

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SOCIETY
at
The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Article I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Intellectual Property Law Society (IPLS).

Article II: OBJECTIVE

It shall be the purpose of IPLS to establish a forum for legal education and discuss legal issues that are pertinent to the fields of information, intellectual property, technology, privacy, and entertainment law. IPLS seeks to provide educational and occupational services and networking opportunities for students and faculty at the Moritz College of Law (“the College”) and the Ohio State University (“the University”).

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Section A: Current Membership.

Membership is open to current students at the College who are in good standing with the College and have paid membership dues in full.

Section B: Dues and Collection Procedures.

1. The fiscal year of the organization shall be from the date of the election of the upcoming treasurer to the following election of the succeeding treasurer.
2. The amount of annual dues shall be determined each year by the Treasurer. In the event that the Treasurer does not specify the amount, dues shall be the same amount as the previous year.
3. Dues shall not exceed \$10 per person, per year.
4. The collection disbursement of dues shall not be based on race, creed, religion, sex, or national origin.

Section C: Non-Discrimination Policy.

This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at the University, IPLS expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>. If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Section D: Acceptance of Terms.

All current members are bound by this Constitution and the policies set forth by this organization. Current members in violation of this Constitution or the organization's policies may be subject to removal.

Section E: Removal of Members.

If the conduct of a member is deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization as per Art. III § D of this Constitution, or in violation of the College's Honor Code, the University's Code of Student Conduct, and/or relevant local, state, and federal criminal statutes, then that individual may be removed from the organization by a majority vote of the current membership or by unanimous vote of the officers.

Article IV: MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Section A: Voting Rights.

All current members, as defined under Art. III § A, are eligible to vote. Voting may be conducted via any method unanimously prescribed by the officers. In the event that a current member cannot be present to vote, that member may either vote absentee or by proxy.

Section B: Speaking Privileges.

Any current member may raise any new business at any membership meeting, so long as the action does not contradict this Constitution or the policies of this organization. All current members are entitled to speak regarding any issue before the organization. By majority vote of the current members or unanimity of the officers, a current member may be censored for conduct in violation of Art. III § E.

Article V: OFFICERS

Section A: Officer Positions.

IPLS shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers comprise the Organization's Executive Board. At the discretion of the elected Executive Board, additional officer positions may be created and added to the Executive Board. Any such position shall require majority support among the elected Executive Board.

Section B: Membership of Officers.

All elected or voting members of the Executive Board must be current members of IPLS.

Section C: Term of Service.

The term of service for each officer shall be one year. After their terms of service have expired, officers may serve as non-voting student advisors to the Executive Board for one year.

Section D: Election of Officers.

Elections shall be held in the Spring Semester of each Academic Year. At least one (1) week of notice shall be given before the election, or the first election if multiple are held. All candidates for office must be nominated. Nominations may come from any current member, including the

candidate. The Executive Board shall approve election procedures each year detailing the timeframe, manner, and other relevant policies concerning the Elections. The current President shall oversee the Elections and enforce the election procedures. If the current President is running in the Elections, then a non-interested officer shall preside over the President's election responsibilities.

Section E: Removal.

Any officer may be removed from membership by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board. Any officer removed may appeal to the current membership. Once notice has been provided to the Executive Board of an appeal to the current membership, a special membership meeting shall be called within fourteen (14) days. A two-thirds vote of current members at the special membership meeting shall be required to overturn the Executive Board's decision.

Section F: Vacancies.

1. President: In the event the President of IPLS is permanently unable to perform the aforementioned or resigns from the position, the Vice President shall serve as the Interim President until a new President has been selected. The Executive Board may, by majority vote, either decide to keep the Interim President as the President, appoint a new President from the Executive Board, or call for a special election in compliance with Art. V § D of this Constitution.
2. Officers: In the event an officer, other than the President of IPLS, is permanently unable to perform their duties, or a vacancy exists on the Executive Board, the President shall appoint a current member to fulfill the duties for the remainder of the current term of service.

Article VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A: The President.

1. The President shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Executive Committee.
2. The President shall direct all meetings.
3. The President, with approval of the Executive Committee, directs the budget.

Section B: The Vice President.

1. The Vice President shall serve as the Interim President until a new President has been put in place.
2. The Vice President shall maintain and annually update an IPLS Speaker List. The IPLS Speaker List shall include the contact information of all persons who have participated as speakers at IPLS events, including: speaker email addresses/phone numbers, event summaries, and event dates. Under no circumstances may a speaker's contact information be removed from the IPLS Speaker List, but the Vice President may add notes explaining to future presidents why it may be impracticable or undesirable to invite certain speakers in the future. The IPLS Speaker List shall be shared with the Executive Board serving contemporaneously with the Vice President, and shall be conveyed to a new Vice

President and the current IPLS academic advisor upon expiration of the current Vice President's term of service.

3. The Vice President shall perform other tasks as directed by the President.

Section C: The Secretary.

1. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings and a complete and accurate account of attendance and membership status.
2. The Secretary shall maintain a digital collection of all files of the organization and pass that collection onto the next Executive Board.
3. The Secretary shall perform other tasks as directed by the President.

Section D: The Treasurer.

1. The Treasurer shall keep a current record of all financial transactions.
2. The Treasurer shall receive and deposit membership dues in a timely fashion.
3. The Treasurer shall be responsible for checking the accuracy of all bills and invoices and paying them correctly and on time.
4. The Treasurer shall perform routine transactions on the IPLS bank account to avoid inactivity fees.
5. The Treasurer shall perform other tasks as directed by the President.

Article VII: ADVISOR

The Advisor shall be a full-time faculty or staff member of the College.

Article VIII: MEETINGS

At least five (5) days notice shall be given for each regular business general meeting. Special or emergency meetings may be called with less than twelve (12) hours notice by majority approval of the Executive Board.

Article IX: AMENDMENTS.

An amendment may be introduced by any member of IPLS. For introduction, a copy of the amendment shall be sent to a member of the Executive Board. Any vote on amendments must be announced two (2) days in advance to all current members who are eligible to vote. An amendment must be ratified first by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board, and then by a two-thirds vote of the current members at the membership meeting.

Article X: DISSOLUTION.

IPLS may agree to dissolve if such an action is approved by IPLS by a two-thirds vote of the current membership, provided that adequate notice has been given to all IPLS members at least fourteen (14) days prior to the dissolution vote. Upon dissolution, the officers shall promptly distribute the remaining assets of the organization among the contributing membership.