

**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL
Progressive Jewish Law Society
CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I: NAME, PURPOSE, AND NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

SECTION 1: NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

- a) The name of this organization will be the Progressive Jewish Law Society.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

- a) The Columbia Law School Progressive Jewish Law Society exists to provide a home and a voice for Jewish law students who hold progressive values, rooted in the rich history and tradition of Jewish engagement in movements for social justice, labor rights, LGBTQ equality, women's rights, and racial justice. CLS Progressive Jewish Law Society is committed to the acceptance and celebration of people of all sexual and gender identities, Jews with a spectrum of opinions on Israel's governance (including, but not limited to, liberal/labor Zionists, post-Zionists, non-Zionists, and anti-Zionists), and Jews who stand against a definition of anti-Semitism that is conflated with anti-Zionism or with criticism of Israel. We stand against anti-Semitism (as defined in the [Jerusalem Declaration](#)), and other religious-, race-, and gender/sexual identity-based discrimination, as well as all other forms of bigotry and hatred.

SECTION 3: NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

- a) Membership and leadership shall be open to all Columbia Law School students without regard to race, ethnicity, color, national origin, age, handicap or disability, sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, political affiliation, or the general exercise of a student's right of free speech or association. This is in accordance with the Student Senate Nondiscrimination Policy set forth in VI.B.5 of the Senate's Bylaws.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership is open to all students of Columbia Law School.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

- a) The Progressive Jewish Law Society Executive Board shall schedule Executive Board meetings as often as desired, which shall be open to all current board members. The Progressive Jewish Law Society Executive Board shall provide the board members with adequate notice of the time and place for each meeting.
- b) The Progressive Jewish Law Society Executive Board has the authority to schedule general meetings each academic year, which shall be open to the public. The Progressive

Jewish Law Society Executive Board shall provide all members with adequate notice of the time and the place for each meeting.

ARTICLE IV: LEADERSHIP

- a) The Progressive Jewish Law Society Executive Board may consist of the board members serving in the following positions:.... Applications for these positions will be available either during the fall or the spring semester of the current academic year. The Executive Board will select the new Board members after reviewing each application. Each board member will serve for one full academic year, commencing their duties upon acceptance of the position either in the fall or spring semester.
- b) The duties of the Executive Board may include, but are not limited, to the following responsibilities:
 - i. PRESIDENT(S): Plan/lead events for the organization.
 - ii. TREASURER(S): Connect with Senate and other funding resources to secure any revenue that is necessary.

ARTICLE VI: DECISION-MAKING PROCESS OF LEADERSHIP

- a) All general decisions taken pursuant to this Constitution shall be made with a preference for consensus.
- b) If after genuine deliberation the Executive Board cannot reach consensus, any Executive Board member shall have authority to call for a simple majority vote. That vote's outcome shall have the same binding force as a decision made by consensus.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS AND GRIEVANCES

- a) Any member who wishes to propose an amendment to these By-Laws, or is aggrieved by a decision of the Executive Board, may submit an amendment or complaint to the Executive Board.
- b) The Board will present all submitted amendment(s) and/or grievance(s) to the general membership either over email or at the next general meeting.
- c) The amendment(s) and/or grievance(s) will be subject to a vote where a majority majority vote of the received responses, with each member's vote counted once, will amend the By-Laws or overrule the decision of the Executive Board, as applicable.