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Association of American Law Schools
Family and Juvenile Law Section Bylaws

As Amended January 1995

ARTICLE I - NAME - This Section shall be known as The Section of Family and Juvenile Law of the Association of American Law Schools.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES - It shall be the purpose of this Section to promote the development and exchange of information relating to teaching and research in the fields of family and juvenile law and to promote collaborative action among those individuals having an interest in these fields.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Regular Membership. Regular membership in a Section includes the right to participate in its activities, vote, and hold office.

Regular membership is open to:

- a. Members of faculties of AALS Law Schools.
- b. Canadian Associates (as defined in the resolution adopted at the 1969 AALS Annual Meeting).

2. Associate Membership. Associate membership in a Section includes the right to participate in all of its activities except voting or holding office. Associate membership is open to persons whose professional duties and comparable interests make their participation in the affairs of the Section appropriate. Associate membership is limited to not over 25% of the Regular Membership.

ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS

Section 1): Officers

The Officers of the Section shall consist of the Chair, the Chair-Elect and Program Chair, and the Secretary-Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. They shall assume office at the close of the annual general meeting of the Section and shall serve a term of one year.

Section 2): Duties

- a) It shall be the duty of the Chair to direct the affairs of the Section, to appoint members to standing and special committees, and to preside at the annual meeting of the Section and at meetings of the Executive Council. The Chair shall maintain appropriate liaison with the officers and staff of the Association of American Law Schools.
- b) It shall be the duty of the Chair-Elect to assist the Chair in the direction of the affairs of the Section as may be required. The Chair-Elect shall also serve as Program Chair for the Annual AALS Meeting.
- c) It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep such records and minutes of the activities of the Section as may be required and to handle correspondence with and notification of the members of the Section. To the extent specified by the AALS, the Secretary-Treasurer shall handle requests for membership, maintain a roster of members of the Section, and have charge of all monies of the Section, being responsible for the collection and disbursement of such monies and keeping an accurate record thereof. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also be Newsletter Editor for the AALS Family & Juvenile Law Section.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - There shall be an Executive Council of the Section, consisting of the Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and the past three Section Chairs. The members of the Executive Council shall hold office for one year. They shall assume office at the close of the annual general meeting of the Section.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1: Special Committees

The Chair shall appoint such special committees as the business of the Section may from time to time require. The Chair-Elect and Program Chair may also establish a special Program Committee as required.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS - The annual general meeting of the Section for the conduct of business shall take place in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. There may be such other meetings on a general or regional basis as are sanctioned by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS - Commencing with the annual general meeting to be held in January 1995, the Executive Council shall present to the membership a slate of candidates for the offices of the Association. No person shall be listed upon such slate unless the Committee shall first have determined such person's willingness to serve if elected. Further nominations may be made from the floor. Election shall be by simple majority of all votes cast.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS - These by-laws may be amended by a vote of a majority of the enrolled members of the Section voting. Proposed amendments shall be distributed to the membership by the Executive Council and voting shall take place at the section meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools.

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