Phi Alpha Delta – Bylaws

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this Fraternity shall be
PHI ALPHA DELTA LAW FRATERNITY, INTERNATIONAL

ARTICLE II- Declaration of Purpose

The purpose of this Fraternity shall be to form a strong bond uniting students and teachers of the law with members of the Bench and Bar in a fraternal fellowship designed to advance the ideals of liberty and equal justice under the law; to stimulate excellence in scholarship; to inspire the virtues of compassion and courage; to foster integrity and professional competence; to promote the welfare of its members; and to encourage their moral, intellectual, and cultural advancement; so that each member may enjoy a lifetime of honorable professional and public service.

ARTICLE III – Constitution

The Chapter hereby adopts the International Constitution of Phi Alpha Delta and any amendments to the International Constitution as adopted by the International Executive Board. These by-laws are additions to said Constitution and in the event of a conflict the International Constitution shall be controlling.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

Section 1 – Composition

There shall be three categories of membership in this Fraternity; Law School, Alumni, and Honorary.

Section 2 – Eligibility

Eligibility for membership shall be as follows:

A. Law School Member
Any student in good standing with Western State University is eligible for membership upon completion of all membership requirements and the payment of all membership dues.

B. Alumni Member
Any person who has been licensed to practice law in, and is in good standing with, any jurisdiction recognized by the International Chapter or by the International Executive Board; any duly initiated law school member upon graduation from law school who is not the subject of any disciplinary proceedings resulting in temporary or permanent cessation of his or her license to practice law; any law graduate who is a member of the faculty of any law school; and any judge who qualified in any of the preceding categories prior to becoming a judge.

C. Honorary Member
Any person who has attained unusual distinction in the legal profession or in the field of law at least a statewide basis shall be eligible for honorary membership. The term of law shall embrace any person elected or appointed to a legislature or engaged in the execution, administration, or enforcement of the law, whether or not such person is a member of the legal profession.

Section 4 - Dual Membership

No member of any other law fraternity may become a member of this Fraternity unless such person first terminates such other membership. Any member of this Fraternity who accepts membership in any category in any other law fraternity shall, after such notice as the International Executive Board shall prescribe, automatically forfeit membership in this Fraternity provided that membership in such other law fraternity has not been terminated within sixty (60) days after such notice.

Section 5 – Termination of Membership

Membership of this Fraternity shall be terminated as follows:

A. Automatic Forfeiture
Any member whose license to practice law has been finally revoked by any legally constituted body having the power of revocation over the member, or has ceased to be licensed to practice law by reason of misconduct, shall automatically forfeit membership in this Fraternity, which forfeiture of membership shall remain in effect for so long as the disciplinary action shall remain in effect.

B. Expulsion
Any member charged with (1) violating the Membership Oath, Constitution, International By-Laws, or the By-Laws of any District or Chapter; or (2) otherwise engaging in unworthy conduct tending to bring disrepute on the Fraternity shall be subject to expulsion from this Fraternity.

C. Resignation
Any member may resign from this Fraternity by submitting his resignation to the Executive Director, and the resignation shall become effective sixty (60) days after such notification.
ARTICLE V – Officers

Section 1 – Composition

The Officers shall consist of members of the chapter, as follows:

A. Justice
B. Vice Justice
C. Clerk
D. Treasurer
E. Marshal
F. Other officers as needed and elected by the chapter

In addition a faculty advisor shall be appointed from among the full time faculty in good standing with Western State University.

Section 2 – Eligibility

All members of the Chapter, in good standing, are eligible to be elected to an office provided that they will not be graduating before the conclusion of their term of office.

Section 3 – How Elected

The positions of Justice, Vice Justice, Clerk, Treasurer, Marshal, and other established offices shall be elected form among the members of the Fraternity, by majority vote of the members present and voting, at a duly constituted meeting of the Chapter of the Fraternity, each to hold office for one (1) year or until a successor officer is elected and installed in office.

Section 4 – Vacancies

A. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Justice, the Vice Justice shall succeed to the office, and the Marshal shall become Vice Justice.

B. Should a vacancy occur in any other office the Chapter may elect a member of the Fraternity to said office.

Section 5 – Removal

Any member holding an elective office in this Fraternity shall be subject to removal from office, for good and sufficient cause, pursuant to procedures prescribed in the International By-Laws. Violation of the oath of office, including
malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance, shall constitute good and sufficient cause for removal from office of any such officer.

Section 6 – Duties of Chapter Officers

Each chapter officer shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the International By-Laws and the Chapter By-Laws.

The officers of the law school chapters and alumni chapters shall have the following duties:

A. Justice
The Justice shall: (1) be the chief executive and administrative officer of the chapter; (2) preside at all meetings of the chapter and decide all questions of law and order in the chapter; (3) be the principal ritualistic officer and shall cause the Ritual of the Fraternity to be properly exemplified on all appropriate occasions; (4) insure that all other chapter officers perform the duties of their respective offices; and (5) be responsible for the welfare and dignity of the chapter during the term of office.

B. Vice Justice
The Vice Justice shall: (1) assist the Justice in the performance of such chapter duties as may be requested by the Justice. In the event of absence, death, resignation, disqualification, or removal from office of the Justice, the Vice Justice shall perform the duties of the Justice: (2) be the public relations and historical officer of the chapter, provided, however, that Chapter By-Laws may assign such public relations and historical duties to another officer; (3) submit written articles of chapter and Fraternity interest to the Executive Director for publication; (4) perform such other duties relating to publicity as the chapter Justice or the Executive Director may request; and (5) furnish the International Historian with such historical information as may be requested.

C. Clerk
The Clerk shall: (1) be the chief recorder and correspondent of the chapter; (2) keep a true and complete record of all matters pertaining to the chapter and shall certify thereto when be the custodian of the chapter By-Laws, minutes, and administrative records; (3) be the custodian of the chapter By-Laws, minutes, administrative records and reports of the chapter; (4) maintain a record of all law school chapter, alumni, and honorary members, together with their current addresses, and shall dispatch notices of meetings to members as appropriate; (5) maintain close liaison with the Clerk of the local alumni chapter, the Alumni Advisor, and the Faculty Advisor; (6) be responsible for submitting the official reports required of the chapter by the International By-Laws; and (7) furnish the International Secretary, Executive Director, and the Chapter Justice with such information as each may request.
D. Treasurer
The Treasurer shall: (1) be the chief financial officer of the chapter; (2) have charge of all chapter funds and of the collection and disbursement thereof; (3) keep initiation fees and other chapter funds in separate accounts under trust and operating accounts, respectively as required by the International By-Laws, and shall certify prior to initiation that all financial obligations of the initiates have been paid; (4) pay out money on itemized vouchers countersigned by the Justice or the Vice Justice, when acting for the Justice; and (5) keep a complete chronological record of moneys as the Constitution and International By-Laws of this Fraternity prescribe and such reports and other information as the International Treasurer or the Executive Director shall request.

E. Marshal
The Marshal Shall: (1) have the custody of the Ritual paraphernalia an other physical property of the chapter and shall preserve the same in good order; (2) guard the chapter meeting rooms, admitting only those known to be members or associates; (3) be responsible for the proper instruction and preparation of associates and shall be in charge of them before and during their initiation; (4) see that the other chapter members, appointed by the Justice or by the Marshal, are properly prepared and rehearsed in discharging their assigned roles in Ritual ceremonies; and (5) perform such other duties as may be requested by the Executive Director or the Chapter Justice.

F. Faculty Advisor
The Faculty Advisor shall: (1) provide liaison between the chapter and the law school administration; (2) encourage and promote scholastic attainment by the chapter members. Such advisor shall cooperate with the Alumni Advisor in the performance of such Alumni Advisor™s perform such additional duties as the International Justice, International Executive Board, or the District Justice shall direct.

Section 7- Books and Papers
Every officer of every chapter shall, at the expiration of their terms, turn over to his or her successor all books, papers, documents, and paraphernalia belonging to the chapter which may be in the custody or under the control of the officers and shall render a true, just, and faithful account of their official trust and the treasurer shall, in addition, forthwith pay the successor such balances of the chapter moneys as shall be chargeable to the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 6 – Dues

Section 1 – Initiation Fee
A. Except as hereinafter provided, every law school initiate shall pay an International initiation fee of Seventy United States Dollars ($70.00) to the initiating chapter before initiation, provided that said fee shall become Seventy Dollars ($70.00) effective with initiates after December 1, 1996. The initiating chapter shall transmit such fee to the Executive Office within ten (10) days after the date of initiation. No initiation fee shall be paid by initiates into honorary membership or by initiates into alumni membership who are law school faculty members.

B. The law school initiation fee for persons who are Pre-Law members shall be reduced by Ten Dollars ($10.00).

C. The alumni initiation fee shall be One Hundred Dollars ($100.00).

Section 2 – Chapter Dues

A. Every member shall pay the dues set by the Chapter in the first month of each semester.

B. Dues shall be set by a majority vote of the members present and voting, at a duly constituted meeting of the Chapter of the Fraternity but shall never be less than Ten Dollars ($10.00) per semester.

ARTICLE VII – Fraternity Insignia

Section 1 – Coat-of-Arms

The Official Coat-of-Arms of this Fraternity shall be a design approved by the International Executive Board with due regard for the history and traditions of the Fraternity.

Section 2 – Seal

The Official Seal of this Fraternity shall be a design approved by the International Executive Board.

Section 3 – Color

The Official Colors of this Fraternity shall be Purple and Gold.

Section 4 – Jewelry

The Official Jewelry of this Fraternity shall consist of:

A. Association Pin
B. Membership Badge  
C. Monogram Recognition Pin  
D. Coat-of-Arms Recognition Button  
E. Official Key  
F. Alumnus Key  
G. Honorary Key  
H. Past Justice Key  
I. Past International Justice Key  
J. Distinguished Service Insignia

Section 5 – Flower

The Official Flower of the Fraternity shall be the Red Carnation.

Section 6 – Song

The Official Song of the Fraternity shall be the Phi Alpha Delta Song.

Section 7 – Flag

The official Flag of the Fraternity shall have the Official Coat-of-Arms in gold superimposed on a purple field which is bordered with gold fringe; and shall be of such size, shape, and material as may be approved by the International Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII – Amendments

Section 1 – By Whom Proposed

Amendments to the by-laws may be proposed by any law school or alumni member in good standing.

Section 2 – Procedures

Every proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Chapter Justice no less than five (5) days before a duly constituted meeting of the Chapter of the Fraternity and shall be read and distributed at said meeting.

Section 3 – Adoption of Amendment

The Chapter in a duly constituted meeting may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of ballots cast by members present and voting, approve any amendments submitted in accordance with Section 2 of this Article. When so approved, such amendment shall be effective as soon as adopted, unless otherwise provided by the amendment.