

BY-LAWS

of the Section on
TORTS AND COMPENSATION SYSTEMS
Association of American Law Schools
(As Amended January 7, 1989)

Article I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on Torts and Compensation Systems.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Section is to promote and stimulate ideas, interest, and activities, and the communication and discussion thereof, among those concerned with the teaching, administration, improvement, and reformation of the law relating to torts and compensation systems.

Article II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership.

(a) Membership in the Section is open to any faculty person of a law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (hereinafter referred to as AALS) and to Canadian Associates.

(b) Associate membership is open to others who are concerned with the teaching, administration and improvement of legal education. The number of Associate members shall not exceed 25 per cent of the regular membership.

Section 2. Privileges of Members.

(a) Regular members may 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.

(c) All members of the Section shall receive copies of "Torts and Retorts," without any charge therefor.

Article III. OFFICERS, COMMITTEES

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this Section are the chairperson, chairperson-elect, secretary, and treasurer. They shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association for one-year terms and shall qualify by acceptance. 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, the immediate past chairperson, the chairperson-elect, the secretary, the treasurer, and two additional members of the Section elected at the annual meeting of the Section.

(b) The Executive Committee shall be available for advice and counsel to the chairperson, shall appoint the standing and special committees, and shall describe the duties of standing and special committees.

Section 3. Standing Committees.

(a) The standing committees of the Section shall be (1) the Nominating Committee and (2) the Committee on Special Projects.

(b) The standing committees shall have such duties as are described by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Unexpired Term of Officer Unable to Serve.

In the event of a resignation, death, or the occurrence of circumstances which make any officer of this Section unable to complete his or her term, the Chairperson of the Section shall, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, appoint a non-officer member of the Section to complete the term of the officer unable to serve.

Article IV. 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 and at least one person who has not been an officer of the Section. The Nominating Committee shall receive and consider suggestions of persons to serve as members of the Executive Committee 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 members of the Executive Committee 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 of the Section determines. Members of the Executive Committee are elected by receiving a majority of the votes of those regular members present and voting.

Article V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Chairperson. The Chairperson of the Section shall be responsible for the budget and for the program of the Section at the annual meeting next following his or her election. The Chairperson of the Section 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.

Section 2. Chairperson-Elect. The Chairperson-Elect of the Section shall be responsible for editing at least two issues (spring and fall) of the newsletter, shall assist the Chairperson, as the Chairperson may request, and shall perform the duties of the Chairperson during absence or disability of the Chairperson. The Chairperson-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chairperson.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary of the Section shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Section and the Executive Committee and shall perform such other duties as the Chairperson may request.

Article VI. POLICY STATEMENTS

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

Article VII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments. These by-laws 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 after it has been approved by the Executive Committee.

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Addendum

(Policy statement adopted by Section, January 3, 1981)

- PROSSER AWARD -

1. William L. Prosser Award. The Section of Torts and compensation Systems hereby establishes an award to be known as the William L. Prosser Award.
2. Purpose and Criteria of the Prosser Award. To recognize outstanding contributions of law teachers in scholarship, teaching and service in the torts and compensation systems of law.
3. Germaneness of Award to the Section on Torts and Compensation Systems and to the Association of American Law Schools. An association of law schools and law teachers and a Section on Torts and Compensation Systems should appropriately recognize those individuals within the teaching profession who by their scholarship, teaching and service have distinguished themselves by their unique and substantial contributions to the field of Torts and Compensation Systems.
4. Announcement of Competition for the Award. Competition for the Award is to be announced through AALS Newsletters, at the annual meeting of the Section, and in the Section newsletter, "Torts and Retorts."

5. Nominations for the Award. Any law teacher may nominate another law teacher for the award.
6. Selection Committee. The selection committee shall consist of the members of the Torts and Compensation Systems Executive Committee.
7. Timetable. Nominations for the Award shall be open from the annual meeting in January of each year to June 30; the selection of a recipient will be made no later than November 1st. A report to the President of AALS in accordance with Executive Committee Regulation 12.7 shall be made no later than November 10th in each year.

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