

STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
SECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of this Section shall be the "Section of Constitutional Law."

Section 2: The purpose of this Section shall be to promote the objectives of the State Bar of Georgia within the field of constitutional law (state and federal); to actively sponsor the continuing education of the members of the State Bar of Georgia in this field; to make appropriate recommendations in this field to the State Bar of Georgia; and to further the purposes of a Section of the State Bar of Georgia as contemplated under the provisions of Article XIV of the By-Laws of the State Bar of Georgia.

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 in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia, upon request and payment of annual Section dues for the current year, shall be enrolled as a member of this Section. Thereafter, the dues shall be paid in advance for each year at the time of payment of dues to the State Bar of Georgia. Any member whose annual dues are more than six months past due shall cease to be a member and shall be dropped from the rolls of the Section, subject to automatic reinstatement at any time upon payment of dues for the current year.

Section 2: The annual Section dues payable by each member of this Section shall be established from time to time by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1: The Officers of the Section shall be a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson of United States Constitutional Law, a Vice-Chairperson of Georgia Constitutional Law and a Secretary, all of whom shall be members of the Section in good standing and whom shall meet the qualifications for office set forth herein.

Section 2: Each Officer shall hold office for a term beginning at the close of the annual meeting of the Section at which he or she is elected and ending at the close of the next succeeding annual meeting of the Section and until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified. If a vacancy arises in the office of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson of United States Constitutional Law shall become Chairperson for the unexpired term. If a vacancy

arises in the office of Chairperson and there is also a vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chairperson of United States Constitutional Law, the Vice-Chairperson of Georgia Constitutional Law shall become Chairperson for the unexpired term. If a vacancy arises in the office of Chairperson and there is also a vacancy in both Vice-Chairperson offices, the President of the State Bar shall appoint a Chairperson for the unexpired term. If there is any vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chairperson of United States Constitutional Law, the Vice-Chairman of Georgia Constitutional Law or Secretary, then the Chairperson shall appoint a special nominating committee under the same guidelines as set forth under Article VI, Section 1, with the election taking place at a specially called meeting of the Section.

Section 3: The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Section, appoint appropriate committees of the Section to serve during his or her term as Chairperson, 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 Vice-Chairperson of United States Constitutional Law and the Vice-Chairperson of Georgia Constitutional Law shall assist the Chairperson and in the absence or disability of the Chairperson, shall, together, 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 other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairperson.

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 the Annual Meeting of the State Bar. The Chairperson shall designate a date and time at a place in the vicinity of the Annual Meeting.

Section 2: A Special Meeting of the Section may be called by the Chairperson or by majority vote of the Executive Committee, upon notice to the members of the Section, at such time and place, and for such programs 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: Notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Section shall be given to each member of the Section on the rolls of the Section in the office of the State Bar of Georgia. In the absence of actual notice sent by at least ten (10) days in advance of any meeting, written or printed notice sent by United States Mail or by email no less than ten (10) days in advance of such scheduled meeting sent to the member's address on record in the office of the State Bar of

Georgia shall constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice of such meeting of this Section. Further, any such notice may be included with other written or printed material mailed or emailed to all of the members of the State Bar of Georgia or any part thereof which includes all the members of the Section. Such notice shall also be due, adequate, and sufficient notice of such meeting of this Section.

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee

Section 1: Between meetings of the Section, the Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the four Officers of the Section and two other members of the Section appointed by the Chairperson, whose term shall be co-existent 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. The Executive Committee acting pursuant to this provision shall report any such action to the members of the Section at the next annual meeting of the Section, unless previously reported.

ARTICLE VI

Elections

Section 1: At least thirty (30) days before the 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 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 presented at the annual meeting; thereafter, and before 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: Voting at the annual meeting for the election of officers shall be viva voce. The nominee for an office with the lowest number of votes in any ballot shall be dropped from consideration on the next ballot, and voting shall continue in this manner until all officers are elected by a majority vote of the members of the Section present at the annual meeting. Members present at the annual meeting may modify this procedure to require secret ballots or otherwise, but the election of any officer shall be by a majority of the members present.

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 approved for payment by the Chairperson and one of the other officers.

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 majority of the Section's Officers.

Section 3: The officers and members of the Section shall receive no compensation for services.

Section 4: A financial report of the funds of the Section shall be rendered by the Secretary at each annual meeting of the Section. The fiscal year for the Section shall be the same as that of 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 world and field of this Section, but shall coordinate its efforts in this regard with the other Sections of the State Bar of Georgia as required to resolve conflicts in activities and encourage a spirit of cooperation.

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 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 the annual or any other properly called meeting of which there is a quorum present, subject to subsequent approval by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia.

Signed, sealed and subscribed before the undersigned this ___ day of _____, 20__.

Witness

CHAIRPERSON

Approved by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia the ___ day of _____, 20__.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY