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

ARTICLE I

NAME

This organization shall be known as the International Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (the "Association").

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The purposes of the International Law Section shall include the promoting of world peace through the rule of law; the furtherance of the knowledge of the members of the Section and the Association and the citizenry, generally of public and private international law, of comparative law and of the law concerning international business transaction; the formation and effective operation of committees to assist in the activities of the Association; the fostering of work relationships between the Association and other professional

organization.; and otherwise to further the interests of the Association and of the legal profession as a whole.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Members. Any member in good standing of the Association, upon payment of Section dues for the current year, shall be enrolled as a member in the International Law Section.

Section 2. Associate Members. Foreign Legal Consultants authorized by the California State Bar Association, lawyers who are qualified by a foreign jurisdiction to practice law and are in good standing in said jurisdiction, and persons who are non-lawyers, shall be eligible for associate status of the International Law Section upon approval of the Section's Executive Committee or its designated representative or committee. Associate members may participate in all Section activities, but associates members **are not** eligible to serve on the Executive Committee. A prerequisite to associate status shall also be the payment of Section dues for the current bar year.

Section 3. Dues. Each member of the International Law Section shall pay annual dues in an amount fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee of the Section. Payment may be made concurrently with payment of the regular dues of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

The officers of the International Law Section shall be: Chair, Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Chair. The Chair, as chief executive officer, shall preside at all meetings of the International Law Section and of the Executive Committee and have such other executive powers and perform such other duties as are not inconsistent with these Bylaws or with the Bylaws of the Association.

Section 2. Vice-Chairs. The Vice-Chair, and in his/her absence, the Second Vice-Chair or designee of the Chair, shall perform all the duties of the Chair during the latter's absence or inability to act, and when so acting shall have the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions upon, the Chair. The Vice-Chair and the Second Vice-Chair shall have such other powers and perform such other duties not inconsistent with these Bylaws as from to time may be prescribed by the Chair or by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for the recording and distribution of minutes at each meeting of the International Law Section, of the Executive Committee, of the standing committees, and for the notification to members of meetings of the Section and committees thereof, and for publicizing of such announcements.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Section and shall act as the liaison for the Section with the Association, in 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 Bylaws as from time to

time may be prescribed by the Chair or by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Term. The term of office of each of the officers shall commence on the first day of July of each year, and shall end on the last day of June of the succeeding year.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership. The Section shall be governed by an Executive Committee. The officers, the Chair of each Standing Committee, the immediate past Chair of the International Law Section, if that person still be a member of the Section, and such additional persons as the Chair may appoint, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of not more than thirty-five members of the Section. In appointing the membership of the Executive Committee for each fiscal year, the Chair shall endeavor to appoint to the Executive Committee at least three members of the International Law Section who have not served on the Executive committee during the preceding fiscal year. Members of the Executive Committee are expected to serve on at least one of the Section's Standing Committees and be active. Any member of the Executive Committee (except an officer elected by vote of the members of the Section and ex officio members) who is not actively participating as a member of the Executive Committee shall be subject to removal as a member of the Executive Committee by the Chair, absent extraordinary circumstances. Former Chairs, except for the immediate past Chair, shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee if they are a member in good standing of the Section, with all the rights and privileges of being a

member of the Executive Committee, including voting rights, but shall not be counted for purposes of the thirty-five member limitation.

Section 2. Term. The term of office of each member of the Executive Committee shall run concurrently with the term of office of the officers of the International Law Section. The Executive Committee during the interim between annual elections may fill vacancies on the Executive Committee or in the offices.

Section 3. Duties. The Executive Committee shall supervise and direct the affairs and determine the policies of the International Law Section, subject to, and in accordance with, these Bylaws and the Bylaws of the Association.

Section 4. Meetings. The Executive Committee may act at a meeting duly called or by a poll of each member of the Executive Committee. Seven (7) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business. Meetings shall be called by the Chair, or may be called by a majority of the Executive Committee. Notice of any such meetings shall be given to the 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 over the telephone, by email, or through the United States mail. The quorum may be waived by unanimous vote of members present. Business conducted in the absence of a quorum may be ratified in following meetings.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees. The Chair of the Section shall have the power, without Executive Committee approval, to appoint such standing and interim committees as may be

necessary or desirable for the purposes of furthering the objectives of the Section. The Executive Committee shall have the power to designate other committees.

Section 2. Standing Committees. There shall be the following standing committees of the Section. The Chair of each standing committee shall be selected by the Chair of the Section.

- a. Programs, which shall oversee and coordinate programs of the Section.
- b. Membership and Outreach, which shall oversee maintaining and increasing membership of the Section as well as outreach to other bar associations, foreign lawyers, and other local organizations.
- c. Communications, which shall oversee communications of the Section, including the website, social media, the listserv and any newsletters.
- d. New Initiative and Strategic Planning, which shall oversee development of a strategic plan and new initiatives to support such plan with a view towards future growth and resilience of this growth.

Section 3. Term. The term of the Chair and Vice-Chair of each committee and the members of each committee shall run concurrently with the term of office of the officers of this Section.

Section 4. Members. The members of the standing committee shall be selected by the Chair of the Section and the Chair of such committees.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum present at an Executive Committee meeting duly called or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Executive Committee polled pursuant to the provisions of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX

ELECTIONS

Section 1. Time. The International Law Section shall hold a regular annual election for the election of officers. The date of such election shall be held not later than May 15th of each year.

Section 2. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee of three appointed by the Chair of the Section from active Section members in good standing. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more members of the Section for each of the offices of Chair, 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 45 days prior to the date of the regular annual election; and the members of the Section shall be notified of such nominations no later than April 6th of each year.

Section 3. Additional Nominations. Additional nominations for any office may be made by filing with the Chair of the Section, at any time prior to fifteen (15) days before the annual election, a written nomination signed by at least fifteen (15) 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 these Bylaws, then the slate as nominated will be deemed unanimously elected and submitted to the Board of Trustees. The results shall be reported in writing to the members of the Section.

Section 5. Ballots. Except as provided in Section 4, a ballot containing the names of the nominees for each office with a blank write-in space after each office, shall be mailed to each members of the section entitled to vote not later than 10 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 ballot not later than 4:00 p.m. on the election day, at which time the voting shall cease and the poll 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 standard procedure and the results shall be reported in writing to the Executive Committee of the Section.

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 at the first meeting of the Executive Committee thereafter.