

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

By-Laws of the Section on
Commercial, Contract and Related Consumer Law

Article I, Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Section on Commercial, Contract and Related Consumer Law.

Section 2. Purposes. The purposes of this Section are to promote the communication of ideas, interests, and activities among members and to make recommendations on matters of interest in the teaching and improvement of contract, commercial, and related consumer law.

Article II, Membership

Section 1. Membership.

(a) Regular membership in the Section is open to any faculty member of a law school that is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (hereinafter referred to as AALS) and to Canadian Associates.

(b) Associate membership is open to others who are concerned with the teaching and improvement of commercial, contract and related consumer law. The number of Associate members shall not exceed 25 percent of the regular membership.

(c) Membership is acquired by written request to the Section chairperson and is maintained by payment of any assessed Section dues.

Section 2. Privileges of Members.

(a) Regular members may participate in the programs, meetings and activities of the Section, hold office, and vote in person at all Section meetings.

(b) Associate members may participate in the programs, meetings and activities of the Section but may not vote or hold office in the Section.

Article III, Officers, Committees, Meetings

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this Section are

- a. Chairperson
- b. Vice-Chairperson for Commercial Law
- c. Vice-Chairperson for Contract Law
- d. Vice-Chairperson for Related Consumer Law
- e. Secretary-Treasurer

They shall be elected from the regular membership of the Section at the annual meeting of the Association and shall qualify by acceptance. An officer shall serve until his successor has been elected and qualified.

Section 2. Council of the Section. The Council of the Section shall consist of the officers of the Section, the immediate past chairperson and the chairpersons of the standing committees. The Council shall advise the officers as requested by the Chairperson or the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Executive Committee.

(a) The Executive Committee of the Section is the chairperson of the Section, the immediate past chairperson, and the other officers of the Section

(b) On the call of the chairperson, the Executive Committee shall act in the interval between annual meetings and shall appoint the standing and special committees.

Section 4. Standing Committees.

(a) The standing committees of the Section shall be (1) the Nominating Committee, (2) Program Committee, (3) the Committee on Special Projects.

(b) The standing committees shall have such duties as are prescribed by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Meetings. The Section shall meet annually in connection with the annual meeting of the Association. The Executive Committee may call additional special meetings of the Section. Ten (10) regular members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article IV, Nomination and Elections

Section 1. Nominations. 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 chairperson 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 business meeting of the Section at the annual meeting of the AALS.

Section 2. Elections. The officers of the Section shall be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations shall be received from the Nominating Committee and from the floor. Elections may be by voice vote or secret ballot, as the chairperson of the Section determines.

Article V, Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chairperson. The Chairperson of the Section shall preside at all meetings of the Section, of the Executive Committee, and of the Council. The Chairperson shall present at each annual meeting of the AALS a report of the Section for the prior year and shall be responsible for overseeing the program of the Section.

Section 2. Vice-Chairpersons. The Vice-Chairpersons shall assist the Chairperson as the Chairperson may request. By vote among themselves the Vice-Chairpersons shall select one of their number who shall perform the duties of the Chairperson during absence or disability of the Chairperson and who shall succeed to the office of Chairperson if that office becomes vacant.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Section shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Section, the Council and the Executive Committee, shall maintain a current roster of the membership of the section, shall collect and disburse all Section funds, and perform such other duties as the Chairperson may request.

Article VI, Policy Statements

Section 1. Policy Statements. Because Sections are part of the structure of the AALS, statements of Policy adopted by a Section, of similar position, shall be made public only after they are approved by the Executive Committee of the Association.

Article VII, Adoption and Amendments

Section 1. Adoption and Amendments. These by-laws are adopted and may be amended at an annual meeting of the Section by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the regular members of the Section present and voting. The amendment takes effect only after it has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Association.