

**BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION  
OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I  
NAME

This organization shall be known as the Environmental Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

ARTICLE II  
PURPOSE

There is an enormous interest in the practice of Environmental Law, largely due to increased public interest and awareness and legislative regulatory activity.

As a direct consequence, the number and complexity of the issues facing practitioners in Environmental Law have significantly expanded.

The purpose of this Section is to bring a cross section of attorneys in the government, private and scholastic communities together in order to facilitate the following activities:

- (i) Educational opportunities regarding the various fields in Environmental Law.
- (ii) Social and intellectual interaction between public and private practitioners and educators.
- (iii) Legislative review and updates, recommendations on pending legislation.
- (iv) Coordination among the activities of other sections and committees of the Los Angeles County Bar, and of other Bar associations with interest in areas similar to the other express purposes of this section.



The areas of interest that this Section will address will include:

- (i) Hazardous Materials
- (ii) Air Quality
- (iii) Wildlife and Endangered Species Protection
- (iv) Water Quality
- (v) Conservation and Development of Off Shore Resources
- (vi) Historic Preservation
- (vii) Noise Pollution
- (viii) NEPA and CEQA
- (ix) Coastal Acts
- (x) Radioactive Waste Materials
- (xi) Toxic Torts
- (xii) Insurance

ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association shall be eligible for membership in the Section. A prerequisite to membership also shall be the payment of the dues, if any, required of the Section's members for the current calendar year.

Section 2. ASSOCIATES. Persons who are not lawyers, who have an interest in environmental law issues, shall be eligible for associate member status in the Section. Associate members may participate in all Section activities, but shall not be eligible to serve as Section or Committee officers or to participate in any voting by the members of the Section. A prerequisite to the associate status shall also be the payment of the dues required of Associate members of the Section, as established by the Executive Committee, for the current fiscal year.

ARTICLE IV  
OFFICERS

Section 1. DESIGNATION AND TERM. The officers of the Section shall be as follows: Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The term of office for each of these officers shall be one year beginning on the first day of July of each year and ending on the last day of June of the following year. In accordance with these By-Laws and Article X, Section 6, of the By-Laws of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the officers of the Section shall be elected annually by the Section's members.

ARTICLE V  
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. CHAIR. The Chair, as chief executive officer, shall preside at all meetings of the Section and of the Executive Committee and shall appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Committees and additional members of the Executive Committee. The Chair shall also select the members of the Nominating Committee. The Chair shall have such other executive powers and perform such other duties as are not inconsistent with these By-Laws or with the By-Laws of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Section 2. FIRST VICE-CHAIR. The First Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair during the latter's absence or inability to act and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the Chair. The First Vice-Chair shall have responsibility for general oversight of the Committees of the Section and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties not inconsistent with these By-Laws as from time to time may be prescribed by the Chair or by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. SECOND VICE-CHAIR. The Second Vice-Chair shall have responsibility for general oversight of the Programs and Activities of the Section and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties not inconsistent with the By-Laws as from time to time may be prescribed by the Chair or by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall be responsible for the taking of minutes at each meeting of the Executive Committee and the Section and shall have such other duties not inconsistent with these By-Laws as from time to time may be prescribed by the Chair or by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Section and shall act as the liaison for the Section with the Los Angeles County Bar Association with respect to the receipt and disbursement of all funds for or on behalf of the Section. The Treasurer shall have such other duties not inconsistent with these By-Laws as from time to time may be prescribed by the Chair or by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP. This Section shall have an Executive Committee composed of the officers of the Section, the Program Chair, the Membership Chair, the Chair of each standing Committee of the Section and such other active members of the Section as the Chair shall determine after consultation with the Section's other elected officers. The immediate past Chair of the Section shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. DUTIES. The Executive Committee shall supervise and direct the affairs and determine the policies of the Section, subject to and in accordance with these By-Laws and the By-Laws of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Section 3. MEETINGS. The Executive Committee may act at a meeting duly called or by a poll of each member of the Executive Committee. At a duly noticed meeting a majority of those present may take action. Otherwise, a majority vote of the Executive Committee shall be necessary to take action. Meetings shall be called by the Chair, or may be called by a majority of the Executive Committee. Notice of such meetings shall be given to members of the Executive Committee not less than two days prior to such meeting. A poll of the members of the Executive Committee may be conducted by the Chair, or members designated by the Chair, by telephone or mail, or both. The Executive Committees shall meet a minimum of nine (9) times each year.

Section 4. DUES. The Executive Committee shall have the power to assess annual membership dues for the Section.

Section 5. REMOVAL. The Executive Committee may remove, and the Chair may replace, any Executive Committee member who shall fail to attend three (3) meetings of the Executive Committee in any fiscal year. Any such member shall be deemed to have submitted a resignation as an Executive Committee member subject to acceptance by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII  
COMMITTEES

Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES. There shall be the following standing committees of the Section, each of which shall be responsible for planning and arranging programs,, obtaining speakers, obtaining necessary facilities and arranging for notices and publicity for the meetings of the committee pertaining to the subject matter to be addressed by the committee:

- A. Air Quality;
- B. Hazardous Materials and Water Quality;
- C. Toxic Torts and Insurance;
- D. Legislation Review.

Section 2. INTERIM COMMITTEES. The Chair of the Section shall have the power to appoint such special or interim committees as may be necessary or desirable for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Section.

Section 3. CHAIRS OF THE COMMITTEES. The Chair of the Section shall have the power to select the Chair of each standing committee and any special or interim committee. The Chair of the Section shall also have the power to select the Vice-Chair, if any, of each standing and any special or interim committee.

Section 4. TERM. The term of the Chair of such committees shall be one year or such other period as may be determined by the Chair of the Section.

ARTICLE VIII  
SECTION MEETINGS

Section 1. MEETINGS. The Section shall hold at least one meeting of the full Section each year at a time and place to be selected by the Chair of the Section. At such meeting, the Chair of each of the committees and interim committees shall report on the activities of their committee. Such other business, as determined to be appropriate by the Chair of the Section, shall be conducted at the meeting of the full Section. This annual meeting of the Section may be held in combination with a seminar or other function of the Section.

Section 2. NOTICES. Written notice of the time and place of each Section meeting shall be given to all members at least five (5) days prior to the date of such meeting.

Section 3. QUORUM. The members of the Section present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Section. Action may be taken by a majority vote of the members present.

Section 4. RULES. All meetings of the Section shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rule of Order.

Section 5. APPROVAL OF ACTION. No report, recommendation, news release or other action of the Section or any committee thereof shall be considered as the action of the Los Angeles County Bar Association unless and until it has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Section and the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles County Bar Association or its designated representatives or committees.

#### ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These By-Laws may be amended by (1) the Executive Committee by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Executive Committee polled pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 3 of these By-Laws or (2) by a majority of the members of the Section, subject to ratification by the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

#### ARTICLE X ELECTIONS

Section 1. TIME. The Section shall hold a regular annual election of officers. The date of such election shall be not earlier than April 1 nor later than May 15.

Section 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. There shall be a Nominating Committee of three (3), members of the Section: the outgoing Chair of the Section and two other members selected by the Chair from active Section members in good standing. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more members of the Section for each of the officers of the Section which are the Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

The written report of the Nominating Committee stating the names of the persons so nominated shall be forwarded to the Chair of the Section at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the regular annual election, and the members of the Section shall be notified of such nominations at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the date of such election.

Section 3. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS. Additional nominations for any office may be made by filing with the Chairperson of the Section at any time prior to 15 days before the annual election, a written nomination signed by at least 20 members of the Section in good standing entitled to vote.

Section 4. ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE. If the Nominating Committee nominates only one candidate for each position, and if no one is nominated in accordance with Section 3 of this Article, then the slate as nominated will be deemed unanimously elected, and the results shall be reported in writing to the members of the Section.

Section 5. BALLOTS. Except as provided in Section 4 of this Article, a ballot containing the names of the nominees of each office with a blank write-in space after each office, shall be mailed to each member of the Section entitled to vote not later than ten days prior to the annual election date. The ballots shall be in such form and shall contain such instructions as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee. Each member shall be entitled to vote for a nominee or other member of the Section for each office to be filled at the election.

Section 6. VOTING. Ballots must be received at the Los Angeles County Bar Association office in accordance with the instructions written on or furnished with the ballots not later than 4:00 p.m. on the election day, at which time the voting shall cease, and the polls shall close.

Section 7. COUNTING. Immediately upon the close of the balloting the votes shall be canvassed and counted by the Association staff in accordance with the standard procedure, and the results shall be recorded in writing to the Executive Committee of the Section. The results of the election shall be reported to the Association membership in the June notice packages sent to all Section members.

Section 8. VOTES TO ELECT. A plurality of votes cast shall elect. In case two or more candidates for one office shall receive an equal number of votes, a ballot shall be taken between such candidates by means of a written ballot to be sent to all members. Ballots must be received in the Association office in accordance with the written instructions, written on or furnished with the ballots not later than 4:00 p.m. on June 15, or the first Monday thereafter if June 15 falls on a weekend, at which time the voting shall cease and the poll shall close. Counting shall be accomplished by the means set forth in Section 7 of this Article.