

Bylaws of the Association for Law, Property, and Society, Inc.

ARTICLE I PURPOSE AND POWERS

Sec. 1. DEFINITION. The Association for Law, Property, and Society, Inc. (Association) is incorporated as a corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of New York, and being thereunder constituted a body corporate and politic, has those purposes and powers set forth in its Certificate of Incorporation as amended and those further corporate powers and rights granted to it by law.

Sec 2. The Association is a membership organization for scholars doing interdisciplinary legal scholarship. The Association brings together a wide range of people engaged in scholarship on all aspects of property law and policy including; real, personal, intellectual, intangible, cultural, personal, and other forms of property. It seeks to encourage dialogue across and among people in many disciplines that are interested in property law, policy, and theory.

Its objectives are

1. to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas;
2. to foster critical discussions of new knowledge; and
3. to encourage international and interdisciplinary cooperation.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. ELIGIBILITY. Individuals and institutions who are interested in promotion of interdisciplinary legal scholarship may become “Members” of the Association.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. PURPOSE. The business affairs and governance of the Association shall be under the management and control of a Board of Directors (Board).

Sec. 2. POWERS. The Board of the Association shall have the powers provided for in these Bylaws and any additional powers necessary for the governance of the Association and not vested either in the Officers of the Association exclusively, or in the membership thereof.

Interpretations of these Bylaws shall be made by the Board and shall be conclusive. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or otherwise provided by the Board all decisions of the Board shall require the presence of a quorum and shall require a majority of those present and voting.

Sec. 3. COMPOSITION. The Board shall consist of nine (9) members. In addition, The Officers of the Association (who are those individuals occupying the four positions specified in the first sentence of Article IV, Section 1) shall be voting members of the Board. A past President of the Association shall continue to be a voting member of the Board during the year after completion of his or her duties as president (as "Immediate Past President") and thereafter as an ex-officio, non-voting member, of the Board for two (2) years. Board members may be considered for re-nomination to the Board two years after completing a term.

Sec. 4. TERMS OF OFFICE. Members of the Board shall serve for a period of three years beginning at the end of the meeting of the Board at which they are selected. Members shall be elected on a rotating basis with 3 new members elected each year. With respect to the inaugural Board, 9 members will be appointed to categories of "A", "B", and "C", with 3 members in each category. At the end of the second year in office, rotations will start with the term expiring on the category "A" members, the following year the term of the category "B" members shall expire, and the year after that the term of the category "C" members shall expire. A member appointed to fill the unexpired term of another member of the Board shall serve until the original member's term has expired, and shall be eligible to serve for an additional three-year term upon expiration of such partial term. The Officers of the Association shall serve as members of the Board during the time they are Officers.

Sec. 5. SELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. New members of the Board shall be chosen by a vote of the existing Board on recommendation of a Nominating Committee appointed by the President of the Association and composed of at least three members of the Board.

Sec. 6. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION. Any member of the Association, except an institutional member, is eligible for selection to the Board.

Sec. 7. VOTING. Each member of the Board, including those members who are Officers, shall have one vote on any matter voted upon by the Board. A quorum for the purpose of exercising any of the powers of the Board shall be eight (8) inclusive of Officers who are all considered members. Voting shall be in person unless at least a majority of all voting members of the Board approve absentee voting in advance of a vote on the matter or matters for which absentee voting is requested.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Sec. 1. DESIGNATION. The officers of the Association shall be a President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Sec. 2. SELECTION OF THE OFFICERS.

A. THE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER: The President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Association shall be selected by the Board on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.

B. FILLING VACANCIES DURING TERM. If any or all of the Association Offices fall vacant, then the position will be filled in accordance with procedures specified by the Board. The appointed person will serve out the term of the person being replaced and is eligible for reappointment if they serve less than nine months.

Sec. 3. QUALIFICATIONS. Officers of the Association must be members of the Association, at the time they are nominated, at the time they are selected, and throughout their term of office.

Sec. 4. TERMS OF OFFICE. The office of President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be assumed at the conclusion of the meeting of the Board at which he/she is selected. Each position shall be for a term of one year. A person who serves as President shall not be eligible for the Office for at least five years after completing service in the position. The President-Elect shall become President upon completion of the term by the President.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. PRESIDENT. The President shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Association and of the Board; shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association; shall affix the name of the Association to all documents requiring execution of the Association; shall appoint all committees and their chairmen; and shall be ex officio member of every committee.

Sec. 2. PRESIDENT-ELECT. The President-Elect shall assist the President in the affairs of the Association, and shall serve in the place of the President in the event that the President is unable to complete his or her term in Office.

Sec. 3. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all proceedings of the meetings of the Association and of the Board; shall attend to and preserve all the correspondence, documents, and records of the Association; shall attest to all documents

requiring execution by the Association; and shall affix the seal of the Association to same.

Sec. 4. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the Association as authorized by the Board and shall have custody of the funds of the Association; and at the expense of the Association, the Treasurer shall furnish bond in manner and amount to be determined from time to time by the Board. The Treasurer shall render a proper report at the annual meeting of the Board, and other such reports as may be requested.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. ANNUAL MEETINGS. The Board shall meet at least once each year, at such time and place as it may, from time to time, determine.

B. OTHER MEETINGS. The Board shall meet at such other times and at such places as it may, from time to time, determine.

ARTICLE VII STANDING COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. HOW CONSTITUTED. The Association shall have Standing Committees as provided for in these Bylaws or by a majority vote of the Board.

Sec. 2 NOMINATING COMMITTEE. This committee shall be charged to bring to the Board a proposed slate of officers and new members of the Board as required.

Sec. 3. PROGRAM COMMITTEE. This committee shall be charged to organize the annual meeting in consultation with representative(s) from the institution hosting the annual meeting.

Sec. 4. MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE. This committee shall be charged to create mentorship opportunities between members of the Association.

Sec. 5. OUTREACH COMMITTEE. This committee shall be charged to maintain the Association's connection to its members through social media networks, newsletters, and other avenues as applicable.

Sec. 6. COMMITTEE CHAIRS. Committee chairs shall be appointed by the President, and approved by a majority of the Board, for a fixed term of three (3) years. Committee chairs may be reappointed, . Committee chairs serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. APPOINTMENT. Special committees may be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE IX. THE JOURNAL.

Sec. 1. APPOINTMENT OF EDITOR IN CHIEF. The editor-in-chief of the Journal of Law, Property and Society shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by a vote of the Board, for a fixed term of three (3) years. The editor-in-chief may be reappointed.

Sec. 2. BOARD MEMBERSHIP. The editor-in-chief of the Journal of Law, Property and Society shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board.

ARTICLE X COMMENCEMENT OF OFFICE

Sec. 1. All initial Officers and Board Members are to be selected by the original Board as named in the filing for the Certificate of Incorporation, and the selected Officers and Board members shall officially commence their terms of service as of the inaugural meeting of the Association. After the date of adoption of these Bylaws and selection of the initial Officers and Board members, and prior to the inaugural meeting such Officers and Board members will serve in their positions with a title of “designate”; (so, for example, President Designate, President-Elect Designate, Board Member Designate, etc.).

ARTICLE XI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sec. 1. The Association shall maintain an Executive Director to take care of Association business and said Executive Director may with Board approval name an Associate Director to Assist the Executive Director. Neither of these positions shall be voting positions in their own right, although an Executive Director or Associate Director may simultaneously hold a position with voting power.

ARTICLE XII FISCAL YEAR

Sec. 1. DEFINITION. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1 to June 30, inclusive.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Sec. 1. REQUIREMENTS. These Bylaws may be amended at a regular or special meeting of the Board by an affirmative vote of nine (9) voting members.

Sec. 2. PRIOR CIRCULATION. Any proposed amendment to these By-Laws must be circulate to the Board at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting in which the proposed amendment will be voted on.

ARTICLE XIV ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

Sec. 1. EFFECTIVE DATE. These Bylaws were adopted by the Board for the Association and became effective March 5, 2010.

Amended by the Board of Directors

2 May 2015 (see Article III, Section 3 and Section 4)

10 September 2018 (see Article III, Section 3; Article VII; Article XII)

17 May 2019 (see Article III)

8 April 2025 (see Article II; Article III, Section 3; Article VII, Sections 1 and 6; new Article IX and renumbered Articles X-XIV).