



**Bylaws of Hastings Homeless Legal Services
September 3, 2010**

Article I Name of Organization

The organization shall be named Hastings Homeless Legal Services (HLS).

Article II Purpose

The purpose of the organization is to provide legal aid to underserved members of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Article III Membership

- Section 1. Any student at Hastings may apply for membership to this organization.
- Section 2. Members will be admitted through an objective application process conducted by the governing body of the organization at the beginning of each semester.
- Section 3. Members are required to participate in the Hastings Homeless Legal Services clinic. Frequency of participation is determined each semester.
- Section 4. Membership shall be open to all Hastings students. Membership policies shall comply with the University of California Hastings College of the Law Policy on Discrimination.

Article IV Officers

- Section 1. The officers of this organization shall consist of two (2) co-presidents and a managing director. The officers of the organizations may create additional positions as deemed necessary.
- Section 2. Only second semester 1L students and second year students who have held membership for a minimum of one academic semester are eligible to hold or to head special committees.
- Section 3. Officers may be nominated by an active member. Officers of the organization shall be elected by secret ballot to serve for the following academic year. Elections shall be held during the Spring semester at the annual meeting during the first week of April and all officers shall take office the following meeting after their election and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

- Section 4. If the office of the president(s) should become vacant for any reason, the managing director shall fill that vacancy for the remainder of the term. A special election may be called to fill the position of the managing direction, if the officers deem necessary.
- Section 5. No member shall hold more than one office at a time and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
- Section 6. The officers shall perform duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization

Article V Meetings

- Section 1. The regular meetings of the organization shall be determined each semester by the officers of the organization.
- Section 2. A meeting during the Spring semester in April shall be for the purpose of electing officers and receiving reports of officers and committees.
- Section 3. Special meetings can be called by the co-presidents or by the request of five active members of the organization. At least two-days notice shall be given to all members.
- Section 4. Sixty (60) percent of the entire active membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting.
- Section 5. The president(s) of the organization shall preside at all meetings of the organization.

Article VI Authority

- Section 1. 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 Amendments

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