

**Constitution of the Consumer Advocacy and Protection Society (CAPS) at the  
University of California, Berkeley, School of Law**  
*2018–2019*

**Article I - Name**

Consumer Advocacy and Protection Society  
(CAPS)

**Article II - Purpose**

The Berkeley Consumer Advocacy and Protection Society (CAPS) is dedicated to fostering research, discussion, and advocacy in the field of Consumer Protection Law. We are committed to strengthening ties between consumer law groups and the Berkeley Law community. We work to:

1. create networks between consumer law attorneys, advocacy organizations, and the Berkeley Law student body in order to promote the field of consumer protection law and provide training opportunities for students;
2. foster community among student advocates whose interests intersect with consumer protection; and
3. encourage and maintain consumer protection curriculum and clinic opportunities at Berkeley Law.

**Article III - Membership**

Only currently registered students, faculty, and staff may be active members in a registered student organization. Only active members may vote or hold office.

We will not haze according to California State Law.

We will not restrict membership based upon race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy (including pregnancy, childbirth, and medical conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth), physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, or service in the uniformed services (including membership, application for membership, performance of service, application for service, or obligation for service in the uniformed services.)

**Article IV - Officers & Elections**

The CAPS leadership team consists of:

Chair -- Responsible for keeping team on track and effective, coordinating monthly executive team meetings, recruitment activities (tabling, etc.), monitoring email account and maintaining member lists, and communicating with faculty advisors.

Treasurer -- Responsible for applying for funds, maintaining budgets, facilitating reimbursement requests, and planning at least one CP event during the year.

Outreach Coordinator -- Responsible for working with alumni to plan the annual alumni reception, maintaining contacts with CDO to develop & promote CP related events and resources, and attending monthly BCLT meetings.

Executive Team General Position (x2) -- Responsible for planning CP events [speakers, panels, lunch discussions], assisting and attending recruitment, alumni, and general events, and providing ideas, enthusiasm, and outreach.

Elections will be held once a year in the spring semester. Officers will serve for one year. The president is the primary contact, and the leadership team are signatories. The exact composition of the leadership team is flexible based on student interest.

### **Article V - Meetings**

CAPS will hold one general meeting per semester, and two leadership team meetings per semester. Meetings will be called by the President.

### **Article VI - Constitutional Amendments**

Any active member can propose a constitutional amendment by email the president. CAPS leadership team will contact general members by email if an amendment is going to be voted on. An amendment will need a 2/3 majority vote from your active membership to pass. All amendments, additions or deletions to this document must be filed with the LEAD Center in 432 Eshleman Hall.

### **Article VII - Dissolution**

Dissolution will be decided by consensus within the leadership team.

If the organization is ASUC or GA Sponsored, all unspent ASUC funds shall return to the ASUC; all Graduate Assembly funds shall return to the Graduate Assembly. If the organization is defunct for five (5) or more years, any privately obtained funds (including any funds left in miscellaneous accounts) shall be donated to the following nonprofit organization: the East Bay Community Law Center.

In the event that the designated nonprofit organization no longer exists or has ceased to be a nonprofit, then the unspent funds shall be donated to the ASUC.