

BYLAWS
OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER
OF THE
J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY

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ARTICLE I
NAME AND LOCATION

The Pennsylvania State University Student Chapter (hereafter “Student Chapter”) of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society (hereafter “JRCLS” or “Law Society”) is hereby established as a voluntary, unincorporated association affiliated with the local Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Law Society (hereafter “Sponsoring Chapter”) or, if there is no local chapter, affiliated with the International Board of the Law Society (hereafter “JRCLS International Board”). This organization and affiliation is pursuant to Article VII of the Law Society Bylaws as amended on August 29, 2002, and Article V of the Law Society Handbook as amended May 13, 2003. The Law Society is also a voluntary, unincorporated association with a permanent address of The Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University, 150 South College Street Carlisle, PA 17013. (Please also see Addendum I).

ARTICLE II
MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

The Mission Statement of the Student Chapter is parallel to the mission statement of the Law Society: “We affirm the strength brought to the study of law by a law student’s personal religious conviction. We strive through public service and diligence in our studies to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law.”

In fulfilling its mission statement, the Student Chapter is guided by the philosophy, personal example, and values of its namesake, J. Reuben Clark, Jr. Those values include: (1) public service, (2) loyalty to the rule of law, and (3) appreciation for the religious dimension in society and in a law student’s personal life.

To accomplish its mission, the Student Chapter will: (1) encourage its members to regard law studies as preparation to serve the courts, clients, and society (which service will always be paramount) as well as to practice law which may provide compensation; (2) promote and protect the rule of law; and (3) provide members with opportunities for continuing dialogue on legal topic of significance with members of the Student and Sponsoring Chapters of the Law Society.

The purposes of JRCLS are as follows: 1) To encourage and support members of JRCLS in achieving their academic goals and maintaining a balanced life while on campus. 2) To encourage members of JRCLS to become an influence for good by participating in activities and service on campus and in the community. 3) To provide students with meaningful service opportunities and social and religious activities, which are consistent with the standards of the JRCLS. 4) To coordinate events and activities with the Houston Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society.

Membership in the Student Chapter is multi-faith and open to all currently enrolled law students of any law school in the area where the Student Chapter is located who share in the goals, ideals and values of the Law Society.

Since the Student Chapter operates under the legal umbrella of the Sponsoring Chapter [or in the alternative, the legal umbrella of the JRCLS International Board] and hence under the legal umbrella of the Law Society, the Student Chapter must comply with Article II of the Bylaws of the Law Society, which provides, in part, that “all lobbying and other political activities are strictly prohibited.”

ARTICLE III

STUDENT CHAPTER OFFICERS

The officers of a student chapter consist of a President, Attorney Advisor, Faculty Advisor, if applicable, as the case may be, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each officer may serve for a term of one year with the exception of the Attorney Advisor who may serve for a recommended term of at least three years.

A. President

The President should usually be a second or third year law student. The President is nominated by his peers and approved by a simple majority vote of student chapter membership. This may be done through an anonymous count as requested by nominees or by an email ballot when distance prevents the entire organization from meeting together to vote for a President. This voting should be conducted by the Secretary or when not available another officer. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President the same procedure will be followed.

The President oversees the activities of the Law Society at the law school or law schools covered by the student chapter. The President regularly coordinates and communicates

with the Attorney Advisor and the Sponsoring Chapter Chair. The President, in consultation with the Attorney Advisor and the President-Elect, appoints members of the student chapter to serve on committees or, where there are sufficient numbers of students, to serve on a Student Chapter Board. Where possible, the President will serve on the Sponsoring Chapter Board.

B. Attorney Advisor

The Attorney Advisor is to advise and assist the President in his /her duties. In the event there is no President the Attorney Advisor shall temporarily serve as President of the Student Chapter until a student can be elected as President. The Attorney Advisor may be of assistance in obtaining speakers for Student Chapter activities and arranging attorney mentors for student chapter members. In addition, the Attorney Advisor acts as a liaison between the Student Chapter and the Sponsoring Chapter.

C. Vice President

The Vice President should usually be a second or third year law student. The Vice President is nominated by the President and Attorney Advisor, and subsequently approved by the Student Chapter membership. There may be at any time more than one Vice President to provide leadership when faced with multiple campuses under the same student chapter. Each Vice President will serve under the direction of the President. The Vice President(s) assists the President and the Attorney Advisor with all aspects of the Student Chapter's operation.

D. Secretary

The Secretary is a law student. The Secretary serves for a term of one year and can succeed him or herself for one or two additional terms. The Secretary is nominated by the President and the Attorney Advisor and subsequently approved by the Student Chapter membership. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining and updating the Student Chapter membership list and forwarding these updates to the Sponsoring Chapter Chair and to the International Board Liaison. The Secretary is also responsible for identifying the job placement of all graduating Student Chapter members and forwarding them to the Sponsoring Chapter Chair and to the International Board Liaison for dissemination to the Chapters where these graduates will be located.

E. Treasurer

The Treasurer is a law student. The Treasurer serves for a term of one year and can succeed him or herself for one or two additional terms. The Treasurer is nominated by the President and the Attorney Advisor and subsequently approved by the Student Chapter membership. The Treasurer is responsible for depositing all funds collected by the Student Chapter. These funds include fund-raising amounts and membership dues, if required. The Treasurer sets up an account for the Student Chapter and reports on the status of the account to the President and the Attorney Advisor on a regular basis. The Treasurer is responsible, under the direction of the President, for preparing a budget to submit to the Student Bar Association. He is also responsible for monitoring the efficient use of those funds provided by the School.

- F. Other officers or committee chairs may be appointed by the President upon consultation with the Attorney Advisor as needed for the operation or activities of the Student Chapter.

ARTICLE IV

STUDENT CHAPTER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Student Chapter programs and activities are planned, based on the size of the Student Chapter and the needs and goals of chapter members. A Student Chapter may have as many or as few programs or activities as the officers deem appropriate. It is recommended that the cost of activities be kept to a minimum. The following programs and activities are examples of some of the types of activities and programs that may be appropriate:

- A. Annual family picnic.
- B. Frequent brown bag lunches with periodic speakers.
- C. Firesides.
- D. Institute and/or Institute-like classes sponsored by the Sponsoring Chapter
- E. Public Service.
- F. Student to student mentor programs and attorney to student mentor programs.
- G. Attending the annual dinner and other events, as appropriate, of the Sponsoring Chapter.
- H. Job placement assistance through the Sponsoring Chapter.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all students enrolled at the University of Houston Law Center, regardless of race, color, ability, creed, sex, national origin, marital status, religion, or sexual

orientation, who espouse the purposes of JRCLS as stated in this constitution and abide by JRCLS standards.

ARTICLE VI

RECOGNITION OF THE LAW SOCIETY AS A STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Pennsylvania State University J. Reuben Clark Society was approved by the Penn State Student Bar Association, September, 2005.

ARTICLE VII

FUNDING

The Student Chapter may receive funds from their law school if recognized on campus as a student association. Other funds may be obtained from dues, sponsorships and/or other fund raising activities. Any dues collected may be used by the Student Chapter without remittance of a portion to the Sponsoring Chapter or the International Law Society in order to cover operational costs of the unit (mailings, copying, etc.).

Funding may be provided by The Penn State Dickinson School of Law if the funds are used appropriately and according to the proposed budget to be submitted at the beginning of each semester according to University policy.

ARTICLE VIII

APPROVAL OF AND AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

The Board of the Student Chapter should seek initial approval of its Bylaws by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Student Chapter. Thereafter, the board may seek to amend these Bylaws by presenting proposed amendments to the Student Chapter. Upon a two-thirds vote of the members of the Student Chapter, the Bylaws may be amended.

ADDENDUM I

DUAL CAMPUSES

Upon the expansion of The Penn State Dickinson School of Law there will be a dual campus in University Park, Pennsylvania. This may appropriately necessitate a Vice President at each Law School campus, each operating under the direction of a single President.

Certified this 28 day of November, 2005.

Student Chapter President

Student Chapter Vice President

Student Chapter Secretary