

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS
Bylaws of the Section on New Law Professors

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This section shall be known as the Section on New Law Professors.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to promote the communication of ideas, interests and activities among members of the section and to make recommendations to the Association on matters concerning new law professors.

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, Executive and Other Committees

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this section are the immediate-past chair, chair, chair-elect, and secretary. The secretary shall be elected at or before each annual meeting of the Association. At the end of each annual meeting of the Association, the chair shall succeed to the office of immediate-past chair, the chair-elect shall succeed to the office of chair, and the secretary shall succeed to the office of chair-elect. An officer shall serve until replaced by succession or election.

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

(a) The Executive Committee of the section is the immediate-past chair, chair, chair-elect, and secretary, and four other members elected on staggered two-year terms (two per year).

(b) The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the section between annual meetings and may create standing and special committees.

Section 3. Filling Vacancies. If an officer or other member of the Executive Committee (other than the immediate-past chair) 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 secretary becomes chair-elect. If the position of secretary becomes vacant, the chair, with the advice and consent of the other members of the Executive Committee shall appoint a person to serve as secretary until the next annual meeting of the Association at or before which time any officer or executive committee positions appointed in the interim period between annual meetings, along with the secretary, shall be open to election. If the position of a non-officer 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. If the position of immediate-past chair becomes vacant, it shall remain vacant until filled by natural succession of the chair.

Article IV. Nomination and Elections

Section 1. Nominations. At or following the annual meeting, the chair shall appoint the Nominating Committee for the subsequent year. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three members of the section and shall include, at a minimum, the immediate-past chair of the section unless that position is vacant, along with chair-elect. The Nominating 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 at the business meeting of the section at or before the next annual meeting of the AALS.

Section 2. Elections. The election of the secretary and members of the executive committee, along with any vacancies arising from interim appointments, shall be determined by the Nominating Committee.

Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Immediate-Past Chair. The immediate-past chair shall advise and assist the chair, as the chair may request.

Section 2. Chair. 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 the program of the section. The chair shall appoint the members of standing and special committees.

Section 3. 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 absence or disability of the chair.

Section 4. Secretary. The secretary is responsible for the preparation of the section newsletter and other section communications.

Article VI. Income

Section 1. Authorized Expenditures of Section Dues and Other Section Income. In addition to the purposes described in Association Executive Committee Regulation

12.6(d), section dues and other section income may be spent for a reception for section members at an Association annual meeting, workshop, or teaching conference, deficiency in a meal guarantee made to a hotel, section survey, section directory, or enhanced newsletter. Before the activity is undertaken, the section's Executive Committee must authorize the expenditure of dues or other income for the activity. In approving payment of an expenditure, the section chair must determine that the particular expenditure is for the activity authorized by the Executive Committee of the section and is consistent with the section's bylaws and Association policies. The section's Executive Committee must approve the expenditure at least six weeks prior to the activity for which the expenditure is authorized; the chair shall notify the Association's National Office no later than one month before the occurrence of the activity.

Article VII. Policy Statements

Section 1. Policy Statements. Sections are components of the AALS. Thus, any statements of policy adopted by a section or similar positions may be made public only after the AALS Executive Committee has formally adopted the policy statement.

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 AALS.