

# **The Society For Gender & Law**

## **General Information.**

### **I. Mission Statement.**

The Society for Gender & Law seeks to examine the legal problems that occupy our time with respect to gender, sex, and sexuality. We are committed to facilitating the discussion of ideas in feminist jurisprudence, gender and queer theory through hosting lectures and talks with professionals in the legal community and raising awareness of these issues within the student body through other events and activities.

### **II. Faculty Advisor.**

Professor Katharine Baker.

## **By-Laws.**

### **I. Definitions.**

A. An “officer” is a member of the Society's executive board. Members of the executive board hold rights and duties specific to their office. “Offices” include, but are not limited to, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Provisional posts, such as committee chairs, are not officers, but appointees by the executive board for a specified duration and purpose.

B. A “general member” is a member of the Society. “General membership” is open to all students enrolled at the Chicago-Kent College of Law.

### **II. Elections.**

A. Officers shall be elected by the general membership in a simple majority election held near the end of Spring semester. The executive board shall conduct elections in a fair and reasonable manner. Any member of the general membership is eligible to run for any office.

B. Elected officers will begin their term immediately after Spring semester ends.

C. In case of a vacant office, the executive board must conduct special elections within a reasonable period of time. However, if the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall take their office for the remainder of the term, and a new Vice President shall be elected.

### **III. Officers.**

A. The President of the Society shall be the representative of the organization to the College of Law and other student organizations. Presidents have a duty to manage, administrate, and lead the Society; and have the right to delegate duties and powers to other officers; and are responsible for all other things reasonably and ordinarily within the duties of a president of a student organization – given that circumstances may change and new needs may arise. Where powers and duties necessary to the function of the Society are not permissibly within the powers of any other officer, those powers and

duties are vested in the President.

B. The Vice President of the Society shall assist the President in management, administration, and leadership. Vice Presidents are also responsible for all other things reasonably and ordinarily within the duties of a vice president of a student organization – given that circumstances may change and new needs may arise.

C. The Treasurer of the Society shall be responsible for documenting and managing the Society's finances, leading fund-raising activities, and acting as a liaison between the executive board of the Society and the Student Bar Association. Treasurers are also responsible for all other things reasonably and ordinarily within the duties of a treasurer of a student organization – given that circumstances may change and new needs may arise.

D. The Secretary of the Society shall be responsible for keeping detailed records of the Society's meetings and activities and making those records available for the executive board. Secretaries are also responsible for all other things reasonably and ordinarily within the duties of a secretary of a student organization – given that circumstances may change and new needs may arise.

E. New offices may be created upon consensus vote by the executive board, given there is a compelling need not subsumed by any other office. When a new office is created, it shall be treated as a vacancy.

#### **IV. Amendment & Redaction.**

A. This document may be amended or redacted. Within 30 days of the enactment of these bylaws, amendment and redaction is permitted freely upon a consensus vote by the executive board. After those 30 days, amendment and redaction, sponsored by an officer, is permitted only by a super-majority vote of the general membership of the Society in a designated general assembly meeting. The vote shall be held in a fair and reasonable manner.