

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS
Bylaws of the
Section on Commercial and Consumer Law

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This section shall be known as the Section on Commercial and Consumer Law (“Section”).

Section 2. Purposes. The purposes of this Section are 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 commercial and consumer law.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership.

(a) Regular membership in the Section is open to any faculty member of a law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (“AALS”) and to Canadian Associates.

(b) Associate membership is open to others who are concerned with the teaching and improvement of commercial and consumer law. The number of associate members shall not exceed 25 percent of the regular membership.

(c) Membership is acquired by written request to the Section chairperson and is maintained by payment of any assessed Section dues.

Section 2. Privileges of Members.

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

(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, Meetings

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Section are the chair, the chair-elect, and between three to six officers-at-large as the Section may designate from time to time. They shall all be elected for a one-year term (or until their successor is duly elected and confirmed) from the regular membership of the Section at the annual AALS meeting or via electronic vote and shall qualify by acceptance. Nevertheless, the chair-elect shall automatically succeed to the chair position upon the end of the term of the incumbent chair. Officers shall individually serve until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Section 2. The Executive Committee of the Section. The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the officers of the Section, the immediate past chair and the chairs of any standing committees. On the call of the chair, the Executive Committee shall act in the interval between annual meetings of the Section.

Section 3. Standing Committees. There shall be such standing committees of the Section with such duties as the Executive Committee shall designate from time to time.

Section 4. Meetings. The Section shall meet annually in connection with the annual AALS meeting. The Executive Committee may call additional special meetings of the Section. Five (5) regular Section members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All meetings of the Section, the Executive Committee, and any Standing Committees may be conducted electronically.

Article IV. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chair. The chair of the Section shall preside at all meetings of the Section and of the Executive Committee. The chair shall present at each annual meeting of the AALS a report of the Section for the prior year and 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. The chair-elect shall perform the duties of the chair during absence or disability of the chair and who shall succeed to the office of chair if that office becomes vacant before the end of a term.

Article V. Policy Statements

Section 1. Policy Statements. Because the Sections is part of the overall structure of the AALS, statements of policy adopted by the Section, of similar position, shall be made public only after they are approved by the AALS Executive Committee.

Article VI. Adoption and Amendments

Section 1. Adoption and Amendments. These bylaws are adopted and may be amended at an annual meeting of the Section by an affirmative vote of a majority of the regular members of the Section present and voting, either in person or through electronic balloting. The amendment takes effect only after it has been approved by the AALS Executive.

Adopted: Friday, February 15, 2019

Certified by:



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Christopher K. Odinet
2019 Section Chair