

**(MODEL BYLAWS FOR USE BY STUDENT CHAPTERS)**

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OF THE

\_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT CHAPTER

OF THE

J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY

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ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

The \_\_\_\_\_ Student Chapter (hereafter “Student Chapter”) of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society (hereafter “JRCLS” or “Law Society”) is hereby established as a voluntary, unincorporated association affiliated with the local \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of the Law Society (hereafter “Sponsoring Chapter”) or, if there is no local chapter, affiliated with the International Board of the Law Society (hereafter “JRCLS International Board”). This organization and affiliation is pursuant to Article VII of the Law Society Bylaws as amended on August 29, 2002, and Article V of the Law Society Handbook as amended May 13, 2003. The Law Society is also a voluntary, unincorporated association with a permanent address of \_\_\_\_\_.

ARTICLE II

MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

The Mission Statement of the Student Chapter is parallel to the mission statement of the Law Society: “We affirm the strength brought to the study of law by a law student’s personal religious conviction. We strive through public service and diligence in our studies to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law.”

In fulfilling its mission statement, the Student Chapter is guided by the philosophy, personal example, and values of its namesake, J. Reuben Clark, Jr. Those

values include: (1) public service, (2) loyalty to the rule of law, and (3) appreciation for the religious dimension in society and in a law student's personal life.

To accomplish its mission, the Student Chapter will: (1) encourage its members to regard law studies as preparation to serve the courts, clients, and society (which service will always be paramount) as well as to practice law which may provide compensation; (2) promote and protect the rule of law; and (3) provide members with opportunities for continuing dialogue on legal topic of significance with members of the Student and Sponsoring Chapters of the Law Society.

Membership in the Student Chapter is multi-faith and open to all currently enrolled law students of any law school in the area where the Student Chapter is located who share in the goals, ideals and values of the Law Society.

Since the Student Chapter operates under the legal umbrella of the Sponsoring Chapter [or in the alternative, the legal umbrella of the JRCLS International Board] and hence under the legal umbrella of the Law Society, the Student Chapter must comply with Article II of the Bylaws of the Law Society, which provides, in part, that "all lobbying and other political activities are strictly prohibited."

### ARTICLE III

#### STUDENT CHAPTER OFFICERS

The officers of a student chapter consist of a President, Attorney Advisor, Faculty Advisor, if applicable, as the case may be, President-Elect, and a Secretary/Treasurer. Each officer serves for a term of one year with the exception of the Attorney Advisor who serves for a recommended term of at least three years.

##### A. President

The President should usually be a second or third year law student. The initial President is nominated by the Sponsoring Chapter Board and subsequently elected by the student chapter membership. Where there is no Sponsoring Chapter the initial President is nominated by the International Executive Committee. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President the same procedure will be followed.

The President oversees the activities of the Law Society at the law school or law schools covered by the student chapter. The President regularly coordinates and communicates with the Attorney Advisor and the Sponsoring Chapter Chair. The President, in consultation with the Attorney Advisor and the President-Elect, appoints members of the student chapter to serve on committees or, where there are sufficient numbers of students, to serve on a Student Chapter Board. Where possible, the President will serve on the Sponsoring Chapter Board.

B. Attorney Advisor

The Sponsoring Chapter Chair appoints a member of its board to serve as Attorney Advisor of the student chapter for a recommended term of at least three years. In many instances the Faculty Advisor, if a member of the Law Society, is appointed the Attorney Advisor. The Attorney Advisor is to advise and assist the President in his /her duties. In the event there is no President the Attorney Advisor shall temporarily serve as President of the Student Chapter until a student can be elected as President. The Attorney Advisor may be of assistance in obtaining speakers for Student Chapter activities and arranging attorney mentors for student chapter members. In addition, the Attorney Advisor acts as a liaison between the Student Chapter and the Sponsoring Chapter.

C. President-Elect

The President-Elect should usually be a second year law student. The President-Elect is nominated by the President and Attorney Advisor, ratified by the Sponsoring Chapter Board, and subsequently elected by the Student Chapter membership. The President-Elect succeeds to the President's term of office. The President-Elect assists the President and the Attorney Advisor with all aspects of the Student Chapter's operation.

D. Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer is a law student. The Secretary/Treasurer serves for a term of one year and can succeed him or herself for one or two additional terms. The Secretary/Treasurer is nominated by the President and the Attorney Advisor and subsequently elected by the Student Chapter membership. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for maintaining and updating the Student Chapter membership list and forwarding these updates to the Sponsoring Chapter Chair and to the International Board Liaison. The Secretary/Treasurer is also responsible for identifying the job placement of all graduating Student Chapter members and forwarding them to the Sponsoring Chapter Chair and to the International Board Liaison for dissemination to the Chapters where these graduates will be located.

The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for depositing all funds collected by the Student Chapter. These funds include fund-raising amounts and membership dues, if required. The Secretary/Treasurer sets up an account for the Student Chapter and reports on the status of the account to the President and the Attorney Advisor on a regular basis.

E. Other officers or committee chairs may be appointed by the President upon consultation with the Attorney Advisor as needed for the operation or activities of the Student Chapter.

## ARTICLE IV

### STUDENT CHAPTER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Student Chapter programs and activities are planned, based on the size of the Student Chapter and the needs and goals of chapter members. A Student Chapter may have as many or as few programs or activities as the officers deem appropriate. It is recommended that the cost of activities be kept to a minimum. The following programs and activities are examples of some of the types of activities and programs that may be appropriate:

- A. Annual family picnic.
- B. Frequent brown bag lunches with periodic speakers.
- C. Firesides.
- D. Institute and/or Institute-like classes sponsored by the Sponsoring Chapter
- E. Public Service.
- F. Student to student mentor programs and attorney to student mentor programs.
- G. Attending the annual dinner and other events, as appropriate, of the Sponsoring Chapter.
- H. Job placement assistance through the Sponsoring Chapter.

## ARTICLE V

### MEETINGS OF STUDENT CHAPTERS

The schedule of meetings or activities of Student Chapters is set by the officers. The JRCLS International Board encourages Student Chapters to meet and communicate with each other on a regular basis (at least every other month) subject to the needs and schedules of the members.

## ARTICLE VI

### RECOGNITION OF THE LAW SOCIETY AS A STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Many law schools will allow the J. Reuben Clark Law Society to be recognized as a student association on their campuses. Such recognition often allows for beneficial privileges to be granted to the Law Society by that law school. The officers may look into, and apply for, campus recognition where appropriate.

## ARTICLE VII

### FUNDING

Some Student Chapters may receive funds from their law school if they are recognized on campus as a student association. Other funds may be obtained from dues,

sponsorships and/or other fund raising activities. Any dues collected may be used by the Student Chapter without remittance of a portion to the Sponsoring Chapter or the International Law Society in order to cover operational costs of the unit (mailings, copying, etc.).

## ARTICLE VIII

### APPROVAL OF AND AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

The Board of the Student Chapter should seek initial approval of its Bylaws by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Student Chapter. Thereafter, the board may seek to amend these Bylaws by presenting proposed amendments to the Student Chapter. Upon a two-thirds vote of the members of the Student Chapter, the Bylaws may be amended.

Certified this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Student Chapter President

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Student Chapter President-Elect

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Sponsoring Chapter Chair or  
JRCLS International Board Chair