

BYLAWS
OF THE CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW
DECALOGUE/ JEWISH LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

The Decalogue/Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA) is a student-run organization having its principal place of business at the main campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology's College of Law.

JLSA is a student organization committed to Jewish laws, traditions, and values. JLSA is focused on developing the relationship between the legal profession, both within and outside the school, and the Jewish community. JLSA also aims to assist its members with their educational and professional goals.

ARTICLE I – BYLAWS

Section 1.1. Procedure to enact, amend, and repeal Bylaws.

Any Officer or Paid Member may propose:

- to enact a new Bylaw;
- to amend an existing Bylaw; or
- to repeal an existing Bylaw.

A proposal to change the Bylaws shall be brought to the attention of the Executive Board as soon as is practicable. If the change would be allowed under the Constitution, the Board will submit the proposal to the Paid Members. The proposal will be adopted upon a majority vote of all of the Paid Members.

Section 1.1.1. Exceptions.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, changes to this Article I shall be made only upon a three fourths vote of all of the Paid Members.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, consistent with Article IV section 2 of the Constitution, amendments to Article IV of these Bylaws conforming to changes in the name or position of the Arbitrator shall be made by the President and Secretary upon due notice to the Executive Board, without requiring a vote by the Paid Members.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.1. Qualification for Membership.

Any student in good academic standing at Chicago-Kent may become a Member of the Society. A student who has not received grades from Chicago-Kent is considered to be in good academic standing for the purposes of this Section. A Member who falls out of good academic standing shall not cease to be a Member due to the loss of standing.

A student shall no longer be qualified for Membership if he or she:

- graduates;
- transfers to another law school; or
- takes a leave of absence, whether permanent or temporary.

Section 2.2. Membership classes and dues.

Section 2.2.1. Members

Members are entitled to

- receive all JLSA communications; and
- attend JLSA events generally open to the public
- vote to approve or disapprove of Executive Board members;
- vote to enact, amend, or repeal Bylaws; and
- propose and vote on amendments to the Constitution.

Section 2.3. Admission and removal of Members.

Section 2.3.1. Admission of Members.

The procedures for admitting Members shall be at the discretion of the Secretary.

Section 2.3.2. Removal of Members.

A Member shall be removed from Membership only upon the following events:

- loss of qualification for Membership, in accordance with this Article II;
- the Member requests to be removed; or
- for cause.

A Member shall be removed for cause only upon a unanimous vote of the Board.

ARTICLE III – EXECUTIVE

Section 3.1. Other Officers.

JLSA may appoint other Officers at the discretion of the full Executive Board. In addition, JLSA may or may not appoint these additional Officers to the Executive Board.

Section 3.2. Duties of the Officers.

The President shall:

- Oversee all programs, functions, and events of JLSA.
- Liaise with the Chicago-Kent faculty and administration.
- Supervise the other Officers in the performance of their duties.
- Call meetings of the Executive Board or Members.
- Recommend policies to the Executive Board.

The Secretary shall:

- Coordinate the internal affairs of JLSA.
- Maintain the Membership rolls.
- Make preparations for meetings.
- Take notes at meetings, including the recording of votes.
- Publish decisions of the Executive Board.

The Treasurer shall: Communicate with Members regarding JLSA events

- Manage the finances of JLSA.
- Collect dues.
- Notify the Secretary when a Member has paid dues.
- Disperse monies in a timely manner.
- Aid in the financial aspects of all IPLS events.

The Vice President shall:

- Advocate for the interests of Members at Board meetings.

- Attract students to JLSA.
- Promote participation in JLSA events and programs.
- Communicate with Members regarding JLSA events

If appointed, other Officers shall have their duties defined by the Executive Board.

Officers may delegate their duties to other Officers with the consent of the full Executive Board.

Section 3.3. SBA duties.

The President shall:

- Attend any SBA meeting at which student organizations are represented.
- Advocate for JLSA to SBA officers.
- Prepare a budget for each semester with the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall:

- Read and understand the Chicago-Kent SBA Financial Code.
- Prepare a budget for each semester with the President.
- Submit reimbursement requests to the SBA as directed by the President.

Section 3.4. Removal of Officers.

Any Officer may be removed upon a two thirds vote of the Members, but only upon a finding by the Executive Board of substantial misconduct. For purposes of conducting a removal vote, the Members must convene in a closed meeting. The vote will be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE IV – DISPUTES

Section 4.1. Arbitrator.

The Arbitrator shall be the faculty advisor of the JLSA.

Section 4.2. Replacing the Arbitrator.

The Board shall choose a new Arbitrator upon the death, resignation, or retirement of the current Arbitrator.

The President shall submit candidate names for an interim replacement, from which the Board shall unanimously choose, in the case that the Arbitrator resigns as the faculty advisor of JLSA

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

Section 5.1. Election procedures.

The Secretary shall make an announcement of elections after Spring Break of each year. The announcement will solicit candidates for Office, and list the requirements for each Office as specified by these Bylaws, and by the outgoing Executive Board for Officers not specifically established by these Bylaws. Each candidate will have the opportunity to state his or her qualifications for Office, subject to the Secretary's reasonable discretion.

The Secretary shall publish candidate statements to the Members at least three days before the date that voting concludes.

Procedures for collecting votes are at the Secretary's reasonable discretion, provided that voting is concluded before the end of Spring Semester. The President and Secretary shall tally the votes as soon after the election as is practicable.

The Secretary shall publish the results of the election following its conclusion.