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MISSION, VISION & CORE VALUES

Mission

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International is a professional law fraternity advancing integrity, compassion and courage through service to the student, the school, the profession and the community.

Vision

We are the preeminent law fraternity promoting the bonds of fraternalism and we are the leader in the development and advancement of professional ideals.

Core Values

Bound together by tradition and our common interest in the law, we share these core values: Integrity, Compassion, Courage, Professionalism, Service, Diversity, and Innovation.

DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Fraternity shall be to form a strong bond uniting students and teachers of the law with members of the Bench and Bar in a fraternal fellowship designed to advance the ideals of liberty and equal justice under law; to stimulate excellence in scholarship; to inspire the virtues of compassion and courage; to foster integrity and professional competence; to promote the welfare of its members; and to encourage their moral, intellectual, and cultural advancement; so that each member may enjoy a lifetime of honorable professional and public service.



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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Fraternity shall be

PHI ALPHA DELTA LAW FRATERNITY, INTERNATIONAL

ARTICLE II - DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

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ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 1. COMPOSITION

There shall be four categories of membership in this Fraternity; Law School, Alumni, Honorary and Pre-Law.

SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for membership shall be as follows:

a. Law School Member

Any person who is in attendance and in good standing at any law school where a chapter of this Fraternity is chartered. Law school membership for students outside North America shall be granted at the discretion of the International Executive Board.

b. Alumni Member

Any person who has been licensed to practice law in, and is in good standing with, any jurisdiction recognized by the International Chapter or by the International Executive Board; any graduate of any law school where a chapter of this fraternity may be chartered, or any duly initiated law school member upon their departure from law school who is not the subject of any disciplinary proceedings resulting in temporary or permanent cessation or denial of his or her license to practice law; and any judge who qualified in any of the preceding categories prior to becoming a judge.

c. Honorary Member

Any person who has attained unusual distinction in the legal profession or in the field of law at least a statewide basis shall be eligible for honorary membership. The term "field of law" shall embrace any person elected or appointed to a legislature or engaged in the execution, administration, or enforcement of the law, whether or not such person is a member of the legal profession.

d. Pre-Law Member

Any member of the administration, faculty or any student in good standing at any institution of higher learning where a pre-law chapter of this Fraternity is chartered.

SEC. 3. INITIATION

a. Law School members shall be initiated only by law school chapters, and alumni and honorary members shall be initiated by either law school or alumni chapters, except however citizens of countries other than the United States of America who are also residents of that country may be initiated by the International Executive Board or its authorized representative. Initiation of honorary members shall be subject to Subsection b. of this Section.

b. Persons eligible for honorary membership under Sec. 2 (c) of this Article, shall be initiated pursuant to this Sec. 3, provided, however, that such initiation shall be subject to ratification by the International Executive Board. Ratification shall be based on a petition for honorary membership submitted by a chapter through the District Justice who shall recommend approval or disapproval. No person shall be invited to become an honorary member unless the petition is ratified by the International Executive Board. For the purpose of this subsection the term "chapter" shall be deemed to include a group of qualified petitioners for a chapter charter.

c. Pre-Law members shall be inducted only by pre-law chapters.



SEC. 4. GOOD STANDING

A member in good standing is a duly initiated individual who has submitted the corresponding International Initiation Fee to the International Executive Office.

SEC. 5. DUAL MEMBERSHIP

No member of any other law fraternity may become a member of this Fraternity unless such person first terminates such other membership. Any member of this Fraternity who accepts membership in any category in any other law fraternity shall, after such notice as the International Executive Board may prescribe, automatically forfeit membership in this Fraternity provided that membership in such other law fraternity has not been terminated within sixty (60) days after such notice.

SEC. 6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Fraternity shall be terminated as follows:

a. Automatic Forfeiture

Any member whose license to practice law has been finally revoked by any legally constituted body having the power of revocation over the member, or who has ceased to be licensed to practice law by reason of misconduct, shall automatically forfeit membership in this Fraternity, which forfeiture of membership shall remain in effect for as long as the disciplinary action shall remain in effect.

b. Expulsion

Any member charged with (1) violating the Membership Oath, Constitution, International By-Laws, or the By-Laws of any District or Chapter; or (2) otherwise engaging in unworthy conduct tending to bring disrepute on the Fraternity shall be subject to expulsion from this Fraternity.

c. Resignation

Any member may resign from this Fraternity by submitting his or her resignation to the Executive Director, and the resignation shall become effective sixty (60) days after such notification.

SEC. 7. MAINTENANCE AND SUSPENSION OF PRE-LAW MEMBERSHIP

Except as provided herein, any pre-law member of this Fraternity no longer in attendance at an institution of higher learning and who has not graduated shall be automatically suspended from membership unless and until the individual returns to an institution of higher learning. Any pre-law member graduating from an institution of higher learning shall be transferred to a Pre-Law Graduate status until the graduate voluntarily terminates the membership or is duly initiated as a law school, alumnus or honorary member.

ARTICLE IV - INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER

SEC. 1. COMPOSITION

The International Chapter of this Fraternity shall be composed of all duly seated delegates in Convention assembled.

SEC. 2. CONVENTIONS

The Convention shall be held every two (2) years at such time and place as shall be determined by the International Executive Board. Should the International Executive Board refuse or fail, without good cause, to take such action within eighteen (18) months after the adjournment of the last Convention, then the International Tribunal shall fix the time and place.

SEC. 3. EMERGENCY CONVENTIONS

The International Executive Board shall have the power to call a special Convention and fix the time and place thereof.

SEC. 4. DELEGATES

- a. Each law school and alumni chapter in good standing shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternate delegates at such Conventions, and any law school and alumni chapter shall have two (2) votes upon every question arising in Convention, to be cast only by its delegate or delegates present.
- b. Each delegate shall be a member of the chapter such delegate represents.

- c. Each District of the Fraternity shall be entitled to two (2) Alumni members, appointed as At-Large Delegates and to two (2) Alumni members appointed as Alternate At-Large Delegates from each such District, by the District Justice of such District, provided that each such At-Large delegate and alternate delegate shall be responsible for paying their own expenses to attend the Convention, in addition to normal registration fees, pursuant to the International By-Laws. Each such At-Large delegate shall have one (1) vote. In the absence of any At-Large Delegate, an Alternate At-Large Delegate shall have his or her one (1) vote. In the event there is no District Justice, then the International Justice, with the consent of the International Executive Board, pursuant to the International By-Laws, may make appointment of the four (4) alumni members.
- d. Each District Justice shall be a qualified delegate and have one (1) vote. Such member shall not be eligible to vote in any other capacity.
- e. Each member of the International Executive Board shall be a qualified delegate and have one (1) vote.
- f. Provided that they are not attending the convention as a delegate in another capacity, each member of the International Advisory Board shall be a qualified delegate and have one (1) vote, provided that such member shall be responsible for paying their own expenses to attend the convention, in addition to normal registration fees.

SEC. 5. RULES

Each Convention shall make the rules and regulations for the transaction of its business. Until it has adopted such rules and regulations, the previous Convention rules shall govern. The edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* as of 180 days prior to Convention shall govern all other matters not defined therein.

SEC. 6. OFFICERS

The International Justice shall serve as Convention Chairperson; the International Secretary shall serve as Convention Secretary; and the International Marshal serve as Convention Marshal.

ARTICLE V - INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

SEC. 1. COMPOSITION

The International Justice, the International Vice Justice, the International Secretary, the International Treasurer, the International Marshal and four Board Members-at-Large shall constitute the International Executive Board of this Fraternity.

SEC. 2. MEETINGS

The International Justice shall call at least one (1) meeting of the International Executive Board each year. Any five (5) International Officers shall constitute a quorum to do business. All members shall be notified two (2) weeks prior to the meeting. Any five (5) members of the International Executive Board may call a meeting of the International Executive Board if the International Justice is unable or unwilling to do so.

SEC. 3. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

When practical, every meeting of the International Executive Board shall be open to every member of the fraternity in good standing. This is a privilege of attendance and does not include the privilege to address the Board.

SEC. 4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of all meetings of the International Executive Board, except executive sessions, shall be available upon request to any member of the fraternity at the requester's expense.

ARTICLE VI - INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL

SEC. 1. COMPOSITION

The International Tribunal shall be composed of the Chief Tribune and two (2) Associate Tribunes elected and holding office as in this Constitution provided.

SEC. 2. MEETINGS

Meetings of the International Tribunal may be called at any time by the Chief Tribune and shall be called on the written request of the Associate Tribunes. All Tribunes shall be notified at least two (2) weeks prior to such meetings. The presence of two (2) Tribunes shall constitute a quorum.



ARTICLE VII - FRATERNITY POWERS

SEC. 1. VESTING OF SUPREME POWERS

The supreme legislative and executive power of this Fraternity shall be vested in the International Chapter in Convention assembled and in the International Executive Board ad interim. The International judicial power of this Fraternity shall be vested in the International Tribunal.

SEC. 2. EXERCISE OF SUPREME POWERS

All powers described in Sec. 1 of this Article shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and International By-Laws of this Fraternity.

SEC. 3. JUDICIAL DECISIONS AND REVIEW

Cases and controversies involving or arising out of: (1) the interpretation of the provisions of the Constitution and International By-Laws of this Fraternity; (2) the exercise of Supreme Executive and Legislative powers; and (3) the exercise of District and Chapter powers shall be subject to either decision or review as appropriate by the International Tribunal pursuant to procedures prescribed in the International By-Laws. The decision of the International Tribunal in these cases and controversies shall be final.

SEC. 4. DISTRICT POWERS

Each Fraternity District shall operate under the supervision of a District Justice as provided in Article X of this Constitution, subject to such rules, regulations, and procedures as may, from time to time, be promulgated by the International Executive Board.

SEC. 5. CHAPTER OPERATIONS

Each pre-law chapter, law school chapter and alumni chapter shall adopt and operate under its respective By-Laws. In the event a chapter has not adopted By-Laws, or its adopted By-Laws cannot be ascertained or are inconsistent with the Constitution, the International By-Laws, the Ritual, or the actions of the International Chapter, the International Executive Board, or the International Tribunal of this Fraternity, such chapter shall operate under any current Model Pre-Law Chapter, Law School Chapter or Alumni Chapter By-Laws, respectively, approved by the International Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII - INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

SEC. 1. COMPOSITION

The International Officers shall consist of members of the International Executive Board and of the International Tribunal, as follows:

- The International Justice
- The International Vice Justice
- The International Secretary
- The International Treasurer
- The International Marshal
- Four Board Members-at-Large
- The Chief Tribune
- Two Associate Tribunes

SEC. 2. HOW ELECTED

- a. The members of the International Executive Board shall be elected from among the members of the Fraternity, by majority vote of the seated delegates present and voting, at a duly constituted meeting of the International Chapter of the Fraternity, each to hold office for two (2) years or until a successor is elected and installed in office.
- b. The position of Chief Tribune and the two Associate Tribunes shall be elected from among the members of the Fraternity, by majority vote of the seated delegates present and voting, at a duly constituted meeting of the International Chapter of the Fraternity, to hold office for two (2) years or until a successor is elected and installed in office.

SEC. 3. VACANCIES

- a. Should a vacancy occur in the office of International Justice, the International Vice Justice shall succeed to the office and the International Secretary shall become International Vice Justice.
- b. Should a vacancy occur in any other office of the International Officers, the International Executive Board may elect a member of the Fraternity to said office.

- c. Should there be simultaneous vacancies in all offices constituting the International Executive Board, such offices shall be filled automatically, in the order listed in Sec. 1 of this Article, by members of the International Advisory Board, beginning with the most recent.

SEC. 4. VOTING PROCEDURE

In determining whether to fill a vacancy, as provided in Sec. 3, of this Article, or in electing persons to fill vacancies, the action taken shall be by majority vote of those voting by mail or present and voting at a duly convened meeting of the International Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX - INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

SEC. 1. COMPOSITION

Every International Justice of this Fraternity and every International President of Phi Delta Delta Law Fraternity shall, upon honorable retirement from office, become a member of the International Advisory Board.

SEC. 2. DUTIES

The duties of the International Advisory Board shall be to advise the International Officers in relation to the traditions, ideals, policies, and practices of this Fraternity.

SEC. 3. CHAIRPERSON

The Immediate Past International Justice shall be the Chairperson of the International Advisory Board. A vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by the next immediate Past International Justice.

ARTICLE X - DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT JUSTICES

SEC. 1. DISTRICTS

The International Executive Board shall from time to time organize the Fraternity into geographical districts. The Board shall report to each Convention all changes made and shall cause such to be published in the official publication of the Fraternity.

SEC. 2. DISTRICT JUSTICE

The International Justice, with the advice and consent of the International Executive Board, shall appoint a member as District Justice for each Fraternity District, to hold office at the pleasure of the International Executive Board.

SEC. 3. REPLACEMENT

Upon the vacancy of the office of District Justice, the International Justice shall appoint a new District Justice within ten (10) weeks. If no replacement can be obtained within this time frame, then the International Justice shall appoint a member of the Fraternity located near the District to act as a liaison between the District and the International Executive Board and International Executive Office and/or may delegate the duties of the District Justice to the International Executive Office, until such time as a District Justice is appointed.

ARTICLE XI - LAW SCHOOL CHAPTERS

SEC. 1. HOW FORMED

- a. Law school chapters in this Fraternity may be formed upon petition of qualified law students in accordance with the International By-Laws of this Fraternity.
- b. Charters for law school chapters may be granted by the International Chapter or the International Executive Board subject to such requirements as may be provided by the Constitution and International By-Laws.

ARTICLE XII - ALUMNI CHAPTERS

SEC. 1. FORMATION AND CHARTER

- a. An alumni chapter may be formed in any state, community, city or county, upon petition of alumni members in accordance with the International By-Laws of the Fraternity.



- b. Charters for alumni chapters may be granted by the International Executive Board or the International Chapter, which shall determine the geographical boundaries of such chapter.

ARTICLE XIII - PRE-LAW CHAPTERS

SEC. 1. FORMATION AND CHARTER

- a. A pre-law chapter of this Fraternity may be formed in any institution of higher learning upon petition of students of that institution in accordance with the International By-Laws of this Fraternity and in accordance with the rules, requirements and procedures promulgated by the International Executive Board.
- b. Charters for pre-law chapters may be granted by the International Executive Board or the International Chapter, subject to such requirements as may be provided by the Constitution and International By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIV - DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CHAPTER

SEC. 1. ESTABLISHMENT

There shall be a Distinguished Service Chapter composed of Fraternity members selected in recognition of unusual and outstanding service to this Fraternity.

SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member of this Fraternity shall be eligible for membership in the Distinguished Service Chapter, except that no International Officer shall be eligible until a period of two (2) years has elapsed since completion of his term of office as International Officer.

SEC. 3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Chapter shall be conferred pursuant to unanimous election by the International Executive Board.

ARTICLE XV - SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF CHAPTER CHARTER

SEC. 1. SUSPENSION OF CHARTER

The International Executive Board or International Chapter may for good cause suspend any pre-law, law school or alumni chapter charter of this Fraternity and such power of suspension shall not be delegated.

SEC. 2. REVOCATION OF CHARTER

The International Chapter in Convention assembled may revoke the charter of any chapter of this Fraternity by majority of the ballots cast by delegates present and voting in Convention.

SEC. 3. CAUSE FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF CHARTER

Grounds for suspension or revocation of a chapter charter shall include any failure to render necessary reports or to liquidate indebtedness due the Fraternity; willful disregard or violation of the Constitution or International By-Laws of the Fraternity; failure or inability of a chapter to operate in accordance with essential principles of democracy and respect for human rights; any action of a chapter or its members tending to discredit the Fraternity.

ARTICLE XVI- REMOVAL OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Any member holding an elective office in this Fraternity shall be subject to removal from office, for good and sufficient cause, pursuant to procedures prescribed in the International By-Laws. Violation of the oath of office, including malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance, shall constitute good and sufficient cause for removal from office of any such officer.

ARTICLE XVII - RITUAL

SEC. 1. CEREMONIES

The initiation of law school, alumni, and honorary members, installation of law school and alumni chapters and officers, and other ritualistic ceremonies of this Fraternity shall be conducted under the rules and solemnities of the Book of the Ritual.

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS

All amendments to the Book of the Ritual shall be approved by the International Chapter or the International Executive Board.

ARTICLE XVIII - DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Fraternity, the Fraternity shall either (a) transfer all of the assets and liabilities of the Fraternity to such successor organization or organizations as the Fraternity shall designate which shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) organized and operated exclusively for fraternal, educational, charitable, scientific, literary, social and recreational purposes which are substantially identical to those of the Fraternity, or (b) after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Fraternity, dispose of the assets of the Fraternity exclusively for the purposes of the Fraternity in such manner to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for educational, charitable, scientific, or literary purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), as the Fraternity shall determine and for such fraternal purposes as may qualify as an appropriate exempt organization function under said Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and which shall be found by the Fraternity to be permitted under appropriate rulings or regulations of the Internal Revenue Service. Nothing in this Article shall be construed so as to permit any Endowment Fund of this Fraternity as may be created in the By-Laws of the Fraternity or any other funds created by the Fraternity which are qualified as exempt organizations or funds operated exclusively for education, charitable, scientific, or literary purposes or other purposes as qualify it under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or as qualify to receive charitable contributions for deduction under Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding or successor provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law to such sections), to be transferred to any fund or organization except an organization or fund which is qualified as an exempt organization of fund under Section 501(c)(3) or to receive a charitable contribution under 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding or successor provisions), and the Fraternity shall cause any such qualified fund or organization to be transferred to a similarly qualified fund or organization. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county or political equivalent in which the principal office of the Fraternity is or was located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes as set forth above.

ARTICLE XIX - AMENDMENTS

SEC. 1. BY WHOM PROPOSED

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed (1) by any law school or alumni chapter, or by the International Executive Board upon a majority vote of members present and voting, and (2) by any law school, alumni, or honorary member of this Fraternity in good standing.

SEC. 2. PROCEDURES

Every proposed amendment shall be submitted by regular mail, facsimile or e-mail and shall be received by the International Executive Board or by the Executive Director not later than the Close of Business (5:00 p.m. EDT) on the Friday immediately preceding One Hundred Fifty (150) days prior to the date of the Convention with application of the Federal Mailbox Rule allowing for actual receipt beyond this deadline. Not later than Two Hundred (200) days prior to the Convention, the Executive Director shall provide notice of the facsimile number and e-mail address to which proposed amendments may be submitted. Such notice may be by publication in an issue of The Reporter, or by posting to the Fraternity's List Server. Not later than One Hundred Twenty (120) days before the Convention, the Executive Director of the Fraternity shall submit such proposed amendment to every law school and alumni chapter of the Fraternity and to the International Executive Board clearly identifying the proponent of the proposed circumstances, the time requirements may be waived by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the International Executive Board.

SEC. 3. ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT

The International Chapter in Convention assembled may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of ballots cast by delegates present and voting, approve any amendments submitted in accordance with Sec. 2 of this Article. When so approved, such amendment shall be effective as soon as adopted, unless otherwise provided by the amendment.



INTERNATIONAL BY-LAWS:

CHAPTER I - MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 1. CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP

Upon being inducted into the Fraternity and upon payment of all fees and other obligations incident thereto, the International Chapter shall issue to the member a membership certificate which shall be countersigned by any two members of the International Executive Board.

SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

A student member who transfers from one school to another and becomes a regularly enrolled student in the latter school may transfer membership upon application showing eligibility.

SEC. 3. DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Upon receiving information that a member of this Fraternity is also a member of any other law fraternity, the Executive Director shall notify the International Secretary who shall give written notice to such member and such other law fraternity of the provisions of Sec. 4 of Article III of the Constitution. The notice shall request confirmation of whether such member is also a member of such other law fraternity. In the case of such member, notice shall be sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt. If a response to such notice is received that such member is not also a member of such other fraternity no further action shall be taken. Otherwise, the International Secretary shall remove the name of such member from the membership rolls of this Fraternity on the 61st day after actual receipt of the written notice by such member, as evidenced by the return receipt, unless a declaration of resignation from the other law fraternity has been received by the Fraternity. If the first notice is returned undelivered, the International Secretary shall send such notice by regular mail, but shall not drop such member from the membership rolls of this Fraternity until the International Secretary has certified that such member has had actual knowledge of the contents of such notice for a period of not less than 60 days.

CHAPTER II - EXPULSION PROCEDURES

SEC. 1. VIOLATIONS AND UNWORTHY CONDUCT

Any chapter may expel any member charged with (1) violating the Membership Oath, Constitution, International By-Laws, or the By-Laws of any District or Chapter; or (2) otherwise engaging in unworthy conduct tending to bring disrepute upon the Fraternity; provided the following procedures are followed:

- a. The member knowing of such violation or unworthy conduct shall immediately file written information concerning such matter with the Justice of the law school or alumni chapter or with the President of the pre-law chapter, in which the charged member holds membership, or with the International Justice of the Fraternity, if such accused member is not affiliated with any chapter. The Chapter Justice, International Justice or Chapter President, as appropriate, shall immediately cause a copy of pertinent written information to be personally delivered or sent by registered mail to the accused member, together with a notice of the accused member's right to file an answer.
- b. The Justice of the law school chapter or alumni chapter or the President of the pre-law chapter, as appropriate, shall read the information and any answer thereto to the chapter at a regular or specially called meeting within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such written information. In the case where the accused member is not affiliated with any chapter, the International Justice shall within thirty (30) days, forward to each member of the International Board a copy of the written information and any answer thereto.
- c. Upon the affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at such chapter meeting, or upon the affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of the International Executive Board, a hearing on the charges shall be scheduled. The pre-law Chapter President, Chapter Justice or the International Justice, as applicable, shall designate a member to present the evidence respecting the alleged violation or the alleged unworthy conduct.
- d. A letter shall be delivered personally or sent by registered mail to the accused, notifying the accused to appear at the time and place of the hearing.
- e. At the hearing scheduled by the vote of the chapter, the Justice or President or an officer appointed by the Justice shall preside. The accused may represent him or herself, or may select another member as his or her representative, or may file a written answer to the charges. If the accused fails to appear, to be represented, or to file a written answer to the charges, the hearing shall proceed. Depending upon the place of

hearing, evidence shall be submitted and received in accordance with the rules of evidence applicable to United States District Courts, or comparable courts in other countries, sitting without a jury.

- f. Upon completion of the hearing, the accused, or a legal representative, shall be retired from the chapter or meeting room, escorted by the Marshal or Vice President, as appropriate. A secret ballot shall then be taken. No member shall be expelled except by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present and voting; provided, however, that the total vote for expulsion must equal two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership.
- g. In case of an accused member not affiliated with any chapter, the International Executive Board shall set a time and a place for a hearing or designate an alumni chapter to do so. The accused shall be notified of such hearing in person or by registered mail by the International Justice or by an official designated by the International Justice.
- h. The hearing for an accused member not affiliated with any chapter shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 1 (e) and (f) of this Chapter. Where the hearing is conducted by the International Executive Board, no order of expulsion shall be entered except upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of its membership.
- i. A full written report of the proceeding shall be transmitted to the Executive Director by the chapter or by the International Secretary for the International Executive Board, as applicable. The Executive Director shall distribute copies of all reports of expulsion proceedings to members of the International Executive Board, retaining the original for the permanent files of the Fraternity.

SEC. 2. FAILURE TO PAY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

When any member shall become delinquent in the payment of any financial obligations to the member's pre-law or law school chapter for a period of three (3) months, or shall have left school without satisfying an indebtedness to a pre-law or law school chapter, the following procedures shall be followed:

- a. Upon the two-thirds (2/3) vote of the chapter members present and voting, the chapter Treasurer shall certify the amount of chapter indebtedness to the International Secretary.
- b. The chapter Clerk or pre-law chapter Secretary, as appropriate, shall notify the member in person or by registered mail that such certification has been made to the International Secretary, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter II, Sec. 2 of these By-Laws.
- c. Upon receipt of such certification, the International Secretary shall send a notice by registered mail to the member's last known address to the effect that an order of expulsion will be entered on the records of this Fraternity if arrangements are not made to settle this indebtedness within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such notice.
- d. If the International Secretary determines that an obligation exists but a member has failed to settle it within the time period specified in Sec. 2 (c) of this Chapter, the order for expulsion shall be duly entered by the International Secretary, subject to the final approval of the International Executive Board.
- e. Upon final approval, notice shall be given to the member of such order by the International Secretary, and any indicia of membership shall be surrendered by the member. The International Secretary shall cause to be kept a permanent record of all expulsions and shall promptly submit a report of each expulsion to the International Executive Board.

SEC. 3. FAILURE TO REPAY ENDOWMENT FUND LOAN

When any member who has been granted an Endowment Fund loan shall have been delinquent for three (3) months in repayment thereof, without good cause approved by the International Executive Board, the member may be suspended and/or expelled as a member of this Fraternity, such suspension or expulsion to be in addition to any other appropriate remedial action. Upon certification of such delinquency, further procedures shall be in accordance with sub-paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of Sec. 2 of this Chapter.

SEC. 4. APPEALS

- a. Decisions made by the chapters under Sec. 2 of these By-Laws may be appealed in writing to the International Tribunal, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Chapter IX of these By-Laws, provided that such appeals are taken within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the notice of such decision.
- b. Orders of expulsion approved by the International Executive Board under Sec. 2 and Sec. 3 of these By-Laws shall not be subject to appeal.



CHAPTER III - LAW SCHOOL AND ALUMNI CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS, CHARTERS, FEES AND ALUMNI AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COUNCILS

SEC. 1. LAW SCHOOL CHAPTERS - HOW FORMED

Upon the petition of fifteen (15) law students and instructors, law school chapters may be formed at any United States college of law on the approved list of the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools; or at any college of law located in any other country which is approved by the International Executive Board as a suitable location for a law school chapter of this Fraternity.

SEC. 2. LAW SCHOOL CHAPTER - INVESTIGATION AND NAME

- a. A personal investigation shall be made and written report submitted to the International Executive Board.
- b. A name for a petitioning chapter must be submitted along with the petition, such name to be selected from among eminent deceased members of the legal profession. The petitioning chapter may submit more than one name, and all such names must be approved by the International Executive Board.
- c. Once the chapter name has been duly approved by the International Executive Board, it may be changed only pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the International Executive Board.

SEC. 3. LAW SCHOOL CHAPTER PETITIONS - HOW SUBMITTED

A charter petition for a law school chapter shall be submitted to the Executive Director of the Fraternity upon forms prescribed by the International Executive Board. The Executive Director shall forward copies to each member of the International Executive Board for action thereon. The Executive Director may cast an affirmative vote for any member of the Board failing to vote on a petition within fifteen (15) days after mailing of the petition from the Executive Office.

SEC. 4. INITIATION FEES

- a. Except as hereinafter provided in subsection d below, every law school initiate shall pay an International initiation fee as determined by subsection f below before being initiated into a law school chapter. Said initiation fee shall be transmitted to the Executive Office within ten (10) days after the date of initiation. The local chapter may require an additional initiation fee in an amount being retained for use by the chapter. No initiation fee shall be required by initiates into honorary membership or by initiates into alumni membership who are law school faculty members.
- b. The law school initiation fee for persons who are Pre-Law members shall be reduced by an amount determined from time to time by the International Executive Board.
- c. The alumni initiation fee shall be one hundred ten United States dollars (\$110.00) subject to subsection d below. The alumni initiation fee shall be increased in the same amount as any increases to the International initiation fee for law school members.
- d. The initiation fees for all law school students and potential alumni members shall be determined during extraordinary circumstances by a two-thirds vote of the International Executive Board; provided, however, that such initiation fee change shall be considered provisional and shall not increase more than twenty percent (20%) in any twelve (12) month period. Until a change in initiation fees has been ratified by the next Biennial Convention, it shall be considered provisional and will expire at the conclusion of the Biennial Convention. If the initiation fee change is not ratified, the provisional change would still be considered valid throughout the provisional period. Except during extraordinary circumstances, changes in initiation fees shall be considered during Biennial Conventions.
- e. The International Executive Board shall notify the membership of any change in the initiation fee at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to that change taking effect. Such notice shall be published on the Fraternity's website and in *"The Reporter."*
- f. Beginning April 1, 2009, every law school initiate shall pay an International initiation fee of Eighty United States dollars (\$80.00) before being initiated into a law school chapter. Beginning on June 1, 2010, the International initiation fee shall be adjusted annually in June of each year by a percentage equal to the percentage by which the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average All Items ("CPI") shall exceed the CPI for June 2009. This new figure shall be referred to as the Adjusted International Initiation Fee ("AIIF"). If the AIIF is less than five United States dollars (\$5.00) more than the International initiation fee then in effect, no change to the International initiation fee shall be made (except as provided in Section d above). If the AIIF exceeds the International initiation fee then in effect by five United States dollars (\$5.00) or more, the International Executive Board may increase the International initiation fee by five United States dollars (\$5.00) if two-thirds of the International Executive Board approve the adjustment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing in the event the IEB approves an increase in the international initiation fee in any given year, then the AIIF figure for the following year will be determined using the approved initiation fee as the base from which the CPI adjustment shall be made in future years.

SEC. 5. ALUMNI CHAPTER - FORMED IN COMMUNITY, CITY OR COUNTY

An alumni chapter may be formed in any community, city or county, upon petition of not less than ten (10) alumni members of the Fraternity, residing or doing business in or near the community, city or county for which a charter is desired.

SEC. 6. ALUMNI CHAPTER - FORMED IN STATE

An alumni chapter may be formed statewide upon petition of at least twenty-five (25) alumni members of the Fraternity provided that not more than one (1) statewide alumni chapter shall be established in that state.

SEC. 7. MULTIPLE ALUMNI CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Where the opportunity exists to maintain more than one alumni chapter membership in the same or different districts, such membership shall be allowed; however, one alumnus may not serve as a delegate for two or more chapters at the same Convention.

SEC. 8. ALUMNI CHAPTER - CHARTERS

Petitions for charters for alumni chapters shall be presented to the International Executive Board for approval in the manner provided in the International By-Laws for obtaining approval for charters of law school chapters.

SEC. 9. ALUMNI CHAPTER CHARTER FEE

The charter fee for alumni chapters shall be Thirty Five Dollars (\$35.00) which shall be paid at the time the petition therefore is submitted.

SEC. 10. ALUMNI CHAPTER ANNUAL TAX

Each alumni chapter of this Fraternity shall pay an annual Chapter Tax in an amount equal to the alumni initiation fee then in effect. Each alumni chapter of this fraternity shall pay its annual chapter tax for that fiscal year on the first day of the fiscal year. The International Executive Office shall send reminder notices to each and every active alumni chapter (attn: Treasurer and Justice), not later than January 15th of each year, advising them that the Chapter Tax is either due and owing or paid in full for that year. The Tax may be paid by initiating one (1) alumnus or alumna into said alumni chapter.

SEC. 11. ALUMNI DUES

- a. Alumni dues are payable on each January 1, following the school term in which the member was graduated or left school as follows:
 1. For the first three years thereafter, the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per year;
 2. Thereafter, the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per year.
- b. Notwithstanding any provisions of these By-Laws to the contrary, retroactive payment of alumni dues shall be permitted, and upon payment, shall have the same effect as if timely paid.
- c. Every alumnus who pays a life membership fee in the amount of ten times the amount of dues specified in Sec. 11 (a) (2) of this chapter shall not be required to pay the annual alumni dues as set forth in Sec. 10 (a) hereof provided, however, that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to present law school members until January 1st following graduation and that the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) be payable prior to the first January 1 following graduation; or six months following graduation, which ever comes later. .
- d. The payment of International alumni dues provided in this section shall entitle the member to a subscription to the official publication of the Fraternity, to a membership card, and to other services as the Fraternity may render from time to time.
- e. All alumni members who have been members of the Fraternity for more than 50 years and upon approval of the International Executive Board can be known as Senior Members and annual alumni dues of such persons are waived. Senior PAD's shall receive a Senior PAD certificate and shall receive all benefits prescribed in subsection d of this section.



SEC. 12. OFFICIAL ACTION

Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and International By-Laws, any official action of a chapter may be expressed by **no less than** the majority vote of the members of the chapter in good standing present and voting at a lawful chapter meeting, or voting by mail when authorized by the chapter By-Laws.

SEC. 13. UNIFORMITY

Systems of chapter accounting and/or reporting, as prescribed by the International Executive Board, shall be uniform throughout this Fraternity.

SEC. 14. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each law school chapter and alumni chapter shall subscribe to the Declaration of Purpose of the Fraternity and shall conduct its affairs in furtherance of those purposes.

SEC. 15. CHAPTER OFFICERS

- a. Each law school and alumni chapter shall annually elect from among its duly initiated members the following officers:
Justice, Vice Justice, Clerk, Treasurer, Marshal
- b. Each chapter officer shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the International By-Laws and the chapter By-Laws.
- c. A chapter may elect such other officers as are deemed necessary by the chapter, provided that such officers and their duties are not inconsistent with the above chapter officers and their duties as provided by the International By-Laws.

SEC. 16. DUTIES OF LAW SCHOOL CHAPTER AND ALUMNI CHAPTER OFFICERS

The officers of the law school chapters and alumni chapters shall have the following duties:

a. Justice

The Justice shall: (1) be the chief executive and administrative officer of the chapter; (2) preside at all meetings of the chapter and decide all questions of law and order in the chapter; (3) be the principal ritualistic officer and shall cause the Ritual of the Fraternity to be properly exemplified on all appropriate occasions; (4) insure that all other chapter officers perform the duties of their respective offices; (5) be responsible for the welfare and dignity of the chapter during the term of office.

b. Vice Justice

The Vice Justice shall: (1) assist the Justice in the performance of such chapter duties as may be requested by the Justice. In event of the absence, death, resignation, disqualification, or removal from office of the Justice, the Vice Justice shall perform the duties of the Justice; (2) be the public relations and historical officer of the chapter, provided, however, that chapter By-Laws may assign such public relations and historical duties to another officer; (3) submit written articles of chapter and Fraternity interest to the Executive Director for publication; (4) perform such other duties relating to publicity as the chapter Justice or the Executive Director may request; (5) furnish the International Historian with such historical information as may be requested.

c. Clerk

The Clerk shall: (1) be the chief recorder and correspondent of the chapter; (2) keep a true and complete record of all matters pertaining to the chapter and shall certify thereto when be the custodian of the chapter By-Laws, minutes, administrative records, and shall certify thereto when necessary (3) be the custodian of the chapter By-Laws, minutes, administrative records and reports of the chapter; (4) maintain a record of all law school chapter, alumni, and honorary members, together with their current addresses, and shall dispatch notices of meetings to members as appropriate; (5) maintain close liaison with the Clerk of the local alumni chapter, the Alumni Advisor, and the Faculty Advisor; (6) be responsible for submitting the official reports required of the chapter by the International By-Laws; and (7) furnish the International Secretary, Executive Director, and the Chapter Justice with such information as each may request.

d. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall: (1) be the chief financial officer of the chapter; (2) have charge of all chapter funds and of the collection and disbursement thereof; (3) keep International initiation fees in a trust account separate

from other Chapter accounts, if International initiation fees are deposited into a Chapter account, unless otherwise prohibited by school policy; (4) certify prior to initiation that all financial obligations of the initiates have been paid; (5) pay out money on itemized vouchers countersigned by the Justice or the Vice Justice, when acting for the Justice; and (6) keep a complete chronological record of moneys as the Constitution and International By-Laws of this Fraternity prescribe and such reports and other information as the International Treasurer or the Executive Director shall request.

e. Marshal

The Marshal shall: (1) have the custody of the Ritual paraphernalia and other physical property of the chapter and shall preserve the same in good order; (2) guard the chapter meeting rooms, admitting only those known to be members; (3) be responsible for the proper instruction and preparation of prospective members and shall be in charge of them before and during their initiation; (4) see that the other chapter members, appointed by the Justice or by the Marshal, are properly prepared and rehearsed in discharging their assigned roles in Ritual ceremonies; and (5) perform such other duties as may be requested by the Executive Director or the Chapter Justice.

SEC. 17. DUTIES OF ALUMNI CHAPTER OFFICERS

Alumni Chapter officers shall perform duties substantially similar to those prescribed for law school chapter officers except for such modifications as may be occasioned by differences in the two types of chapters.

SEC. 18. CHAPTER FUNDS

Officers of each chapter shall keep accurate records and make such reports as required by the International Executive Board or the Executive Director regarding membership, chapter funds, and all other financial matters.

SEC. 19. OFFICIAL REPORTS

The Chapter shall submit all information as may be requested by the Executive Office from time to time, including but not limited to:

- a. All Applications for Membership and corresponding initiation fee for each prospective member shall be submitted to the Executive Office within ten (10) days after the initiation for which fees were collected.
- b. All Applications for Membership in the Chapter's possession shall be submitted to the Executive Office by November 15th and May 1st regardless of whether the applicants have been initiated.

SEC. 20. OFFICER TRANSITIONS

Chapters shall commence officer transitions within ten (10) days of any officer election. Every officer of every chapter shall, at the expiration of their terms, turn over to his or her successor all books, papers, documents, and paraphernalia belonging to the chapter which may be in the custody or under the control of the officers and shall render a true, just, and faithful account of their official trust, and the Treasurer shall, in addition, forthwith pay the successor such balances of chapter moneys as shall be chargeable to the Treasurer. Signatories on all accounts must be changed to the appropriate newly elected officers.

SEC. 21. PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Every alumni chapter shall endeavor to assist in the placement of graduate members by counseling with them or creating a placement committee to ascertain available positions which can be filled by graduate members.

SEC. 22. CHAPTER ADVISORS

The International Justice or the District Justice within the District, following consultation with Chapter officers, may appoint Alumni and Faculty Advisor(s) to aid and advise the Chapter in its operation. Notification of said appointment(s) shall be made to all parties of interest.

SEC. 23. DUTIES OF ALUMNI ADVISOR AND FACULTY ADVISOR

a. Alumni Advisor

The Alumni Advisor shall: (1) encourage and sponsor activities of the Fraternity; (2) be available to advise chapter officers; (3) assist and report to the District Justice; (4) encourage chapter participation in District Conferences and Biennial Conventions; and (5) provide liaison with local alumni. Such Advisor shall perform such additional duties as the International Justice, the International Executive Board or the District Justice shall direct.



b. Faculty Advisor

The Faculty Advisor shall: (1) provide liaison between the chapter and the law school administration; (2) encourage and promote scholastic attainment by the chapter members. Such advisor shall cooperate with the Alumni Advisor in the performance of such Alumni Advisor's duties. Additionally, such Faculty Advisor shall be available to advise the chapter officers and perform such additional duties as the International Justice, International Executive Board or the District Justice shall direct.

SEC. 24. PAYMENT OF FUNDS

All funds to be paid under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid in United States Dollars or their equivalent.

SEC. 25. ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL

The International Justice shall appoint, within one hundred twenty [120] days of the adjournment of each convention with the advice and consent of the International Executive Board, an Alumni Advisory Council consisting of a chairperson, and at least four other members. One member of such council shall be a law student member. Members of the Alumni Advisory Council shall serve at the pleasure of and during the term of office of the International Justice. The Alumni Advisory Council shall meet or consult as directed by the International Justice or the International Executive Board, or as otherwise needed, to consider alumni related issues in relation to the traditions, ideals, policies, and practices of The Fraternity and to make specific recommendations with clearly determined programs and goals to assure continued and increased participation and development of our alumni members. The Alumni Advisory Council shall, at a minimum, meet or consult during or immediately prior to each convention and shall prepare and file a report of its recommendations which shall be reported to the International Chapter for action thereon.

SEC. 26. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The International Justice may appoint, within one hundred twenty (120) days of the adjournment of each Convention with the advice and consent of the International Executive Board, an International Relations Advisory Council consisting of a chairperson, and at least four other members. One member of such council shall be a law student member. Members of the International Relations Advisory Council shall serve at the pleasure of and during the term of office of the International Justice. The International Relations Advisory Council shall meet or consult as directed by the International Justice or the International Executive Board, or as otherwise needed, to consider issues concerning international membership, international chapters, international programming, etc. in relation to the traditions, ideals, policies, and practices of The Fraternity and to make specific recommendations with clearly determined programs and goals to assure continued and increased participation and development of our international members. In International Advisory Council shall, at a minimum, meet or consult during or immediately prior to each Convention and shall prepare and file a report of its recommendations which shall be reported to the International Chapter for action thereon.

CHAPTER IV - PRE-LAW CHAPTERS AND ADVISORY COUNCIL

SEC. 1. PRE-LAW CHAPTER CHARTER, FEES AND PROCEDURES

The International Executive Board shall promulgate such rules, requirements, and procedures as may be necessary to effect the provisions of the Constitution and these By-Laws of this Fraternity governing pre-law chapters including, but not limited to, chapter formation, charter petition, membership applications and fees, dues, chapter officers, and chapter insignia.

SEC. 2. CHAPTER OFFICERS

Each pre-law chapter shall annually elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be required by the International Executive Board in accordance with Sec. 1, of this chapter.

SEC. 3. PRE-LAW ADVISORY COUNCIL

The International Justice shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the International Executive Board, a Pre-Law Advisory Council, consisting of a chairperson and four other members. One member of such Council shall be a Pre-Law Chapter Member at the time of appointment and one member of such Council shall be a Pre-Law Chapter Advisor. Members of the Pre-Law Advisory Council shall serve at the pleasure of and during the term of office of the International Justice. The Pre-Law Advisory Council shall meet or consult as directed by the International Justice or the International Executive Board or as otherwise needed, to

consider pre-law member related issues in relation to the traditions, ideals, policies and practices of the Fraternity, and to make specific recommendations with clearly determined purposes and goals to assure continued and increased participation and development of our pre-law members. The Pre-Law Advisory Council shall, at a minimum, meet or consult during or immediately prior to each Convention and shall prepare and file a report of its recommendations which shall be presented to the International Chapter for action thereof.

CHAPTER V - DUTIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS FRATERNITY SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

SEC. 1. THE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

The International Justice shall: (1) be the chief executive officer of this Fraternity and shall at times represent and act for the Fraternity in all matters, by and with the advice and consent of the International Executive Board; (2) shall have authority to delegate such of his or her powers as shall be deemed necessary and expedient; and (3) be the Chairperson of the International Executive Board.

SEC. 2. THE INTERNATIONAL VICE JUSTICE

The International Vice Justice shall: (1) perform such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the International Justice or by the International Executive Board; (2) in the event of the absence, inability, or refusal of the International Justice to discharge the duties of the office, perform such duties; and (3) be the Vice Chairperson of the International Executive Board.

SEC. 3. THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

The International Secretary shall: (1) keep such records as the International Executive Board may decide; (2) be the keeper of the Constitution, International By-Laws, and the Official Seal of this Fraternity.

SEC. 4. THE INTERNATIONAL TREASURER

The International Treasurer shall, in conjunction with the Executive Director, (1) keep accurate financial records; (2) prepare annual and such other financial reports as may be requested by the International Executive Board; (3) arrange for the audit of all financial records at least once every two (2) years; and (4) prepare a Treasurer's report to be provided at Convention. The International Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as directed by the International Executive Board. Upon written request by any member in good standing, delivered to the International Executive Office at least seventy-two hours in advance, all financial records as required by law for public inspection, may be reviewed by said member at the International Executive Office during normal business hours.

SEC. 5. THE INTERNATIONAL MARSHAL

The International Marshal shall: (1) be responsible for maintaining order at all meetings of the International Chapter and International Executive Board; (2) be the parliamentarian at all International Conventions and at all meetings of the International Executive Board; and (3) represent the International Executive Board before the International Tribunal.

SEC. 6. BOARD MEMBER-AT-LARGE

The Board Member-at-Large, of which there shall be four (4) shall: (1) perform such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the International Justice or by the International Executive Board, and (2) perform other specified duties pertaining to record-keeping, maintaining order and preparing the physical arrangement at each meeting of the International Executive Board, as requested by the International Justice.

SEC. 7. THE CHIEF TRIBUNE

The Chief Tribune shall: (1) preside at all meetings of the International Tribunal; (2) be the custodian of all its files, documents, and decisions; and (3) participate with the two (2) Associate Tribunes in the writing of decisions on all cases and controversies as specified in Article VII. The Chief Tribune shall transmit a certified copy of each decision of the Tribunal for retention in the files of the Fraternity.

SEC. 8. THE ASSOCIATE TRIBUNES

The Associate Tribunes shall participate with the Chief Tribune in the work of the International Tribunal by the writing of decisions on all cases and controversies as specified in Article VII. Upon assignment by the Chief Tribune, the Associate Tribunes shall prepare and circulate to the other Tribunes written opinions on each case and controversy.



SEC. 9. OTHER DUTIES

The International Chapter, International Executive Board, or International Justice may assign other duties from time to time to the International Officers, except that any duties assigned to the Chief Tribune or Associate Tribunes shall not be inconsistent with their judicial duties or responsibilities.

SEC. 10. ELIMINATION OF CONFLICTS

No persons serving in any of the offices delineated in this chapter shall serve concurrently in any other elective office within either the International Chapter or those offices specified in Chapter III, Sec. 15 of these By-Laws or as a District Justice.

SEC. 11. MINUTES OF INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The minutes of each International Executive Board Meeting, except Executive Sessions, shall contain an accurate reflection of the votes of each member of the International Executive Board on each motion voted upon.

CHAPTER VI - CONVENTIONS

SEC. 1. DELEGATE SELECTION

The two (2) delegates and the two (2) alternate delegates to which each law school and alumni chapter is entitled shall either be elected at an official chapter meeting, or selected as otherwise provided In the chapter By-Laws at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Convention. All delegates and alternate delegates, other than alumni, shall have at least one (1) semester, or its equivalent, of additional law school work after a regularly called Convention terminates; provided, however, that the above provisions may be waived by the International Executive Board for emergency Conventions. Each delegate and alternate delegate shall present to the Convention credentials, signed by both the Justice and Clerk of the chapter he or she represents and duly certified by the International Secretary.

SEC. 2. SELECTION OF AT-LARGE ALUMNI DELEGATES

Not later than thirty (30) days before the first date for commencement of the Convention, the District Justice, or in the absence thereof, the International Justice, shall notify in writing the Executive Office of the appointment of the dues-paying alumni member or members in good standing from that District as the At-Large alumni delegate or delegates to the next Convention.

SEC. 3. SEATING OF DELEGATES

No chapter which is delinquent in the payment of its financial obligations or in filing required reports with the Executive Office shall be entitled to have its first, second, or alternate delegates seated at any Convention.

- a. No appointed At-Large Delegate or alternate At-Large Delegate who has failed to pay dues to the Fraternity for a minimum of the two (2) years prior to the Convention may be seated as a Delegate at the subject Convention.
- b. In addition to the above, alumni chapters must be in good standing in order to be seated. For the purposes of this section, an alumni chapter shall be considered in good standing if all of the following conditions have been met:
 1. The chapter has been chartered or reactivated at least six (6) months prior to the beginning of the biennial convention to which they could be seated;
 2. Hold not less than two (2) official meetings in each year of the biennium immediately preceding the convention, except that if an alumni chapter is chartered or reactivated during a non-Convention year, the number of official meetings may be prorated for that non-Convention year. In order to qualify as an "official meeting" each chapter meeting must be attended by not less than three (3) of the chapter's alumni members;
 3. Such "official meeting" must be published by the alumni chapter not less than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting by advising its members, the International Executive Office, and to the appropriate District Justice; and
 4. Hold yearly elections.
 5. Submit the Alumni Chapter Tax due for each year in the biennium according to Chapter III Sec. 10.

SEC. 4. DELEGATE'S EXPENSES

Except as herein provided, the International Treasurer shall pay the necessary traveling expenses and hotel expense of one (1) delegate from each law school and alumni chapter. The actual cost of the hotel accommodations and the least

expensive commercial air fare to be fixed at a set amount as of a certain date established by the Executive Director, and departing at a reasonable time, shall be paid not later than the last day of the Convention, in accordance with rules and regulations established by the International Executive Board.

- a. All At-Large alumni delegates to the Convention from each District shall be responsible for his/her own Convention registration, travel and subsistence expenses.
- b. All International Advisory Board members attending the Convention in such capacity shall be responsible for his/her own Convention registration, travel and subsistence expenses.
- c. Alumni chapter delegates shall receive the reimbursement of their necessary traveling and hotel expenses, as provided above, provided they have paid, by the May 31st prior to the Convention, any voluntary International alumni dues for which they would be obligated to pay pursuant to Chapter III, Section 11 of these By-Laws for the current year and the previous year.

SEC. 5. CONVENTION STANDING COMMITTEES

At every Convention there shall be the following Standing Committees with such functions as may be prescribed by the International Chapter or by the International Executive Board:

Audit and Finance	Constitution and International By-Laws
Nominations	Rules and Resolutions

SEC. 6. AT-LARGE DELEGATES APPOINTED FOR ONLY ONE CONVENTION

Alumni At-Large Convention delegates appointed and seated pursuant to this Constitution and these foregoing By-Laws procedures shall serve at only the Convention immediately following their appointment, following which they may be reappointed, using the same procedures for any subsequent biennial Conventions.

SEC. 7. INFORMATION FURNISHED COMMITTEES

At each convention, prior to the consideration of any matters by a committee, the committee shall be furnished with a written report of matters considered by the committee at the previous convention. The report shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. A summary of every matter reported by the committee to said previous convention, and the action taken by the convention.
- b. Any consideration by the International Executive Board of any matter included in "a" above, including any action taken and the meeting at which the matter was considered.

SEC. 8. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director shall present a full report at the convening of each business meeting during the convention. The report shall include the number of active chapters, and the number of alumni chapters currently registered as in attendance at the convention. The report shall also include the total of valid outstanding voting cards. All such reports shall be posted on the convention bulletin board.

CHAPTER VII - BUDGET MATTERS

SEC. 1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND EMPLOYEES

The International Executive Board shall, from time to time, employ an Executive Director, and authorize the employment of support staff. The Executive Director shall determine the duties and compensation of such employees.

SEC. 2. BUDGET

The International Executive Board shall authorize, from time to time, the payment of such administrative expenses as it shall deem proper and adopt an annual budget.

SEC. 3. EXPENSES

The International Executive Board or the International Justice may authorize the International Treasurer or Executive Director to reimburse International Officers, District Justices, and other designated persons, for expenses in attending meetings, District Leadership Conferences, or Conventions, in performing special acts or services, and in making chapter visitations, inspections, or investigations of petitioning groups.



SEC. 4. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this Fraternity shall be such annual period as may be determined by the International Executive Board. The Executive Director shall distribute to the delegates in Convention assembled a certified audit of the books of the Fraternity covering the fiscal periods since the previous Convention.

CHAPTER VIII - RECALL OF OFFICERS

SEC. 1. HOW INSTITUTED

Procedures for removal from elective office, pursuant to Article XVI of the Constitution, shall be instituted through the filing of a verified recall petition.

- a. As to International Officers, by any five (5) chapters, law school or alumni, or by any four (4) members of the International Executive Board;
- b. As to law school, pre-law and alumni chapter officers, by one third (1/3) vote of the chapter members in good standing or by a majority of the elected officers of such chapter.

SEC. 2. PROCEDURES

a. Administration

The administering officer of removal procedures shall be (1) the International Justice with respect to the removal of an International Officer, or the International Vice Justice if the International Justice is the subject of removal; (2) the chapter Justice with respect to the removal of a law school or alumni chapter officer, or the chapter Vice Justice if the chapter Justice is the subject of removal; and (3) the chapter President with respect to the removal of a pre-law chapter Officer, or the chapter Vice President if the chapter President is the subject of removal.

b. Petition of Removal

As to each officer whose removal is sought, the verified recall petition specified by Sec. 1, shall be transmitted in triplicate to the appropriate Administering Officer. The recall petition shall contain a clear and concise factual statement of the acts or practices alleged to constitute "good and sufficient cause" for removal from office. The Administering Officer shall immediately furnish to the cited officer a copy of the petition in person or by registered mail. In the latter case, the post office receipt showing delivery to the officer's residence, or place of business, shall constitute proof of service.

c. Answer

Within fifteen (15) days after the receipt of the petition for removal, the cited officer shall transmit a verified answer in triplicate to the Administering Officer. Such answer shall contain (1) a concise statement of the facts constituting each ground of defense, and (2) specific admission, denial, or explanation of each fact alleged in the petition; or, if the cited officer is without knowledge thereof, a statement to that effect. Failure of any cited officer to file an answer in the time specified shall authorize the Administering Officer, without further procedures, to declare the office vacant and to require the cited officer to surrender all Fraternity property.

d. Submission for Vote

Upon receipt of the answer of the cited officer, the Administering Officer shall cause copies of the petition to be submitted to the chapter, or chapters, for a vote in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2 (e). As to International Officers no recall petition shall be submitted to the chapter for vote during the period from April 1 to October 1. The same restriction shall be applicable to recall petitions involving chapter officers, unless chapter By-Laws otherwise prescribe.

e. Voting

Upon receipt of the recall petition and answer, each chapter shall vote pursuant to the procedures herein prescribed;

1. Voting shall take place only at a chapter meeting as to which members have been given advance notice of not less than one week and such notice shall specify the time, place, and purpose.
2. At such meeting, the petition and answer shall be read aloud to the membership before the vote is taken, except that this procedure may be waived if copies have been furnished to all members.
3. No proxy voting shall be permitted.
4. In the case of International Officers failure of a chapter to return a ballot within thirty (30) days after receipt of the petition and answer shall be deemed a vote against removal.

5. For the removal of International Officers a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all law school and alumni chapters in good standing shall be required. In such voting, each chapter shall have one vote, determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members in good standing present and voting at the chapter meeting.
6. For the removal of chapter officers, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members in good standing.

f. Certification of Vote

In the case of International Officers the Administering Officer, shall, within forty-five (45) days after mailing of all ballots, certify the results to (1) the cited officer, (2) all chapters eligible to vote, (3) the Executive Director, and (4) all District Justices. Within fifteen (15) days after a chapter ballot as to a chapter officer, the Administering Officer shall certify the results to (1) all chapter members in good standing, (2) the District Justice, and (3) the Executive Director.

g. Disposition of Property and Records

If removal is voted and is affirmed upon appeal taken under Sec. 3, or if no appeal is taken by the accused officer, the Administering Officer shall require the cited officer to surrender all Fraternity property and records. The Administering Officer shall also cause a permanent file of such proceedings to be transmitted to the Executive Director.

SEC. 3. APPEAL

Any officer removed hereunder may appeal such decision to the International Tribunal, pursuant to the procedures prescribed in Chapter IX of the International By-Laws, such appeal to be limited to (1) the question whether “good and sufficient cause” has been shown within the meaning of Article XVI of the Constitution, and (2) the question of compliance with the procedures prescribed herein.

CHAPTER IX - INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURES

SEC. 1. ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

- a. The International Tribunal shall have original jurisdiction in cases and controversies involving, or arising out of, the interpretation of the Constitution and International By-Laws of this Fraternity.
- b. Any party to such a case or controversy may petition the International Tribunal for a final determination thereof. Such petition shall be prepared in quadruplicate and shall be presented to the Chief Tribune in person or by registered mail.

SEC. 2. APPELLATE JURISDICTION

- a. Subject to the provisions of the International By-Laws, the International Tribunal shall have appellate jurisdiction in cases arising from expulsion of members or removal of officers from office.
- b. The subject of expulsion or recall proceedings may file a petition for review thereof within thirty (30) days after notice of the vote thereon. Such petition shall be prepared in quadruplicate and shall be presented to the Chief Tribune in person or by registered mail.

SEC. 3. PROCEDURES

In the exercise of either original jurisdiction or appellate jurisdiction, the International Tribunal and the parties before it shall be governed by procedural rules promulgated by the International Tribunal.

CHAPTER X - INTERNATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

SEC. 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE P.A.D. ENDOWMENT FUND

There shall be established a P.A.D. Endowment Fund as an entity separate and apart from the Fraternity which shall be non-profit and tax-exempt, the contributions to which shall be tax deductible for charitable, scientific and educational programs.

SEC. 2. ADMINISTRATION OF THE P.A.D. ENDOWMENT FUND

The P.A.D. Endowment Fund shall be administered by a board of directors separate and apart from the International Executive Board of this Fraternity. While members of the International Executive Board may serve concurrently as members of the board of directors of the P.A.D. Endowment Fund, such dual serving members shall never constitute a majority of the board of directors of the P.A.D. Endowment Fund.



SEC. 3. USE(S) OF THE P.A.D. ENDOWMENT FUND

- a. Funds of the P.A.D. Endowment Fund shall only be used to benefit the members of this Fraternity.
- b. Funds of the P.A.D. Endowment Fund may only be used for such purposes as its board of directors may from time to time so determine.
- c. All such funds shall be used only for purposes that are consistent with and in keeping with the provisions of its non-profit, tax exempt status.

CHAPTER XI - DISTRICT CONFERENCES

SEC. 1. DISTRICT CONFERENCES

District Conferences shall be held annually by each District, except when excused by the International Executive Board for good cause shown.

SEC. 2. DISTRICT JUSTICE TO SUPERVISE

The District Justice shall have general supervision of the District Conference in his or her District and shall cooperate with the host chapter in planning the program, securing speakers, and sending invitations to International Officers invited to attend.

SEC. 3. FINANCIAL AID FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCES

The International Executive Board may, upon the recommendation of the District Justice, approve payment by the International Treasurer for authorized expenses supporting District Conferences.

SEC. 4. SPECIAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE FUND

- a. Five percent (5%) of each initiation fee for each law school and alumni initiate shall be placed in a special fund for financing District Conferences. All such funds shall be allocated to the District in which the person was initiated. If a law school chapter shall, at any time, be re-assigned to a different District all funds attributable to its initiates for the preceding two years and not previously spent for District Conference purposes under this section shall be transferred to the new District to which the law school chapter has been assigned.
- b. At the end of each fiscal year, one dollar (\$1.00) of each collected law school and alumni initiation fee for that year shall be placed into a discretionary fund to be used the following fiscal year as necessary for Districts that need additional funding for District Conferences, either upon request of a District Justice or at the discretion of the Executive Director. Any such funds not used by the end of that fiscal year during which they were available may be transferred into the Fraternity's general fund; provided however, that as a result of any such transfer, the balance of the discretionary fund shall not be less than \$5,000.00. This fund shall be administered by the Executive Director with the advice and consent of International Executive Board.

SEC. 5. JOINT DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Joint District Conferences between no more than two districts may be held at the discretion of the chapters involved and upon the approval of both District Justices. No more travel money may be allocated by the International Executive Board for a joint District Conference than the maximum sum of money that would be allocated for the individual District Conference.

CHAPTER XII - FRATERNITY INSIGNIA

SEC. 1. COAT-OF-ARMS

The Official Coat-of-Arms of this Fraternity shall be a design approved by the International Executive Board with due regard for the history and traditions of the Fraternity.

SEC. 2. SEAL

The Official Seal of this Fraternity shall be a design approved by the International Executive Board.

SEC. 3. COLOR

The Official Colors of this Fraternity shall be purple and gold.

SEC. 4. JEWELRY

The Official Jewelry of this Fraternity shall consist of:

- a. Membership Badge
- b. Monogram Recognition Pin
- c. Coat-of-Arms Recognition Button
- d. Official Key
- e. Alumnus Key
- f. Honorary Key
- g. Past Justice Key
- h. Past International Justice Key
- i. Distinguished Service Insignia

SEC. 5. FLOWER

The Official Flower of the Fraternity shall be the Red Carnation.

SEC. 6. SONG

The Official Song of the Fraternity shall be the “Phi Alpha Delta Song.”

SEC. 7. FLAG

The Official Flag of the Fraternity shall have the official Coat-of-Arms in gold superimposed on a purple field which is bordered with gold fringe; and shall be of such size, shape, and material as may be approved by the International Executive Board.

SEC. 8. DESIGN

The International Executive Board shall approve the design, material and color of all Fraternity insignia.

CHAPTER XIII - PUBLICATIONS

SEC. 1. PUBLICATIONS

The Fraternity shall publish and distribute publications in such format, under such conditions, and at such cost as the International Executive Board or the International Chapter may determine.

SEC. 2. PUBLICATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

- a. Not more than 120 days following the conclusion of each convention at which any amendment was adopted as provided under Article XIX, Section 3 of the Constitution and Chapter XVI of the International By-Laws, the International Executive Board shall cause to be published an action report based on the notes of the International Secretary, and subject to revision upon receipt of the official transcript. Said action report shall incorporate each and every modification so adopted by the International Chapter.
- b. Not less than 180 days prior to any biennial convention, a complete copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, as amended by the previous convention, shall be published and made available, at least in electronic and/or paper form, upon request by any chapter.

CHAPTER XIV - COUNCIL OF DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

The International Justice shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the International Executive Board, a Council of Distinguished Members consisting of not more than thirty-five members of this Fraternity to serve at the pleasure of and during the term of office of the International Justice. Each member of the Council of Distinguished Members shall be a person whose service in public, professional, or fraternal affairs shall qualify such person to serve in an advising capacity to the International Justice and the International Executive Board. International Officers, District Justices and members of the International Advisory Board shall not be members of this Council of Distinguished Members during their continuance in such office. The International Justice shall designate one member of the Council of Distinguished Members as Chairperson.



CHAPTER XV - AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

SEC. 1. BY WHOM PROPOSED

Amendments to the International By-Laws may be proposed:

- a. By any law school or alumni chapter or by the International Executive Board upon a majority vote of members present and voting, and
- b. By any law school, alumni, or honorary member of this Fraternity in good standing.

SEC. 2. SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

Every proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing and accompanied by a statement specifying the purpose intended to be accomplished by the proposed amendment. Such submittal shall be made:

- a. To the Chairperson of the Convention, if occurring not later than twenty-four (24) hours after the convening of the Convention, or thereafter to the Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committees, or
- b. To the Executive Director, if occurring during the period between Conventions.

SEC. 3. CONVENTION ACTION

- a. Unless a mail ballot is provided for pursuant to Sec. 4, all proposed amendments shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of the Convention for study and recommendation prior to Convention action. No proposed amendment submitted otherwise than as herein provided shall receive Convention consideration, except that the Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws may propose By-Laws amendments at any time during a Convention.
- b. The International Chapter may, by majority vote of all delegates present and voting, adopt any proposed amendment submitted in accordance with this Section, such amendment to become effective immediately, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

SEC. 4. MAIL BALLOT

- a. Pursuant to the majority vote of the International Executive Board, or upon the request of at least five (5) law school and/or alumni chapters in good standing, and proposed amendment shall be submitted to all International Executive Board members, District Justices, law school and alumni chapters in good standing for consideration and vote by mail ballot.
- b. Each proposed amendment so submitted for mail ballot shall be accompanied by the statement of purpose required by Sec. 2, together with the recommendation, favorable or unfavorable, of the International Executive Board. The ballot shall be returned to the Executive Director within thirty (30) days of the date of such mailing.
- c. No proposed amendment shall be submitted for vote under this Section within the period of time commencing April 1 and ending October 1 in any calendar year.
- d. Each law school and alumni chapter shall be entitled to two (2) votes. Members of the International Executive Board and District Justices shall be entitled to one (1) vote each.
- c. Upon an affirmative vote of a majority of those voting provided, however, that at least fifty (50%) percent of all law school chapters in good standing participate in the vote any proposed amendment shall be adopted and, unless otherwise specified in the amendment, shall be effective immediately upon certification of the vote by the Executive Director to the International Board members, District Justices, law school chapters, and alumni chapters.





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