

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

Law
Section

Officers

Susan M. Garrett, Chair
Georgia Lord & Michel Phillips, Vice Chairs
Megan Gideon, Treasurer
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Fall 1999

Notice of Specially Called Meeting



A very brief membership meeting will be held just before the Halloween party on Thursday, October 28, 1999 at 5:55 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as we have a quorum) at the Lynne Farris Gallery, Hurt Building Lobby, 50 Hurt Plaza, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider amending Article II, Section 2 of the Section Bylaws, which currently reads as follows:

“Each officer shall hold office for a term of one year commencing immediately following each annual meeting of the Section and continuing for a period of one year until his/her successor has been elected and qualified”

Explanation: The Sections have been encouraged by the State Bar to make their officers' terms of office coincide with the State Bar Year, which runs from June to June. Under our current bylaws, the term of office runs from January to January (since our annual meeting is normally held at the "Midyear" Bar meeting, which occurs in January). As it happens, this year the new officers were not elected until well into the spring and did not assume office until approximately June anyway, so we would not really be extending the current terms.

Georgia Diversity Program Committee

Section Chair Susan Garrett and Treasurer Megan Gideon have been appointed by State Bar President Rudy Patterson to serve on the Georgia Diversity Program Committee. The Georgia Diversity Program seeks to increase opportunities for ethnic minority attorneys in the assignment of corporate and government legal work. Megan and Susan think that there may be some opportunities to coordinate activities between the Section and the Committee. We have invited the other members of the committee to the Section Halloween Party so that the groups can get to know each other.

We Have A Webpage!

Be sure to check out the new State Bar of Georgia website at www.gabar.org. We have our very own Individual Rights Section webpage, including a discussion group. We'll be able to post our newsletters, events calendar, and other announcements there. Caroline Sirmon, the new Internet Coordinator for the State Bar of Georgia, gave a helpful presentation at a recent Section Leaders Lunch. We need someone to serve as Section Internet Liaison to consult with Caroline about site content, structure and currency. **If you're interested, please contact Section Chair Susan Garrett at (404) 479-4409; or e-mail to <susangarrett@mind-spring.com>.**

Section Luncheon At State Bar Midyear Meeting



We're already making plans to hold the traditional Section Luncheon at the **State Bar Midyear Meeting** in January. We didn't have a luncheon last year, since we were presenting a CLE program, and many members expressed disappointment. **So, mark your calendars for Friday, January 7, 2000, and be on the lookout for future mailings.**

Vacancy on Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of ten members, including the current Section officers, the immediate past chair, and other members appointed by the chair. The chair has appointed Renata Turner and Ann Buckborough to serve on the executive committee. There is one vacant slot remaining. Please consider volunteering! The commitment is minimal; we plan to conduct most business by e-mail and hold few, if any, live meetings. We'd especially like to hear from members located outside the Atlanta metro region. **If you're interested, please contact Section Chair Susan Garrett at (404) 479-4409; or e-mail to <susangarrett@mindspring.com>.**

Legislative Proposals

The Sections have been invited to submit legislative proposals to be considered by the Bar's Advisory Committee on Legislation (ACL) for submission to the 2000 Legislative Session. Since the proposals will be reviewed by the ACL and the Board of Governors (BOG), the submission deadlines are 10/14/99 for consideration at the fall BOG meeting on 11/13/99, or 12/9/99 for consideration at the mid-year BOG meeting on 1/8/00. **For more information, contact Section Chair Susan Garrett at (404) 479-4409; or e-mail to <susangarrett@mindspring.com>.** We will also be needing a volunteer Legislative Liaison to monitor legislation in the upcoming session and brief the Section membership on legislative proposals which impact individual rights.



**STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS SECTION**

Response Form

FAX TO: Susan M. Garrett, Chair

FAX NO.: (404) 378-0152

FROM: Section Member Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

_____ **I'LL VOLUNTEER FOR THE POSITION(S) CHECKED BELOW**

_____ **I'M THINKING ABOUT IT; PLEASE CALL ME TO DISCUSS**

_____ **Executive Committee**

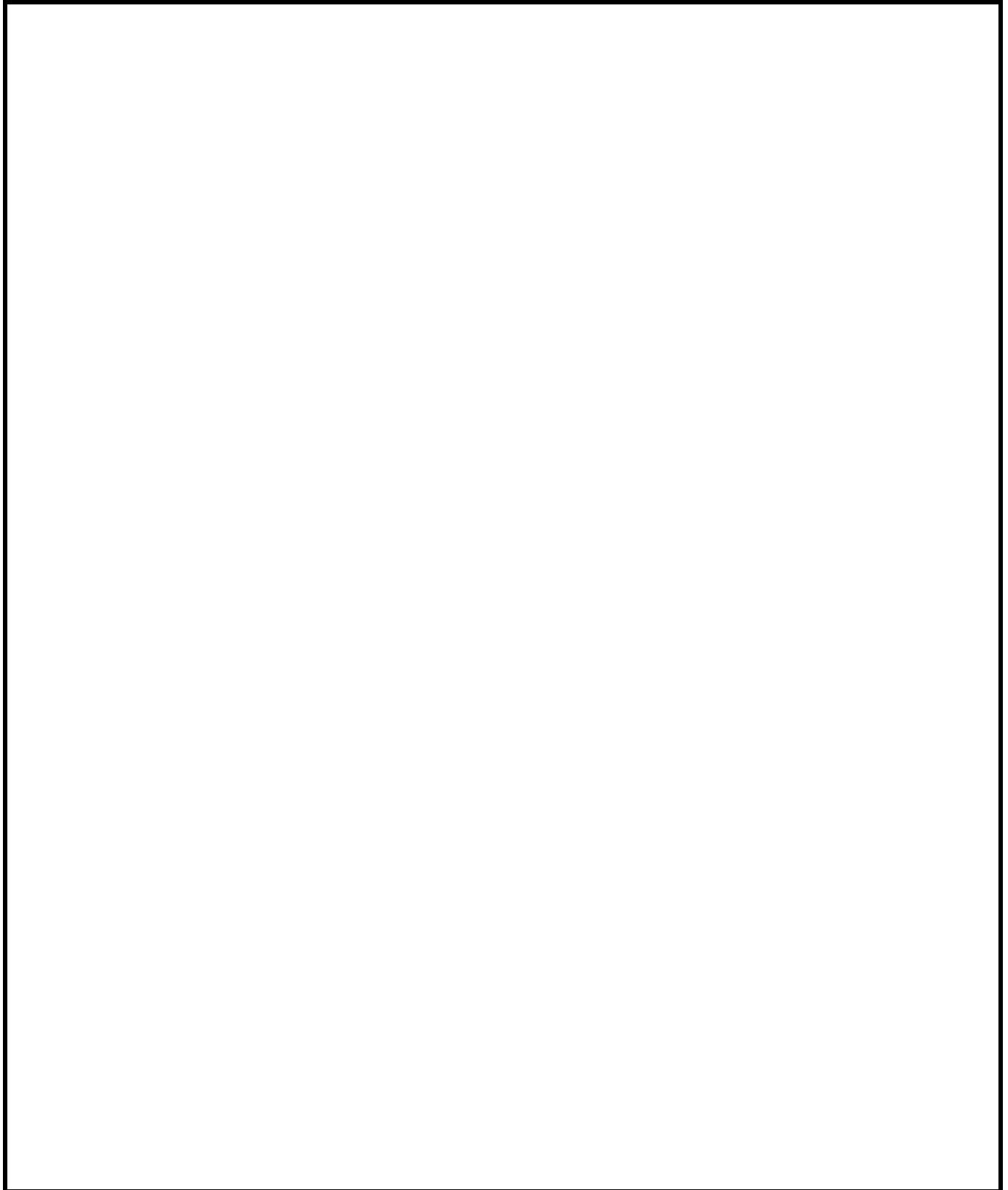
_____ **Internet Liaison**

_____ **Legislative Liaison**

_____ **Newsletter coordinator**

I HAVE AN IDEA FOR A LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

Use the space below for comments or questions:

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