

HEALTH LAW SOCIETY

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the "Health Law Society."

Section 2. The Health Law Society (HLS) is dedicated to exploring the intersection between medical health care and the judicial system. HLS examines not only the traditional areas of health law, such as medical malpractice, but also delves deeper into local and national health policy concerns. The HLS strives to enhance the experience and knowledge of its members and the entire DU and Colorado law community.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The general membership of the Health Law Society shall consist of any students, faculty, staff or alumni of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law who hold an interest in health law and the issues, topics and discussion surrounding legal issues related to health and the practice of medicine. Student members must attend at least two (2) meetings or activities per semester to retain active membership status.

Section 2. The Health Law Society shall adhere to the University of Denver Policy of Non-Discrimination. The Health Law Society does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disabilities.

Section 3. Voting membership is limited to enrolled students, faculty and staff at University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and as limited by **Section 1.**

Section 4. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the organization for conduct obviously contrary to the Constitution of the organization or for conduct which impairs the rights of the members to enjoy the benefits of the organization. The offense must be in writing and submitted by a club member. After the offense is submitted to the organization, the offending member has the right to a 24 hour notice of a hearing before his/her peers at a regular meeting and the offending member may be suspended or expelled by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the voting members present. Suspended or expelled club members may exercise due process through the college's grievance procedure.

Section 5. The Health Law Society shall adhere to the University of Denver Policy of Non-Discrimination. The Health Law Society does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disabilities.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers of the organization shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Events Coordinator(s) and other officers as necessary.

Section 2. Powers and Duties of Officers:

Clause 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization. He/She shall be the official spokesperson of the organization, representing the policies, views and opinions of the organization in its relations with the campus and community at large. He/She has further powers and duties as prescribed by the organization. He/She notifies all members of the organization meetings.

Clause 2. The Vice President presides at the organization meetings in the absence of the President. He/She performs all legal duties assigned by the President.

Clause 3. The Treasurer handles all financial affairs and budgeting of the organization. He/She maintains any accounts in the organization's name which requires signature of both the Treasurer and President. All disbursements for more than \$50 requires a majority vote approval of the organization.

Clause 4. The Secretary takes minutes at all meetings of the organization, files minutes and submits required copies to all organization members. He/She is responsible for all organization correspondence and keeps copies of all correspondence on file. He/She acts as historian and maintains all records of the organization. At the end of his/her term, the Secretary is responsible for passing on the entirety of club records his/her successor. If no successor is elected, the Secretary shall submit all club records to the incoming President.

Clause 5. The Events Coordinator(s) shall be responsible for assisting the President and Vice President in the planning, preparation and implementation of social, educational and professional events hosted by the Health Law Society. He/She shall be responsible for obtaining and coordinating volunteers for events and, as well as chairing or delegating to events committees.

Section 3. Officer Qualifications.

Clause 1. Each officer must be a regularly enrolled student in good standing at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Clause 2. Each officer must commit to attend all meetings of the Health Law Society while serving in the capacity as an officer.

Clause 3. Petition by 1/3 of the total number of members is cause for a recall election. The offense must be stated in writing and submitted by a member. After the offense is submitted to the organization, the offending officer has the right to a 48 hour notice of a hearing. A recall election will be conducted as a "Special Election". Recall requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the total voting membership.

Section 5. In the event an elected officer is unable to fulfill his/her term of office, there will be a "Special Election". Any eligible member, including those already holding office, can be nominated for a vacated officer position.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings are scheduled at least bi-monthly during the academic year.

Section 2. Special meetings are called by any elected officer or by 5% of the voting members of the organization. All members must be given a minimum of 48 hours (2 working days) prior to the Special Meeting time.

Section 3. Business cannot be conducted unless a quorum of the membership is present. Quorum for this organization is defined as 51% of the voting membership.

ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS

Section 1. Officers are elected once an academic year. Nominations are made in March and elections are held in April at the end of each academic year for the following year's term.

Section 2. At least one week's notice will be provided for any meeting at which an election is held.

Section 3. There shall be no limit to the number of consecutive terms an officer may hold.

ARTICLE VI. ADVISORS

Section 1. An individual employed on a full-time or part-time basis by the University of Denver will serve as advisor to this organization.

Section 2. The advisor(s) will serve a term of one academic year and is selected at the same time as the officers of the organization.

ARTICLE VII. METHOD TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Proposed constitutional amendments or changes will be presented, in writing, to the organization one meeting before the amendment is voted on.

Section 2. Approval by 2/3 of the voting members present at a regular organization meeting will pass this proposed amendment. The amendment is immediately effective unless otherwise stipulated in the proposal.

Section 3. A copy of this constitution/bylaws and/or amendments to this constitution must be filed in the Student Organizations Office at University of Denver College of Law.

ARTICLE VIII. DISBURSAL OF ORGANIZATION ASSETS

Section 1. In the event the Health Law Society should become defunct, all assets will be turned over to the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Student Bar Association Treasurer.

ARTICLE IX. STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION

Section 1. This organization is affiliated with University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Section 2. A copy of any constitution/by-laws of the Health Law Society must be filed in the Student Organization Office at University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

ARTICLE X. RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The Health Law Society accepts "Roberts Rules of Order" (newly revised) as its Rules of Order. The Rules of Order may be set aside during meetings at the discretion of the meeting chair.

Section 2. Any issue not directly written in this document will be resolved by referring to the Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XI. APPROVAL

Section 1. This constitution was approved on January 18, 2006.

Signature of Club President: /s/ Peter Breese

Printed Name of Club President: Peter Breese

Signature of Parliamentarian: /s/ Mary Lynn Macsalka

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