

BY-LAWS  
ART AND CULTURAL PROPERTY LAW SOCIETY

I. Purpose

The purposes of the Art and Cultural Property Law Society (“ACPLS”) are to:

- A. Increase student awareness of the legal issues surrounding art and cultural property;
- B. Provide informational resources to students wishing to become professionally involved in Art and Cultural Property Law;
- C. Make art more accessible to students, alumni, and staff; and
- D. Enhance the student experience of by encouraging creative expression and discussion of topics both related and unrelated to the law.

II. Membership

- A. Membership is open to all Chicago-Kent students, alumni, faculty, and staff members.
- B. Members are obligated to abide by these by-laws.
- C. Members have the right to run for and hold office.

III. Leadership Structure and Powers

The Board is the governing body of the organization and will consist of the following officers:

- A. President. Responsible for directing and facilitating all general events and affairs conducted by ACPLS. The President will call and oversee all meetings of the board. The President will act as the liaison between other Chicago-Kent organizations and outside. If an officer resigns from his/her position, the President will appoint a new officer within two weeks of the resignation.
- B. Vice President. Responsible for assisting the President in facilitating all general events and affairs conducted by ACPLS. The Vice President also will ensure that events and affairs are carried out in a professional manner that is consistent with artists.
- C. Treasurer. Responsible for all of ACPLS’s financial matters. The Treasurer, in conjunction with the President, will draft and submit a budget to present to the Student Bar Association at the beginning of each semester.
- D. Secretary. Responsible for keeping notes and meeting minutes and updating the board member task list. The Secretary will be responsible for facilitating event room reservations and submitting announcements to Chicago-Kent’s Record system.
- E. Any other position the Board will deem necessary for improving the efficacy of the Society’s

affairs during a given academic period.

IV. Elections for Board Positions

- A. Elections will be held every spring no later than the third week in April. Candidates will submit their candidacy statements to the outgoing President no later than five (5) days before the election date.
- B. Only current members may vote in an election.
- C. Members have the right to run for and hold office only if they will be enrolled full time or part time during their term of office.
- D. All student members may run for the President position.
- E. A member may run for more than one position; however, if a member is elected to more than one position, he or she will be granted the higher of the positions and be removed from consideration for the lower. The lower position will be granted to the candidate who runs for that position and receives the next highest votes. Under the circumstance where no other candidate runs for the position, the President shall appoint an officer with a majority vote of the outgoing Board.
- F. No quorum will be required for the election to be valid.
- G. To be elected, a member must win a majority of the direct and secret ballot votes of the members participating in the election.
- H. In the event that a position is not filled by a majority vote, a run-off between the two candidates with the highest amount of votes will be immediately conducted.
- I. The date of the turnover to the new Board will be determined by the outgoing Board.

V. Removal of a Sitting Officer

- A. Failure to abide by the principles and by-laws and or gross negligence of the duties required of a member of the board will be cause for removal.
- B. The removal of a sitting officer requires more than two-thirds vote of the entire Board minus the officer who is the subject of the vote.

VI. Meetings

- A. The Board will hold regular meetings as often as it requires.
- B. The Board will hold meetings at least twice a semester. The President will determine the date of each meeting.
- C. Two-thirds of the Board must attend for the board meeting to be official.
- D. A majority vote by the Board will decide all matters that are up for a vote.

E. General body meetings when the entire membership is invited will be held regularly as the Board decides.

VII. Amendments

A. The By-laws may be amended from time to time as the Board deems it necessary. These amendments will be valid upon ratification by a majority vote of the Board.