

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

**Bylaws of the Section on
Professional Responsibility**

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on Professional Responsibility.
- Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to promote the communication of ideas, interests, and activities among members and to make recommendations on matters of interest in the teaching and improvement of the law relating to the legal profession and issues of professional responsibility.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership.
- (a) Membership in the section is open to a faculty member of a law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (hereinafter referred to as AALS).
 - (b) Associate membership is open to any other person who is concerned with the teaching, administration and improvement of the legal profession.
- Section 2. Privileges of Members
- (a) Regular members may vote in person at a section meeting.
 - (b) Associate members may participate in the programs, meetings and activities of the section, but may not vote or hold office in the section.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS, COMMITTEES

- Section 1. Officers. The officers of this section are the chairperson and the chairperson-elect. The chairperson-elect shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, shall qualify by acceptance and shall succeed to the office of chairperson at the close of the next annual meeting. An officer shall serve until his successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

- (a) The Executive Committee of the section is the chairperson of the section, chairperson-elect, and six other members.

(1) At the annual meeting in 2003, three members will be elected to a one year term and three members will be elected to a two year term. Thereafter all members will be elected to a two year term.

(2) In the case of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, the chairperson shall appoint a member of the section to fill the vacancy, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

- (b) The Executive Committee shall act in the interval between annual meetings and may create standing and special committees.

ARTICLE IV. STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The standing committees of the section shall include a program committee, nominating committee, and ABA section counterparts liaison committee.

Section 2. Duties of Committees.

- (a) Program Committee. The program committee shall produce and promote all programs of the section.
- (b) Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall report a slate of nominees to the section for election to the Executive Committee at the business meeting of the section at the annual meeting of the AALS. This shall be done in a manner consistent with the requirements of Article V.
- (c) ABA Section Counterparts Liaison Committee. The ABA section counterparts liaison committee shall maintain a liaison relationship with the section's counterpart ABA sections to the extent deemed appropriate by the AALS Executive Committee, and shall provide information of relevant ABA activities to section members.

ARTICLE V. NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominations. The Nominating Committee for the subsequent year shall be appointed at or immediately following the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three members of the section and shall include at least one past chairperson of the section. The Nominating Committee shall receive and consider suggestions of persons to serve as officers for the section and shall report a slate of nominees to the section for election at the business meeting of the section at the annual meeting of the AALS.

Section 2. Elections. The officers of the section shall be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations shall be received from the Nominating Committee and from the floor. Elections may be by voice vote or secret ballot, as the chairperson determines.

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. Chairperson. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the section and of the executive committee. The chairperson shall present at each annual meeting of the AALS a report of the section for the prior year and shall be responsible for the program of the section. The chairperson shall appoint the members of standing and special committees.
- Section 2. Chairperson-Elect. The Chairperson-Elect of the section shall assist the chairperson, as the chairperson may request, and shall perform the duties of the chairperson during absence or disability of the chairperson. If the office of the chairperson becomes vacant, the chairperson-elect shall succeed to the office of chairperson.

ARTICLE VII. POLICY STATEMENTS

- Section 1. Policy Statements. Because sections are part of the AALS, statements of policy adopted by a section or similar positions may be made public only after they are approved by the Executive Committee of the AALS.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended at the annual meeting of the section by a majority of the regular members of the section present and voting. The amendment takes effect when it is approved by the Executive Committee of the AALS.

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