ARTICLE I. Name of Organization
The Name of this organization is: Hastings Science & Technology Law Journal (hereinafter referred to as “STLJ”).

ARTICLE II. Purpose
These are the by-laws of STLJ. STLJ is composed of and governed by students of Hastings College of the Law. STLJ is dedicated to publishing a bi-annual volume of legal scholarship of the highest quality and of the greatest use to scholars, judges, policy-makers, scientists, and practitioners.

ARTICLE III. Definitions
§ 1. A “Member” refers to members of the Editorial Board and any student who may receive academic credit for STLJ work during the current academic year.

§ 2. The “Editor-in-Chief” is the chief official of STLJ.

§ 3. The “Editorial Board” or “Executive Board” refers to the government body of STLJ. The Editorial Board is selected by the Editor-in-Chief, and it includes the Editor-in-Chief.

ARTICLE IV. Membership
§ 1. Requirements. Any full-time student at Hastings may become a member of the Hastings Science and Technology Law Journal upon their application and acceptance after participation in the University of California, Hastings College of the Law inter-journal competition; they are in their second or third year of year of school, as determined by the Academic Dean; and, upon their payment of a new membership fee of USD one hundred ($100.00) or a returning membership fee of USD twenty-five ($25.00). Upon payment of the prescribed membership fee, that new member shall be classified as an active member.

§ 2. Membership Selection.

In General: Members of STLJ shall be selected in accordance with the Membership Selection Policy adopted by STLJ and included within these by-laws. This Membership Selection Policy shall remain in effect and govern the selection of members to STLJ.

Amendment: The Membership Selection Policy may be amended in accordance with the general provisions for amendment of the by-laws.
Membership Selection Policy:

(i) General Membership Policy: STLJ is devoted to contributing to contemporary legal scholarship and to provide a valuable learning experience to its participants and editorial staff. STLJ encourages all Hastings students to participate through the writing competition.

(ii) Methods of Gaining STLJ Membership

A. Writing Competition

1. Rationale: The writing competition is designed to test writing and analytical ability, two of the most valuable skills used by an STLJ participant.

2. The writing competition will be based on a challenging legal problem. The competition should require factual analysis as well as application, comparison and distinguishing of the legal materials supplied.

   a. The form of the writing problem will emphasize balance (i.e., a memorandum) rather than advocacy (i.e., a brief).

   b. The students will be provided with research material sufficient to complete the problem. Outside research is not permitted.

   c. The subject matter of the writing problem will concern an issue which none of the participants is likely to have knowledge or experience with.

3. The cooperation of other journals will be solicited in formulating the writing competition problem.

   a. Each journal should have two representatives on the committee formulating the writing problem.

   b. A journal choosing not to participate in the formulation of the problem may nevertheless use the problem in selecting participants.

4. Only first-year students are eligible to enter STLJ’s writing competition.

5. Honor Code: Each student must work independently. All students will be admonished not to discuss the problem, either generally or specifically, with any other person.

6. Submission Grading Procedure

   a. After all papers have been graded; they will be ranked according to their scores.
b. Offers of membership will be extended to the students earning the highest scores; the number of offers may vary from year to year.

7. Selection Procedure.
   a. All offers of membership shall be extended prior to the first day of class. In extraordinary cases, an offer may be extended after the first day of class.

B. Continuing Students.

Students in joint degree programs and on academic leave of absence will be offered deferred membership on STLI; in such a case, students who obtained membership through the methods described above will be participants during the year they return to school.

C. Transfer Students

1. Second-year transfer students may gain membership in the following way:

   By submitting, before the start of the academic year, a writing entry based on the most recent writing competition problem. The problem should be administered and conducted according to all the rules and regulations that applied to the Spring writing competition. The same grading system shall be used as for the first-year writing competition. The scores shall be ranked in the same manner and any of the entries that demonstrate a degree of excellence equivalent to the entries from the Spring writing competition that received the highest fifteen scores. The Board shall decide whether or not to extend any offers of membership.

2. STLI shall send a letter out in the transfer student admissions packet describing the membership options for transfer students.

§ 3. Fees.

Regular Fees. There shall be no regular dues or fees for membership in the organization, other than the membership fees prescribed in Article IV, Section 1, of these bylaws, specifically, a new membership fee of USD one hundred ($100.00) and a returning membership fee of USD twenty-five ($25.00).

Non-Regular Fees. A non-regular fee may be assessed if there is a 3/4 vote by at least a 3/4 quorum of the full board as defined in Article IV to approve the non-regular fee. Any officer as defined in Article IV, Section 2, may propose the non-regular fee at a regular meeting as defined in Article V, Section 1.

§ 4. Policy on Nondiscrimination. The Hastings Science and Technology Law Journal adheres to the University of California Hastings College of the Law Policy on Nondiscrimination and complies with the Policies and Regulations Applying to College Activities, Organizations and Students at the University of
ARTICLE IV. Officers

§ 1. Number of Officers. The STLJ Editorial Board shall consist of at least eight (8) officers appointed pursuant to Article V.

§ 2. List of Officers. The officers of this organization shall consist of an (1) Editor-in-Chief, (2) Executive Managing Editor, (3) Executive Acquisitions Editor or Executive Development Editor, (4) Executive Articles Editor, (5) Executive Productions Editor, (6) Executive Symposium Editor, (7) Executive Peer-Review Editor, and (8) Executive Digital Editor.

§ 3. Eligibility Requirements of the Officers. Only third-year students who have held membership for a minimum of two academic semesters are eligible to hold Editorial Board office or to head special committees.

§ 4. Duties of the Officers. The officers shall perform duties preserved by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization. Specified duties of the respective officer positions are as follows:

(a) **Editor in Chief**: tasked with general management of the organization and supervision of the officers, and has final responsibility for the operations and policies of the organization.

(b) **Executive Managing Editor**: tasked with managing Journal activities in general, including office organization, events, liaison with other entities, and fiscal management.

(c) **Executive Articles Editor**: tasked with managing article vetting, editing and editing teams.

(d) **Executive Production Editor**: tasked with technical editing and physical production.

(e) **Executive Acquisitions Editor or Executive Development Editor**: tasked with managing the development an alumni support network, symposium creation, and another events or activities outside of the scope of publication.

(f) **Executive Digital Editor**: tasked with managing technical aspects, including: the website, email lists.

ARTICLE V. Elections, Removal and Vacancy

§ 1. Nomination and Election of the Editor-in-Chief.

a. **Eligibility Requirements**: Any STLJ staff member may choose to run for Editor-in-Chief by announcing his or her candidacy.

§ 2. Statement of Official Candidacy. Official candidacy is obtained by submitting position statements to the Editor-in-Chief no later than one week before voting by the Editorial Board. STLJ will copy and distribute, at its expense, any statement of candidacy, submitted no later than two weeks before the
election. Such statements shall be limited to one page.

§ 3. Unofficial Candidacy. Any member who does not become an official candidate but submits a position statement at any time before the date of the candidates’ forum, or is nominated and accepts the nomination during the candidates’ forum when the presiding member calls for such nominations, thereby becomes a non-official candidate. The names of non-official candidates will not appear on the ballot. However, write in votes are permitted for non-official candidates.

§ 4. Candidates’ Forum. At the candidates’ forum, which shall be held during the month of February, each candidate will present a statement of his or her position and answer questions from the floor. Both official and non-official candidates may participate in the forum. The Editorial Board retains discretion to determine how the forum will be conducted.

§ 5. Voting for Editor-in-Chief. Voting will occur within two weekdays following the candidates’ forum, but not on a Monday or Friday. In the event that a candidate obtains 50% of the votes cast plus one, that candidate wins the election.

(a) The Editor-in-Chief shall be elected by secret ballot. Each Editorial Board member is entitled to vote.

(b) The Editorial Board will run and monitor the voting. The Board will not disclose specific vote counts to persons other than the candidates.

§ 6. Editorial Board

(a) Following the election, the outgoing Editorial Board will recommend to the incoming Editor-in-Chief members for the incoming Editorial Board. The incoming Editor-in-Chief shall appoint an Editorial Board as he or she sees fit.

§ 7. Removal

(a) Board members: Any member of the Editorial Board may be removed by the Editor-in-Chief at his or her discretion, or by a two-thirds vote by the remaining members of the Editorial Board.

(b) Members: Any STLJ member may be removed by a three-fourths vote by the Editorial Board. In the event that such a removal is contemplated, the Editor-in-Chief must meet with and discuss the proposed removal with the head of Scholarly Publications and the Academic Dean. If membership is revoked, the former member must expunge any reference to current or future
membership on STLJ on his or her resume or employment applications. Removal of a staff member may occur due to, but is not limited to, any of the following:

1. Plagiarism.
2. Failure to satisfy STLJ hours and/or Committee participation requirements.
3. Inappropriate behavior.
4. Failure to complete assignments in a timely manner.

§ 8. Work responsibility. A member is responsible for work assignments either volunteered for or assigned. Work must be handed in on the date on which it is due.

§ 9. Vacancies. A vacancy on the Editorial Board that occurs outside of the regular electoral process shall be filled with an Editor selected by the Editor-in-Chief. If the office of Editor-in-Chief becomes vacant, the Board shall select one of its members or a third-year member to fill the position for the remainder of the term. If the Board selects one of its members, the Board may also select a third-year member to fill the resulting vacancy on the Board.

ARTICLE V. Meetings
§ 1. Quorum.
(a) Regular Meeting. 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.

(b) Officer Meeting. Sixty (60) percent of all active officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting.

§ 2. Editor in Chief. The Editor in Chief shall preside at all meetings of the organization.

ARTICLE VI. Parliamentary Authority
§ 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. Committees
§ 1. Committees shall be designated by the Board as necessary. The Board shall appoint members to such committees, which shall deal with any aspect of STLJ management or organization. Membership on a standing committee shall continue throughout one academic year.

ARTICLE VII. Amendment of Bylaws
§ 1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by the vote of a majority (50\% + 1) of the general membership; provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing.