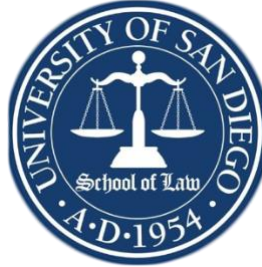


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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the University of San Diego School of Law is an institution dedicated to excellence in legal education.

THEREFORE, the *San Diego International Law Journal* shall operate in conformity with these Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations, and shall endeavor to further the goals of the University of San Diego School of Law.

ARTICLE I: NAME AND DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1: Name.

The name of this association shall be the *San Diego International Law Journal* and *SDILJ* (collectively, “the Journal”).

Section 1.2: Location.

The *SDILJ* is located at the University of San Diego (“USD”) School of Law, City of San Diego, State of California.

Section 1.3: Definitions.

Section 1.3.1: Majority.

“Majority,” when referring to voting requirements in Board proceedings, means a vote greater than fifty percent (50%) of the quorum present.

Section 1.3.2: Quorum.

A quorum is reached when more than fifty percent (50%) of all Board Members are present.

Section 1.3.3: Associate Editor.

First-year members who have been selected by the Editorial Board and accepted invitation to join and as outlined in Section 6.2.

Section 1.3.4: Senior Editor.

Second-year members who have completed one year as an Associate Editor but do not participate on the Editorial Board and as outlined in Section 5.2.

Section 1.3.5: Board.

“Board” means Editorial Board composed of the Executive Board, Articles Editors, Executive Editors, and Comment Editors.

Section 1.3.6: E-Board.

“E-Board” means the Executive Board composed of the Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor(s), Lead Articles Editor, Lead Comments Editor, and Media & Outreach Editor.



ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 2.1: Generally.

The *San Diego International Law Journal* is dedicated to fostering academic discourse on a broad range of topics, including international law and policy, peace and justice, human rights, international transactions, international tax, comparative law, and any domestic law impacting international affairs. The Journal is a student-run organization that publishes at least two issues annually.

Membership is open to all JD and graduate students who fulfill the participation requirements set forth by the Journal. All members will receive training in legal research and writing to ensure the production of high-quality scholarly articles.

The *SDILJ* operates as a non-profit entity, not organized for pecuniary profit.

Section 2.2: Mission Statement.

The mission of the *San Diego International Law Journal* is to publish scholarly work of exceptional caliber, recognized and referenced within its specialized fields. The Journal is committed to enriching the academic discourse by exploring and evaluating contemporary legal issues and concerns related to International and Comparative Law. This mission will be accomplished primarily through rigorous scholarly research, writing, and publication.

Section 2.3: Commitment to Bipartisan and Non-Partisan Publication.

The *San Diego International Law Journal* is dedicated to maintaining neutrality in its publications and events, avoiding any political party affiliation. The Journal will not endorse or oppose any candidates for public office. However, it may engage in collaborations with partisan organizations for the co-sponsorship of events. True to its commitment to bipartisanship, the Journal endeavors to present a broad spectrum of perspectives in its articles, thereby fostering a platform that is open to diverse political views.

Section 2.4: Publication and Digital Access.

The *San Diego International Law Journal*, representing the University of San Diego School of Law, commits to producing, publishing, and, upon request from authors, printing and disseminating its content. The Journal will also engage in additional printing and publishing activities that are beneficial to either the Journal itself or the Law School. Such activities include but are not limited to the publication of written symposia, transcripts of oral symposia, noteworthy speeches, and debates on legal issues.

Furthermore, to expand its digital presence and reach new audiences, the Journal will maintain an online platform hosted on the USD website. This platform will feature digital versions of all published articles, enhancing accessibility and engagement with a broader readership.

ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

Section 3.1: Membership.

Every University of San Diego School of Law student who fulfills a role on the Journal shall be recognized as members of the *SDILJ*. Membership shall confer upon each person the rights and privileges associated with this status.

Section 3.2: Composition.

The *SDILJ* shall consist of the following:

1. Executive Board (“E-Board”)
2. Editorial Board (Board”)
3. Senior Editors (“SEs”)
4. Associate Editors (“AEs”)
5. Faculty Advisor (“FA”)

ARTICLE IV: EDITORIAL BOARD

Section 4.1: Editorial Board (“Board”).

The Editorial Board of each volume of the *SDILJ* shall consist of the Executive Board and members holding the following positions: Articles Editors, Executive Editors, and Comments Editors.

Section 4.1.2: Authority.

The Editorial Board of each volume of the *San Diego International Law Journal* is tasked with the publication and distribution of the Journal. This includes the editing of lead articles, student comments and casenotes, as well as training contributors in writing and research best practices.

All legislative and judicial powers within the *SDILJ* are vested in the Board, except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws. The Board holds full authority over all assets of the *SDILJ* and is responsible for setting policies and general procedures. Each Board member is entitled to one (1) vote on matters presented to the Board.

Members of the *SDILJ* are required to perform tasks as assigned by the Editor-in-Chief. Additionally, Board members must fulfill the duties and responsibilities outlined herein, ensuring their roles contribute effectively to the Journal’s operations and governance.

Section 4.2: Executive Board (“E-Board”).

The Executive Board of each volume of the *SDILJ* shall consist of an Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor(s), Lead Articles Editor, Lead Comments Editor, and Media & Outreach Editor.

Section 4.2.1: Authority.

All executive powers within the *San Diego International Law Journal* are vested in the Executive Board, except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws. The E-Board shall



exercise its powers in accordance with the policies it adopts, provided that these policies do not conflict with any provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 4.3: Term.

No student shall serve as a member of the Editorial Board for more than one year, unless the Board, under unusual and extenuating circumstances, suspends this provision. (*see* Section 10.2)

The term of each volume of the *SDILJ* aligns with the academic calendar, beginning on the day after classes end for the spring semester and concluding on the day classes end for the subsequent spring semester. The tenure of the corresponding Board shall coincide with this term.

Section 4.4: Positions and Duties.

The descriptions below list the major, but not exhaustive, functions and positions performed by the Editorial Board.

Section 4.4.1: Editor-in-Chief (1) (“EIC”).

Under the general direction of the board of directors, the Editor-in-Chief is the director of the *San Diego International Law Journal*. The EIC shall oversee every aspect of the Journal’s operations and functions, including editing, choosing articles, publishing, organizing symposia, recruiting members, and managing digital content.

Functions and Duties:

- (a) Coordinate article manuscript processing for the Journal from the time of receipt until the time of publication.
- (b) Create a publication schedule for each issue and oversee the editing process to ensure compliance therewith, in consultation with the Managing Editor and the Lead Articles Editor.
- (c) Determine, subject to Executive Board approval, the duties of each member for each semester in accordance with the Bylaws of the *SDILJ*.
- (d) Serve as Chairperson of the Articles Selection Committee.
- (e) Serve as Chairperson of the Comments Selection Committee.
- (f) Resolve all conflicts.
- (g) Coordinate the efforts of other members of the Editorial Board, the *SDILJ* staff, and participants in the annual writing competition.
- (h) Take any other actions, consistent with the Bylaws, which are necessary in accomplishing the Journal’s purposes.
- (i) Serve as liaison between the Faculty Advisor, the Editorial Board, related journals and publications of the Law School, fellow USD faculty, alumni, and other members of the legal community.
- (j) Represent the Journal in all University meetings and activities involving the *SDILJ* or delegate this responsibility as necessary.
- (k) Conduct meetings of the Editorial Board and the Executive Board, setting agendas, and presiding over such meetings.
- (l) Identify the requirements and personnel needed to meet objectives.

- (m) Delegate tasks to the Editorial Board as needed to accomplish these goals.
- (n) Execute the last round of revisions on all selected articles for publication, as well as on the entire issue, before proceeding to print.
- (o) Work directly with authors. Negotiate and incorporate accepted changes.
- (p) Address and settle any disputes within the Board concerning the uniformity of style and the format of footnotes.
- (q) Ensure compliance with all deadlines.
- (r) Oversee the financial administration of the Journal.
- (s) Inform the Faculty Advisor of amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws after they are approved by the membership.
- (t) Vote annually on all incoming Editorial Board positions.
- (u) Manage and renew these Bylaws.

Section 4.4.2: Managing Editor (1-2) (“ME”).

Under the supervision of the Editor-in-Chief, the Managing Editor supervises the Executive Editors and coordinates all cite-checking assignments, logistics, deadlines, and extensions with the new members.

Functions and Duties:

- (a) Serve as the principal assistant to the Editor-in-Chief regarding the administrative functions of the *SDILJ* for the purposes of any matter related to the editorial process and fulfilling vacancies.
- (b) Lead the mandatory summer training session for all incoming Associate Editors and determine if additional training sessions are needed throughout the academic year.
- (c) Supervise the portion of the cite-checking program involving Executive Editors and Associate Editors.
- (d) Act as the final authority on all rules regarding the cite-checking program.
- (e) Act as a primary advisor to the Executive Editors.
- (f) Act as a secondary advisor to the Associate Editors
- (g) Assume the administrative functions of Executive Editors regarding any matter related to the cite-checking program in his or her absence.
- (h) Annually review, in conjunction with E-Board, the *SDILJ* Writing and Bluebook Manual, and recommend changes for approval.
- (i) Assure conformance with the current version of *A Uniform System of Citation (The Bluebook)* of citations in all articles and comments to be published.
- (j) Assure uniformity with the *Texas Style Manual* of text in articles to be published.
- (k) Responsible, in conjunction with the Editorial Board, for grading the write-on submissions.
- (l) Hold office hours during cite-checking periods to offer Executive Editors and Associate Editors guidance and feedback.
- (m) Edit text of lead articles or comments to be published.
- (n) Coordinate and resolve conflicts arising during editorial process.
- (o) Serve on the Comments Selection Committee.
- (p) Read, evaluate, and select comments and/or casenotes to be published for the next volume.
- (q) Participate in the annual election for all incoming Editorial Board positions.

- (r) Be flexible to perform any other task as assigned by the EIC.

Section 4.4.3: Lead Articles Editor (1) (“LAE”).

Under the supervision of the Editor-in-Chief, the Lead Articles Editor is responsible for supervising the Articles Editors and manages the scholarly article selection process.

Functions and Duties

- (a) Serve on Articles Selection Committee.
- (b) Select, with the Editor-in-Chief, articles for each issue, and are responsible for the contents of each issue.
- (c) Read and critique articles for possible publication.
- (d) Solicit materials from outside sources, including faculty members from USD and other institutions, outstanding members of the bench and bar, and LL.M students.
- (e) To ensure timely publication, adhere to the following timeline:
 - i. Over the summer and during the fall semester, the LAE recruits articles for the *second* issue of the *current* volume to be published in the spring semester.
 - ii. During the spring semester, the incumbent LAE recruits articles for the *first* issue of the *next* volume to be published the following semester.
- (f) Review all articles submitted for publication and refer all recommended articles to the Articles Selection Committee.
- (g) Responsible, in conjunction with the Board, for grading the write-on submissions.
- (h) Ensure compliance with all deadlines.
- (i) Serve on the Comments Selection Committee.
- (j) Read, evaluate, and select comments and/or casenotes to be published for the next volume.
- (k) Participate in the annual election for all incoming Editorial Board positions.
- (l) Be flexible to perform any other task as assigned by the EIC.

Section 4.4.4: Lead Comments Editor (1) (“LCE”).

Under the supervision of the Editor-in-Chief, the Lead Comments Editor is responsible for handling all matters related to the comment and casenote writing process. The LCE, in conjunction with the Managing Editor, is responsible for enforcing all writing deadlines of the Associate Editors. The LCE should be in constant contact with the Comment Editors.

Functions and Duties:

- (a) Assist Associate Editors and Senior Editors in selecting an appropriate comment or casenote topic.
- (b) Review comment and casenote topic proposals to ensure material is in alignment with the *SDILJ* mission statement.
- (c) Establish deadlines for all drafts of the writing process.
- (d) Ensure Comments Editors and Associate Editors comply with all comment deadlines, assigning penalties when necessary.
- (e) Establish editorial guidelines for Comment Editors to ensure high substantive quality.
- (f) Assign Associate Editors an appropriate Comments Editor.

- (g) Assign Senior Editors who write a casenote an appropriate Comments Editor.
- (h) If necessary, take on any additional Associate Editors that do not have an assigned Comment Editors or delegate as necessary.
- (i) Oversee the Comments Editor–Associate Editor relationship.
- (j) Responsible, in conjunction with the Editorial Board, for grading the write-on submissions.
- (k) Be available to meet with Associate Editors prior to draft deadlines regarding, but not limited to, issues and concerns.
- (l) Serve on the Comments Selection Committee.
- (m) Read, evaluate, and select comments and/or casenotes to be published for the next volume.
- (n) Participate in the annual election for all incoming Editorial Board positions.
- (o) Be flexible to perform any other task as assigned by the EIC.

Section 4.4.5: Media & Outreach Editor (“MOE”).

Under the supervision of the Editor-in-Chief, the Media & Outreach Editor is responsible for facilitating the annual Write-On Competition and assisting with administrative aspects of the Journal.

Functions and Duties:

- (a) In conjunction with the *San Diego Law Review*, supervise and administer the Write-On Competition, including but not limited to creating a Canvas page (or the equivalent) for purposes of releasing materials to applicants.
- (b) Collaborate with the *San Diego Law Review* in creating the Write-On Competition assignment in the spring.
- (c) Facilitate the Write-On Competition submissions. This includes creating the rubric, dispensing the briefs to be graded, consolidating the scores, and providing ranking to the EIC for membership offers.
- (d) Assist with the planning of all social activities for the journal.
- (e) Assist the EIC with ensuring compliance with the budget allocated to the Journal each year by the Law School.
- (f) Responsible, in conjunction with the Board, for grading the write-on submissions.
- (g) Participate in the annual election for all incoming Editorial Board positions.
- (h) Serve on the Comments Selection Committee.
- (i) Read, evaluate, and select comments and/or to be published for the next volume.
- (j) Be flexible to perform any other administrative tasks assigned by the EIC.
- (k) When the Board elects to organize a Symposium, the MOE shall also serve as the Chair of the Symposium Committee. (*see* Section 4.5).

Section 4.4.6: Executive Editor (3 to 5) (“EE”).

Under the supervision of the Managing Editor, the Executive Editor is responsible for editing all footnotes of the articles and comments accepted for publication.

Functions and Duties:

- (a) Assure conformance with *A Uniform System of Citation (The Bluebook)* of all citations in articles and comments to be published.

- (b) Assign, manage, and grade cite-checking assignments.
- (c) Hold office hours during cite-checking periods to offer Associate Editors guidance and feedback.
- (d) Incorporate corrected citations into each article, comment, or casenote.
- (e) Provide prompt, substantive feedback to cite-checkers regarding the quality of their work.
- (f) Ensure Associate Editor compliance with all cite-checking deadlines.
- (g) Responsible, in conjunction with the Editorial Board, for grading the write-on submissions.

Section 4.4.7: Articles Editor (3 to 5).

Under the supervision of the Lead Articles Editor, the Articles Editor is responsible for grading and determining the articles submitted for publication.

Functions and Duties:

- (a) Preliminary review the text of articles or comments to be published to ensure high substantive quality, looking for areas of weakness or need for growth in analysis, including such information in the recommendation for offer of publication.
- (b) Serve on Articles Selection Committee.
- (c) Responsible, in conjunction with the Board, for grading the write-on submissions.

Section 4.4.8: Comments Editor (3 to 5) (“CE”).

Under the supervision of the Lead Comments Editor, the Comments Editor is responsible for editing the comments of assigned Associate Editors and may also be assigned to assist a Senior Editor in writing a casenote.

Functions and Duties:

- (a) Ensure that each assigned Associate Editor has a publishable comment when they have finished the writing process.
- (b) Ensure that each assigned Senior Editor has a publishable casenote when they have finished the writing process.
- (c) Meet and confer with Associate Editors and Senior Editors as determined by the LCE.
- (d) Edit and return all student comments and casenotes in a timely manner and according to the timetable set by the LCE.
- (e) Communicate with the LCE regarding the final form and content of comments and casenotes.
- (f) Inform the LCE and Managing Editor(s) when students are not meeting established deadlines.
- (g) Responsible, in conjunction with the Editorial Board, for grading the write-on submissions.

Section 4.5: Symposium Committee (if applicable).

If the Executive Board elects to organize a Symposium, the E-Board shall form a committee and the Media & Outreach Editor shall serve as the Symposium Chair for the respective volume.

Functions and Duties:

- (a) Organize location, dates, catering, and any other logistical concern for Symposium event.
- (b) Advertise for Symposium event through any means available.
- (c) Act as liaison between the Executive Board and any administration or faculty participating in the Symposium.
- (d) Ensure Symposium event is carried out seamlessly.
- (e) Recruit other members or Editorial Board members as necessary to meet functions and duties of the position.

ARTICLE V: SENIOR EDITORS AND ASSOCIATE EDITORS

Section 5.1: Senior Editor (“SE”).

Duties of the Senior Editor are assigned at the Editorial Board’s discretion and include cite-checking all comments, casenotes, and articles for publication, proofreading “first pages,” and assisting the Board in a variety of tasks including research as assigned and writing a casenote.

Section 5.2: Associate Editor (“AE”).

Students invited to join the *SDILJ* shall be Associate Editors during the entirety of their 2L year.

Under the supervision of the Editorial Board, the AE is responsible for cite checking all articles and comments selected for publication in the upcoming volume of the Journal as well as writing a student comment that will be considered for publication for the subsequent volume.

Functions and Duties:

- (a) Sign a Letter of Intent at or close to the time an offer is made to join *SDILJ*.
- (b) Attend the mandatory summer training session.
- (c) Assist the Managing Editors and assigned Executive Editor in ensuring proper citation of all sources cited to in each article and comment selected for publication.
- (d) Write and complete a comment under the supervision of a selected faculty advisor, to be submitted in the spring and considered for publication for the next volume of the Journal.
- (e) Timely submit all assignments subject to remediation and/or penalties pursuant to Article X.

Section 5.3: Appointment to an Editorial Board Position.

When appointed by the Executive Board to fill a vacancy, a Senior Editor (and in some cases an Associate Editor) shall assume the position and diligently perform the duties required by the position. (*see* Section 6.1.6)

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP, QUALIFICATIONS, AND STATUS

Section 6.1: Editorial Board.

Section 6.1.1: Elections.

The election of an Editorial Board for the subsequent volume will be conducted annually on a date selected by the Executive Board not later than March 1st.



At the meeting to elect the new Board, the current E-Board shall conduct a secret ballot vote to select the Editor-in-Chief first, followed by selection of the other Board positions in an order decided by the E-Board.

All Associate Editors eligible for consideration shall be elected by a majority vote of the E-Board.

Members of the newly elected Board shall provisionally be styled as “[Position]-elect” during the transition period.

Section 6.1.1.1: Timetable.

Eligible candidates shall receive, at least two weeks prior to the election, a form from the Editor-in-Chief (or designee) upon which they shall declare their interest in as many of the various positions as they choose, and upon which they shall provide additional information in support of their election.

Copies of submitted application forms shall be made available to all Executive Board members at least two (2) days prior to holding scheduled interviews for each applicant.

Section 6.1.1.2: Interviews.

The Executive Board, prior to a vote, shall interview all qualified candidates who declare an interest in being elected to one or more positions on the Editorial Board and have submitted their applications. To ensure fairness, no member of the E-board is permitted to vote for any candidate for a specific position unless they have interviewed all candidates interested in that role.

Section 6.1.2: Eligibility.

The Executive Board is responsible for defining all relevant eligibility criteria and selection processes.

Section 6.1.3: Objections.

Any Associate Editor, in good faith, may submit to the Editor-in-Chief and the Managing Editor a statement either in support of or in opposition to any particular applicant for any position. The ME shall collect all submitted statements and distribute them to the Executive Board at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the applicant’s interview. If the AE requests that the submission remain anonymous, the ME shall redact the name before circulating that statement to the E-Board.

Section 6.1.4: Qualifications.

Only Associate Editors or who are in good standing shall be eligible for election on the Editorial Board. Good standing means meeting work requirements for the first year, writing a publishable comment, and meeting any other requirements set forth in policies adopted by the Board.

Section 6.1.5: Resignation, Withdrawal, or Leave of Absence from Board Position.

Any member of the Editorial Board who voluntarily takes a leave of absence, withdraws from the Law School, or resigns from the Journal lacking good cause shall be automatically be removed from the Board position. Any references of membership on the Board shall be expunged from the student’s transcript and resume. Additionally, the current employer of the student may be informed of the dismissal.

Section 6.1.6: Vacancies.

Shall a permanent vacancy of any Editorial Board position occur for any reason, the Managing Editor shall make reasonable efforts to notify all members of the vacancy via email. The notice shall provide that any eligible members in good standing submit a statement of interest to the ME within five (5) days via email. The Executive Board shall review all timely submitted statements and meet to select the candidate to fill the vacant position. The candidate shall be selected by a simple majority vote of the E-Board.

Section 6.1.7: Transition Period.

The transition period is defined as the time between the election of the new Editorial Board members-elect and the last day of classes for the current spring semester. During this period, the newly elected Board shall begin planning and working on the annual Write-On Competition as well as other activities related to its upcoming volume.

Additionally, the outgoing Board shall continue to finalize the current publication issue and select the comments submitted by the current Associate Editors for publication in the subsequent volume.

Section 6.1.7.1: Training of Executive Board Members-elect.

Executive Board members-elect must complete at least one training session by March 31st. Outgoing Executive Board members must initiate and organize training sessions with successors assigned to corresponding positions. Comprehensive training for all E-Board members-elect must be concluded by April 15th.

Section 6.1.7.2: Editor-in-Chief-elect.

After the initial training session, the Editor-in-Chief-elect shall conduct meetings with each Executive Board member-elect during the first full week of April to discuss responsibilities and the vision for the upcoming volume.

Section 6.1.8: Training of non-Executive Editorial Board Members.

The Executive Board bears the responsibility for organizing and conducting training for their respective teams. These sessions are crucial for familiarizing Board members with the expectations, responsibilities, and workflows associated with their roles. It is incumbent upon each E-Board member to schedule these training sessions in a manner that is timely and in accordance with the operational calendar of the Journal.

Section 6.2: Associate Editor.

Section 6.2.1: Selection and Qualifications for Initial Membership.

Non-transfer students may be invited onto the *SDILJ* if they satisfy any of the following conditions:

- (a) Academically ranked within the top 10% of their first-year class.
- (b) Successful performance in the Write-On Competition.

SDILJ reserves the right to award bonus points to students who receive a 3.9 or higher in Legal Research and Writing I and/or are in the top one-third (1/3) of their respective class following the fall semester.

Transfer students may be invited to write for the *SDILJ* upon successful performance in an independent summer Write-On Competition. (*see* Section 6.2.2.3)

Section 6.2.2: The Annual Write-On Competition.

The *SDILJ* shall participate in the annual Write-On Competition with the other legal journals at the USD School of Law, which occurs immediately following the spring semester exam period. Students are given a ten-day window to complete the assignment, which must be submitted through a designated platform. The Competition is open to rising second-year law students (2Ls), both full-time and part-time, and LL.M. students who are in good academic standing. Eligible students with disabilities can request accommodations by notifying the Managing Editor.

The Write-On Competition is organized by the Media & Outreach Editor and overseen by the Editor-in-Chief. When needed, the MOE will work with the the *San Diego Law Review* in creating the Bluebooking or memo prompt components of the assignment.

Section 6.2.2.1: Grading.

At the conclusion of the write-on competition, the Editorial Board will grade all submissions to decide which students will be invited onto the Journal. The Editor-in-Chief will decide to have each entry graded between two (2) and five (5) times. The EIC shall also select a due date for the grading to be completed. The due date shall be no later than fourteen (14) days before the first summer training session. The EIC shall then assign a selection of the submissions to each Board member, ensuring that the submissions receive the determined number of evaluations. Board members will independently assess the assigned submissions and report the scores to the EIC by the specified due date.

Each participant's overall score shall consist of the two components, a closed legal memo and Bluebooking exercise, which shall be weighted equally.

Section 6.2.2.2: Requirements for Successful Write-On Competitors.

After the grading of writing competition submissions, notifications of eligibility will be sent via email to successful participants in accordance with the other Law

School journals. Once an offer is accepted, the student will start their involvement with the *SDILJ* and undergo the mandatory training provided by the Journal. Students are required to organize their schedules to ensure they can complete one comment and all assigned tasks over the academic year.

Section 6.2.2.3: For Transfer Students.

A second Write-On Competition may be arranged at the discretion of the Executive Board if sufficient interest is shown by incoming transfer students. This Write-On Competition must be held during the summer and at least two (2) weeks before the fall semester commences. Transfer students admitted for the spring may participate in the standard writing competition, as outlined in Section 6.2.2.

Any student who has attended another American Bar Association accredited school and qualified for its international law journal may petition the E-Board for membership.

Section 6.2.2.4: Disputes.

All disputes arising from the Write-On Competition will be initially addressed by the Editor-in-Chief and the Media & Outreach Editor. If the EIC and MOE cannot agree on a resolution, or if the disputant is dissatisfied with their decision, the issue may be elevated to the Executive Board for an appeal. After conducting a hearing, the E-Board will make a final decision by majority vote. If unsatisfied with the decision, the disputant may further appeal to the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. The decision made by the Assistant Dean will serve as the final administrative resolution and cannot be challenged through further administrative appeals.

Section 6.2.3: Requirements for Associate Editors.

Section 6.2.3.1: Summer Training.

Every student invited to onto the *SDILJ* must attend the summer training session administered by the Managing Editor before completing any assignments or journal comment. This will include proper Bluebooking techniques and methods for researching international law issues. Thereafter, Associate Editors will be responsible for selecting a comment topic and securing a Faculty Advisor who will guide them throughout the writing process.

Section 6.2.3.2: Statement of Intent.

Acceptance of an invitation to join the *SDILJ* requires a student to read these Bylaws and sign a Letter of Intent, both of which detail the obligations associated with the role of Associate Editor.

Section 6.2.4: Status.

Upon accepting the invitation onto the *SDILJ*, a candidate will then be designated as an Associate Editor. To maintain this status, AEs are required to fulfill all of the following

obligations in a timely and satisfactory manner:

- (a) One comment, including:
 - i. Topic Approval Form.
 - ii. Four (4) progressive drafts submitted to your assigned Comments Editor.
 - iii. One (1) peer review.
 - iv. One (1) final draft of the comment submitted to the Editorial Board for approval.
 - v. Any additional draft(s) as required by the Board and/or Lead Comments Editor.
- (b) All other work assignments required by the Editorial Board, including:
 - i. A minimum of four (4) cite-checking assignments.
 - ii. A minimum of four (4) article edits.

Section 6.2.4.1: Representation of the *SDILJ*.

Associate Editors are considered members of the *SDILJ* for job application and resume purposes if and only if they are in the process of completing requirements and continuing to participate in the publishing program with competence and in good faith.

Section 6.2.4.2: Studying Abroad.

While studying abroad, members must fulfill all obligations and duties of an Associate Editor and maintain regular communication with the Editorial Board.

Section 6.2.4.3: Removal.

An Associate Editor who does not fulfill the established requirements may be subject to removal following the guidelines in Section 10.3. Furthermore, membership could be revoked and expunged from the student's record.

Section 6.3: Senior Editor.

Section 6.3.1. Generally.

Associate Editors who choose not to apply for, nor elected to, an Editorial Board position shall be a Senior Editor for the next volume.

Section 6.3.2: Status.

This is the 'default' position for 3L students in their second year on the Journal. To maintain Senior Editor status, a student must either:

- (a) Actively participate in *SDILJ* functions (e.g., training, cite-checking, and/or pre-publication quote-check) during the second year of membership as assigned by the Editorial Board.
- (b) Complete a casenote.

Section 6.3.2.1: Representation of the *SDILJ*.

Senior Editors are considered members of the *SDILJ* for job application and resume purposes if and only if they are in the process of completing requirements

and continuing to participate in the publishing program with competence and in good faith.

Section 6.3.2.2: Removal.

A Senior Editor who does not fulfill the established requirements may be subject to removal following the guidelines outlined in Section 10.3. Additionally, membership could be revoked and expunged from the student's record.

Section 6.4: Work Assignments.

Section 6.4.1: Generally.

All assignments must be completed within the time allotted by the Editorial Board (or designee).

Section 6.5: Faculty Advisor ("FA").

Section 6.5.1: Purpose.

The Faculty Advisor shall serve in an advisory role and have no voting rights. The position has no term limit, and the FA must be a current USD faculty or staff member.

Section 6.5.2: Selection.

The Faculty Advisor shall be nominated and approved by three-fourths (3/4) of the Editorial Board.

Section 6.5.3: Removal.

The Faculty Advisor may be removed upon approval of three-fourths of the Editorial Board. The FA shall be notified in writing of the possible removal at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the vote and shall be allowed to address the organization prior to the voting for removal. In the event that the FA is removed or resigns, a new advisor shall be selected within thirty (30) calendar days.

ARTICLE VII: PUBLICATION AND RECOGNITION

Section 7.1: Publication.

The Comments Selection Committee and Articles Selection Committee shall select and publish the most exemplary comments, casenotes, and articles for each issue of the Journal.

Section 7.1.1: Comments and Casenotes.

The Comments Selection Committee will only review comments and casenotes for publication when the student demonstrates to the Board's satisfaction that the work has been critiqued by either a faculty advisor or a qualified non-faculty substitute, such as an active member of the legal profession. (*see* Section 8.3)

Moreover, the acceptance of any student comment or casenote for publication is conditional upon additional editing by the Lead Comments Editor and Comments Editors.

Should a student author not adhere to the editorial recommendations, the Comments Selection Committee, following a suggestion from either the LCE or CEs, has the authority to withdraw that publication offer by a simple majority vote.

Section 7.1.1.1: Approval.

A comment or casenote is not acceptable or publishable unless so judged by a majority vote of the Comments Selection Committee.

Section 7.1.1.2: Limitations.

If a comment is determined to be unacceptable, the student is subject to probation and removal pursuant to Section 10.3.

Section 7.1.1.3: Right of First Refusal.

The Comments Selection Committee has a right of first refusal to all comments and casenotes.

Section 7.1.1.4: Offers to Publish Comments.

At the end of each academic year, the Comments Selection Committee will select and offer roughly six (6) student comments for publication in the next volume. Each comment offered publication must enter into a publication agreement with the USD School of Law.

Section 7.1.1.5: Alternate Comments.

Alongside the comments designated for publication, the Comments Selection Committee shall also select and set aside two additional comments as alternates for publication if needed.

Section 7.1.1.6: Offers to Publish Casenotes.

At the end of each academic year, the Comments Selection Committee may also select and offer between one (1) and three (3) casenotes for publication in the next volume. Each casenote offered publication must enter into a publication agreement with the USD School of Law.

Section 7.1.2: Articles.

All lead articles deemed meritorious by the reviewing Articles Editor shall be submitted to the Articles Selection Committee for final review and selection. (*see* Section 8.2.)

Section 7.1.2.1: Limitations.

No articles from students who are candidates for a degree of Juris Doctor, or the equivalent, shall be published in the *SDILJ*, with the exception of those written by Associate Editors and Senior Editors of the *SDILJ*.

Section 7.2: Public Recognition of Members.

The names of current members, who are active and in good standing, shall appear on the masthead of each issue within the corresponding volume. Additionally, the names of students whose comments and casenotes are published shall appear at the end of the article.

Section 7.3: Peer Review Process.

Section 7.3.1: Initial Phase.

Upon submission, each article or comment is evaluated by the appropriate Standing Committee using a detailed grading rubric to assess alignment with the Journal's standards and thematic focus. Articles that do not meet these initial criteria are promptly declined. Those that qualify move on to the peer review phase.

Section 7.3.2: Peer Review.

Submissions that have passed the initial review are subjected to a rigorous double-blind peer review process. Reviewers, who are chosen for their expertise and remain anonymous to the authors, provide an unbiased assessment of the submissions based solely on their scholarly merit. The possible outcomes of this review can range from outright acceptance to requests for minor or major revisions, or rejection.

Section 7.3.2.1: Editing.

Articles selected for publication are then assigned to Associate Editors, who perform detailed text edits and ensure all citations are accurately styled according to *The Bluebook*. The proposed changes and edits are subsequently reviewed by the assigned Executive Editors for further refinement.

Section 7.3.3: Final Review and Approval.

The final edits are overseen by the Editor-in-Chief, who ensures the article aligns with the highest editorial standards and the Journal's publication criteria. This final stage includes a comprehensive review of content, citations, and layout to ensure that the finished article accurately reflects the scholarly contributions of the author and the editorial rigor of the Journal.

Section 7.3.4: Proofing and Publication.

Before publication, authors are provided proofs of their articles to review for accuracy and completeness. Upon approval, the articles are formatted for publication according to the Journal's specific design standards and scheduled for inclusion in the next available issue, contributing to the *SDILJ*'s commitment to fostering scholarly discourse.

ARTICLE VIII: STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 8.1: Membership Committee ("MC").

Section 8.1.1: Composition.

The Membership Committee shall be composed of the Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, Media & Outreach Editor, Lead Articles Editor, and Lead Comments Editor.

Section 8.1.2: Duties and Responsibilities.

The Membership Committee is obligated to thoroughly investigate any allegation that warrants the potential removal of an eligible member. Prior to initiating an investigation,

the MC must notify the Editorial Board of all charges against a member. (*see* Section 10.3.2.2)

Section 8.2: Articles Selection Committee (“ASC”).

Section 8.2.1: Composition.

The Articles Selection Committee shall be composed of the Editor-in-Chief, Lead Articles Editor, and Articles Editors.

Section 8.2.2: Duties and Responsibilities.

The Articles Selection Committee holds the responsibility of selecting lead articles for publication in the Journal. Initially, the Lead Articles Editor is tasked with conducting a preliminary review of all articles received from Scholastica or other platform. Upon considering an article suitable for publication, the LAE must forward the article to an Articles Editor for further assessment. Articles must achieve a score of 70 or higher to be selected for publication unless the LAE or Editor-in-Chief make an exception.

Section 8.3: Comments Selection Committee (“CSC”).

Section 8.3.1: Composition.

The Comments Selection Committee shall be composed of the Executive Board.

Section 8.3.2: Duties and Responsibilities.

The Comments Selection Committee holds the responsibility of selecting comments and/or casenotes for publication in the Journal. The Lead Comments Editor is responsible for developing the grading rubric, which assesses each eligible comment and casenote for selection.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

Section 9.1: Board Meetings.

The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for convening a minimum of one (1) Editorial Board meeting per semester of the academic year. Additional meetings shall be scheduled as deemed necessary. Prior to each meeting, the EIC will develop an agenda and circulate it to the membership in advance. Meetings are open to all members, and participation is encouraged.

Section 9.2: Membership Meetings.

The full membership shall be called together to meet at least once, preferably in the beginning of the fall semester, as determined by the Editor-in-Chief. Members shall be notified at least one week in advance.

Section 9.3: Emergency Meetings.

Emergency meetings may be called by the Editor-in-Chief or upon the request of one-third (1/3) of the entire student membership or one-third (1/3) of the Editorial Board.

ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Section 10.1: Penalties for Not Meeting Deadlines.

If an Associate Editor or Senior Editor does not submit an assignment on time, it is at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief. If it is a cite-checking assignment deadline, it is at the discretion of the Managing Editor. If it is a comment or casenote deadline, it is at the discretion of the Lead Comments Editor.

Section 10.1.1: Deferral to Editors.

The Editor-in-Chief will defer to the recommendation of the Managing Editor or the Lead Comments Editor as to penalties and/or remediation.

Section 10.1.2: Potential Penalties.

Available penalties and/or remediation include(s) the following: (1) imposing additional citation requirements in future cite-checking assignments or (2) assigning penalty points to the Associate Editor.

Section 10.1.2.1: Penalty Points for Associate Editors.

Penalty points may potentially affect eligibility for publication. The discretion to assign penalty points lies with the Editor-in-Chief, Managing Editor, or Lead Comments Editor, without specific limitations defined in scope. Additionally, any Associate Editor that has twenty (20) points or more will be removed from consideration for an Editorial Board position in the next volume.

Section 10.2: Removal of Board Members.

Any Editorial Board member may be removed from office for cause by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Board. For automatic removal of Board members, see Section 6.1.5.

Section 10.3: Removal of Associate Editors and Senior Editors.

Section 10.3.1: Generally.

An Associate Editor or Senior Editor may be removed from the *SDILJ* for any of the following:

- (a) Failure to write an acceptable comment or casenote within the appropriate schedules established in accordance with these Bylaws.
- (b) Failure to complete any assigned tasks, including cite-checking assignments.

Section 10.3.1.1: Failure to Submit a Comment or Casenote.

An Associate Editor or Senior Editor who fails to submit a comment or casenote by the final deadline will be automatically removed from the *SDILJ*. If an AE or SE expresses intent to not submit a comment or casenote prior to the final deadline, the Editor-in-Chief and Lead Comments Editor will meet with the student to discuss ramifications, automatic removal, and sabbatical options. (*see* Section 13.4 regarding Sabbatical)

Prior to automatic removal, the EIC and LCE may recommend the removal of an Associate Editor or Senior Editor for cause in accordance with Section 10.3.2.

Section 10.3.1.2: Submission of a Comment or Casenote Deemed Unacceptable by the Board.

If an Associate Editor or Senior Editor submits a final comment or casenote that is judged unacceptable by the Editorial Board, that person will be automatically placed on probation from the *SDILJ*.

Section 10.3.1.3: Opportunity to Rewrite a Rejected Comment or Casenote.

If an Associate Editor or Senior Editor submits a deficient comment or casenote and is subsequently placed on probation, they will be granted one opportunity to revise the submission. This revision must take place following the Editorial Board's declaration of unacceptability and will adhere to a timeline established by the Lead Comments Editor.

Section 10.3.1.4: Automatic Removal.

If, in the opinion of the Managing Editor and the Editor-in-Chief, an Associate Editor or Senior Editor submits an inadequate draft or final copy of a comment or casenote, the individual shall resubmit an adequate draft or final copy within ten (10) days. The Editorial Board shall then evaluate the rewritten comment or casenote for acceptability using the same criteria applied to the original submission. If the rewritten comment or casenote meets the standard for acceptability, the AE or SE shall be removed from probation. However, if the rewritten comment or casenote is deemed unacceptable, the AE or SE shall be automatically removed from the *SDILJ*.

Failure to submit a rewritten comment by the deadline set by the Lead Comments Editor will also result in automatic removal from the *SDILJ*.

Section 10.3.2: Removal for Cause.

Any Associate Editor or Senior Editor may be removed from the *SDILJ* for cause. Cause includes, but is not limited to, a demonstrable lack of interest in the Journal or its work. A demonstrable lack of interest includes, but is not limited to, the failure to attend properly scheduled meetings and a failure to complete assigned duties in a timely and professional manner.

Section 10.3.2.1: Notification of Impending Removal for Cause.

Removal shall not take place until the person has received written notice of investigation of charges for possible removal.

Section 10.3.2.2: Investigation Prior to Non-Automatic Removal.

The Membership Committee has an affirmative duty to:

- (a) Inform the Editorial Board of all charges made against the member.
- (b) Investigate all charges brought seeking the removal of the member.

During the investigation, the Membership Committee shall interview the charged person and accept any written documentation offered to it. The MC may also solicit statements from any person with knowledge of the circumstances that may constitute cause.

Section 10.3.2.3: Recommending Removal for Cause.

Upon determining that cause exists, the Membership Committee, by majority vote, shall recommend to the Editorial Board whether the charged person should be removed for cause. Such recommendation will be recorded in a letter and distributed to all Board members by email or any other means.

Section 10.3.2.4: Board Consideration of Removal for Cause.

If removal is recommended, the Editorial Board shall consider removal at the next scheduled Board meeting or at a special meeting to be held not less than one (1) week from the Membership Committee's decision.

Section 10.3.2.5: Notification of Removal for Cause Prior to Board Consideration of Such Removal.

The Editor-in-Chief is responsible for informing the charged person of the date and location of the meeting where the Board will discuss potential removal from the *SDILJ*. This notification will be conveyed by phone and/or a letter via email.

Additionally, the EIC shall inform the charged person of the right to submit a written petition to the Editorial Board and the right to appear before the Board to deliver an oral defense. It should be noted that the charged person's decision to not exercise these rights shall not be interpreted unfavorably.

Section 10.3.2.6: Vote to Remove for Cause.

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Editorial Board in favor of removal is necessary to remove a charged Associate Editor or Senior Editor.

Section 10.3.3: Notice to Removed Person.

The Editor-in-Chief shall notify, in writing, any removed person, whether removed automatically or for cause. The letter shall also explain the appellate procedures that the removed person can utilize to reinstate membership.

Section 10.3.4: Use of the *SDILJ* on Resumes and Other Documents.

Section 10.3.4.1: If the Member is Removed for Cause.

If a former member has been removed for cause as an Associate Editor, any reference to the *SDILJ* must also be removed from all resumes and related documentation unless otherwise provided in Section 10.3.4.3.

Section 10.3.4.2: If a Member is Removed for Failure to Submit a Comment or Casenote.

If a former member has been removed for not completing a comment or casenote but fulfills all cite-checking obligations, that person is allowed to use the *SDILJ* reference only in the following way:

“*San Diego International Law Journal*, Cite-Checker, [Academic Year].”

Section 10.3.4.3: Request for Board Consideration as to Reference.

A removed member may apply for reference reconsideration with the Membership Committee. The person must provide a specific proposed resolution as well as argue why such resolution and request for reference is necessary.

Section 10.4: Appellate Procedures for Review of Removal of any Member.

Section 10.4.1: Initiation of the Appeal.

A removed member can initiate an appeal by submitting a written petition to the Editor-in-Chief or Managing Editor (in the case of EIC removal). The petition must state the desire to appeal the removal and provide specific details regarding any changed circumstances or facts not previously considered that render the removal unjust. If the petition is not received by the EIC or ME within fourteen (14) days from the date on the letter, the removal will become permanent.

Section 10.4.2: Procedures for Reviewing Appeal.

Upon receipt of the petition, the Editor-in-Chief or Managing Editor shall distribute copies to the Membership Committee via email or another appropriate method. A special meeting to discuss the petition will be convened by the EIC no fewer than seven (7) days after the petition’s distribution. The EIC or ME will notify the removed member of the meeting’s date and location. While the removed member is afforded the opportunity to make an oral presentation at the meeting, the absence of such a presentation shall not be viewed unfavorably.

Section 10.4.3: Board Consideration of Petition.

A petition that simply restates facts previously considered by the Executive Board will be promptly denied. However, if the removed member presents evidence of changed circumstances or facts that would render the prior decision to remove unjust, the Membership Committee, upon a majority vote, will reinstate the removed member.

Section 10.4.4: Notice of Appellate Decision.

Within three (3) business days of the Membership Committee’s decision on appeal, the Editor-in-Chief or Managing Editor shall notify the removed member of the outcome. The notice shall be in writing and signed by the EIC or ME and sent to the removed member’s last known email address.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENT, RENEWAL, AND MANAGEMENT OF BYLAWS

Section 11.1: Amendments.

Section 11.1.1: Procedure.

Any member of the Editorial Board may propose an amendment to these Bylaws by emailing the entirety of the Board. The Board shall have ten (10) days to review the proposed amendment. Following review, a secret ballot shall be held. The proposed amendment shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

Section 11.1.2: Publication.

Each member of the *SDILJ* shall be provided a copy of these current Bylaws on the first day of the term for the volume. Additionally, an updated copy shall be kept on file in the *SDILJ* office and on Canvas (or equivalent online platform) for review.

Section 11.1.3: Recording.

The amendment date shall be recorded as effective on the bottom right margin of each and every page of these Bylaws where indicated. This date signifies when the amendments become operational and integrated into the governing document. Amendments are not necessary provided that these Bylaws align with the procedures and organizational structure of the *SDILJ*.

Section 11.1.4: Non-Substantive Changes.

Any amendment correcting grammatical errors in the existing Bylaws, increasing the number of individuals holding a given position, or changing the title of an existing position may be unilaterally approved and incorporated at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief. The Editorial Board shall be notified of any such amendments by email. Such changes, except those made only to correct typographical and/or grammatical errors, shall be recorded pursuant to Section 11.1.3.

Section 11.1.5: Amendments Affecting Board Positions.

Section 11.1.5.1: New Board Positions.

The Editor-in-Chief holds the discretionary authority to establish a new position within the Editorial Board if deemed essential for the operation of the Journal. The creation of any such position should only be considered under circumstances where it addresses a significant need that cannot be effectively met by the current board structure and roles.

Section 11.1.5.2: Elimination.

Any amendment eliminating an Editorial Board position currently occupied by a member of the Board may only be offered as a resolution. If the Executive Board approves the resolution, the issue shall be subject to a vote. If a majority of E-Board approves the measure, it shall pass and be formally adopted. An unoccupied Board position may be eliminated in a manner consistent with any other amendment to the Bylaws.

Section 11.1.6: Management.

Only the Editor-in-Chief authorized to manage and distribute these Bylaws.

Section 11.1.7: Transition Period.

During the transition period, the Editor-in-Chief-elect may make amendments to these Bylaws. However, such amendments shall become effective upon annual renewal (*see* Section 11.2) and recorded pursuant to Section 11.1.3.

Amendments shall be subject to the allowances of Section 11.1.1 and Section 11.1.4 with responsibility falling on members of the Editorial Board-elect instead of the outgoing Board.

Section 11.1.8: Limitations.

During the transition period, the outgoing Editorial Board shall neither propose nor adopt any new amendments to these Bylaws, except under circumstances that are deemed urgent for the Journal’s operation. Any such exceptions must be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board and require the approval of the Editor-in-Chief-elect. This policy ensures cohesive governance and upholds the vision of the incoming Board.

Section 11.2: Annual Renewal.

These Bylaws require annual renewal by the new Editor-in-Chief upon assuming office. The renewal date and volume number must be updated on the first page of these Bylaws where indicated, denoting the start date of the term for the respective volume. (*see* Section 4.3)

Section 11.3: Enactment.

These Bylaws were adopted in the year 1999 and remain in effect, subject to the renewal and effective dates recorded where indicated and according to the procedures in this Article. The effective date signifies that these Bylaws supersede all previous revisions.

ARTICLE XII: PUBLICATION ETHICS AND NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Section 12.1: Publication Ethics.

The *San Diego International Law Journal* is dedicated to maintaining the highest ethical standards pursuant to the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) guidelines. We ensure academic integrity by enforcing a stringent peer-review process and expect all submissions to be the original work of the authors. Transparency in disclosures, conflicts of interest, and funding sources is mandatory. We stand ready to issue corrections when necessary and maintain editorial independence. Upholding these values is paramount to our mission of fostering scholarly discourse.

Section 12.2: Nondiscrimination.

The University of San Diego is committed to upholding standards that promote respect and human dignity in an environment that fosters academic excellence and professionalism. It is the policy of the university to maintain an educational and work environment free from all forms of unlawful discrimination and harassment. To that end, the university and *San Diego International*



Law Journal prohibit and do not tolerate unlawful discrimination against or harassment of university employees, students or applicants for membership to this student organization on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, pregnancy, age, physical disability, mental disability, or other characteristic protected by federal or state law, unless a particular characteristic is a bona fide requirement of the position. All members of the university community are expected to uphold this policy. Engaging in unlawful discrimination or harassment will result in appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the university.

ARTICLE XIII: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 13.1: Honor Code

All members of the *San Diego International Law Journal* are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic integrity as outlined in the University of San Diego School of Law Honor Code. This Honor Code governs all academic matters, including but not limited to coursework, research, and any activities directly associated with the Journal.

The Honor Code details the expectations and responsibilities of students to maintain academic honesty and integrity in all pursuits related to their legal education. Violations of this Honor Code, which include but are not limited to plagiarism, fabrication, unauthorized collaboration, and other forms of academic dishonesty, are subject to sanctions as specified within the Honor Code.

It is the responsibility of each member to be familiar with the provisions of the Honor Code, which can be accessed online at [USD School of Law Honor Code](#) web page. By participating in the *SDILJ*, each member affirms their commitment to uphold the principles of honesty and integrity as essential components of their legal training and professional development.

Section 13.2: Copyright.

Copyrights to each issue of the *San Diego International Law Journal* shall be claimed in the name of the *SDILJ*. The Executive Board may grant permission for limited reproduction of works or parts of works protected by the copyrights of the *SDILJ*.

Section 13.3: Material Submitted by Students for Publication.

All material written by students of the USD School of Law and published in the *San Diego International Law Journal* becomes the literary property of the Journal.

Section 13.4: Sabbatical from the *SDILJ*.

At any time during the academic year, an Associate Editor may request to take a sabbatical from the Journal for the remainder of the year. Approval or denial of such request shall be at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief.

Section 13.4.1: Application.

An Associate Editor must make a written request to the Editor-in-Chief providing the reasons sabbatical status and a statement of intent to resume duties upon return.

Section 13.4.2: Resuming Associate Editor Duties.

Upon returning from sabbatical, an Associate Editor is required to resume any outstanding duties and obligations.