Bylaws of the Hastings Tax Law Students Association
September 16, 2008

Article I Name of Organization

The name of this organization shall be Hastings Tax Law Students Association (HTLSA).

Article II Purpose

HTLSA will bring together students, professors, and practitioners in this field. HTLSA will invite attorneys to speak on current and emerging tax issues in various sectors of practice and provide opportunity for community outreach.

Article III Membership

Section 1. Any full-time student at Hastings may become an active member of the organization.

Section 2. There shall be no dues or fees for membership in the organization.

Article IV Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall consist of the president, external vice president, internal vice president, and the financial vice president.

Section 2. Only active second- or third-year students are eligible to hold office. Any active member may 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. Election shall be held during the last general meeting of the spring semester. All officers shall take office following this meeting and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

Section 4. If the office of president should become vacant for any reason, the internal vice president shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If any office other than the president shall become vacant, that vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the president for the remainder of the term.

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 first meeting of the organization shall be held within the first two weeks of scheduled classes as arranged by consensus of the officers, unless otherwise ordered by the organization.

Section 2. The last meeting of the academic year shall be held within the last two weeks of April. This shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers and receiving reports of officers and committees.

Section 3. Special meetings can be called by the president or by the request of five active members of the organization. At least one-week notice shall be given to all members.

Section 4. Fifty (50) percent of the entire active membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a quorum may adjourn the meeting.

Section 5. The president of the organization shall preside at all meetings of the organization.

Article VI  Parliamentary 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  Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. These bylaws can be amended by any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to the president at least ten days in advance of this meeting.

Section 2. The president must distribute the proposed amendment to the active membership at least one week prior to the general meeting at which voting on the amendment is to be held.