BYLAWS
of the
HASTINGS ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH ADVOCATES
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Article I: Name of Organization
The name of this student group is the Hastings Association of Youth Advocates (HAYA).

Article II: Purpose
Section 1. The purpose of HAYA is to promote better educational outcomes for youth in foster care in the city and county of San Francisco.

Section 2. HAYA accomplishes its purposes through the following objectives:
- Matching Hastings students with students in foster care for whom the court has ordered the appointment of an Educational Surrogate.
- Training Hastings students in dependency law, education law, and related areas to support their success in advocating for their youth clients.
- Partnering with Legal Services for Children for attorney supervision.
- Partnering with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to facilitate matching Hastings students with SFUSD students in need of an Educational Surrogate.
- Forming partnerships with other organizations (i.e. CASA of San Francisco, Berkeley Law Advocates for Youth Justice) that share a common purpose.

Section 3. HAYA will comply with the Policies and Regulations Applying to College Activities, Organizations and Students.

Article III: Membership
Section 1. Any full-time student at Hastings may become a member of HAYA by making his or her intent known to the HAYA officer in charge of membership. Before being matched with a SFUSD student as an Educational Surrogate, a HAYA member must undergo fingerprinting and background checking pursuant to SFUSD policies for those who work directly with minors.

Section 2. Any active member who misses more than three (3) regularly scheduled meetings in a semester shall be dropped from the rolls. A Hastings student who is dropped from membership and must then re-apply for membership under Article III, Section 1, of these bylaws.

Section 3. There shall be no dues or fees for membership in the organization.

Section 4: HAYA abides by the U.C. Hastings College of the Law Policy on Nondiscrimination; all students are welcome to participate in HAYA. The University of California, Hastings College of the Law shall not discriminate unlawfully on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, sex or sexual orientation. This nondiscrimination policy covers treatment in Hastings-sponsored programs and activities.

Article IV: Officers
Section 1. The officers of this organization shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. Only second- and 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 at the annual business meeting in April 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 the office of the president should become vacant for any reason, the vice president shall fill that 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 regular meetings of the organization shall be held on the first Thursday of each month from September to April unless otherwise ordered by the organization.

Section 2. The regular meeting on the first Thursday in April 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 two-days notice shall be given to all members.

Section 4. 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.

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
These bylaws may 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 at the previous regular meeting.