

**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS
(the “Association”)**

**Bylaws of the Section on
Agency, Partnerships, LLCs, and Unincorporated Associations**

Article I. Name and Purpose

- Section 1. Name. This section shall be known as the **Section on Agency, Partnerships, LLCs, and Unincorporated Associations.**
- Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to promote the communication of ideas, interests, and activities among members and to make recommendations to the Association on matters of interest in the teaching, research, and improvement of the law relating to Section on Agency, Partnerships, LLCs, and Unincorporated Associations.

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 in the subject area of the section.
- Section 2. Privileges of Members.
- (a) Regular members may be officers of the section and may vote in a section election.
 - (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 and Committees

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

and qualified.

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

- (a) The Executive Committee of the section is the chair, chair-elect, and secretary of the section and up to ten other members of the section elected annually.
- (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 or secretary becomes vacant, the chair, with the advice and consent of the other members of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a person to serve until the next annual meeting of the Association, at which time a chair, a chair-elect, and a secretary 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 Association.

Article IV. Nomination and Elections

Section 1. Nominations. At or immediately following the annual meeting, the chair shall solicit, receive, and consider suggestions of persons to serve as officers and members of the Executive Committee of the section from existing members of the Executive Committee and shall report a slate of nominees to the section for election at the business meeting of the section at the next annual meeting of the Association. No person may serve as chair of the section for more than two consecutive years.

Section 2. Elections. The officers (other than, as described in Article III, the chair) and other members of the Executive Committee of the section shall be elected at the business meeting of the section at the annual meeting of the Association. Nominations resulting from the process set forth in Section 1 of this Article IV shall be reported to section members at that business meeting; additional nominations may be received from the floor. Elections may be by voice vote or secret ballot, as the chair determines.

Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chair. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the section and of its Executive Committee. At each annual meeting of the Association, the chair shall report on the section activities during the prior year and is responsible for the program of the section. The chair shall appoint the members of any standing and special committees other than the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Chair-Elect. The chair-elect of the section shall assist the chair, as the chair may request, and shall perform the duties of the chair during the chair’s absence or disability.

Section 3. Secretary. The secretary of the section shall assist the chair and chair-elect, as either of them may request, and shall perform the duties of the chair or chair-elect during the absence or disability of either of them.

Article VI. Position Statements

Section 1. Policy Statements. As permitted by the Association’s Executive Committee Regulations, the section may take a position on a matter related either to the subject matter of the section or concerning legal education when the executive committee, after giving section members an adequate opportunity to review and submit comments on a proposed position, reasonably believes that the position reflects the views of a majority of the section’s membership. The section may communicate a position taken in accordance with the preceding sentence to others within and outside the Association, with a disclaimer that states that the position is that of the section only and not necessarily of the Association. The disclaimer should use the following or similar language: “The following is a statement of the Section on Agency, LLCs, and Unincorporated Associations of the Association of American Law Schools only. It does not necessarily represent the position of the Association.” The section may submit to the Association’s Executive Committee a recommendation that the Association take a stated position.

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 Association.

Amended January, 2024