

BYLAWS OF CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW EDUCATION AND SCHOOL LAW SOCIETY

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Education and School Law Society (The Society)

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Society shall be to provide its members with a common forum for addressing education law issues and interacting with established attorneys, officials, and experts in the field. Furthermore, the aims of this organization are to promote education reform, social justice, and community service.

Article III: Membership

SECTION 1: Members of the Society shall be Chicago-Kent College of Law students committed to the goals and objectives of this organization.

SECTION 2: Members of the Society are not required to pay dues.

SECTION 3: Membership shall be held by those meeting the criteria established in Section 1 and 2 of this Article.

Article IV: Nondiscrimination

In compliance with the policy of Chicago-Kent College of Law, the Society does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap, age, or marital status. This nondiscrimination policy covers membership selection, activities, policies, and practices of the Society.

Article V: Goals

The goals of the Society shall be:

- A. To promote Education Reform.
- B. To promote multiculturalism and an interdisciplinary approach to Education Law issues such as discrimination, freedom of speech, student discipline, etc.
- C. To provide members with an opportunity to interact with Education Law experts and attorneys.
- D. To foster community interface and assistance.
- E. To maximize attendees; participation in roundtable discussions and evaluations of potential approaches relating to current Education Law.
- F. To facilitate and improve employment and training opportunities in the field of Education Law.

- H. To encourage the involvement of members from diverse socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds.
- I. To promote a spirit of community involvement to causes related to Education and Education Law.

Article VI: Objectives

The Society shall set objectives that are designed to help reach its general organizational goals and fulfill its purpose. Objectives shall be drafted by a standing committee prior to election of the new board and read to the general body.

Article VII: Elective Officers

The Officers of the executive board must at all times be members in good standing. They shall take office as provided in the Constitution of the Society.

Article VIII: The Executive Board

SECTION 1: At least 2 ESLS executive board members must be present at every general meeting.

SECTION 2: Minutes for all ESLS meetings, general or executive, shall be taken by the Secretary and the general minutes will be emailed out to all members by the following meeting.

SECTION 3: The ESLS Treasurer shall keep ESLS's finances up-to-date in an accounting notebook and all receipts etc., shall be kept in a designated folder. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all check reimbursements and the like.

Article IX: The Society

SECTION 1: Each member of the Society shall have one vote. Proxy voting is NOT permitted.

SECTION 2: Meetings of the Society shall be held at a regular time to be determined by the Executive Board. Emergency meetings may be called by the President, or in their absence, by the Vice-President.

SECTION 3: All meetings of the Society shall be open to all persons.

Article X: The Constitution

SECTION 1: The Constitution shall be ratified by two-thirds of those present at the constitution ratification meeting.

Article XIII: Financial Records

Pursuant to Chicago-Kent College of Law policy, the society shall make its financial records available to authorized Chicago-Kent officials upon request.

Article XIV: Election Procedures

SECTION 1: 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.

SECTION 2: The Secretary shall publish candidate statements to the Members at least three days before the date that voting concludes. The Secretary shall publish the results of the election following its conclusion.

SECTION 3: If the Secretary is not running for a position on the Executive Board, the Secretary shall administer anonymous elections. The Secretary or election administrator shall use an openly available, online election program to ensure that votes cannot tampered with and are anonymous.

SECTION 4: If the Secretary is running for a position on the Executive Board, the President will administer the election. If both the Secretary and President are running for a position on the Executive Board, the President will appoint a member that is not running for a position to administer the election.