Hastings Environmental Law Association (HELA) Bylaws 2011/2012

Article 1 Name
This organization shall be called the Hastings Environmental Law Association (HELA).

Article 2 Purpose
The Environmental Law Association exists to:
- Create a forum for all students to be involved in a range of environmental activities.
- Encourage environmental awareness and activism among Hastings students.
- Influence campus policies relating to environmental responsibility.
- Support students in pursuing careers in environmental law and making contacts with professionals in the field.
- Establish and maintain working relationships with other law schools, local, and national environmental groups.

Article 3 Membership/Meetings
- Any student (JD or LLM) at UCH may become a member of HELA at any time by notifying any current officer and providing a method for notification of club activities (email address, etc.).
- Contributions may be requested by the officers to support HELA activities, but there are no membership dues. Should the officers wish to institute dues, that decision will not be implemented unless and until it is approved by a vote consistent with the procedures for amendment of bylaws.
- Your idea, you own it. If you have an idea for something HELA should do or be involved in, unless otherwise specifically delegated, it is your project. The officers will coordinate with you and offer support, but the primary responsibility for the project will be yours.
- Regular meetings will be held at least twice a semester with a board meeting at least once a semester.
- Those members who attend any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum provided that the membership has been duly notified of the meeting. Required notice shall be one week in advance by email or the Hastings Weekly.
- The co-presidents of HELA shall preside over all meetings and functions.

Article 4 Officers
- The officers of HELA shall consist of two co-presidents who will share leadership and treasury responsibilities. Other officer positions may be created by a vote of the membership.
- All currently active members of HELA are eligible to hold office.
- Candidates for office will be elected by a simple majority at the last meeting of the year.
- Officers shall remain in office until a successor is elected.
- If either of the co-president positions becomes vacant, it shall be filled by election at the next general meeting.

Article 5 Organizational Goals
- Goals will be set by the officers in early September in accordance with the purpose of HELA.
- These goals may be modified and supplemented at any time during the term according to the interests and motivation of the general membership.

Article 6 Legal/UCH details
- HELA will comply with the Policies and Regulations Applying to College Activities, Organizations, and Students.
- HELA will comply with the UCH Nondiscrimination Compliance Code. Questions, concerns or complaints may be directed to the Director of Student Services, Hastings College of the Law, 200 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102.

Article 7 Parliamentary Authority
- The current membership of HELA shall be free to adopt by majority vote any rules of order they deem appropriate.
- Otherwise the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all cases where they are applicable and are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

Article 8 Amendments
- These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote.
- These bylaws are proposed, to be approved at the next HELA Board meeting.