

STATE BAR OF GEORGIA  
SECTION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this Section shall be the "Section of Individual Rights."

Section 2. The purpose of this Section shall be to promote the objects of the State Bar of Georgia within the field of the rights of individuals; to sponsor actively the continuing education of the members of the State Bar of Georgia in this field; to study, review or initiate proposed legislation or administrative policy for improvement of the law and practice in this field and to make appropriate recommendations thereon to the State Bar of Georgia; all pursuant to Article XIV of the By-Laws of the State Bar of Georgia as they presently exist.

ARTICLE II

Membership and Dues

Section 1. Each member of this Section shall be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia. Any member of the State Bar of Georgia, upon request and payment of annual Section dues of \$5.00 for the current year, shall be enrolled as a member of this Section. Thereafter, such dues shall be paid in advance each year at the time of payment of dues to the State Bar of Georgia. Members so enrolled and whose dues are so paid shall constitute the membership of this Section. Any member whose annual dues shall be more than six (6) months past due thereupon shall cease to be a member and shall be dropped from the rolls of the Section, subject to reinstatement at any time upon the payment of dues for the current year.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Section shall be a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary, all of

whom shall be members of the Section in good standing.

Section 2. Each officer shall hold office for a concurrent with the terms of office provided for the officers of the State Bar of Georgia and until his/her successor shall have been elected and qualified. If a vacancy shall arise in the office of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall become Chairperson for the unexpired term. If a vacancy shall arise in the office of Vice-Chairperson or Secretary, the Chairperson shall appoint a successor for the unexpired term. If a vacancy shall arise in the office of Chairperson and there then also shall exist a vacant in the office of Vice-Chairperson, the President of the State Bar of Georgia shall appoint a successor Chairperson for the unexpired term.

Section 3. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Section, shall appoint appropriate committees of the Section to serve during his/her term as Chairperson, shall plan and supervise the program of the Section at its annual meeting, and perform all executive and administrative duties necessary or proper to the organization and functioning of the Section, including any duty as from time to time may be prescribed by the Section or by the State Bar of Georgia.

Section 4. The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and, in the absence or disability of the Chairperson, shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Section, maintain the permanent records, give notices of meetings, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairperson.

Section 6. Upon the organization of the Section, the President of the State Bar of Georgia shall appoint a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary to serve until the close of the next annual meeting of the Association.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Meetings of the Section

Section 1. An annual meeting of the Section shall be held each year at or about the time of each Midwinter Meeting of the State Bar of Georgia and in the immediate vicinity of the same place; the date, time and meeting room to be fixed by the Chairperson.

Section 2. A Special Meeting of the Section may be called by the Chairperson to be convened at such time and place and with such program and order of business as may be fixed by the Chairperson.

Section 3. Ten (10) members of the Section present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. All action of the Section shall be by a majority vote of the members of the Section present at any properly called meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 5. At least ten (10) days written notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Section shall be given by mailing the same to each member of the Section on the rolls of the Section in the office of the State Bar of Georgia at the member's address as the same appears in said office. However, it shall not be required that any such notice be by a specifically separate mailing; the same may be included in other written or printed material which is being distributed by mail to all of the members of the State Bar of Georgia or to any part thereof which is inclusive of all of the members of the Section.

## ARTICLE V

### Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of all three officers of the Section and two other members of the Section appointed by the Chairperson, whose term shall be coexistent with that of the Chairperson.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have full authority to act for the Section in any way in which the Section itself would be authorized to act and any such action taken by the Executive Committee pursuant to this provision shall be reported to the members of the Section at the next Annual Meeting of the Section.

## ARTICLE VI

### Elections

Section 1. Prior to each annual meeting of the Section, the Chairperson shall appoint not less than three (3) members of the Section to a Nominating Committee which shall nominate

one or more members of the Section as qualified to hold each of the offices of the Section for the ensuing terms of office. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be made to the annual meeting; thereafter, and prior to the election of officers, any member of the Section present at the annual meeting may nominate any other member of the Section for election to any of the offices.

Section 2. The names of all members of the Section nominated for each office either by the Nominating Committee or from the floor shall be submitted to the annual meeting and ballots shall be cast until there shall be a majority of the members of the Section present favoring the election of a designated member to an office. Voting shall be a viva-voce and the nominee for an office with the lowest number of votes in any ballot shall be dropped from consideration on the next succeeding ballot, provided that any annual meeting, by majority vote of the members of the Section present, may require written secret ballots or otherwise modify the procedure governing any election.

## ARTICLE VII

### Finances

Section 1. Funds of the Section shall be deposited in the treasury of the State Bar of Georgia and shall be disbursed by the Treasurer of the State Bar of Georgia to pay bills of the Section which have been approved for payment by the officer designated by the Section.

Section 2. Funds of the Section shall be expended for such purposes related to the activities of the Section as from time to time shall be authorized by the Section's Executive Committee.

Section 3. Officers and members of the Section shall not be compensated for services thereto.

Section 4. A financial report of the funds of the Section shall be rendered at each annual meeting thereof. This Section shall have the same fiscal year as the State Bar of Georgia.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Miscellaneous

Section 1. The Section shall from time to time conduct programs for the continuing education in the field of

individual rights and shall co-ordinate its efforts in this regard with the other Sections of the State Bar of Georgia.

. Section 2. This Section may from time to time sponsor, promote, study or review proposed legislation and report thereon to the State Bar of Georgia.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### Effective Date and Amendment

Section 1. These By-Laws shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia.

Section 2. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members of the Section present at any properly called meeting at which a quorum is present, subject, however, to subsequent approval thereof by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia.