Bylaws of the UC Hastings Legal Discourse Invitational

Article I Name of Organization

UC Hastings Legal Discourse Invitational (HLDI)

Article II Purpose

The purpose of Hastings Legal Discourse Invitational is to give students an opportunity to debate legal professionals and other industry specialists on a range of issues while being advised by UC Hastings faculty and staff in a public forum.

The organization will comply with the Policies and Regulations Applying to College Activities, Organizations, and Students.

Article III Membership

Section 1. Any student at Hastings may become a 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 a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and event organizer.

Section 2. The method of nomination shall be from the floor by an active member. Officers of the organization shall be elected by secret ballot (or show of
hand(s) to serve for one academic year. Elections shall be held during the spring semester in the penultimate meeting of the academic year, and all officers shall take office the following meeting after their election and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

Section 3. 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 4. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

Section 5. 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 Monday of each month from September to April unless otherwise ordered by the organization.

Section 2. The regular meeting on the first Tuesday in April shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers and receiving reports of officers.

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. 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 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.