. Every application for membership shall be made on the prescribed form to the Executive Committee.

3.1.4. The Secretary shall maintain a complete list of the names and addresses of the members of the Association.

3.1.5. The Executive Committee shall have the power to nominate persons of eminence in the field of law as Honorary Life members of the Association.

3.2. The Membership of the Association shall be deemed to be cancelled:

3.2.1. If a member submits his/her resignation in writing to the Secretary;

Provided in the case of the Secretary the letter of resignation shall be submitted to the President of the

3.2.2. If the Executive Committee decides to expel a member from the Association for misconduct or bringing disrepute to the Association.

4. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscription for Life Membership of the Association shall be upon the payment of such sum as shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Association for a period of 2 years at a time by two-thirds (including those not present) of the Executive Committee voting in favour of it. In determining the amount payable for subscription, the Executive Committee may in their discretion differentiate between those who seek subscription within 36 months from graduation from the Faculty of Law and those who seek subscription thereafter.

These funds shall be kept in Fixed Deposits at Banks and only the interest shall be utilised for the activities of the Association.

5. **MEETINGS**

5.1.1 An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held before the end of April each year unless the Executive Committee, due to exceptional circumstances, decides to conduct such meetings on a later date.

5.1.2. The Secretary shall, in consultation with the Executive Committee, prepare an Agenda for the Annual General Meeting which shall be distributed with copies of resolutions, if any, prior to the meeting. The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be -

- the Approval of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of the Association;
- the Consideration of the Progress Report of the Association;
- the Consideration of the Accounts of the Association;
- the Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members; and
- the Appointment of an Auditor.

- 5.1.3. The Secretary shall give at least 21 days written notice of the Annual General Meeting to the membership by post.
- 5.1.4. Proposed resolutions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days before the date of the Meeting.
- 5.1.5. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be twenty (20) members.
- 5.2.1. Ordinary Meetings of the Association may be held as required. The Secretary shall circulate the notice and Agenda for such a Meeting at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting. -
- 5.2.2. The quorum for an Ordinary Meeting of the Association shall be twenty (20) members.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 6.1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Association which shall consist of 8 Office Bearers and 7 Committee Members.

The Office Bearers shall be -

- 1. President
- 2. Three Vice-Presidents of which one shall be a member of the Law Faculty Academic Staff
- 3. Secretary
- 4. Assistant
- 5. Secretary
- 6. Treasurer
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- Treasurer

- 6.2. No member of the Association shall be eligible to hold the Office of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer unless he or she has completed 8 years after becoming a Law Graduate of the University of Colombo or its predecessors, unless a person of such seniority is not available to hold such office.
- 6.3. The Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting every year.
- 6.4. The Executive Committee may co-opt, for specific purposes any members of the Association to assist it in its activities.
- 6.5. The Executive Committee shall meet at least six times a year and the quorum for the Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be 6 members.
- 6.7. Notwithstanding Article 3.2.1 of the Constitution, the Office Bearers can only relinquish his office only when the Executive Committee accepts his/her letter of resignation.
- 6.8. The Executive Committee shall have the power to do any acts for the attainment of the objects of the Association as prescribed in this Constitution.

7. **PATRONS**

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Colombo and Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo shall be an ex officio Patrons of the Association.

8. **FINANCE**

- 8.1 The funds of the Association shall be deposited in the name of the Association in a Bank to be decided upon by the Executive Committee. Such account shall be operated under the signature of the Treasurer as the first signatory and the President or the Secretary as the second signatory.
- 8.2 The Financial year of the Association shall be from 1 April to 31 March.
- 8.3 The Treasurer shall present an audited statement of accounts at the Annual General Meeting of the Association for the preceding calendar year.

9. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

No amendment to the Constitution may be made unless a resolution to that effect is adopted by two thirds of the members present voting in

favour of the amendment at any General Meeting specifying any such purpose. Notice of such Meeting and a copy of the proposed resolution shall be given to the members of the Association at least 14 days prior to the date of the Meeting

10. GENERAL

- 101 The Association shall, as far as possible, function in line with the Alumni Association of the University of Colombo.
- 102 The Executive Committee shall have authority to make rules with regard to the conduct of any affairs of the Association. No rule made by the Executive Committee shall have effect unless it is passed by two-thirds members (including those not present) of the Executive Committee voting in favour of it.
- 103 The Executive Committee shall have the power to determine any matter not dealt with in this Constitution.

11. EXECUTIVE

INAUGURAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF FIRST

COMMITTEE

The first Executive Committee shall be constituted by the election of Office Bearers and Committee Members at the inaugural meeting of the Association at which this Constitution is adopted.

We hereby certify that the above is the Constitution drafted by the Committee appointed by the Alumni Association of the Faculty of Law.

| | Name | Signature |
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| 01 | Mr Ranjit Abeysuriya, PC - Chairman | |
| 02 | Mr Prasantha Lal de Alwis | |
| 03 | Dr Jayatissa de Costa | |
| 04 | Mr K T Chitrasiri | |
| 05 | Mr Ravi Jayawardena | |
| 06 | Mr Dilith Jayaweera | |
| 07 | Mr N Selvakumaran | |
| 08. | Mr T Wijemanne | |