NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL HONOR COUNCIL BY-LAWS

1 COMPOSITION AND RESIDENCY

The Notre Dame Law School Honor Council ("Honor Council") shall be composed of nine representatives, three representing each class, selected in the manner prescribed by §3.1 of the Notre Dame Law School Honor Code ("Honor Code"). The representatives from rising 2L and 3L classes shall be elected in the spring semester of the academic year before the year during which they will serve as representatives. The representatives from the 1L class shall be elected in the fall semester of the year during which they will serve as representatives. During their term of service on the Honor Council, representatives must be attending law school at the campus in Notre Dame, Indiana; representatives cannot be studying at the London Law Centre or participating in Notre Dame Law in Chicago.

2 ROLE

The sole role of Honor Council representatives is to serve on a hearing panel as described in §3.6.1 of the Honor Code. The role of Honor Council representatives is not to comment on ongoing investigations or recently concluded cases. Honor Council representatives should refer questions from the student body about ongoing investigations and recently concluded cases to the Honor Council Chair.

3 QUORUM

The quorum for any non-adjudicatory meeting of the Honor Council shall be two-thirds of the current membership. In the period between the time when 2L and 3L representatives are elected and the time when 1L representatives are elected, quorum will be four members. The quorum for any adjudicatory meeting shall be governed by §3.6.4 of the Honor Code.

4 ELECTION OF THE HONOR COUNCIL CHAIR

In the spring semester of each academic year, after the 2L and 3L representatives for the following academic year have been elected by the student body, the outgoing Honor Council Chair shall convene a meeting of the incoming representatives. The meeting will be mandatory for all incoming 2L and 3L representatives. At the meeting, the incoming members shall elect an incoming Honor Council Chair from amongst themselves. Incoming members shall not announce their candidacy until the meeting is convened. All candidates will have, at most, five minutes to explain their campaign platform. The
voting members shall cast votes by confidential paper ballot, and a candidate must receive more than 50% of the votes in order to be elected. If more than two candidates for Honor Council Chair exist, and if none win more than 50% of the vote, a run-off election will be held between the top two vote-getters in the initial election. In the event of a tie in an initial election featuring only two candidates, or a run-off election, the outgoing Honor Council Chair will cast the deciding vote. Honor Council members who are studying at the London Law Centre at the time of the meeting can still run for Honor Council Chair, but will not be able to explain their campaign platforms in person. Instead, students studying at the London Law Centre at the time of the meeting will be allowed to disseminate campaign statements at the exact time that the meeting begins. The outgoing Honor Council Chair shall preside over the meeting and any elections, and shall enforce these election rules.

5 REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

5.1 Each academic year, the Honor Council Chair, or the Chair’s designee, shall present, at a minimum, at the following times:

5.1.1 1L Orientation,

5.1.2 The final week of fall-semester 1L Legal Writing classes or such other time as the Legal Writing Faculty request, and

5.1.3 All fall-semester Electronic Blue Book training sessions.

5.2 Following the election of 1L representatives in the fall semester of a given academic year, the Honor Council Chair shall meet with all 1L, 2L, and 3L representatives to explain and review, in detail, the Honor Code as well as the policies and procedures described therein.

6 END OF YEAR REPORT

6.1 At the close of each academic year, the outgoing Honor Council Chair shall prepare a report for all of the outgoing and incoming Honor Council representatives. The report shall describe all non-confidential activities of the Honor Council that occurred during that academic year.