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Re: Christian Legal Society  
University of California, Hastings College of the Law

Dear Mr. Aden:

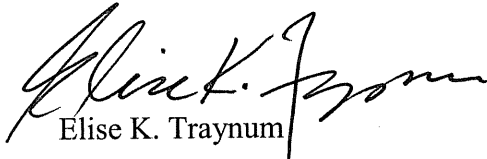
I am in receipt of your letter to Ms. Judy Chapman, Director of Student Services, regarding the processing of the registration packet for the Christian Legal Society. I want to assure you that Hastings does not wish to violate the CLS chapter's federal First Amendment Rights; however, under federal and state mandates, the College is prohibited from supporting any program or activity that would violate the civil rights of any of our students.

We insist that to be one of our student-recognized organizations, CLS must open its membership to all students irrespective of their religious beliefs or sexual orientation, as it has in the past. According to our records, the Hastings chapter of CLS has adopted the Hastings bylaw prohibiting discrimination for membership since its formation. Quite frankly, we are perplexed by CLS's sudden pertinacious shift in philosophy to foreclose the opportunity for fellowship with it to all of our students.

If CLS wishes to form independent of Hastings we would be pleased to provide the organization the use of Hastings facilities for its meetings and activities. Unfortunately, we are precluded from utilizing student fees to fund its activities until CLS bylaws comport with the Hastings nondiscrimination compliance code.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,



Elise K. Traynum

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