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## HASTINGS FOR RACE AND POVERTY LAW BYLAWS

Bylaws of the Hastings for Race and Poverty Law Organization.  
Date: 8/28/06

### Article I: Name of Organization

The name of this student organization shall be "Hastings for Race and Poverty Law."

### Article II: Purpose

Hastings for Race and Poverty Law is committed to promoting and inspiring discourse in the legal community regarding issues of race, poverty, social justice and the law and addressing disparities in the legal system. We will create an avenue for compelling dialogue on the subject of the growing marginalization of racial minorities and the economically disadvantaged. It is our hope that the legal theories addressed in our organization will prove useful in remedying the structural inequalities facing our communities.

### Article III: Membership

- Section 1. Any current student at Hastings may become a member of Hastings for Race and Poverty Law upon applying for membership by submitting a statement of interest to the organization's representatives.
- Section 2. There shall be no dues or fees for membership.
- Section 3. Membership of Hastings for Race and Poverty Law is open to all who apply. In accordance with the University of California, Hastings College of the Law's nondiscrimination policy and the principles that guide this organization's purpose, the Hastings for Race and Poverty Law shall not discriminate unlawfully on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, sex, gender, or sexual orientation.

### Article IV: Officers

- Section 1. The officers of this organization shall consist of one or more president or co-presidents, a treasurer, and any other position that the membership shall deem necessary and important.
- Section 2. First, second, or third year students who have held membership for a minimum of one academic semester are eligible to hold office or to head special committees.

Section 3. The method of nomination shall be from the floor by an active member. Officers of the organization shall be elected by secret ballot to service for one academic year. Elections shall be held during the spring semester 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 an officer's position should become vacant for any reason, the position shall be made open to all members in accordance to eligibility as detailed in Section 1. The new officer shall be elected as soon as possible after the position is vacated but otherwise in accordance with Section 3.

Article V: Meetings.

Section 1. The regular meetings of the organization shall be held once a month and shall be scheduled at a time during the week that makes them available to the highest numbers of members as possible.

Section 2. Special meetings shall be called by the organizations officers as required.


Section 3. The president, co-presidents, treasurer or any officer of the organization shall preside over each meeting.

Article VI: Parliamentary Authority

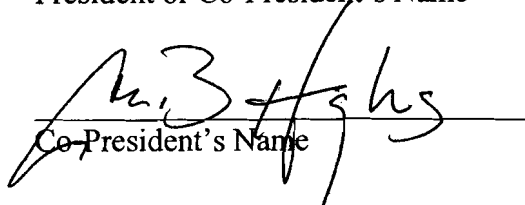
Section 1. Each meeting shall be conducted in the method decided by the officers and general membership of the organization to be most conducive to the accomplishment of each meeting's agenda.

Article VII: Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. 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 to the officers and general membership. Time for discussion and debate by any member of the organization of any proposed bylaw amendment shall be reserved at each meeting for which a bylaw amendment is scheduled. Although a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be sufficient to pass the amendment, consensus is encouraged.

  
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President or Co-President's Name

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