

BY-LAWS
Senior Lawyers Section
State Bar of Georgia
After Amendments of September 23, 1994

ARTICLE I

Section 1. Name

The name of this Section shall be the Senior Lawyers Section of the State Bar, hereinafter in these By-laws referred to as the Senior Lawyers Section. This Senior Lawyers Section succeeds the Senior Section (sometimes called the Senior Law Section) which Section has been abolished by the Board of Governors of the State Bar with notice to its members.

Section 2. Purpose

The purposes of the Senior Lawyers Section shall be:

- a. To foster discussion and interchange of ideas relating to the duties, responsibilities and problems of the older members of the State Bar;
- b. to aid and assist the older members of the State Bar;
- c. To aid and promote the aims, purposes, ideals, and activities of the State Bar;

d. To encourage the interest and participation of the older members of the State Bar in the activities of the State Bar;

e. To promote professionalism among the members of the Section and also among the other members of the Bar;

f. To promote camaraderie and mutual respect and trust among members of the Section and also among other members of the Bar.

g. To promote CLE, CJE and other activities of the State Bar as shall be determined by the Section Officers, Executive Committee and members.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: All members of the State Bar who are in good standing and who have reached their 65th birthday are automatically members of the Senior Lawyers Section. Also, those members of the State Bar between the ages of 60 and 65 who were members in good standing of the Senior Section (sometimes called the Senior

Law Section) at the time this new Senior Lawyers Section was created, are members of the Senior Lawyers Section.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1: The Officers of the Section shall be a Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect and a Secretary, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Section.

Section 2: Each Officer shall hold office for a term beginning at the close of the annual meeting of the Section at which he/she is elected and ending at the close of the next succeeding annual meeting of the Section and until his/her successor shall have been elected and qualified. The Chairperson-Elect shall become Chairperson at the end of his/her one year term. If a vacancy shall arise in the office of Chairperson, the Chairperson-Elect shall become Chairperson for the unexpired term. If a vacancy shall arise in the office of the Chairperson and there then also shall exist a vacancy in the office of Chairperson-Elect, the President of the State Bar shall appoint a successor Chairperson for the unexpired term.

Section 3: The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Section, appoint three (3) members of the Section in good standing to serve on the Executive Committee during his/her term as Chairperson, 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.

Section 4: The Chairperson-Elect 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 and the Executive Committee, maintain the permanent records, give notices of meetings and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairperson.

Section 6: Upon creation of this Senior Lawyers Section, the Officers of the old Senior Section (sometimes called the Senior Law Section) and the members of the Executive Committee shall automatically become the Officers and Executive Committee of this new Senior Lawyers Section.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS OF THE SECTION

Section 1: An annual meeting of the Section shall be held each year at or about the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the State Bar; 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 same to each member of the Section on the rolls of the Section in the office of the State Bar 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 separate mailing; the same may be included in other written or printed material which is being distributed by mail to all members of the State Bar or to any part thereof which is inclusive of all of the members of the Section.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Section shall have an Executive Committee consisting of 13 members of the Section as follows:

1. The three officers of the Section;
2. Six members of the Section elected at the Annual Meeting for staggered terms of two years whose positions shall be designated as follows:

Post #1 (now occupied by A. Paul Cadenhead),
Post #2 (now occupied by Omer W. Franklin, Jr.), and
Post #3 (now occupied by William J. Porter, Jr.), all
of which posts shall be elected in even numbered years
for two year terms; and
Post #4 (now occupied by John D. Comer),

Post #5 (now occupied by G. Lee Dickens, Jr.) and Post #6 (now occupied by Robert M. Heard), all of which posts shall be elected for two year terms in odd numbered years.

3. Three members of the Section appointed by the Chairperson whose term shall be co-existent with that of the Chairperson and,

4. The Immediate Past Chairperson who shall be a member of the Committee for one year.

Section 2: The Executive Committee, between meetings of the Section, 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 members of the Section to be a Nominating Committee, which shall nominate one or

more members of the Section for each office of the Section for one year terms, and in even numbered years shall nominate one or more members of the Section for a two year term for each of Executive Committee Posts 1, 2 and 3, and in odd numbered years for Posts 3, 4 and 5.

Section 2: The names of all members of the Section nominated for each office and for the Executive Committee 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. Voting shall be viva-voce and the nominee with the lowest number of votes in any ballot shall be dropped from consideration on the next succeeding ballot, provided that those attending 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 and shall be disbursed by the treasurer

of the State Bar to pay bills of the Section which have been approved for payment by any Officer of 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 or reimbursed for any expenses unless specifically authorized by the Executive Committee.

Section 4: It is understood that the members of the Section shall pay no dues. However, the Section shall be authorized to accept voluntary contributions to the Section which shall be held by the State Bar for use by the Section.

Section 5: Under the State Bar By-laws creating this Section, the State Bar is to furnish to the Section reasonable postage and mailing expenses and staff liaison assistance for the Section. It is not contemplated that the Section will have any further expenses and expenditures; therefore, any such further expenses must be specifically approved and authorized in advance by the Executive Committee.

Section 6: 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.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1: The Section shall from time to time sponsor individual projects in furtherance of the purposes of the Section as set out in Section 2. of Article I of these By-laws.

Section 2: The Section may from time to time, subject to the Rules, Bylaws and Standing Board Policies of the State Bar sponsor, promote, study or review proposed legislation. The Section may from time to time report on its legislative activities to the State Bar.

ARTICLE IX

EFFECTIVE DATE AND AMENDMENT

Section 1: These By-laws shall become effective following the creation of the Section and upon approval by the Board of Governors of the State Bar.

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 and subsequent approval thereof by the Board of Governors of the State Bar.