BYLAWS
OF THE CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW
REAL ESTATE LAW SOCIETY

INTRODUCTION

The Chicago-Kent Real Estate Law Society (RELS) is a student-run organization having its principal place of business at the main campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology’s College of Law. RELS is committed to improving student education, awareness, and opportunity in the field of real-estate law. RELS educates students in the legal, ethical, political, and sociological perspectives of Real-Estate Law. To accomplish these goals, RELS conducts student activities, in coordination with Chicago-Kent.

ARTICLE I – BYLAWS

Section 1.1. Procedure to enact, amend, and repeal Bylaws.

Any Officer or Paid Member may propose:

- to enact a new Bylaw;
- to amend an existing Bylaw; or
- to repeal an existing Bylaw.

A proposal to change the Bylaws shall be brought to the attention of the Executive Board as soon as is practicable. The Board will submit the proposal to the Board and will adopt upon a majority vote of the Board.

Section 1.1.1. Exceptions.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, changes to this Article I shall be made only upon a three-fourths vote of the Board. Amendments to Article IV of these Bylaws conforming to changes in the name or position of the Arbitrator shall be made by the President and Secretary upon due notice to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.1. Qualification for Membership.

Any student in good academic standing at Chicago-Kent may become a Member of the Society. A student who has not received grades from Chicago-Kent is considered to be in good academic standing for the purposes of this Section. A Member who falls out of good academic standing shall not cease to be a Member due to the loss of standing.

A student shall no longer be qualified for Membership if he or she:

- graduates;
- transfers to another law school; or
- takes a leave of absence, whether permanent or temporary.

Section 2.2. Membership classes and dues.

There are no classes of membership or dues.

Section 2.3. Admission and removal of Members.

Section 2.3.1. Admission of Members.

The procedures for admitting Members shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board with any conflict resolved at the President’s discretion.
Section 2.3.2. Removal of Members.

A Member shall be removed from Membership only upon the following events:

- loss of qualification for Membership, in accordance with this Article II;
- the Member requests to be removed; or
- for cause.

A Member shall be removed for cause only upon a unanimous vote of the Board.

ARTICLE III – EXECUTIVE

Section 3.1. Other Officers.

RELS may appoint other Officers at the discretion of the full Executive Board. In addition, RELS may or may not appoint these additional Officers to the Executive Board.

Section 3.2. Duties of the Officers.

The President shall:

- Oversee all programs, functions, and events of RELS.
- Liaise with the Chicago-Kent faculty and administration.
- Supervise the other Officers in the performance of their duties.
- Call meetings of the Executive Board or Members.
- Recommend policies to the Executive Board.

The Secretary shall:

- Coordinate the internal affairs of RELS.
- Maintain the Membership rolls.
- Make preparations for meetings.
- Take notes at meetings, including the recording of votes.
- Publish decisions of the Executive Board.

The Treasurer shall:

- Manage the finances of RELS.
- Collect dues.
- Notify the Secretary when a Member has paid dues.
- Disperse monies in a timely manner.
- Aid in the financial aspects of all RELS events.

The Vice President shall:

- Advocate for the interests of Members at Board meetings.
- Attract students to RELS.
- Promote participation in RELS events and programs.

If appointed, other Officers shall have their duties defined by the Executive Board. Officers may delegate their duties to other Officers with the consent of the full Executive Board.

Section 3.3. SBA duties.

The President shall:

- Attend any SBA meeting at which student organizations are represented.
- Advocate for RELS to SBA officers.
- Prepare a budget, as required by SBA, for each semester with the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall:
- Read and understand the Chicago-Kent SBA Financial Code.
- Prepare a budget for each semester with the President.
- Submit reimbursement requests to the SBA as directed by the President.

Section 3.4. Removal of Officers.

Any Officer may be removed upon a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board, excluding the accused, but only upon a finding by the Executive Board of substantial misconduct. For purposes of conducting a removal vote, the Executive Board must convene in a closed meeting. The vote will be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE IV – DISPUTES

Section 4.1. Arbitrator.

The Arbitrator shall be the RELS sponsor.

Section 4.2. Replacing the Arbitrator.

The Board shall choose a new Arbitrator upon the death, resignation, or retirement of the current Arbitrator.

The President shall submit candidate names for an interim replacement, from which the Board shall unanimously choose, in the case that:

- the Arbitrator resigns as RELS Arbitrator but not as RELS sponsor, or
- it appears to the President that the position of RELS sponsor will remain vacant for a substantial period.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

Section 5.1. Election procedures.

The Secretary shall make an announcement of elections after Spring Break of each year or as decided by a majority of the Executive Board. The announcement will solicit candidates for Office, and list the requirements for each Office as specified by these Bylaws, and by the outgoing Executive Board for Officers not specifically established by these Bylaws. Each candidate will have the opportunity to state his or her qualifications for Office, subject to the Secretary’s reasonable discretion.

The Secretary shall publish candidate statements to the Members at least three days before the date that voting concludes.

Procedures for collecting votes are at the Secretary’s reasonable discretion, provided that voting is concluded before the end of Spring Semester. The President and Secretary shall tally the votes as soon after the election as is practicable.

The Secretary shall publish the results of the election following its conclusion.

APPENDIX A – MEETINGS

Section A.1. Executive Board meetings.

Meetings of the Executive Board for official business shall be held at a time and place convenient to the Board members. The President shall chair each such meeting. Board members may declare their inability to attend a meeting, but no meeting at which official business is conducted shall be held without the knowledge of all Board members.
Meetings between Officers for unofficial business may be held at any time or place.

For the purposes of this Section A.1, “official business” means any business or activity of RELS requiring the agreement of more than one Officer.

Section A.2. Membership meetings.

Meetings of the general Membership for official business (general meetings) shall be held at a time and place convenient to the Members. The President shall chair each such meeting.

Meetings of the general Membership for unofficial business shall be held at a time and place designated by the Executive Board. Any Officer may chair such meetings. Any Member may attend these meetings.

For the purposes of this Section A.2, “official business” means any business or activity of RELS requiring consent of the Members.

APPENDIX B – MISCELLANEOUS

Section B.1. Summary of Officer duties.

The President has the following duties:
- SBA
  - Attend any SBA meeting at which student organizations are represented.
  - Advocate for RELS to SBA officers.
  - Prepare a budget for each semester with the Treasurer.
- Generally
  - Perform the duties of an absent Secretary or Treasurer.
  - Resolve disputes between Members.
- Bylaws
  - Oversee all programs, functions, and events of RELS.
  - Liaise with the Chicago-Kent faculty and administration.
  - Supervise the other Officers in the performance of their duties.
  - Call meetings of the Executive Board or Members.
  - Recommend policies to the Executive Board.
  - Tally ballots with the Secretary.

The Secretary has the following duties:
- Generally – Conduct elections.
- Bylaws
  - Coordinate the internal affairs of RELS.
  - Tabulating the Membership rolls.
  - Make preparations for meetings.
  - Take notes at meetings, including the recording of votes.
  - Publish decisions of the Executive Board.
  - Conduct elections.
  - Tally ballots with the President.

The Treasurer has the following duties:
- SBA
  - Read and understand the Chicago-Kent SBA Financial Code.
  - Prepare a budget for each semester with the President.
  - Submit reimbursement requests to the SBA as directed by the President.
- Bylaws
  - Manage the finances of RELS.
  - Collect dues.
  - Notify the Secretary when a Member has paid dues.
  - Disperse monies in a timely manner.
- Aid in the financial aspects of all RELS events.

The Vice President has the following duties:
- Generally - Perform the duties of an absent President.
- Bylaws
  - Advocate for the interests of Members at Board meetings.
  - Attract students to RELS.
  - Promote participation in RELS events and programs.