CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The China Law Society (CLS) is a graduate student organization in Washington University School of Law (the “Law School”). The purpose of CLS is to address the needs of concerns of Chinese law students within the law school, to provide CLS members with opportunities for involvement with the local legal community, and to assist CLS members in achieving their academic and professional goals.

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All graduate or professional students currently enrolled in or scholars currently affiliated with the Law School are eligible for membership of the CLS.

Section 2. CLS shall not exclude any individual from its membership on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, or disability.

Section 3. Any CLS member at the time of the election of CLS Executive Board is eligible to vote and run for office in said elections with the limits provided hereinafter.

Section 4. In the event there is a dispute regarding membership and power to run for office, such dispute shall be resolved by a simple majority vote of the CLS Executive Board.

Article II. THE CLS GENERAL BODY

Section 1. All CLS members as defined in Article I consist the CLS General Body. Only CLS members as defined in Article I are entitled to vote.

Section 2. Executive Board members shall organize at least one general body meeting each academic year within the first six weeks of first semester of such academic year.

Section 3. The purpose of General Body Meeting shall include, but not limited to, making general announcements, electing officers for any positions other than the President that remain open, discussing and voting for Motions, Recalls, or Amendments pursuant to this Constitution.

Section 4. A Motion on any subject matter, other than the ones specified in Article III, IV, V and VI of this Constitution, can be brought by any CLS member on or before the General Body meeting.
Clause 1. A quorum shall be required in order for a general body vote to determine official action. A quorum shall be 30% of all CLS members.

Clause 2. A Motion shall receive a simple majority vote of the quorum for approval.

Clause 3. In the event that the quorum requirement of Clause 1 cannot be met due to force majeure, voting a Motion shall be through the use of the CLS mailbox. In such event, a Motion shall receive a simple majority vote of all CLS members.

Clause 4. A Motion on the subject matters of the Power of the Executive Board, Election of Executive members, Recall and Resignation and Amendment, which are specified in Article III, IV, V and VI of this Constitution, shall apply the procedures specified in those Articles.

Article III. THE CLS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The purpose of the Executive Board shall be to serve as the administrative body of CLS. The affairs of CLS shall be managed by or under the direction of Executive Board, except as may be otherwise provided in this Constitution.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of at least four, but no more than eleven positions, including the President, the Executive Vice President, the Administrative Vice President, the Treasure and other positions created pursuant to Section 7 of Article III of this Constitution. Each position shall be filled by one CLS member.

Section 3. The CLS President

Clause 1. The responsibilities of the President shall include, but are not limited to, presiding over the CLS Executive Board, overseeing the activities of the Executive Board officers and facilitating communications among the general membership and the Executive Board.

Clause 2. The President is empowered to represent the entire CLS as the leader thereof.

Clause 3. The President has the authority and responsibility to approve reimbursement requests submitted by the CLS Treasurer.

Section 4. The CLS Executive Vice President
Clause 1. The responsibilities of the Executive Vice President shall include, but are not limited to, assisting the President in the execution of all executive duties; conducting all elections; assuming the office and duties of the President in the event of the President’s being unable to fulfill the duties.

Clause 2. The Executive Vice President is empowered to represent the entire CLS as the leader thereof in the event of any vacancy in the Office of the President.

Section 5. The CLS Administrative Vice President

Clause 1. The responsibilities of the Administrative Vice President shall include, but are not limited to, conducting all voting according to Article V and Article VI, recording and organizing minutes at all Executive Board meetings and General Body meetings; and maintaining the CLS mailbox.

Clause 2. The Administrative Vice President shall maintain the official membership list of CLS.

Clause 3. The Administrative Vice President is empowered to represent the entire CLS as the leader thereof in the event of vacancies in both Office of the President and the Executive Vice President.

Section 6. The CLS Treasurer

Clause 1. The CLS Treasurer shall keep track of the financial records of the CLS.

Clause 2. The CLS Treasurer has the authority and responsibility along with the President to approve reimbursement requests submitted by any other CLS member than him or herself.

Section 7. Other Officers

Clause 1. The President, assisted by the Executive Vice President and the Administrative Vice President, shall make a Proposal of other Officer Positions no more than 14 days before the first General Body Meeting of each academic year.

Clause 2. A Challenge to the Proposal is made if signed by more than 20 CLS members.

Clause 3. In the event of Challenge to the Proposal being made, the President, assisted by the Executive Vice President and the Administrative Vice President, shall make another Proposal.
Clause 4. The Proposal shall be implemented in the event of no Challenge being made before the first General Body Meeting.

Section 8. The Executive Board shall be empowered to interpret this Constitution shall disputes arise.

Article IV. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Section 1. The election of the President for the next academic year shall be held no later than the last month of classes of the current academic year, with the new President assuming the position at the beginning of the new academic year.

Section 2. The candidates for the President shall be any students, scholars or any other CLS members who have been enrolled in the Law School for no less than two years.

Section 3. The election of the Executive Vice President, the Administrative Vice President and/or the CLS Treasurer shall be held either (1) at the same time as the election of the President; or (2) at the same time as the election of the other Officers as provided in Section 4 of this Article.

Section 4. The election of other Officers shall be held no later than the first month of the new academic year.

Section 5. The candidates for any other positions than the President shall be any members of the CLS.

Section 6. All elections shall be conducted by the Executive Vice President. In the event that the Executive Vice President is a candidate, an Election Committee consisted of three non-candidate CLS members shall be appointed by the President.

Section 7. Voting shall be by a secret ballot at a designated meeting, or through the CLS mailbox.

Section 8. A quorum shall be required for an election of CLS Executive Members. A quorum shall be 30% of all CLS members.

Section 9. In order to be elected as a member of the Executive Board, a candidate shall receive a majority of the votes of the quorum cast for that position. In the event that no person receives a majority of the votes, a run-off election shall be held between the candidates with the largest and the second largest number of votes.

Article V. RECALL AND RESIGNATION

Section 1. Recall
Clause 1. All officers are subject to recall by the General Body. Any officer who is recalled shall be removed from office.

Clause 2. A recall proposal shall be signed by the President (in the event that the President is subject to the recall proposal, then signed by all other officers of the Executive Board), or by at least 30% of all CLS members.

Clause 3. The Administrative Vice President shall be responsible for confirming any recall proposal, scheduling a hearing and administering the voting procedure. In the event that the Administrative Vice President is named in a recall proposal, the Executive Vice President shall assume the duties of the Administrative Vice President.

Clause 4. A recall will only be implemented by a vote that satisfies both (1) two-thirds of the votes submitted supporting the recall and (2) at least 30 votes supporting the recall.

Section 2. Resignation. Resignation of any Officer shall be communicated to the Executive Board at least two weeks in advance.

Section 3. Substitution

Clause 1. The Executive Board shall make Nomination for the substitute of the recalled or resigned Officers.

Clause 2. A quorum shall be required for an approval of the Nomination. A quorum shall be 30% of all CLS members.

Clause 3. A Nomination is subject to approval by a simple majority vote of the quorum.

Article VI. AMENDMENT PROCESS

Section 1. Signed by 10% of all CLS members, an Amendment to this Constitution can be made, in writing, to the CLS Executive Board.

Section 2. The Administrative Vice President shall be responsible for confirming any Amendment proposal, scheduling a hearing and administering the voting procedure.

Section 3. An official notification of a proposed Amendment shall be made to the General Body no less than seven academic days prior to a hearing.

Section 4. A hearing shall be held no less than three academic days prior to a voting.
Section 5. A voting shall be held on a meeting or by a secret ballot through the use of the CLS mailbox. In the event of using the CLS mailbox, the period for voting shall be no less than five days.

Section 6. A quorum shall be required for passing an Amendment. A quorum shall be no less than (1) 30 CLS members; and (2) 50% of all CLS members.

Section 7. Amendments to this Constitution shall be passed by a two-third-majority vote of the quorum.