

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

SECTION ON LITIGATION: BY-LAWS

AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY SECTION NOVEMBER 29, 2021

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1. NAME

This Section shall be known as the Section on Litigation.

SECTION 2. PURPOSES

The purposes of this Section are to promote the communication of ideas, interests and activities among members and to make recommendations to the Association of American Law Schools, its member schools, law school teachers and the legal profession on matters of interest in the teaching and improvement of litigation theory, practice, and skills, including but not limited to Trial Advocacy.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Regular membership in the Section is open to any member of a law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools.
- b. Associate membership is open to others who are concerned with the purposes of this Section.

SECTION 2. PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

- a. Regular members may participate in programs, meetings and activities of the Section, hold office, and vote in person at all Section meetings.

- 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, AND MEETINGS

SECTION 1: OFFICERS

The Officers in this Section are:

- a. Chair
- b. Chair-elect

The Officers shall be elected from the regular membership of the Section at the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, and shall serve for a term of one year.

SECTION 2: COMMITTEES

- a. The Executive Committee of the Section consists of the officers of the Section, as well as other members selected annually. The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Section in the interval between annual meetings.
- b. The Officers or Executive Committee shall create whatever standing or ad hoc committees are necessary and proper to effectuate its purposes. In the interval between annual meetings the Chair and Vice-Chair shall appoint standing and ad hoc committees necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes of the Section.

SECTION 3: MEETINGS

The Section shall meet annually in connection with the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. The Chair and Vice-Chair may call additional special meetings of the Section. At any such special meeting of the Section, ten

(10) regular members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. There shall be no quorum requirement for annual meetings held in connection with the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools.

ARTICLE IV: NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

SECTION 1: NOMINATIONS

At or immediately following the annual meeting, the Chair shall appoint a Nomination Committee for the subsequent year. The Nomination Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Section and shall include at least one past Chair of the Section. The Nomination Committee shall receive and consider suggestions of persons to serve as officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Section and shall report a slate of nominees to the Section for election before the next annual meeting of the AALS. All nominees must be members in good standing of the Section.

SECTION 2: ELECTIONS

Elections. The Officers and other members of the Executive Committee of the Section shall be elected at the annual meeting or by mail, including electronic mail, prior to the annual meeting. Nominations from the Nominating Committee shall be circulated to members of the Section at least one month before the election is held. Elections can be at the meeting or by mail, including electronic mail.

SECTION 3: VACANCIES

If an officer or other member of the Executive Committee resigns, becomes ineligible to serve or dies, the position shall be promptly filled. If the position of Chair becomes vacant, the Chair-elect becomes the Chair. If the position of the Chair-elect becomes vacant, the Chair, with the advice and consent of the other

members of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a person to serve as Chair-elect until the next annual meeting of AALS at which time both a Chair and a Chair-elect shall be elected. If the position of a member of the Executive Committee becomes vacant, the Chair, with the advice and consent of the other members of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a person to the position to serve until the next annual meeting of the AALS.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: CHAIR

The Chair of the Section shall preside at all meetings of the Section and of its Executive Committee. At each annual meeting the Chair shall be responsible for overseeing the program of the Section.

SECTION 2: CHAIR-ELECT

The Chair-elect shall assist the Chair as the Chair may request, and shall perform the duties of the Chair during the absence or disability of the Chair and shall succeed to the office of Chair, should that office become vacant, for the remainder of the term.

SECTION 3: SECRETARY

The Secretary shall assist the Chair and the Chair-Elect and gather submissions for a Section newsletter.

SECTION 4: TREASURER

The Treasurer shall assist the Secretary and submit any expense and reimbursement requests as needed to the Association of American Law Schools.

ARTICLE VI: INCOME

SECTION 1: INCOME

Authorized Expenditures of Section Dues and Other Section Income. Section dues and other Section income may be spent in accordance with AALS Bylaws and Executive Committee Regulations.

ARTICLE VII: POLICY STATEMENTS

SECTION 1: POLICY STATEMENTS

Sections are components of the Association of American Law Schools. Thus, any statements of policy adopted by this Section or similar positions may be made public only in accordance with the Bylaws and Executive Committee Regulations of the Association of American Law Schools.

SECTION 2: DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Every effort should be made to ensure diversity in Section programming, presenters, and awards. Diversity is implied broadly to include ideological diversity, diversity in schools represented, diversity in faculty and administrative responsibilities, and diversity based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender (including identity and expression), sexual orientation, age, or disability. The Section strives to welcome new members into the Section and provide professional development opportunities to junior scholars and administrators. As such, in addition to the diversity and qualities listed above, the Section's programming at annual meeting will strive to include first time AALS presenters.

ARTICLE VIII: ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended at an annual meeting of the Section by a majority vote of two-thirds of the regular members of the Section present and voting. Any amendments shall take effect upon approval by the Association of American Law Schools.

REVISED AND APPROVED BY LITIGATION SECTION: NOVEMBER 29, 2021.

APPROVED BY AALS JANUARY 30, 2022.