BY-Laws of the Association For Communication, Sports, and Entertainment Law

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I. Goals

The goals of ACSEL are to provide all interested students with individual recognition, develop institutional appreciation, encourage curriculum development, and create an alternative source of information on the communication, sports, and entertainment industries.

a.) Individual Recognition

A fundamental concern of most law students is securing employment during summers and particularly upon graduation. It is therefore a fundamental goal of ACSEL to create opportunities for each of its members to acquire individual recognition within the legal community; created through special events with attorneys working in the communication, sports, and entertainment industries.

b.) Institutional Recognition

There are many criteria by which law students are measured during their search for employment. But perhaps the measuring device which is most prominent and used repeatedly throughout the lawyer’s professional career is the institution from which he or she graduated. It is therefore a fundamental goal of ACSEL to help enhance the image of Hastings College of the Law. This goal should be achieved by involving members of the legal community in lectures and panel discussions.

c.) Curriculum Development

To become well-grounded and well-informed on the communication, sports, and entertainment industries, students need a curriculum addressed to their interests and needs. It is therefore a fundamental goal of ACSEL to work with the Hastings Administration to develop the curriculum to meet these interests and needs. This goal should be achieved by establishing and maintaining communication lines with the academic dean and keeping him or her informed of member suggestions.

d.) Alternative Sources of Information
No curriculum, however responsive to student interests and needs, can fully inform the student of the industries. Therefore, involving members of the communications, sports, and entertainment legal community in lectures and panel discussions will provide alternate sources of information on the industries, in addition to fostering institutional recognition.

II. Membership

Membership is open to all interested Hastings students and faculty.

a.) Non-discrimination policy

There shall not be any impermissible, arbitrary, or unreasonable discriminatory practices by ACSEL. ACSEL will comply with Hasting’s policy on nondiscrimination and comply fully with all other applicable laws. ACSEL shall not discriminate unlawfully on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, sex, or sexual orientation.

III. Officers

Officers’ duties may be performed personally or delegated to other members. Any officer delegating a duty will remain responsible for that duty’s performance.

a.) President

The President’s main duty is to preside over meetings. Other important duties include directing and/or coordinating panel discussions, lectures, dinners/lunches/mixers, informal receptions, and picnics. He/she should also maintain dialogue with Hastings Administration. He/she shall coordinate changes in ACSEL administration upon election of new board officers. The President also has the authority to forego the elections process listed below if necessary. In this case the President may appoint board officers to the positions listed in these bylaws at his or her discretion.

b.) Vice-President of Finance

Establishes and maintains an account of ACSEL money; negotiates with ASUCH for budget funding; secures reimbursements from ASUCH; pays ACSEL’s bills; prepares periodic financial statements as required by Hastings College of the Law Fiscal Services.

c.) Vice-President of Communications
Works with the President in determining and publishing weekly announcements; assists in arranging and coordinating ACSEL activities, including scheduling rooms or an area for these activities; arranges communications panel.

d.) **Vice-President of Sports**

Works with the President in determining and publishing weekly announcements; assists in arranging and coordinating ACSEL activities, including scheduling rooms or an area for these activities; arranges sports panel.

e.) **Vice-President of Entertainment**

Works with the President in determining and publishing weekly announcements; assists in arranging and coordinating ACSEL activities, including scheduling rooms or an area for these activities; arranges entertainment panel.

f.) **Vice-President of Public Relations**

Arranges publicity; works with the President in determining and publishing weekly announcements; publicizes to the ACSEL members and student body upcoming ACSEL activities, including speakers, meetings, and bake sales or other fundraisers; assists in arranging and coordinating ACSEL activities, including scheduling rooms or an area for these activities.

g.) **External Vice-President**

Arranges mixers, events, socials, and other activities with alumni, practicing attorneys, and similar organizations at other law schools and throughout the community to foster ACSEL’s external network and support ACSEL’s student community and visibility amongst these external and related groups; works with the President in planning, outreach, and coordinating such events. Builds ACSEL’s visibility on campus by interfacing with other student organizations. Assists the ACSEL board officers with all panels as needed.

h.) **1L Representative**

Promoting ACSEL activities, events, and programs to the 1L sections. Assists the board members with facilitating and coordinating panels, events, and activities. Promote the mentorship program to the 1L class.

i.) **Additional Officers**
Other officer positions may be created and duties delegated by the board to aid in its functions. Duties will be determined by the current board of officers. These positions include but are not limited to:

i.) Activities Chairperson

Duties may include: assisting the board in arranging and coordinating ACSEL activities; scheduling rooms or an area for these activities.

ii.) Fundraising Chairperson

Duties may include: assisting the board in arranging and coordinating activities for the purpose of raising funds for ACSEL; scheduling rooms or an area for these activities.

IV. Elections

a.) Timing

Elections for President, VP of Finance, VP of Communications, VP of Sports, VP of Entertainment, and VP of Public Relations will be held once a year, no later than April, officers to commence their duties immediately upon election while receiving the assistance of the retiring officers until the end of the current semester. Should an officer graduate mid-term, resign, or be removed from office, a special election will be called to select an interim officer. A general meeting to inform members and prospective members of the election date, open officer positions, and the responsibilities of each officer will precede elections.

Elections for positions created by the board of officers, including Activities Chairperson and Fundraising Chairperson shall be conducted at the first officer meeting following the first general meeting, and no later than the second general meeting. Duties commence immediately upon election.

b.) Eligibility

All interested students who are members of ACSEL are eligible to hold office in any of the available positions.

c.) Process

To encourage participation by all students, self-nomination is allowed. Students wishing to hold office should prepare a short speech (2-3 minutes), which they will
give prior to the election. After all the candidates have given their speeches, members will vote. The winners by a simple majority will take office immediately.

To hold a board-created officer position, self-nomination is allowed. Voting on these positions is limited to current members of the ACSEL board. The winners by a simple majority will take office immediately.

V. Compliance

ACSEL will comply with the policies and regulations applying to Hastings College of the Law activities, organizations, and students.

VI. Adoption of Constitution and By-Laws

Any change in and of this document, By-Laws of ACSEL, must be unanimously approved by the board of officers and affirmed by a simple majority of ACSEL members.

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Scott Hall

President

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VP of Finance