BYLAWS OF THE
HASTINGS ADVOCATES FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY RIGHTS

Article I  Name of Organization
This organization shall be officially known as designated as Hastings Advocates for Mental Health and Disability Rights ("AMenD"), located at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law ("Hastings").

Article II Purpose
AMenD seeks to raise awareness of mental health and disability issues in the legal field. AMenD also seeks to promote equality for disabled persons and encourage a better understanding of mental health among the student body. AMenD will comply with the Policies and Regulations Applying to College Activities, Organizations and Students.

Article III  Membership
Section 1.  All Hastings students may become a member of AMenD.

Section 2.  It is AMenD's policy not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. This clause shall not be interpreted in any way to conflict with the purpose of AMenD as outlined in Article II. This clause will follow Hastings's anti-discriminatory policy.

Section 3.  There shall be no dues or fees for membership in the organization.

Article IV  Officers
Section 1.  The officers of this organization shall consist of five board members, such as president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and event planner.

Section 2.  Students at any level of study are eligible to hold office, so long as they are a member of AMenD.

Section 3.  The method of nomination shall be from the floor by an active member. Officers of the organization shall be nominated via self-nomination after providing a statement of interest. Officers of the organization shall be elected by anonymous ballot to service for one academic year.

Section 4.  Elections shall be held during the Spring semester, the first meeting after Spring Break. All officers shall take office at the meeting immediately following their election and shall remain in office for one year.

Section 5.  If the office of the president should become vacant for any reason, the vice president shall fill that vacancy for the remainder of the term. If any office other than the president shall become vacant, that vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the president for the remainder of the term.

Section 6.  The officers shall perform duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization.
Article V  Meetings

This article should contain the essential facts concerning meetings: when held, who shall preside, the number or percentage of members composing a quorum for transacting business.

Section 1.  Regular meetings shall be held at least once each semester.

Section 2.  The first regular meeting after Spring Break shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers and receiving reports of officers and committees.

Section 3.  Special meetings can be called by the president or by the request of five active members of the organization.  At least two days’ notice shall be given to all members.

Section 4.  At least one officer shall preside at all meetings of the organization.

Article VI  Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

Article VII  Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.