

**CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY
LAW STUDENT MINISTRIES
STUDENT CHAPTER MANUAL**

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What does the LORD require of you?

To Act Justly

And to Love Mercy

And to Walk Humbly with Your God.

Micah 6:8

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INTRODUCTION

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of God,
have mercy upon me.

*The "Jesus Prayer,"
6th-7th Centuries*

Thus says the LORD:
Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom,
do not let the mighty boast in their might,
do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth;
but let those who boast boast in this:
that they understand and know me,
that I am the LORD;
I act with steadfast love, justice,
and righteousness in the earth,
for in these things I delight,
says the LORD.

Jeremiah 9:23-24



WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY?

CLS members are unified theologically by their affirmation of a common statement of faith setting forth the cardinal doctrines of Christianity. The Society's diverse, yet unified, membership contributes to its unique mission:

To be the national grassroots network of lawyers and law students, committed to proclaiming, loving and serving Jesus Christ, through all we do and say in the practice of law, and advocating biblical conflict reconciliation, public justice, religious freedom and the sanctity of human life.

ORGANIZATION

- CLS, founded in 1961, is a national non-profit organization serving thousands of Christian attorneys, judges, law professors, law students, and paralegals. It is headquartered in Springfield, Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C.
- CLS is represented by a broad and diverse Christian Membership: CLS' membership reflects the broad spectrum of Christendom, encompassing the Orthodox and Roman Catholic traditions, as well as numerous denominations of Protestantism.
- **CLS seeks to "do justice with the love of God" through its four ministries:**
 - **Membership Ministries**
 - **Center for Law and Religious Freedom**
 - **Legal Aid Ministries**
 - **Law Student Ministries**

FOUR MINISTRIES

1. Attorney Ministries

The goal of Membership Ministries is to foster a national network of Christians in the law by: (1) encouraging attorneys and others to represent Jesus Christ in all they do or say in the practice of law; (2) nurturing local attorney chapters and fellowship groups in cities across the country; (3) hosting national and regional conferences to explore important spiritual and legal topics and to provide networking opportunities; (4) encouraging members in their work with other organizations to promote justice, reconciliation, religious freedom and the sanctity of life; and (5) maintaining a comprehensive CLS website and a national directory of Christian lawyers-- the only ones of their kind-- as tools for ministry, fellowship, client referrals, and networking.

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2. Center for Law and Religious Freedom

Founded in 1975, the Center for Law and Religious Freedom (CLRF) is the oldest Christian advocate for religious liberty organization in the country. Through test case litigation, “friend of the court” briefs, and governmental advocacy, the Center strives to advance religious freedom through the legal system. The Center has earned a reputation with the federal judiciary, members of Congress, churches, the media, and the public as a leading source of balanced First Amendment expertise. In 1993, the Center expanded its scope to defend the sanctity of human life in precedent-setting cases.

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Legal Aid Ministries serves the common good by building and nurturing a national legal aid network. In the spirit of the numerous Old Testament “widow and orphan” passages, this ministry equips full-time legal aid attorneys and volunteer *pro bono* practitioners and law students to provide free legal services to the poor, oppressed and unfortunate.

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4. Law Student Ministries

Law Student Ministries (LSM) is a national ministry committed to reaching the nation's law school campuses for Christ. LSM is discipling the next generation of lawyers by supporting Christian law fellowships on over 160 law school campuses and at a handful of strategic Christian colleges. In carrying out this mission, LSM seeks to encourage students in spiritual formation, compassionate outreach, and integration of faith and learning—to help students understand law as a Christian calling. This three-fold ministry model affirms that the Lord, “a God of justice” (Isa. 30:18), is the supreme lawgiver and that His law serves as an immutable standard by which to assess human law.

In addition, in partnership with Regent University School of Law, LSM provides resources for law students, lawyers, and professors through the Institute for Christian Legal Studies (ICLS). ICLS provides materials and encouragement to students who seek to serve God in their law school studies and in their vocation as Christian lawyers. The ICLS director visits approximately forty campuses a year to meet with students and professors and to encourage and support student leaders. The ICLS website, Cross & Gavel, (www.crossandgavel.org), provides an extensive bibliography, weekly podcasts, discussion forums, and a variety of diverse resources geared toward Christian calling in the law.

Finally, CLS, Regent Law, and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship USA have begun working more closely on law school campuses, with InterVarsity staff available to minister to law students in partnership with LSM. Your local IVCF Graduate and Faculty Ministry staff person is a valuable resource for your ministry on campus. If you'd like to get in touch with your campus staffer, please contact Katherine Sager, Director, IVCF Professional School Ministries, at ksager@ivcf.org or Mike Schutt, IVCF's LSM coordinator.

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Additional Resources and Services

- CLS Website and Internet tools: www.clsnet.org. Visit the website to learn of events and ministry-related opportunities; find articles on important legal issues and Bible studies tailored for Christian attorneys and law students; and obtain briefings and training materials on religious liberty, legal aid for the poor, mediation and conciliation, the sanctity of human life, and a host of other topics.
- ICLS Resources: www.crossandgavel.org. ICLS produces materials designed to help students approach their studies and practice as Christian vocation. An extensive bibliography, study guides, podcasts, and more are available at Cross & Gavel.
- *The Christian Lawyer* magazine, printed quarterly, includes articles from all four of CLS' ministries, as well as other important Christian topics.
- The CLS Email Newsletter: Keeps CLS members current about each other and about developments within the organization.
- *The Christian Lawyer Digest*, a CD/CDROM series sent twice a year. It explores social and legal issues affecting the nation, the profession as a whole, and Christians in the law.

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- Defends religious liberty and the sanctity of human life in courts and legislatures

- Builds and maintains a national network of legal aid for the poor

- Supports Christian law fellowships at law school campuses
- Trains and equips students through CLS' Threefold Ministry Model
- ICLS provides resources and encouragement to students and LSM chapters and supports mentors on campus.

CHAPTER 1

BEGINNING A STUDENT CHAPTER

Unless the LORD builds the house,
its builders labor in vain.

Psalm 127:1

May our Lord Jesus Christ be
near us to defend us,
within us to refresh us,
around us to preserve us,
before us to guide us,
behind us to justify us,
above us to bless us.

Who lives and reigns with
the Father, and the Holy Spirit,
God for evermore.

Amen.

10th Century Prayer

INTRODUCTION

Few experiences in life can be as hazardous to a Christian's faith as studying for three or more years at an American law school. Surrounded by academic world views that deny the transcendent and by a professional milieu that stresses worldly "wisdom," "might," and "wealth" rather than knowing God (Jeremiah 9:23-24), the Christian law student who fails to zealously guard his or her faith will be worn down and succumb to beliefs, outlooks, and attitudes that are irreconcilable with Christianity.

Because law school is the formative period in an attorney's life--setting patterns and habits that will long endure and, in the case of bad tendencies, will only be broken with anguish--it is imperative that Christian law students seek out one another for fellowship, encouragement, and accountability. As a supplement to involvement in the local church, a Christian law fellowship should facilitate a closer relationship with Christ, so that in the words of the 10th century prayer, He may defend, refresh, preserve, guide, justify, and bless us.

I. STARTING TO BUILD A STUDENT CHAPTER

Beset by the stresses and "busyness" of law school, where should Christian students begin when it comes to starting a fellowship group?

- They should begin in prayer, meditating on the words of the psalmist, "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain." (Psalm 127:1)
- They should prayerfully commit the task to the Lord after "counting the cost" (Luke 14:28-30), entering upon the endeavor only after recognizing that it will entail planning and hard work, especially at the beginning when only one or two students may be taking the initiative.
- Finally, they should undertake the task with an understanding that the biblical concept of leadership requires them to be servants (Matthew 20:25-28).

After committing the task to the Lord in prayer and counting the cost, CLS suggests that the student leaders take the steps outlined below:

A. ***Become Familiar with Law Student Ministries (LSM).***

Perhaps the most practical step initially is to familiarize yourself with Law Student Ministries of the Christian Legal Society. Starting in mid-August of every year, LSM launches its Resource Packet Program. This program consists of one or more resource mailings to a designated student leader (known as the Key Contact) or chapter advisor of every school's fellowship. These mailings contain materials essential to implementing CLS' Threefold Ministry Model: spiritual formation, compassionate outreach in the name of Christ, and learning to submit every aspect of one's calling in law to the Lordship of Christ.

1. If your fellowship group receives these package mailings, it is imperative that the group's leaders read the CLS Student Chapter Manual, the CLS membership application and the LSM brochure included in the mailings. In addition, take the time right away to browse the CLS website at www.clsnet.org.
2. If your group did not receive the Resource Packet in August, contact LSM immediately and enroll now to receive the free resource mailings. While waiting for the Resource mailings, begin contacting other Christian students as outlined

below as well as viewing important information on the CLS website under the LSM section at www.clsnet.org.

B. Identify Other Christian Students.

Identify and contact other Christian students who might be interested in helping you to form a chapter. How?

1. Check to see if your school is listed in the current **Key Contact List Directory** included on the CLS website www.clsnet.org. If your school is not listed in the directory, contact Law Student Ministries at lsm@clsnet.org; LSM may know of one or more students at your school who are already CLS members.
2. If your school has a student activity or organization day at the beginning of the year, it is extremely important for you to obtain permission from your school to set up a table at the event. This has proven to be the single most effective means of identifying other Christian law students. Display some of the materials from the Student Resource Packet mailing at your table; in addition, be sure to have a one-page handout describing your local CLS chapter.
3. Contact other law students directly, informing them that you are starting a CLS chapter, briefly explaining what you seek to do and announcing the date, time and location of the first meeting. Always include the name, telephone number and e-mail address of a key student or students who can give more information about the chapter and take sign-ups. Assuming you obtain permission from school authorities, common sources of advertising or exposure to the law school community include:
 - a. The school newspaper;
 - b. Fliers placed in the student lounge, cafeteria, foyers, and other strategic locations;
 - c. Banners or large posters placed in high-visibility areas, such as on bulletin boards;
 - d. Information services of campus ministries;
 - e. Student folders or mailboxes and e-mail addresses;
 - f. Sign-up sheets posted in student lounges or other high-traffic areas; and,
 - g. Written notices on blackboards and verbal announcements in classes or at student events (before doing this, be sure to receive permission from school administrators and instructors).
4. Note that the *Resource Packet* includes an attractive CLS poster, with a blank space to fill in the name of a local student contact.

C. *The First Meeting.*

Plan your first organizational meeting and announce the time and place through the most effective means of communication at your school. At the first meeting, you should consider doing the following:

1. Commit the endeavor to the Lord by opening the meeting in prayer. (Luke 18:1-8; Philippians 4:4-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17; and Ephesians 6:18)
2. Pass around a sign-up sheet to gather essential information--name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, year in school, and hobbies and interests. Ask those present if they know the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of other students who may be interested in CLS.
3. Allow about 15 minutes for those present to get to know one another. An icebreaker or short game is helpful in this regard. Another technique is to use a "buddy" system: break up the group into buddy pairs; allow time for the students in each pair to get to know one another; then reconvene the group and have each student introduce their buddy to the group.
4. Discuss what the chapter should accomplish and what needs it should meet. A good place to start in addressing this issue is the LSM Threefold Ministry Model discussed in chapter 2 of this manual. Encourage an open forum environment, so that everyone will feel comfortable sharing their ideas.
5. Discuss the option of becoming an officially recognized student chapter of the Christian Legal Society. For reasons outlined in this manual and in other materials in the Resource Packet, we recommend that your student group officially organize and affiliate as a CLS student chapter. The affiliation process is discussed in section II of this chapter.
6. Determine who will serve as the leaders or officers of the fellowship. Depending on the size of the group, you will generally need three to five officers. If the group decides to formally affiliate with CLS, the chapter's officers will need to join CLS, which entails filling out an application containing a statement of faith and paying annual dues. Students are encouraged to sign up online where they can receive a discount on the membership fee!
7. Make sure to schedule a second meeting or a special event at the end of the first meeting.
8. Either at the end of the first meeting or shortly thereafter, those committed to organizing the chapter should divide up the names of all the students at your school who are interested in the group. Make sure to follow up **personally** with these students and to:
 - a. Take the time to cultivate friendships and relationships (for many students, law school is one of the loneliest times of their lives);
 - b. Explain the chapter's purposes to them, invite them to the next meeting, and ask them how the group can meet their needs and concerns; and,
 - c. Consistently pray for them.

D. *Become a Recognized Student Group at Your School.*

Find out how to become a recognized student organization at your school. A good place to start is to inquire at the Dean's office; at many law schools, the Student Bar Association (SBA) oversees the process of certifying student groups. The importance of formal recognition is that it gives you access to the school's facilities, forums, and means of communication and sometimes even funding. Being recognized and an official student group is also the cheapest form of public relations that you can have since your scheduled events could appear on the school's calendars!

E. *Decide on an Annual Plan.*

In order for the chapter to be unified and focused, it is essential that its leaders and members adopt an annual vision or plan for the group within the first two to three weeks of the school year. This will give the chapter purpose and direction, allowing it to tailor meetings and activities to its general aims and to smoothly transition into new leadership. For suggestions in this regard, refer to LSM's Threefold Ministry Model discussed in chapter 2 of this manual, and the CLS Student Chapter Constitution, located in the back of this manual.

F. *Get to Know Available Resources*

To facilitate the organization, management and promotion of your fellowship group, it is important to get to know and keep track of available resources and interested organizations. Some of these resources are:

1. LSM Staff

LSM can connect you with other law school chapters, local attorneys, law professors who are CLS members and other organizations that work with CLS. In addition, visit the CLS website to learn of events and ministry-related opportunities; find articles on important legal issues and Bible studies tailored for Christian attorneys and law students; and obtain briefings and training materials on religious liberty, legal aid for the poor, mediation and conciliation, the sanctity of human life, and a host of other topics.

2. ICLS Resources

ICLS produces materials designed to help students approach their studies and practice as Christian vocation. An extensive bibliography, study guides, podcasts, and more are available at Cross & Gavel website: www.crossandgavel.org. In addition, ICLS Director Mike Schutt is available to provide advice and direction via phone or email or to visit your campus to provide encouragement and support. Contact him at mschutt@clsnet.org.

3. Chapter Advisor

If your fellowship group is fortunate enough to have a CLS attorney, CLS law professor or staff member of another campus ministry as an advisor, make sure to keep him or her informed of the chapter's activities. If your group does not have an advisor, the LSM staff will work with you to try to locate one. Additionally, CLS, Regent Law, and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship USA have begun working more closely on law school campuses, with InterVarsity staff available to minister to law students in partnership with LSM. Your local IVCF Graduate and Faculty Ministry staff person is a valuable resource for your ministry on campus. If you'd like to get in touch with your campus staffer, please

contact Katherine Sager, Director, IVCF Professional School Ministries, at ksager@ivcf.org or Mike Schutt, IVCF's LSM coordinator.

4. Chapter Members

Take a survey of chapter members to discover their needs, personal goals and the talents and skills they can bring to the chapter.

5. The Law School Community

Gather information from the Student Activities Office, the SBA, Student Government and other sources on campus to discover:

- a. what resources are available to student groups;
- b. the perceptions and attitudes of students and faculty toward CLS and the local Christian Law Fellowship;
- c. the goals of other student organizations and the possibility of cosponsoring events with groups sharing your basic aims.

6. The School Newspaper

Publish an article discussing the formation of your chapter and its goals and any scheduled events and fundraisers.

7. Other CLS Fellowships.

Other Christian law fellowships, particularly those which are older, can be an invaluable resource, providing encouragement and a wealth of information. Consider co-sponsoring an event with a local attorney chapter or with another student chapter at a law school in the area. For contacts at other Christian law fellowships, please contact the LSM office at lsm@clsnet.org or (703) 642-1070 Ext. 3304.

8. Local Churches and Other Campus Ministries

Your local church and ministries such as InterVarsity, Campus Crusade, Search and the Navigators can provide a broad array of resources, materials, and insights on maintaining a campus fellowship group. LSM has developed partnerships with some of these ministries and would be happy to facilitate collaborations on the local level. As previously mentioned, please use your local InterVarsity Graduate and Faculty Ministry staff person as a valuable resource

These are just a few pointers on getting started. If you have questions or need guidance, please do not hesitate to contact Law Student Ministries. **The LSM staff exists to help you glorify God by developing a strong Christian Law Fellowship on your campus.**

II. AFFILIATION WITH CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

By affiliating with CLS, a college or law school chapter does not lose its primary identity as a local fellowship of Christian students. Instead, by becoming an official CLS student chapter, the group gains valuable benefits and joins “a national grassroots network of lawyers and law students, committed to proclaiming, loving and serving Jesus Christ, through all we do and say in the practice of law, and advocating biblical conflict reconciliation, public justice, religious freedom and the sanctity of human life.”

A. *Why Affiliate with CLS?*

Many of the reasons for affiliating your fellowship group with CLS are enumerated in the handout, "10 Reasons Why a Student Should Join Christian Legal Society."¹ Other benefits of affiliating include:

1. The group may promote its meetings and activities with the nationally-recognized name of "Christian Legal Society" and with CLS symbols and trademarks. For example, an affiliated student chapter may reproduce the familiar CLS cross/scales-of-justice symbol, use the CLS and LSM mottos, and state that a speaker is sponsored by CLS or by one of its four ministries.
2. The chapter will have more immediate access to the resources and staffs of CLS and Law Student Ministries, and will become a priority group for speaking engagements when CLS and LSM staff members travel to your area.
3. Affiliating encourages Christian law students to formally gather under a common cause and protect their identity as a Christian group. They can represent themselves to the university as an organized chapter with a Constitution as well as committing to a statement of faith, which prevents people with opposing belief systems from changing the nature of the group.

B. *How to Affiliate with CLS*

Affiliating with CLS is a relatively easy task. Three chapter officers who are members of CLS must sign BOTH the Constitution and Affiliation Agreement set forth in appendix 2 of this manual and mail both documents to the LSM Director, who will forward them to the CLS Executive Director for approval. After receiving an official letter of recognition from the CLS Executive Director, the group can operate as a recognized CLS student chapter. Please note that if you amend the Constitution, the approval process takes longer. Furthermore, no amendment to the Constitution shall have any validity unless first approved by the CLS Executive Director. For a detailed explanation of the affiliation process, see the Student Chapter Constitution, art. X, located at the back of this manual.

An Important Word of Caution! Be certain of ALL the terms and conditions your school places on student groups seeking registered or recognized status before you

¹ See CLS's Student page at www.clsnet.org

begin the process of registering your chapter with the school. Many universities and colleges require student groups to adhere to a nondiscrimination policy as a condition of becoming a recognized or registered student organization. An increasing number of these nondiscrimination policies require student organizations to agree not to take religion, creed, or "sexual orientation" (usually understood by law schools to include participation in extramarital sexual conduct) into account when selecting leaders and voting members. Because conditioning recognition upon such an agreement is inconsistent with the U.S. Constitution's protections of religious freedom as well as the CLS Constitution for Law School Chapters, you should not agree to a nondiscrimination policy more expansive than the Equal Opportunity and Equal Access statement contained in Paragraph 4.1 of the form constitution for CLS Student Chapters found in Appendix 2. If your school imposes such a non-discrimination requirement upon student groups, **IMMEDIATELY** contact the Law Student Ministry offices at (703) 642-1070 x 3300 or lsm@clsnet.org and we will put you in touch with CLS' Center for Law and Religious Freedom (see page 30 about how to resolve difficulties with the university).

CHAPTER 2

RUNNING A STUDENT CHAPTER

Therefore, since we are surrounded by
such a great cloud of witnesses,
let us throw off everything that hinders
and the sin that so easily entangles,
and let us run with perseverance
the race marked out for us.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the author and perfecter of our faith
who for the joy set before him
endured the cross, scorning its shame,
and sat down at the right hand
of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

LORD GOD almighty, ... I thank you today
for the privilege of being counted among those
who have witnessed to you with their lives;
of sharing the cup of suffering which Christ drank;
and of rising again to life everlasting with Him, in
body and soul, and in the immortality of the Holy Spirit.

May I be received today into your presence,
a costly sacrifice and so an acceptable one....

For this, and for all the other things
you have done for me, I bless and glorify you,
through our eternal high priest in heaven,
your dear Son, Jesus Christ, who shares with you
and the Holy Spirit glory forever. Amen.

*Last Prayer of Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna
Martyred in the 2nd Century*

INTRODUCTION

The decision to begin a Christian law fellowship is only the first step. Too often, well-intentioned student leaders start the school year with great zeal, but lack the commitment or drive to follow through as things get more hectic down the stretch.

This chapter manual gives practical guidance on how to maintain a vibrant CLS group at your school and discusses the importance of insuring a smooth transition of leadership from one year to the next and of cultivating a good relationship with university authorities.

I. MAINTAINING THE CHAPTER

Maintaining a Christian law fellowship will require dedication and hard work, and can easily lead to discouragement if you lose your spiritual focus and begin to measure success by worldly standards rather than by the Lord's priorities. Resist the temptation to measure your effectiveness by the number of students who actively attend its functions or by whether the chapter achieves "prominence" on campus. Do the best you can to plan and promote activities, and then minister to the students who the Lord brings you, whether it be two or twenty. At one elite law school, a thriving Christian fellowship exists today because a number of years ago a single student obtained recognition for a CLS chapter and for six months showed up weekly, most of the time alone, to a reserved room to pray and read the Bible.

A. *The Chapter Leaders or Leadership Team*

The chapter's leaders, generally three to five in number, should be committed Christians willing to devote time and energy to the group. (Galatians 5:22-26) Remember that the essence of Christian leadership is redemptive servanthood. (John 13:12-17)

Chapter leaders or officers must exemplify the highest standards of morality as set forth in Scripture, abstaining from "acts of the sinful nature," including those in Galatians 5:19-21; Exodus 20; Matthew 15:19; Romans 1:27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. This does not, however, bar all who have ever committed such sins from holding office, so long as they have since repented of these sins (1 Corinthians 6:11, Ephesians 2:1-9, Titus 3:3-7) and so manifest "the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23) that their profession of Christian faith is credible.

The leaders should meet at least twice a month as a team to pray for one another and for other members, to cultivate a spirit of unity and friendship, and to plan the group's meetings and events. In addition, the leadership team should do the following:

1. If your student leadership team comes about informally, students who volunteer should occupy the offices most suited to their strengths and talents. For example, in general the student who is president should be a leader and peacemaker, evidencing self-control and an ability to motivate the leadership to work as a team.
2. If possible, invite an advisor of the same moral standards who is a committed CLS attorney, law professor or who is on staff with a ministry such as InterVarsity, the

student leaders should invite him or her to attend the leadership team meetings.

Advisor's Role: To provide spiritual and professional guidance and encouragement to the student leadership team of a Christian law fellowship or CLS chapter. The advisor should cultivate a close working relationship with the student leaders; meeting with the leadership team at least twice a semester and staying in consistent touch with the team through e-mail messages and telephone calls.

The advisor's primary responsibilities are to serve as the point of contact for LSM with the student group. For a draft job description of the LSM Chapter Advisor, go to Chapter Manual section at the CLS website: www.clsnet.org.

3. The maintenance of a vibrant chapter rests in large part on the ability of its leaders to motivate the general membership to undertake the group's activities and responsibilities. **Great Christian leaders are those who inspire others to exercise their talents and expend their resources to the fullest extent for the glory of God.**

B. *Some General Guidance*

Once the student leadership team is in place and functioning, the fellowship will have to address a host of questions--both practical and policy-oriented in nature. Perhaps the following advice, derived from CLS' wealth of experience working with student and attorney chapters, will provide some guidance in this regard:

1. Events and Activities:
 - a. Be sensitive to the spouses and families of law students and make a conscious effort to invite spouses to many activities and children to social events such as parties, picnics, and meals.
 - b. Before launching into an event or activity, consider questions such as the following: Does the activity further the chapter's stated mission and purposes? What group do you hope to serve or reach?
 - c. Per LSM Policy, make it clear to the campus community that all events and activities, even Bible studies and worship times, are open to any student desiring to attend.
 - d. To more effectively reach out to the campus community, LSM recommends that CLS chapters co-sponsor events with other "like-minded" student groups such as the Jewish Law Students for a "Law and Religion Week" or cosponsor service projects or "Professional Ethics" forums with the SBA (Student Bar Association) or topically relevant events with various organizations.
2. **CLS National Conference: Send at least one or two student leaders (or future leaders) to CLS' National Conference, held every year in mid to late October.** CLS maintains a very effective program for assisting students to raise money to attend the conference and Law Student Ministries awards quite a few conference scholarships every year.
3. Funding: Take advantage of school funding for student groups. LSM chapters have

a Constitutional right to obtain any funding available to student groups. If your school withholds funding from LSM chapters because of their "religious" nature, please contact LSM or CLRF immediately so we can help you work out the problems.

4. Transition: Begin early in the school year to identify and disciple the chapter's future leaders. New officers should be chosen in the winter before the school year in which they are to commence service and immediately provide all their contact information to LSM by simply emailing the staff at lsm@clsnet.org.
5. Chapter Records and Directory: Appoint an administratively gifted member to assemble a Chapter Records and Directory to record decisions, procedures, resources, and ideas. This document should also include a current list of officers and various chapter members, contact information for helpful resource people and partnering organizations, the contact information for the LSM office at CLS headquarters, and your school's procedures for governing student organizations (e.g., application process for school funding).

C. *LSM's Threefold Ministry Model*

In accordance with the great commandment (Matthew 22:37-40), it is CLS' goal that student chapters cultivate a heart for knowing God and for serving the campus community. To achieve this goal, CLS has adopted a Threefold Ministry Model for its student and attorney chapters. The model encourages fellowships to function on three interrelated levels:

1. Spiritual Formation: Cultivating spiritual growth on a regular basis through communal prayer, fellowship, and worship; learning to share one's faith; and devotional study of the Bible and classic Christian works.
2. Compassionate Outreach: Showing the love of Christ to the campus community by proclaiming the gospel in word and in deed, such as through a life of integrity and charitable good works.
3. Christian Calling in the Law: Addressing the question, "What does it mean to be a Christian in law?", that is, submitting every aspect of one's calling in the legal profession to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Based on years of working with student and attorney chapters and with campus ministries such as InterVarsity, Campus Crusade, Search and the Navigators, CLS has observed that the most vibrant chapters are those committed in a practical way to implementing all three of these levels--spiritual formation, compassionate outreach, and Christian calling in law.

D. Implementing Level 1: Spiritual Formation.

This level of activity consists primarily of a core group of Christian students and interested non-Christian classmates meeting on a regular basis (once a week or at least two to three times a month) for Bible study, prayer, worship and fellowship. By way of clarification, participation in a Christian law fellowship should not be viewed as a substitute for involvement in a local church.

LSM fully expects students to faithfully attend and be involved in local churches as well. CLS chapters, particularly when it comes to spiritual formation, seek to supplement the work of the church by providing a unique fellowship for students facing careers in a materialistic and often hostile profession. Second and third year law students should actively help first-year students to get integrated into Christ-honoring churches in the area.

1. Remember that the goal of this level is to glorify God by growing spiritually in both an individual and communal sense. **Resist the temptation so prevalent among law and pre-law students to turn the meeting into an intellectual exercise characterized by obtuse nitpicking, combative debate, and Socratic questioning. This is your time to fellowship with other believers in a safe place within the walls of your school.**
2. Use the time to praise God for who He is and what He has done, to pray and sing together, and to study a book of the Bible, a Christian classic such as J.I. Packer's *Knowing God*, or materials issued by campus ministries. The strongest chapters adopt an approach that combines the devotional (the heart) with the cerebral (the mind).
3. Prayerfully choose a course of study--a book of the Bible, a Christian classic, or other materials--that will facilitate spiritual growth among the chapter's members. Some of these materials are described in the CLS Resource List available at CLS' website or from LSM. In addition, the *Resource Packet* includes several sample CLS Bible Studies, essays and articles on spiritual growth, and small group discussion materials. These materials are also now available on-line for you to view and print off.
4. Adopt an interactive discussion format to facilitate sharing and discussion for the small group meeting and make sure to rotate the leadership of the study every week or two. You should also use this time to pray for your non-Christian friends and to learn how to share your faith through "lifestyle evangelism."
5. If the small group decides to study a book of the Bible, obtain a copy of a reliable lay commentary to provide a solid theological, historical and factual foundation. LSM can provide these materials.
6. Attend CLS conferences, retreats, attorney chapter breakfasts, and other Christian events that further the purposes of the student fellowship.

E. *Implementing Level 2: Compassionate Outreach in Christ's Name*

A second and related level of activity entails CLS student chapters showing the love of Christ by undertaking charitable endeavors on their campuses and in their communities.

1. Carefully assess the needs of its campus and surrounding community and to adopt a service project that will thereafter be associated year after year with the chapter. This approach honors Christ by bringing stability and continuity to law fellowships and by steadily increasing the community's goodwill toward the fellowships.
2. Do not impose an unrealistic or overwhelming burden. The expectation is that a chapter carryout only one major service project a year or, at most, one per semester. In addition, you can hold small on-campus endeavors, such as providing refreshments for classmates during exam weeks ("lucky lollipops") or sponsoring helpful informational or "how-to" forums for first year law students.
3. For a list of suggested Level 2 activities go to www.clsnet.org (look under LSM Resources).

F. *Implementing Level 3: Following Christ in the Legal Profession*

Level 3 is designed to challenge students contemplating careers in the law to **integrate** faith and practice in at least three senses: to think "Christianly" about their future profession, to begin to formulate a Christian jurisprudence, and to explore the application of biblical truth to issues confronting Christians in the law and in society at large. Although these aims are perhaps the most distinctive contribution that CLS and its fellowship groups can make, **it deserves emphasis that level 3 cannot occur in a deep and meaningful sense apart from dynamic activity within the first two levels of the Threefold Ministry Model.**

This integration of faith and practice, however, is almost universally neglected by today's law students. In fact, contemporary Christians of all stripes have relegated the life of the mind and the pursuit of so-called "secular" work to the perpetual back burner. Until we grasp that the life in the law is a Christian calling and that we need to develop our Christian minds to "demolish strongholds" in our culture (see 2 Cor. 10:5), we will not be who God wants us to be as lawyers.

1. We cannot really be "Christian" law students unless we begin to think "Christianly" about the law. This means that to our already burdensome studies, we should also study the scriptures and the teachings of the church, in order to evaluate better the legal rules and systems we study in class.
2. This level can be implemented in a variety of creative ways, such as sponsoring individual guest lecturers, a "brown bag" series over a number of weeks, a forum with a speaker and respondents, a debate between advocates of two or more positions, a panel discussion with a moderator, mini-dramas, and field trips to other events on campus or in the area.
3. Generally, events and activities should be open to the campus community. If an event involves the discussion of the gospel or a Christian outlook, LSM recommends that you candidly disclose this in advertisements so that those in attendance do not feel like they have been misled.

4. However, there is a pressing need for Christians to debate together (from diverse but sound theological perspectives) the issues facing law students. Do not miss opportunities to discuss legal issues in your more intimate small group meetings among Christians.
5. Many issues addressed in these events will be controversial, so it is imperative the chapter approach them with prayerful consideration. **Christians should never resort, in this context, to incivility, rudeness, or a lack of charity; better not to have the event than to dishonor Christ publicly in such a manner.**

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this **with gentleness and respect**, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."
(1 Peter 3:15-16, emphasis added) See also 1 Peter 2:11-12.
6. Level 3 events often focus on recent Supreme Court cases or "hot" legal/social issues. For examples of topics see www.clsnet.org under LSM Resources

G. The Ministry Model and Social Events

The three levels of LSM's ministry model are not intended to be separate categories; in fact, they are so interrelated that it is not uncommon for an event or activity to encompass aspects of two and even all three of the spheres. In this respect, the ideas outlined above need to be supplemented with more informal social activities that provide a healthy environment for developing relationships and for furthering the broader purposes of the ministry model. Included among such activities are picnics, prayer breakfasts, dinners hosted by local CLS attorneys, birthday celebrations, farewell parties, awards banquets, field trips and fun nights out (e.g., bowling, movie, concert).

II. ENSURING THE CHAPTER'S CONTINUING WELFARE

Much of the work done by a Christian law fellowship to implement the Threefold Ministry Model will be lost the next year if it fails to insure a smooth, timely transition of leadership and to maintain close communications with the LSM staff.

As a result, it is imperative that the chapter foster continuity from one school year to the next by **selecting its new officers in the spring, hopefully by the end of March, and by submitting the LSM Annual Reporting Form by mail or email, available at the CLS website, by April 30.**

In an effort to provide further stability, LSM is making a concerted effort to identify committed Christian attorneys and law professors to serve as advisors to its student affiliates.

A. Transitional Steps into the Summer

1. Final Meeting: Consciously bring the year to a close with a final meeting. Acquire summer emails and maintain occasional contact, especially for group planning, prayer requests and fellowship with others living in the same area.

2. Create a list and eventually a directory with the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of graduating members. A copy should be added to the Chapter Records and Directory and included with the LSM Annual Reporting Form (available online at www.clsnet.org). This "alumni" member directory will become an indispensable tool in helping your chapter to grow, particularly with respect to fundraising efforts and identifying speakers.

B. The LSM New Attorney Membership Program

The purpose of the LSM New Attorney Membership Program is to insure that the chapter's graduating members make a smooth transition into CLS attorney membership. Achieving this goal is neither difficult nor time consuming if the following points are kept in mind:

1. The New Attorney Membership Program is a year round program for all 3L's who are student members of CLS. Chapter leaders should encourage all 3L's to contact LSM anytime during the school year to renew their student membership as a New Attorney member in anticipation of graduation. LSM has a year round attorney sponsorship program that helps defray the first year reduced attorney dues of \$50.00. As long as a 3L is a student member, in good standing with CLS as of 5/31 of the year of his or her graduation, that 3L is eligible to renew his or her membership in CLS as a new attorney for only **\$25.00**. The remaining balance of \$25.00 will be paid by a CLS attorney sponsor.
2. **All student members of CLS now under the New Attorney Membership Program can update their membership information by visiting, www.clsnet.org.**

C. Training the New Chapter Leaders.

To enable the new student leaders to adequately carry out their responsibilities, the outgoing leadership team should perform the following functions:

1. Discuss the Chapter Records and Directory in detail with incoming leaders.
2. Each officer and member with duties should train the next student occupying his or her position.
3. Officers and other leaders should try to work themselves out of a job by training and delegating tasks to the new leadership. Do not make yourself indispensable; rather, teach other students how to perform your duties, so that one of them can quickly assume your position the next year.
4. The outgoing leaders must teach the new officers how to complete the LSM Annual Reporting Form. In addition, **ALL outgoing leaders must turn over all CLS-LSM materials and resources--especially the Student Chapter Manual--to a new officer designated to serve as custodian.**

III. RELATIONS WITH THE UNIVERSITY

It is our hope and prayer that the relationship between your Christian Law Fellowship and the law school and university will be strong and healthy. On many campuses throughout the nation, such fellowships--whether affiliated with CLS or not--are official student organizations listed in the school catalog and are eligible to use campus facilities and to receive support services and funding on the same basis as other official student groups.

A. *Maintaining Good Relations*

What steps should your chapter take to ensure good relations with other student groups and with the administrations of the university/college and of the law school?

1. Pray for the people you are working with.
2. Maintain an attitude of understanding, respect, and cooperation consistent with Romans 13:1-7.
3. Live a life of integrity and gentleness, and strive for academic excellence (Philippians 4:4-8; Galatians 5:22-26).
4. Submit to authority by complying with reasonable restrictions that apply to all student groups.
5. Make it clear through word and deed that the chapter desires to work amicably within the established system and that it is committed to contributing to the common good.

B. *Resolving Difficulties with the University*

In recent years, an increasing number of Christian law fellowships have encountered hostility from university officials or other student organizations on the grounds that they are "discriminatory" or "non-inclusive." The problem often comes to the forefront when such fellowships apply for and are denied recognition as official student organizations. In other instances, chapters have been subjected to campus ridicule and vandalism. For example, LSM has become aware of a variety of controversies since its inception in 1997: a federal circuit court rejected the claim of a disgruntled law student that providing the CLS chapter at his public law school with a bulletin board violated the First Amendment establishment clause; Hastings College of the Law, the University of Montana, and other public universities de-recognized the LSM chapters at their school for not signing the school's "nondiscrimination policy"; despite persistent efforts by CLS and other groups, two elite law schools continue to bar the Center for Law & Religious Freedom from recruiting summer interns on their campuses because they deem the Center's requirement that interns be CLS members to be religious discrimination; almost a dozen public and private law schools, including Jesuit and Methodist institutions, have threatened or attempted to withdraw the official organizational status of Christian law fellowships because they are deemed to be intolerant of non-Christians or those engaging in extramarital sexual conduct. These are just a few examples of the increasing number of controversies arising in our neo-pagan culture. How are followers of Christ to respond in such cases?

1. "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of

your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:44)

2. Remember that Satan would like nothing better than to provoke you to anger and bitterness; if you allow him to do this, he will have won a much greater victory than if he had prevented your group from becoming an official student organization.
3. **Immediately contact Law Student Ministries.** The LSM staff will notify CLS' Center for Law & Religious Freedom of your difficulty. LSM and the Center will work with you and, if need be, the law school officials to resolve the difficulty in a manner that is honoring to God. The Center has successfully defended and worked with other LSM groups that have undergone discrimination. Be encouraged, the LSM staff will stand by you with prayer and "pastoral" care and CLS' Center will take up your cause with the school. The Center has years of experience resolving such disputes, in almost all instances without having to resort to litigation.
Contact LSM: ism@clsnet.org; (703) 642-1070 ext. 3300/3303

AFFILIATION MATERIALS

An Important Word of Caution!

Be certain of ALL the terms and conditions your school places on student groups seeking registered or recognized status before you begin the process of registering your chapter with the school. Many universities and colleges require student groups to adhere to a nondiscrimination policy as a condition of becoming a recognized or registered student organization. An increasing number of these nondiscrimination policies require student organizations to agree not to take religion, creed, or sexual orientation (usually understood by law schools to include participation in extramarital sexual conduct) into account when selecting leaders and members. Because conditioning recognition upon such an agreement is inconsistent with the U.S. Constitution's protections of religious freedom as well as the CLS Constitution for Law School Chapters, you should not agree to a nondiscrimination policy more expansive than the Equal Opportunity and Equal Access statement contained in Paragraph 4.1 of the form constitution for CLS Student Chapters found in Appendix 2. If your school imposes such a non-discrimination requirement upon student groups, **IMMEDIATELY** contact the Law Student Ministry offices at (703) 642-1070 x 3300 or lsm@clsnet.org and we will put you in touch with CLS' Center for Law & Religious Freedom (see page 30 about how to resolve difficulties with the university).

(Please note that LSM chapters cannot submit bylaws to their school until they have submitted them to CLS and have been recognized as a CLS law student chapter. See the second document in this appendix, the Application for Recognition as a CLS Student Chapter.)

CONSTITUTION FOR CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY STUDENT CHAPTER OF

(insert school name here)

A Student Chapter of the Christian Legal Society

Article I. Name

The name of this organization is the Christian Legal Society Student Chapter of _____ [insert name of educational institution] ("Chapter"), a group consisting of law students and/or pre-law students at the named law school and/or undergraduate institution ("School"). The Chapter is a student chapter of Christian Legal Society ("CLS"), an Illinois non-profit corporation with its principal offices in Springfield, Virginia.

Article II. Mission and Purposes

2.1 *Mission.* The mission of the Chapter is to maintain a vibrant Christian law student fellowship on the School'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).

2.2 *Purposes.* In striving to accomplish this mission, the Chapter shall be guided by the ten purposes of the national CLS bylaws and by the LSM Threefold Ministry Model, which entails three interrelated activities to be carried out by the Chapter:

- Cultivating spiritual growth through communal prayer, fellowship, and worship; learning to share one's faith; and devotional study of the Bible and classic Christian works.
- 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."
- Addressing the question, "What does it mean to be a Christian in law?" that is, learning to submit every aspect of one's calling in the legal profession to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Article III. Statement of Faith

3.1 *Statement of Faith.* All members and officers of this Chapter must agree to and affirm the following Statement of Faith (as interpreted by the CLS board of directors' Resolution on the Statement of Faith and Sexual Morality Standards)

Trusting in Jesus Christ as my Savior, I believe in:

- One God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
- The Deity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, God's only Son conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; His vicarious death for our sins through which we receive eternal life; His bodily resurrection and personal return.
- The presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the work of regeneration.
- The Bible as the inspired Word of God.

3.2 *Adherence.* All members and officers must endeavor to live their lives in a manner consistent with the Statement of Faith and must exemplify the highest standards of morality as set forth in Scripture, abstaining from "acts of the sinful nature," including those in Galatians 5:19-21; Exodus 20; Matthew 15:19; Romans 1:27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; this does not, however, bar all who have ever committed such sins from being a member or holding office, so long as they have since repented of these sins (1 Corinthians 6:11, Ephesians 2:1-9, Titus 3:3-7) and so manifest "the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23) that their profession of Christian faith is credible.

Article IV. Membership

4.1 *Chapter Membership.* Chapter Membership is open to all students at the School who: 1) agree with the mission and purposes set forth in Art. II; 2) who sign, affirm, and endeavor to live their lives in a manner consistent with the Statement of Faith set forth in Art. III, and; 3) who submit a membership application that is accepted by national CLS. Attendance at Chapter meetings does not confer Chapter membership.

4.2 *Eligibility to Vote.* Chapter members are the only persons eligible to vote for any Chapter business.

4.3 *Termination.* Any Chapter member who, for any reason, ceases to be a student at the School or whose CLS membership expires shall immediately cease to be a member of the Chapter.

Article V. Officers

5.1 *General.* A Chapter must consist of three officers who are members of CLS per Art. 4.2 and enrolled as students at the School. [CLS reserves the right to consider the existence of less than three officers to be a Chapter.] Chapter officers shall encourage local attendees to join CLS. Any Chapter officer who, for any reason, ceases to be a student at the School or whose CLS membership expires shall immediately cease to be an officer of the Chapter.

5.2 *Officer Duties.* The following offices and duties are stated for the use of those holding office. Since only three (3) people can constitute a chapter, it is understood that the Secretary and Treasurer positions may be combined.

President. The President shall preside over Chapter business meetings and meetings of the Officers. The President shall operate as the Chapter's representative to the law school community and public-at-large in all matters for which a formal representative is required or appropriate. The President shall also serve as the Chapter's primary contact person with CLS and shall advise the CLS national office of any significant operational or policy conflicts or other problems within the Chapter or between the Chapter and another entity.

Vice President. The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of his or her duties, as the President may direct, and shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President. In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all of the powers of, and be subject to all of the restrictions upon, the President.

Secretary. The Secretary shall maintain all non-financial records of the Chapter. The Secretary shall be responsible for (a) preparing minutes of all meetings and (b) assisting the

President in filing the annual reporting form with CLS.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining all financial records of the Chapter, including, but not limited to, all records of the payment of funds, deposits and disbursements from the Chapter's bank accounts pursuant to the procedures described in Articles VIII.

Other Officers. Any other Chapter Officers appointed pursuant to this Article shall have such duties as are assigned to them by the President.

5.3 *Bearing Witness of Christ.* While all members are expected to bear witness of Christ through their adherence to the Statement of Faith and Article 3.2, this expectation is particularly incumbent upon officers.

5.4 *Transition of Authority.* To insure the continual well-being of the Chapter, outgoing officers shall facilitate the orderly transition of authority by taking adequate time in the winter and spring to train new officers. The Chapter shall implement a procedure to insure the election or selection of at least three new officers by April 30. (Either the election of an officer requires a majority vote of the Chapter members or outgoing officers select new officers.) No later than April 30, the outgoing officers shall mail the Law Student Ministries Annual Reporting form, included as appendix 3 of the Student Chapter Manual, to **CLS Law Student Ministries, 8001 Braddock Rd, Suite 300, Springfield, VA 22151**. A copy of this report shall also be provided to the Chapter advisor.

5.5 *Forcible Removal of an Officer.* The removal of a current officer prior to the end of term requires a 75% majority vote of Chapter members.

Article VI. Chapter Advisor

6.1 *Chapter Advisor.* The Chapter officers shall assist the LSM staff to identify a CLS faculty member or local attorney to serve as an advisor to the Chapter. The Chapter advisor must be able to sign the Statement of Faith in Article III and exemplify the same high standards of Biblical morality as set forth in Paragraph 5.3 above. 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 Chapter or the School, and other relevant matters.

6.2 *Chapter School Advisor.* The Chapter officers may need to identify a Chapter School Advisor depending on the requirements of the school. If the school requires the Chapter advisor be a university employee or faculty member, the Chapter will seek such an advisor who can also meet all provisions of Paragraph 6.1. If the Chapter is unable to find a Chapter advisor who cannot meet both the provisions of Paragraph 6.1 and the school requirements, the Chapter may only then identify a "chapter school advisor" for administrative purposes, in addition to identifying a "spiritual" chapter advisor for CLS purposes set forth in Paragraph 6.1.

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. 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 that adequate notice is given of each meeting.

All students and faculty are welcome to attend public CLS meetings and events. The privilege of attendance does not turn on one's race, age, disability, color, national origin, religion, race, sex, veteran status or sexual attraction/sexual practices (sometimes referred to as "sexual orientation").

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. A chapter shall never charge for local dues. If the Chapter chooses to raise revenues, it shall insure that the highest standards of Christian morality and financial integrity are met. 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 the Chapter. Upon request, the Chapter's financial records shall be made available to CLS.

8.2 *Distribution of Assets Upon Chapter Dissolution.* Upon dissolution of the Chapter 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 or to CLS or other organizations exempt from federal taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article IX. Restrictions on Activities

The Chapter shall not carry on any activities prohibited by CLS under its bylaws or by Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Without the prior written consent of the CLS Executive Director, the Chapter shall not: 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 the Chapter shall inure to the benefit of its officers or other private persons, except that the Chapter shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes.

Article X. Affiliation Process

To become a student chapter of CLS, at least three officers who are members in good standing of CLS must sign this Constitution, complete the attached Application for Recognition as a Student Chapter of the Christian Legal Society (encl. 1, "Affiliation Agreement"), and submit the originals of the Constitution and Affiliation Agreement to **CLS Law Student Ministries, 8001 Braddock Rd, Suite 300, Springfield, VA 22151, lsm@clsnet.org.**

The LSM Director shall forward copies of the Constitution and Affiliation Agreement to the CLS Executive Director. If the Executive Director accepts the application, he or she shall send a signed acceptance document (encl. 2, "Acceptance") to the LSM Director, who shall place the original Acceptance in the Chapter file and promptly forward a copy to the Chapter.

Once the affiliation process is successfully completed, the Chapter shall comply with all of the terms and provisions of the Affiliation Agreement, which is hereby incorporated into this Constitution. The affiliated status of the Chapter shall continue in perpetuity, subject to the condition your chapter membership at all times must include at least three student members of CLS. [CLS reserves the right to consider the existence of less than three officers to be a Chapter.] Either party may terminate this status at any time by written notice to the other party.

Article XI. Amendments and Interpretation

11.1 *Amendments.* The Chapter may amend this Constitution by a 75% member vote, provided, however, that no amendment shall have any force or effect unless it has been approved in writing by the CLS Executive Director. Such request for approval must be submitted in writing through **CLS Law Student Ministries, 8001 Braddock Rd, Suite 300, Springfield, VA 22151, lsm@clsnet.org.**

11.2 *Interpretation.* Any conflict or disagreement among chapter officers or members as to the meaning or interpretation of this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the CLS Executive Director, through the LSM Director. The decision of the CLS Executive Director resolving the conflict or disagreement shall be final. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Constitution and the CLS bylaws, the terms and provisions of the latter shall control.

Article XII. Force and Effect of Constitution

This Constitution shall take effect when the CLS Executive Director executes the Acceptance referred to in Art. X and shall remain in effect until terminated in writing by either party or until the Chapter ceases to meet the qualifications of a CLS student chapter as enumerated in Art. XIII of the CLS bylaws set forth in appendix 1 of this manual. If the Chapter Constitution is terminated, the CLS affiliated student chapter ceases to exist.

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED ON: _____, 20____.

SIGNED:

Chapter Officer and CLS Student Member
Print Name:

Chapter Officer and CLS Student Member
Print Name:

Chapter Officer and CLS Student Member
Print Name:

**APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION AS
A STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY**

(AFFILIATION AGREEMENT)

In consideration of the right to be recognized as an affiliated student chapter of the Christian Legal Society and to enjoy all the benefits and privileges arising from that status, applicant, the CLS Student Chapter of _____ [insert name of educational institution] agrees:

1. To abide by the national CLS Bylaws governing student chapters, as such may be amended from time to time (see Art. XIII, CLS bylaws, appendix 1, Student Chapter Manual).
2. To abide by the chapter Constitution and to maintain them without alteration, unless prior written approval for amendment is obtained from the CLS Executive Director (see Art. XI, Student Chapter Constitution).
3. To accept as binding the decision of the CLS Executive Director in response to any inquiry concerning the meaning or interpretation of the local Constitution (see Art. XI, Student Chapter Constitution).
4. To permit and facilitate the inspection of applicant's records and operations at any time by Law Student Ministries (LSM).
5. To recognize ownership by CLS of the trademarks and service marks CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY, CLS and a symbol consisting of a cross and scales of justice, and the exclusive right of CLS to control the quality of services offered and materials produced by applicant under these marks. Upon request, to provide LSM with copies of any or all materials carrying the CLS marks.
6. To cease immediately to hold itself out as a CLS student chapter upon demand by CLS or upon termination of this agreement and thereupon to discontinue promptly the use of the CLS marks.
7. To advise LSM of any significant operational or policy conflicts or other problems within the Chapter or between the Chapter and the School.
8. To ensure, early in the school year, that the chapter advisor and student chapter officers read the Student Chapter Manual and familiarize themselves with the contents of the LSM Cares Package.
9. To make every effort to insure that one or more student chapter officers or members attend the CLS National Conference each year and to assist LSM by raising funds at the local level for this purpose.
10. To respond promptly to all LSM inquiries and, by April 30th of each year, to complete and mail the LSM Annual Reporting Form (available at www.clsnet.org) to CLS Law Student Ministries, 8001 Braddock Rd, Suite 300, Springfield, VA 22151. See Art. V, local Constitution. Among other things, this form asks you to provide the following vital

information: (a) the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of new officers, of the student leader or advisor who has been designated to receive the LSM Student Resource Package in August, and of all graduating members; and (b) the nature and extent of the Chapter's events and activities during the last school year.

11. If applicant does not enjoy federal tax exempt status under its School's exemption and would like to be included under a group exemption for CLS and its affiliates, the chapter officers should contact the **CLS Law Student Ministries Director, 8001 Braddock Rd, Suite 300, Springfield, VA 22151**
12. This agreement shall continue in effect until terminated by either party or until applicant ceases to exist, which ever occurs first. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by written notice to the other party.

DATE: _____, 20____.

CLS STUDENT CHAPTER of _____

BY: _____
Chapter Officer and CLS Student Member
Print Name:

Chapter Officer and CLS Student Member
Print Name:

Chapter Officer and CLS Student Member
Print Name:

**ACCEPTANCE OF
CLS STUDENT CHAPTER CONSTITUTION AND AFFILIATION AGREEMENT**

The CLS Student Chapter Constitution and the Application for Recognition as a Student Chapter of CLS (Affiliation Agreement), submitted by the Christian Law Fellowship of _____ [insert name of educational institution], are hereby accepted. Henceforth, the fellowship is recognized as an official student chapter of the Christian Legal Society, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the above Constitution and Affiliation Agreement.

FOR THE CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY:

Fred L. Potter, Esq.
Executive Director, CLS

DATE: _____, 20____