**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS**

**amended bylaws of the**

**SECTION ON LEADERSHIP**

**January 11, 2025**

# Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on Leadership.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Section to promote scholarship, teaching, and related activities that will help prepare lawyers and law students to serve in leadership roles. The Section also will make recommendations to the Association on matters of interest with respect to the research and teaching concerning leadership development in the legal profession.

# Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership.

1. 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).
2. Associate membership is open to any other person who is concerned with the teaching, administration, and improvement of legal education in the subject of the Section.

Section 2. Privileges of Members.

1. Regular members may vote and hold a position in the Section.
2. 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, the secretary, and the immediate past chair. The secretary shall be elected at or before each AALS annual meeting, shall qualify by acceptance and shall succeed to the office of chair-elect at the close of the next annual meeting. The chair-elect shall succeed to the office of chair at that same time. Each officer other than the immediate past chair shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

1. Until theses bylaws become effective upon AALS approval, the Executive Committee of the Section consists of the chair, chair-elect, immediate past chair and at least three other members. Members are elected annually but are expected to serve two-year terms. The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Section in the interval between annual meetings and may create standing and special committees.
2. Upon effectiveness of these bylaws, the Executive Committee of the Section consists of the chair, chair-elect, immediate past chair, secretary, and at least two other members at large, the total number of Executive Committee members being determined by the Executive Committee from time to time as needed to conduct its activities. Executive Committee members are separated into three classes, apportioned as equally as possible, with the term of office of one class expiring each year. Each class of members is elected to a three-year term. No at-large member may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Upon effectiveness of these bylaws, to effectuate and initially establish the office of the secretary and the foregoing Executive Committee membership class structure, the Executive Committee shall: (i) appoint a secretary from among its members to serve until the 2026 AALS annual meeting; (ii) determine the total number of Executive Committee members to serve during the 2025 membership year; (iii) appoint new Executive Committee members to serve in any resulting vacancies until the 2026 AALS annual meeting; and (iv) assign members of the resulting Executive Committee to each of the three classes of members. The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Section in the interval between AALS annual meetings.

Section 3. Committees. The following committees shall be standing committees for the Section:

1. Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall serve as described below.
2. AALS Program Committee. The AALS Program Committee shall assist the chair and chair-elect in planning the Section’s program for the next AALS annual meeting.
3. Awards Committee. The Awards committee shall be responsible for recommending to the Executive Committee the name and nature of any Section awards.

Section 4. Filling Vacancies. If a 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 secretary becomes the 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 AALS annual meeting, at which time both a chair-elect and secretary shall be elected. If the position of immediate past chair or an at-large 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 fill that vacancy on the Executive Committee until the next AALS annual meeting.

# Article IV. Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations. At or within 45 days following the annual meeting, the chair shall appoint a Nominations Committee for the subsequent year. The Nominations Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Section and shall include at least one past chair of the Section. The Nominations Committee shall receive and consider suggestions of persons to serve as secretary and at-large members of the Executive Committee of the Section and shall report a slate of nominees to the Section for election before the next AALS annual meeting. All nominees must be members in good standing of the Section.

Section 2. Elections. Executive Committee members for the Section shall be elected by vote at the AALS annual meeting or by electronic mail sent prior to, and tabulated at, the AALS annual meeting. Nominations from the Nominations Committee shall be circulated to members of the Section at least one month before the AALS annual meeting is held.

# Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chair. The Section chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and of its Executive Committee. At each AALS annual meeting, the chair shall report on the Section’s activities during the prior year. The chair may appoint members of standing and special committees or task forces in consultation with the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Chair-Elect. The Section chair-elect 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. Secretary. The Section secretary shall record summary notes of the matters decided at each Executive Committee meeting, distribute those notes to all Executive Committee members promptly following the meeting, and otherwise assist the Section chair and chair-elect, as they may request.

Section 4. Immediate Past Chair. The Section immediate past chair shall advise the chair, other officers, and Executive Committee as requested.

# Article VI. Policy Statements

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

# Article VII. Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by vote of a majority of the regular members of the Section voting. The amendment takes effect when it is approved by the AALS.

*Adopted this 9th day of January, 2025 at the Business Meeting of the Section on Leadership*