

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

- 1 - §1 The name of this organization shall be the Intellectual Property Law Society
- 1 - §2 The purpose of this society shall be:
- 1) to promote awareness and visibility of intellectual property law;
 - 2) to support the legal education of students interested in intellectual property law;
 - 3) to enrich student's education in intellectual property matters;
 - 4) to develop a supportive network between the intellectual property legal profession and students;
 - 5) to advocate a wider range of intellectual property educational opportunities within the College of Law's curriculum.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

- 2 - §1 There shall be two classes of membership:
- 1) **REGULAR MEMBER:** A Regular Member is defined as a person who is a full or part-time student at the University of Denver College of Law, who has applied to be a member, and actively participates in the functions of IPLS. Student members shall enjoy the rights and privileges of being able to vote, hold office and participate in any social and academic functions.
 - 2) **HONORARY MEMBER:** An Honorary Member is defined as any student from any other law school, any practicing attorney, or justice not meeting the qualifications in the previous section, who by application is admitted to membership. Admission is obtained by a majority vote at a general meeting wherein there sits a quorum of the membership. Honorary Members shall not have the right to vote or hold office, but may participate in any functions of IPLS.

ARTICLE III - DUES

- 3 - §1 There shall be no dues assessed to any member unless amended under the rules in this Constitution.

ARTICLE IV - POWERS OF GOVERNMENT

- 4 - §1 The ultimate power of the society shall be vested in its membership. A majority vote of those present at meetings wherein there sits a quorum of the membership shall control, or if a vote is taken by e-mail, a majority of those who answer within seven days, or if a vote is taken by mail, a majority of those who answer within fourteen days.
- 4 - §2 The officers shall manage the affairs of the society, supervise the work of all committees, and have general supervision of the property of the society.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

- 5 - §1 The governing board of this society shall consist of the following officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- 1) **PRESIDENT:** shall preside over all meetings or assemblies; direct the administration of its policies; report to the members any business which, in the judgment of the president, requires action by the society; handle all internal and external correspondence; and reserve any powers not delegated to other officers.
 - 2) **VICE PRESIDENT:** shall assist the President in the execution of the aforementioned duties; shall be responsible for the organization of all events for the general membership, excluding general meetings; and, in the absence of the President, shall fulfill the duties of the office of President.

- 3) TREASURER: shall be entrusted with the receipt, care and disbursement of funds; keep records of all financial transactions of the society, collect dues from members as required by this Constitution; and report to the Student Bar Association (SBA) regarding all financial transactions of the organization.
- 4) SECRETARY: shall keep records of board and general membership meetings; shall be responsible for posting notices of meetings, and all events which IPLS is a participant; and shall keep a current listing of active membership.

ARTICLE VI - FACULTY ADVISOR

6 - §1 The faculty advisor shall be elected by the members when desired in order to provide experience and advice to members and officers of any matter of concern that may arise.

6 - §2 Faculty advisors do not have a voting right.

ARTICLE VII - REGULATION AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

7 - §1 If at any time an elected officer wishes to resign from duties, s/he may do so by presenting a written statement setting forth said resignation. Resignations shall be effective when in writing and given to any one of the other officers. It shall become effective when so rendered.

7 - §2 The removal of any officer shall be done in the following manner:

- 1) a written complaint setting forth reasons for removal and signed by a majority of the membership shall be presented to an officer of the organization;
- 2) removal will be discussed at the next meeting wherein there sits a quorum of the membership; and
- 3) after a discussion a vote shall be taken to determine the issue of removal.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

8 - §1 Meetings shall be held on any day of each year as called by the officers.

8 - §2 Except as provided herein, not less than three days notice of meetings shall be distributed to the membership. Meetings shall not be held during the period starting seven days prior to the first exam and ending with the last scheduled examination.

8 - §3 The officers shall meet as necessary to discuss pertinent IPLS business and to schedule events and general meetings.

ARTICLE IX - NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

9 - §1 It shall be the policy of IPLS that its officers and members shall not discriminate against any person in its membership or admission policies in any manner on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, handicapped or veteran status.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

10 - §1 Amendment of this Constitution is provided for in two ways:

- 1) amendments may be made at any meeting of the society by majority vote of a meeting wherein there sits a quorum of the membership, provided that proper notice is given, or amendments may be made at any time emergency so requires, by a unanimous vote of the officers and shall be considered temporary for a thirty day period unless ratified by the procedure in subsection 1.