# **IntelliJus Law Society**



Constitution

INTELLIJUS LAW SOCIETY (ILS) CONSTITUTION

**PREAMBLE** 

We, the students of tertiary institutions in the Republic of South Africa, inspired by the

principles of democracy, equality, and justice as enshrined in the Constitution of the

Republic of South Africa, 1996, establish this society to provide legal assistance,

representation, and education to our peers, while fostering a community of future legal

professionals.

1. NAME AND PURPOSE

a. Name: IntelliJus Law Society (ILS)

b. Purpose: ILS aims to:

c. Provide legal representation and assistance to students in misconduct cases,

ensuring fairness and justice as contemplated in sections 34 and 35 of the Constitution

d. Offer legal education and workshops, promoting constitutional literacy and awareness

e. Foster a community of future legal professionals, upholding the values of

professionalism, integrity, and ethics

f. Promote justice, fairness, and human rights, as enshrined in chapters 2 and 3 of the

Constitution

2. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to all registered students of tertiary institutions in the Republic

of South Africa, including universities and colleges, regardless of race, gender, sexual

orientation, disability, or religious affiliation, as contemplated in section 9 of the

Constitution.

2. Members must:

a. Be registered students of a tertiary institution

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- b. Pay an annual membership fee of R20
- c. Adhere to the ILS constitution and code of conduct
- d. Uphold the principles of democracy, equality, and justice

#### 3. LEADERSHIP

- 1. The society shall have the following positions:
- Chairperson/Managing Partner
- Vice Chairperson/Senior Partner
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Legal Research and Development Officer
- Client Intake and Relations Officer
- Marketing and Outreach Officer
- Events Coordinator
- Public Relations Officer
- Research Assistant
- IT and Technology Officer
  - 2. Leadership roles shall be filled through democratic elections, ensuring representation and accountability, as contemplated in section 118 of the Constitution.

#### 4. ELECTIONS

- 1. Elections shall be held annually, ensuring regular accountability and representation.
- 2. All members are eligible to vote and stand for election, promoting participatory democracy.

3. The election process shall be fair, transparent, and conducted by an independent electoral committee, upholding the principles of free and fair elections as contemplated in section 19 of the Constitution.

#### 5. MEETINGS

- 1. General Meetings:
- a. Shall be held at least twice a semester
- b. Open to all members, promoting participatory democracy
- 2. Executive Meetings:
- a. Shall be held regularly
- b. Attendees: Executive Committee members

### 6. FINANCES

- 1. The society shall maintain a bank account, ensuring transparency and accountability
- The Treasurer shall manage finances, ensuring responsible financial management
- 3. Annual financial reports shall be presented to members, promoting transparency and accountability.

## 7. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. Members shall:
- a. Uphold the society's purpose and values
- b. Respect fellow members and executives
- c. Maintain confidentiality
- d. Avoid conflicts of interest
- e. Uphold the principles of integrity, professionalism, and ethics

#### 8. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- 1. Misconduct shall be addressed through:
- a. Investigation
- b. Hearing
- c. Disciplinary action (up to expulsion), ensuring fairness and justice

#### 9. AMENDMENTS

- 1. This constitution may be amended by:
- a. Two-thirds majority vote at a General Meeting
- b. Written notice of proposed amendments to be circulated to members at least 14 days prior

### 10. DISSOLUTION

- 1. The society may be dissolved by:
- a. Two-thirds majority vote at a General Meeting
- b. Written notice of proposed dissolution to be circulated to members at least 30 days prior

# **BYLAWS**

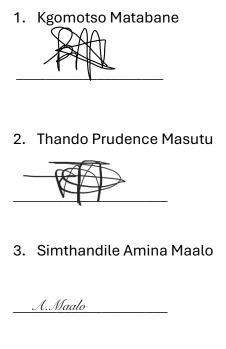
# **ANNEXURES**

- Code of Conduct
- Disciplinary Procedures
- Election Guidelines
- Financial Policy

## **CERTIFICATION**

This constitution was adopted on the  $07^{th}$  of April 2024 by the founding members of IntelliJus Law Society.

# **FOUNDING MEMBERS AND SIGNATURES**



4. Ntando Bongani

## References:

# Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996

- Chapter 2: Bill of Rights

- Chapter 3: Co-operative Government

- Section 9: Equality

- Section 19: Right to vote

- Section 34: Right to justice

- Section 35: Rights of arrested,