

CONSTITUTION

PACE CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

Article 1. Name

The name of this organization is the Pace Christian Legal Society (**PCLS**), a group consisting of law students, faculty, and employees at Pace Law School, White Plains, New York.

Article II. Mission and Purposes

Mission. The mission of PCLS is to maintain a vibrant Christian Law Fellowship on Pace's campus which enables its members, individually and as a group, to love the Lord with their whole beings—hearts, souls, and minds—and to love their neighbors as themselves. (Matthew 22:37-40). We welcome all students, faculty and employees of Pace Law School wherever they are on their spiritual walk. Recognizing the wide spectrums of beliefs among Christians, all Christian denominations, including Catholics, ranging from the most conservative to the most liberal are welcome to participate in this Christian fellowship. PCLS hopes to encourage spiritual growth and nourish its members' religious faith. PCLS appreciates the diversity within Christ's body and welcomes all people regardless of age, gender, race, culture, language, sexual orientation, and physical handicap. PCLS realizes that the legal profession can be a spiritual calling and encourages community outreach.

Purposes. The purposes of PCLS are to:

- 1) Cultivate spiritual growth through communal prayer, fellowship, and worship; learning to share one's faith; and, devotional study of the Bible and classic Christian works.
- 2) Showing the love of Christ to the campus community and the community at large by proclaiming the gospel in word and in deed, such as through a life of integrity and charitable good works; as Martin Luther put it, "to be as Christ to our neighbor."
- 3) Addressing the question, "What does it mean to be a Christian in lawyer?" that is, learning to submit every aspect of one's calling in the legal profession to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Article II. PCLS on Christianity

PCLS believes that: 1) there is One God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; 2) God the Father almighty, is the Maker of heaven and earth, 3) The Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; 4) Jesus's vicarious death for our sins through which we receive eternal life and His bodily resurrection and personal return; 5) the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the work of regeneration; and 6) the Bible is the inspired Word of God.

These do not represent the views of each PCLS member individually, as everybody- Christian and non-Christians are welcome to be members and participate in club activities; however, PCLS believes that these static, basic tenants of Christianity are truths. Those that disagree with any or all of the aforementioned beliefs are still welcome to be members of PCLS.

Article IV. Membership

- 4.1 *Equal Opportunity and Equal Access.*** In the conduct of all aspects of its activities the Chapter shall not discriminate on the basis of age, disability, color, national origin, race, sex, religion or Christian denomination, sexual orientation, physical handicap, or veteran status. PCLS welcomes all members of the Pace student body as well as professors and employees.
- 4.2 *Membership.*** Membership in the Chapter shall be open to all students and faculty at Pace Law School. Students and faculty who register for Pace Christian Legal Society's TWEN page will be considered members unless they otherwise identify to an officer that they do not wish to be a member. Any other student, faculty member or employee who wishes to be a member can notify an officer and be added to PCLS's distribution list.
- 4.3 *Eligibility to Vote.*** All members are eligible to vote for Chapter officers and for amendments to this Constitution.

Article V. Officers

- 5.1 *General.*** Members will elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer.
- 5.2 *Transition of Authority.*** Officers will be elected each spring for the following school year.
- 5.3 *Forcible Removal of an Officer.*** The removal of a current officer prior to the end of the term requires a 75% majority vote of members. Proxy votes may be used.

Article VI. Chapter Advisor

The officers shall meet with the advisor on a regular basis and shall keep him or her informed of chapter meetings, special events, financial matters, problems within the PCLS or the School, and other relevant matters.

Article VII. Meetings

Chapter meetings shall be held with enough frequency to accomplish the mission and purposes enumerated in Art. II; at a minimum at least four (4) general meetings shall be held during each school year (two each semester). The officers, in consultation with the chapter members and advisor, shall determine the frequency, time and place, and agenda of each meeting and shall insure the adequate notice is given of each meeting.

Article VIII. Finances

8.1 General. The Chapter may raise revenues through contributions, fundraising activities or by applying for school funds available to student groups. At a minimum, the Chapter shall: maintain its funds in a segregated checking or savings account managed according to School standards; require the signatures of two officers to write a check or withdraw funds; incur financial obligations only when there is sufficient funding to honor the obligations; pay all debts in a prompt manner; and maintain accurate financial records showing all receipts and expenditures and all assets and liabilities of PCLS.

8.2 Distribution of Assets Upon Chapter Dissolution. Upon dissolution of PCLS by the termination of this Constitution or otherwise, all funds and any other assets of the chapter shall be distributed exclusively for charitable or educational purposes.

Article IX. Restrictions on Activities

PCLS cannot be a voluntary party in any litigation lobby (including the publishing or distribution of statements) or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; or participate or intervene in any political or judicial campaign on behalf of any candidate for office.

No part of the net income of PCLS shall inure to the benefit of its officers or other private persons, except that PCLS shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes.

Article X. Amendments

The Chapter may amend this Constitution by a 75% vote from members.