

**Constitution of the Consumer Advocacy and Protection Society (CAPS) at the  
University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law**  
2019–2020

**Article I - Name**

Consumer Advocacy and Protection Society (CAPS)

**Article II - Purpose**

The Utah 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 Utah Law community. We work to:

1. create networks between consumer law attorneys, advocacy organizations, and the Utah 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;
3. encourage and maintain consumer protection curriculum and clinic opportunities through the S.J. Quinney College of Law; and
4. foster collaboration and discussion between other law schools with similar student groups.

**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 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:

**President**

Will be responsible for the refinement and implementation of the big picture plans and will be a resource for every other board member who needs assistance with their responsibilities.

**Vice President**

Will schedule and document all of the organization's meetings, votes, and proceedings. Will also help with implementation and refinement of big picture plans and will also be available to help all other board members with their duties as needed.

### **Secretary and Treasurer**

Will be responsible for all college of law, ASUU, and any other logistical housekeeping necessary to maintain and grow the organization including registration renewal and other requirements. once the organization has actual funding and expenses this position will also keep the basic financial record and manage any bank account as needed. As the organization grows this may be split into two positions, a separate secretary and treasurer.

### **Academic Outreach**

Will be responsible for promoting our organization's presence among other law schools with similar organizations. This includes participating in conference calls and composing emails. This will also include fostering collaboration between other departments at the University of Utah like Hinkley and others.

### **Community Outreach**

Will be responsible for making our presence in the local community more visible and for fostering national connections to the broader consumer advocacy community. This will include liaising with the Consumer Federation of America and potentially other businesses and organizations.

### **Media and Online Presence**

Will be responsible for posting and promoting board approved content on blogs, websites, and social media outlets. This position may also ultimately include overseeing logistical issues like ensuring website hosting is current etc.

### **Membership Representative**

Will be responsible for fostering student membership and may one day include fostering membership of non-students in the community. This may include the planning and execution of an annual membership event.

### **Alumni Board Member**

This position should be filled by a recent graduate who was a member of the organization while they were a student. This position will be responsible for helping maintain a smooth transition between boards and fostering the execution of long-term plans.

### **Attorney Board Member**

This position should be filled by a practicing attorney from the Salt Lake market who is engaged with consumer protection law either Academically or in practice.

Elections will be held once a year in the fall 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 in addition to approval from the current President and faculty advisor. All amendments, additions or deletions to this document must be filed with the ASUU.

#### **Article VII - Dissolution**

Dissolution will be decided by consensus within the leadership team and approved by the faculty advisor.

If the organization is ASUU sponsored, all unspent ASUU funds shall return to the ASUU. 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 a nonprofit organization of the most recent leadership teams choosing.

If the designated nonprofit organization no longer exists or has ceased to be a nonprofit, then the unspent funds shall be donated to the ASUU.

#### **Article VIII – Statement of Compliance**

We agree to abide by all regulations described in the Guidelines for Recognized Student Organizations, all University policies, in addition to all federal, state, and local laws.

#### **Article IX – Governance**

This organization shall be governed by this Constitution, its bylaws, and the rules and regulations of the S.J. Quinney College of Law