

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SECTION

KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

(As amended on May 17, 2017)

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name. The organization shall be known as the Public Interest Law Section (Section) of the Kentucky Bar Association (Association).

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Section shall be as follows:

(a) To promote discussion within the KBA of concerns of lawyers engaged in the practice of public interest law.

(b) To ensure that the KBA is responsive to the needs of persons who have traditionally been unrepresented or under-represented in our legal system.

(c) To provide for training and/or information sharing between those engaged in the practice of public interest law.

(d) To serve as a source of public information about public interest law.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING

Section 1. Membership. Membership in the Section is open to all members of the Association. A membership fee shall be assessed annually to

those members of the Association who wish to be members of the Section. This fee shall be determined by the Section membership and shall be due and payable with the Association dues.

Section 2. Voting. Only dues paying members of the Section shall be qualified electors to vote and hold office in the Section.

Section 3. Participation. All members of the Association who express an interest in public interest law, the program and activities of the Section may participate in the programs, meetings, and social events sponsored by the Section.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this Section shall be the Chair, Immediate Past Chair, Chair-Elect, and Vice-Chair. They shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association and shall qualify by acceptance.

(a) An officer shall serve until his/her successor has been elected and qualified. Except as provided in Article IV, Section 3, in the event an officer is unable or unwilling to serve, the Chair shall appoint, subject to approval of the Executive Committee, an officer to serve until election at the next Annual Meeting.

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

(a) The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the officers of the Section.

(b) The Executive Committee shall consult with and advise the Chair in the interval between annual meetings.

Section 3. Standing Committees.

(a) The Chair, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may create committees as he/she deems necessary.

(b) The Chair shall with the approval of the Executive Committee appoint the chairpersons of each committee. In making such appointments, the Chair shall consider qualifications, geographic diversity, and representation of all interests within the Section.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. Chair. The Chair of the Section shall preside at all meetings of the Section, and of the Executive Committee. The Chair shall present at each Annual meeting of the Section a report of the Section for the prior year and shall oversee the program of the Section.

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 absence or disability of the Chair. If the office of the Chair becomes vacant, the Chair-Elect shall succeed to the office of Chair.

Section 3. Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair 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 Chair may request.

Section 4. Immediate Past Chair. The Immediate Past Chair shall serve as an assistant to the Chair and perform such functions as the Chair shall direct.

ARTICLE V

NOMINATION, ELECTIONS & MEETINGS

Section 1. Nominating Committee. 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 Chair of the Section. The Nominating Committee shall receive and consider suggestions of persons to serve as officers for the Section and shall report a slate of nominees to the Section for election at the annual business meeting of the Section.

Section 2. Elections. The officers of the Section shall be elected at the Annual Section Meeting and shall serve the term July 1st of that year through June 30th of the following year. Nominations shall be received from the Nominating Committee and from the floor. Elections may be by secret ballot.

(a) Only those paying dues at the time of casting their ballot or having proof of payment shall vote.

(b) The initial officers shall be elected at the first Annual Meeting following organization of the Section and shall serve until the next Annual Meeting. At each Annual Meeting, officers shall move up to the next officer level, unless nominations are made.

Section 3. Meetings.

(a) An annual meeting of the Section shall be held in May or June of each year.

(b) Special meetings of the Section may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Executive Committee, and shall be called upon written request to the Chair of not less than 5 members of the Section. The time and place of the special meetings shall be announced at least 10 days in advance by notice to the membership via electronic mail. Attendance can be in person or via electronic two-way communication means.

(c) Three members of the Section present shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business at all Section meetings. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings.

(d) The Executive Committee shall meet at least annually. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Chair or upon written request to the Chair by any members of the Executive Committee. A quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall be two (2) members. The time and place of the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be announced at least ten (10) days in advance by notice via electronic mail to its members stating the nature of the business to be discussed.

ARTICLE VI

POLICY STATEMENTS

Section 1. Policy Statements. Statements of Policy shall be approved by the Board of Governors.

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. Any proposed amendment to the by-laws must be approved in advance by the Executive Committee, with a quorum present and two-thirds (2/3) of those present voting for the proposed amendment. The amendment takes effect after it has been approved by the Section and the Board of Governors.