#### ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

# First Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Section on Technology, Law and Legal Education

### **Article I. Name and Purpose**

- Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on Technology, Law and Legal Education.
- Section 2. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this Section is to promote scholarship and the communication of ideas, interests, and activities among members with respect to ways to: (1) use technology to enhance our teaching; (2) prepare our students to use technology effectively in their learning and future practice; and (3) equip our students to create technology to improve our legal system (including improving access to legal information and services). The Section will also make recommendations to the Association on matters of interest with respect to how technology is impacting our teaching and the practice of law.

### **Article II. Membership**

# Section 1. Membership.

- (a) Membership in the Section is open to faculty members and professional staff of a law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).
- (b) Associate membership is open to any other person who is concerned with the teaching, administration, and improvement of legal education that is consistent with the purpose of the Section.

### Section 2. Privileges of Members.

- (a) Regular members may vote and hold a position in a Section.
- (b) Associate members may not vote or hold a position in the Section

### **Article III. Officers, Executive and Other Committees**

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this Section are the chair, the chair-elect, and the secretary. The chair-elect shall be elected at or before each annual meeting of the Association, shall qualify by acceptance and shall succeed to the office of chair at the close of the next annual meeting. The secretary shall be elected in alternate years and shall serve a two-year term. An officer shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

## Section 2. <u>The Executive Committee.</u>

- (a) The Executive Committee of the Section consists of the chair of the Section, chair-elect, secretary, and three other members elected annually. In the first election following the adoption of the bylaws change reconstituting the executive committee, one of these members shall be elected to a one-year term and one shall be elected to a two-year term. In successive years one member shall be elected to a two-year term each year.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Section in the interval between annual meetings and may create standing and special committees.
- Section 3. Filling 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 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 the secretary or other 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 the remainder of its term.

### **Article IV. Nomination and Elections**

Section 1. <u>Nominations</u>. 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 comprising at least one nominee for each open position 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. <u>Elections</u>. The officers and other members of the Executive Committee of the Section shall be elected at the annual meeting or by postal mail, electronic mail, or other electronic means approved by the Executive Committee, prior to the annual meeting. Nominations shall be circulated to members of the Section at least one month before the election is held.

### **Article V. Duties of Officers**

Section 1. <u>Chair</u>. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and of its Executive Committee. At each annual meeting of the AALS, the chair shall report on the Section activities during the prior year and is responsible for delegating a Section member to organize the Annual Meeting program of the Section. The chair may appoint members of standing and special committees.

- Section 2. <u>Chair-Elect</u>. The chair-elect of the Section shall assist the chair, as the chair may request, and shall perform the duties of the chair during absence or disability of the chair.
- Section 3. <u>Secretary</u>. The Secretary shall record the minutes of meetings and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the chair with the secretary's consent.
- Section 4. <u>Executive Committee Members</u>. The other executive committee members shall attend meetings of the executive committee and act to further the business of the section.

#### Article VI. Income

Section 1. <u>Authorized Expenditures of Section Dues and Other Section Income.</u> Section dues and other Section income may be spent in accordance with AALS Bylaws and Executive Committee Regulations.

# **Article VII. Policy Statements**

Section 1. <u>Policy Statements</u>. Sections are components of the AALS. Thus, any statements of policy adopted by a Section or similar positions may be made public only in accordance with the Bylaws and Executive Committee Regulations of the AALS.

#### **Article VIII. Amendments**

Section 1. <u>Amendments</u>. 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, or by a majority of the regular members voting by postal mail, electronic mail, or by any other electronic means approved by the Executive Committee. The amendment takes effect when it is approved by the AALS Executive Director or as otherwise provided in the Association's bylaws.

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