Article I Name of Organization

The name of the organization shall be South Asian Law Students Association, hereinafter referred to as "SALSA."

Article II Purpose

The purpose of SALSA shall be: first, to promote South Asian culture at Hastings College of the Law, second, to provide support for South Asian students, as well as other students at Hastings, and third, to network with other South Asian organizations in the Bay Area, and finally to address legal and social issues concerning our community. SALSA will comply with the Policies and Regulations Applying to College Activities, Organizations, and Students.

Article III Membership

Any full-time student at Hastings College of the Law may become a member of SALSA. There shall be no dues or fees for membership in the organization, and there shall be no attendance requirement for meetings. Membership criteria shall adhere to the University of California, Hastings College of the Law nondiscrimination compliance code.

Article IV Officers

Section 1: The officers of this organization shall consist of a minimum of four (4) members, including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

The President shall be responsible for the following functions:
1) preside over Board meetings and General meetings.
2) Facilitate communication among the Board to effectively implement all activities and events.
3) Build coalitions and co-sponsor events with other student groups and community organizations.
4) Prepare and oversee the SALSA Board Retreat before Fall and Spring semesters.
5) Coordinate the End of Year Banquet.
6) Assist with South Asian Student Graduation.
7) Sustain positive working relationship between Faculty Advisor and the Board by maintaining regular contact and by keeping the Faculty Advisor aware of Board events.
8) Maintain and update the SALSA alumni base.
9) Act as liaison between SALSA and NASALSA.
10) Promote the notion of South Asians as including Indian, Pakistani, Bengali, West Indian and other sub groups of similar ancestry.
11) Ensure a balanced contribution to student body of social events, political/community service opportunities, academic career, support, and mentoring.
The Vice President shall be responsible for the following functions:
1) Assist the President with organization and implementation of all activities and events
2) In absence of the President, preside over Board meetings and General Meetings
3) Coordinate South Asian Graduation and supervise elections of 1L- Representatives in Fall and new Board in the Spring
4) Communicate with Board members and general membership as general liaison for President

The Secretary shall be responsible for the following functions:
1) Record minutes and resolutions made at meetings of the Board and general membership
2) Maintain and update the organization’s roster and mailing list
3) Notify members of any announcements, events, endorsements, resolutions or upcoming meetings.
4) Promote SALSA events and make general announcements with through posters, SIC dropping, mass emails, blurbs in the Weekly, and the SALSA and Hastings websites

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the following functions:
1) Maintain records of all organizational expenses
2) Deposit money to the bank account and balance the budget
3) Prepare budget for each semester and make official funding proposals to ASUCH.

Section 2. All students are eligible to hold office or to head special committees.

Section 3. Officers may be elected one of two ways. Members may forward their own names for election or they may be nominated by an active member. Officers will be elected by a secret ballot by the active club members to serve for one year. Two members can serve in the same office and work together. Elections shall be held at the last general meeting of the second semester. Officers shall take office the meeting immediately following their election and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

Section 4. If any position on the board is vacated, that vacancy shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the board.

Article V Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of the organization shall be held on the first Wednesday of every other month from September to April unless otherwise ordered by the organization.

Section 2. The first regular meeting of each semester shall be for the purpose of electing officers and receiving reports of officers and committees, and to hear ideas or concerns from the members.
Section 3. Special meetings can be called by members of the board or by the request of three active members of the organization. At least two-days' notice shall be given to all members.

Section 4. A quorum is not necessary to adjourn a meeting, nor for the transaction of business.

Article VI Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a vote of 51% of the club's members, provided that the amendment is submitted in writing to the board with advance notice of one week.