Whittier College School of Law

By-Laws of the Tax Law Society

Article I - Name
§1. The name of this organization shall be the Whittier College Tax Law Society.

Article II - Objectives
§1. It shall be the objectives of this association to provide an academic and informational network and forum for the law school regarding issues and principles of Tax Law; to work in conjunction with The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) so as to aide those for whom paid assistance may be out of reach as well as individuals age 60 and over.

Article III - Membership
§1. The membership of this association shall consist of all Whittier Law School students enrolled in good standing who have complied with requirements set forth in the by-laws, and any honorary non-voting community members interested in supporting the goals and function of our Society.

§2. This is an equal opportunity organization and will not deny membership to any student who meets the requirements above because of the student’s race, sex, religion, or national origin.

§3. Membership and Terms of Office shall run through the first general meeting of the following school year.

Article IV - Officers
§1. The officers shall be the President, vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

§2. The President shall be a student member and shall preside at all regular and special meetings.

§3. The Vice-President shall perform such duties as are delegated to him/her by the President, and shall represent the Society in the event the President is unable to preside.

§4. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall be the official custodian of all records. The Secretary/Treasurer shall collect all dues and monies and shall also be responsible for financial reports for The Student Bar Association if required for fund reimbursement.

§5. New officers shall be elected at the final meeting for the academic year. The terms of office shall be one (1) year, which shall begin at the close of the last general meeting of each school year.
Article V – Elections and Voting

§1. No member shall be allowed to vote in any election who is not in good standing with the organization.

§2. “Good Standing” is herein defined as follows: all dues paid to date, good academic standing, and freedom from all disciplinary action by the WLS standards.

§3. Only those members meeting the requirements of Section 2 of this Article shall be eligible for election to any office in this organization.

§4. Nominations for elective office in this organization will come from the floor at the general meeting when elections are held.

§5. In the event a member in good standing is unable to attend any voting session regarding by-laws or electing officers, said member will be allowed to submit his vote by signed petition delivered to the President, at least one week prior to said session.

Article VI - Meetings

§1. General meetings shall be held at least four (4) times during the school year.

§2. Announcements of the meetings will be posted in conspicuous school areas, on the Society board, and on the Faculty Director’s office door. Students unable to attend any meeting may put desired items for discussion in the Society mailbox at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

§3. A quorum of genera meetings shall be five persons or 1/5 of the entire membership, whichever is greater.

Article VII - Dues

§1. Annual dues shall be $18.00 per person. Students joining during Spring semester will pay $10.00.

Article VIII – Amendments

§1. Amendments to the By-laws will be deemed adopted upon a majority of those voting members attending.

§2. An amendment must be proposed to the President or Secretary in writing not less than three (3) weeks prior to the meeting, and be circulated among the general membership ten (10) days prior to the meeting in written form. However, all requirements of this rule may be waived by unanimous vote.