**Victoria Law Students’ Society Election Rules**

1. This document may be referred to as the “Election Rules”.
2. The Election Rules are created and amended pursuant to the Bylaws of the Victoria Law Students’ Society, hereinafter the “Society”.
3. Definitions and interpretation of the Election Rules

**“Board of Directors”** is the Board of Directors of the Society pursuant to its bylaws.

**“Candidates”** are any person or persons who have been nominated and are standing for election to the Board of Directors of the Society, in any election held by the Society at any time, as well as any person or persons who have been nominated and are standing for election to Faculty Committees.

**“Chief Electoral Officer”** is the Chief Electoral Officer of the Society pursuant to its bylaws.

**“Members”** are the Members of the Society

1. All campaigning activities relating to Society elections must be done in accordance with the Election Rules. If a Candidate has breached the Election Rules, the Chief Electoral Officer may impose one or more of the following sanctions, depending on the severity of the breach of the rules:
	1. Disqualification from the election
	2. Requirement to complete an undertaking to not commit further breaches of the Election Rules
	3. Written warning
	4. Verbal warning
	5. Any other remedy deemed appropriate by the Chief Electoral Officer
2. The Election Rules are binding on the Chief Electoral Officer and all Candidates. Any disagreement as to the application of the Election Rules shall be settled by the Board of Directors of the Society at the next possible Board Meeting.
3. The correct application of the Election Rules shall be determined by a regular motion raised at a Board Meeting by the Chief Electoral Officer.
4. Any sanction resulting from a disputed breach of the Election Rules shall not be enforced until after the dispute is settled by the Board of Directors.
5. Notwithstanding section 6 above, any sanction arsing from a breach of the Election Rules may be imposed retroactively if the Chief Electoral Officer deems it necessary to give effect to the proper sanction.
6. The Election Rules may be amended by the Board of Directors by a regular motion at a Board Meeting.

**Nominations**

1. The Chief Electoral Officer will promptly notify Members by email when nomination materials have been posted and will notify Members by email again prior to the close of nominations.
2. Members may not be nominated to hold more than one position in a given semester.
3. Members may be nominated to hold two positions that do not have overlapping terms.
4. Notwithstanding rules 11 and 12 above, First Year Representatives may be nominated for positions that will start in the Fall semester of their second year.
5. All campaign events that are sanction by the Society shall take place following the close of the nomination period.

**Election Campaigning**

1. Candidates shall have access to the Society’s resources for printing campaign posters, if requested by the Candidate with reasonable notice.
2. Posters may only be posted on the bulletin boards previously approved by the Faculty of Law for Society materials.
3. No more than one poster per Candidate may be affixed to a given bulletin board.
4. Each Candidate shall provide a biography or platform of not more than 150 words to the Chief Electoral Officer for use in the WebVote platform and publication by the Society in an election information newsletter. Failure to provide a biography or platform will result in disqualification from the election.
5. All campaigning activities shall uphold the values of the Society and shall not be disrespectful to anyone.

**Speeches**

1. The Society shall provide an opportunity for all Candidates to speak to the Members. All Candidates shall be offered equal speaking time.
2. For greater certainty, each Candidate shall have the opportunity to speak, regardless of whether their position is contested.