

CONSTITUTION  
of the  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SOCIETY  
of  
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Section I: Title

- I. The name of the organization is to be known as the George Mason School of Law INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SOCIETY, or, by the acronym "IPLS."

Section II: Purpose

- II. The purposes of this organization include, but are limited, to:
- a. To educate George Mason Law Students beyond formal classroom instruction;
  - b. To promote voluntary participation in social and extracurricular activities;
  - c. To support participation in scholastic competitions, seminars, colloquiums, and discussion groups.
  - d. To promote the visibility of the society's interest, understanding, competence, and experience regarding intellectual property law.

Section III: Membership

- III. The membership of the organization shall consist of the following classes: active, associate, academic, and honorary, with only limited duties required to maintain membership:
- a. Active membership shall consist of persons who are students George Mason University School of Law and whom have interest in the branches of the law relating to patents, trademarks, copyrights, unfair competition, trade secrets, and all forms and constructions if intellectual property. Active member shall be entitled to vote, sit on committees, and hold office.
  - b. Associate membership shall consist of persons who have been active members and are transferred to this genus of membership upon graduation from George Mason University School of Law. Associate members shall be entitled to vote, but may not hold office.
  - c. Academic membership shall consist of persons interested in intellectual property law, and who has presently lectured or been otherwise associated with at an ABA accredited institution. Academic members shall be entitled to vote, but may not hold office.
  - d. Honorary membership shall consist of persons elected thereto by the officers. Honorary members shall be entitled to such rights and privileges as determined by the officers at the time of induction.
  - e. Membership duties shall be limited to keeping a valid e-mail address, or other mode of reliable contact, with the organization for purposes of intercommunication between the organization, its officers, and membership. The organizations Recording Officer shall collect, maintain, update, and provide access to this contact information upon reasonable request.

#### Section IV: Officers

- IV. Organization Officers shall number six (6). In descending order of authority they are: the President, the Administrative Vice-President, the Vice-President of Speakers, the Information Officer, the Treasurer, and the Technology Officer.
- a. The President shall: be responsible for knowing George Mason University guidelines regarding organization conduct, management, and protocols; conducting, holding, administering meetings; managing, supervising, and advising officers and membership; pursuing the visibility of the organization within and outside of the school of law; and knowing, maintaining, and executing the provisions and requirements of the IPLS and SBA constitutions within the organization.
  - b. The Administrative Vice-President shall: assist the President in her duties and perform any of those duties in the event that the President does not perform. The Vice-President shall act in any capacity directed by the President to assist in the performance of the President's assigned duties; act as liaison to, and supervisor of, all IPLS committees and organization projects; make periodic progress reports regarding committee and project status to the President, Information Officer, and Treasurer upon reasonable request; and coordinate with the Information Officer regularly for the purposes of keeping the officers and membership fully informed regarding the progress and status of the organization.
  - c. The Vice-President of Speakers shall: be responsible for inviting, engaging, and soliciting speakers to address the IPLS and George Mason School of Law students on matters of student and membership interest of or relating to intellectual property law with the intent of accomplishing the purposes set forth in § II; consistently seek out and maintain beneficial and meaningful associations with persons, firms, or institutions capable of achieving the purposes set forth in § II; be responsible for welcoming, orienting, and informing each speaker with specific regard to the IPLS, its membership, and the George Mason University School of Law; and be responsible for coordinating, and management of each speaking event.
  - d. The Information Officer shall: compile, update, maintain, and administer the IPLS list-serve; compile and disseminate to the officers and membership all information of relevance or interest, including information deemed appropriate by the other officers; collect, file, maintain, compose, edit, and post correspondence for the organization; assist the vice-president as well perform liaison duties between officers, between officers and membership, and between members; and keep a record and summary of all meetings or matters organization interest.
  - e. The Treasurer shall: collect, record, monitor, manage, balance, and distribute organization funds; facilitate or aid in the facilitation of travel arrangements, hotel accommodations, beverages and fare, and document reproduction according to George Mason University Student Bar Association guidelines and protocols.
  - f. The Information and Technology Officer shall: manage, administer, supervise, and maintain the IPLS website, currently located at <http://mason.gmu.edu/~ipls/>; supervise any changes proposed by the officers, committees, or membership to the website's design, organization, development, growth, updating, postings, administration, and maintenance; coordinate with the other officers, committees, and members to provide the membership access to IPLS related information via the website; consistently seek out, maintain, and provide access to web accessible information of general interest and utility to the IPLS and its membership.

### Section V. Elections and Appointments

- V. Officers shall be appointed or elected. Elections will only take place when two or more active members wish to hold a particular position. Otherwise, each officer shall appoint her own successor. The appointee must be approved by all of the existing officers to take office. Officers may step down at any time and appoint a successor. Removal of an Officer may only take place by a two-thirds majority of the active membership or a three-fourths majority of the officers.

### Section VI. Meetings

- VI. Meetings shall be called at any time by any of Officer provided that 48 hours notice is given, except as otherwise indicated in other sections of this Constitution. It shall be the duty of the Officers to make sure that the Meetings are held at a time that at least one-half of the active membership does not class conflicts. Meetings shall be informal and attendance will not be mandatory. The majority vote at any meeting shall be representative as the majority vote of the organization.

### Section VII: Membership Dues

- VII. Dues shall not be collected unless:
- a. A meeting is called for the purposes of determining whether dues should be collected;
  - b. The subject matter of the meeting is announced at least one week in advance of the actual meeting; and
  - c. A two-thirds majority of members attending the meeting agree to the exact amount of the dues.

### Section VIII: Faculty Advisor

- VIII. The Faculty Advisor shall answer questions put forth by the organization.

### Section IX: Amendment

- IX. The Constitution may be amended or completely rewritten with a two-thirds majority of any membership meeting called with at least one (1) week prior notice to the membership and specifically stating the subject matter to be discussed.

As Amended, April 21, 2000

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