

CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE

Article I – Name

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be “Center for Human Rights and Justice” (hereinafter “CHRJ”). The principal office of CHRJ is to be located in the City of Seattle, King County, State of Washington.

Article II – Purpose

- 2.1 To help create a community at the University of Washington School of Law for supporters of human rights; to promote human rights advocacy among students; and to provide a forum for community members to exchange ideas and information.
- 2.2 CHRJ is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions for educational and charitable purposes.
- 2.3 No part of the net earnings of CHRJ shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that CHRJ shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2.2 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of CHRJ shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, CHRJ shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article III – Affiliations

- 3.1 This organization is the University of Washington School of Law Chapter of an overarching organization of the same name, the Center for Human Rights and Justice, whose membership is open to practitioners, scholars, students, and others advocating human rights in the Pacific Northwest which includes the Seattle University School of Law Chapter.

Article IV – Membership

- 4.1 The membership of the University of Washington School of Law Chapter shall consist of those individuals on the CHRJ e-mail list. This list is made up of all students who subscribe to chrjnews@u.washington.edu. Voting privileges are limited to such members.
- 4.2 The membership is limited to regularly and currently registered students of the University of Washington School of Law.
- 4.3 Staff, faculty, and community members who support CHRJ may have associate membership status, with the approval of the Steering Committee. An associate member has no voting privileges.
- 4.4 Any member or associate member may renounce his or her membership status at will by unsubscribing from chrjnews@u.washington.edu.

Article V – Officers

- 5.1 The officers of CHRJ shall consist of a Steering Committee. All the Steering Committee members must be members of CHRJ.
- 5.2 At least two members of the Steering Committee shall be first-year students registered in the University of Washington School of Law.
- 5.3 Term of Office is one year, beginning October 1. Term of Office for graduating students terminates at the end of the quarter in which they graduate.
- 5.4 Any Committee member may be removed from the Steering Committee whenever two-thirds of the members vote for his or her removal. Any officer may resign the office with the approval of the Steering Committee.
- 5.5 Each year, the Steering Committee shall determine and delegate management tasks among Committee members. If desired or necessary, such determination and delegation shall be made by two-thirds vote of the Steering Committee.

Article VI – Elections

- 6.1 The Steering Committee shall consist of those members who wish to serve as Steering Committee members up to a maximum of ten. The Steering Committee may increase or further limit the number of Steering Committee members by two-thirds agreement.
- 6.2 If more than ten students wish to serve on the new Steering Committee, then ten members shall be selected by the vote of the existing Steering Committee. If any member wishes to contest the Steering Committee's selection, a general election shall be called in which all members may vote.
- 6.3 Selection of officers shall be determined in September or October of each year. The existing Steering Committee shall inform all members of CHRJ, at least seven days in advance, that a new Steering Committee will be selected, and request that they contact the Steering Committee if they are interested in taking on leadership responsibilities.
- 6.4 If any student wishes to join the Steering Committee after October 1, they may do so with the approval of two-thirds of the Steering Committee.

Article VII – Meetings

- 7.1 CHRJ shall meet at least once during Fall, Winter and Spring quarters. The Steering Committee shall inform the members of the meeting by e-mail or The Crier at least three days prior to the meeting. Meetings may be held during quarter breaks and Summer quarter with the approval of Steering Committee.
- 7.2 The Steering Committee may call for a general meeting at any time, and a meeting will be held upon any member's request when two-thirds of the Steering Committee approve.

Article VIII – Steering Committee

- 8.1 Management of CHRJ shall be vested in the Steering Committee.
- 8.2 Any Steering Committee may call for a Steering Committee meeting, whenever such a meeting is necessary for the management of CHRJ.
- 8.3 Contents of Steering Committee meetings shall be disclosed to any member upon request.
- 8.4 Two-thirds of Steering Committee members must approve all management decisions.

Article IX – Advisors

- 9.1 CHRJ may choose to form an Advisory Board of legal professionals in the wider community beyond the law school to give appropriate advice to the CHRJ steering committee to achieve the purposes in Article II.
- 9.2 The Steering Committee may appoint up to three faculty advisors by two-thirds of the vote of Steering Committee.

Article X – Constitutional Amendment

- 10.1 This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of Steering Committee.

Article XI – Dissolution

- 11.1 CHRJ may be voluntarily dissolved only upon the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members. In this provision, the term “all the members” includes those members who are not present at the meeting.
- 11.2 Steering Committee shall inform the members of the proposed dissolution by e-mail at least seven days prior to the meeting for such dissolution.
- 11.3 Upon the dissolution of CHRJ, assets of CHRJ shall be given to the Joan Fitzpatrick Fund (hereinafter “the Fund”), administered by the University of Washington School of Law, provided that the Fund is tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code at the time of dissolution.
- 11.4 Should the Fund not be tax exempt under section 501(c)(3), assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.