

Proposed Bylaws of the Appellate Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. This Section shall be known as the Appellate Section.

Section 2. The purpose of this Section is to provide a forum to study and discuss appellate-practice issues; to disseminate information regarding recent developments in this area to the members of the Association; and to establish liaison with the appellate courts covering Louisiana to further the rule of law, and improve the administration of justice and the practice of law before the appellate courts.

Article II. Membership and Dues

Section 1. Any member in good standing of the Louisiana State Bar Association shall, upon request to the Secretary of the Association, be enrolled as a member of the Section. Members so enrolled and whose dues are paid will constitute the membership of this Section.

Section 2. Dues for membership in this Section are payable upon enrollment and thereafter annually on the same fiscal year basis as Louisiana State Bar Association dues. The maximum dues amount is \$25.00 per year, and the members may approve any lower amount by vote.

Section 3. Any member whose annual dues become three months delinquent automatically loses membership status. Only Section members in good standing, with dues paid, are eligible to vote, hold any Section office, participate in the electronic discussion group, and receive Section publications.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. The general officers of this Section shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. Section officers will be dues-paying members who volunteer for the positions. When necessary they will be chosen by election of the membership.

Section 3. Each officer will hold office for a term of two years, or until such time as a successor volunteers or is elected.

Article IV. Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chairman. The Chairman, or the Vice-Chairman in the absence of the Chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Section. On consultation with the membership the Chairman shall establish such committees as are deemed necessary and appoint the chairman and members thereof who are to hold office during the Chairman's term. The Chairman shall plan and supervise the program of the Section and the performance of all activities of the Section. The Chairman shall keep the members informed.

Section 2. Vice-Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman, performing such tasks as shall be assigned by the Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, or upon the death, resignation or disability of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman for the remainder of the term of office. But in the case of disability the Vice-Chairman shall act only during the pendency of the disability.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the custodian of all

books, papers, documents and other property of the Section, and shall keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Section, whether assembled or acting under submission. With the Chairman, the Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare a summary or digest of the proceedings of the Section at its annual meeting for publication in the Annual Report of the Louisiana State Bar Association. The Secretary-Treasurer, in conjunction with the Chairman as authorized by the membership, shall attend generally to the business of the Section.

Section 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall sign any application for and execute any bond as may be requested by any officer of the Section under any resolution duly adopted for any bond for the purpose of protecting the monies of the Section. Any cost or premium for such bond, however, shall not be borne by the officer, but shall be an expense of the Section and paid from the funds of the Section.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. The members will communicate primarily by electronic discussion group. Votes will take place through that medium.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Section shall be held during the annual meeting of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Article VI. Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. The Section's fiscal year will be 1 November thru 30 October.

Section 2. All bills incurred by the Section shall, before being paid, be approved by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer, or otherwise as the membership may direct. Checks for all disbursements shall be signed by the Secretary-Treasurer or such other officer as the membership may authorize, except as to funds appropriated by the Board of Governors, which shall be disbursed only by the proper officers of the Louisiana State Bar Association on bills approved by the Section's membership.

Section 3. Approval of any Section measure or initiative, decisions on internal governance, and elections of officers shall be by majority of votes by members who choose to vote through the electronic discussion group.

Section 4. These bylaws shall become effective immediately upon approval thereof, as required by the Articles and bylaws of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Article VII. Amendments

These Section membership may amend these bylaws, but no amendment so adopted shall become effective until approved by the Board of Governors of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Approved by resolution on the _____ day of _____, 2005.
