FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION BYLAWS
FOR THE ADMIRALTY SECTION

ARTICLE I: NAME AND ESTABLISHMENT
The name of this organization shall be the Admiralty Law Section ("Section") of the Federal Bar Association ("Association"). The Section is established under Article IX of the Constitution, the Bylaws, and Policy 9-4 of the Association, and these Bylaws.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE
The purpose of this Section shall be to promote education and expertise in admiralty & maritime law and practice.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS
Section 1. OFFICERS. The Officers of the Section will be the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Treasurer. No person shall serve in more than one of these three offices at the same time.
Section 2. TERMS. All officers of the Section will serve a term in office of two years. The fiscal year of the Section shall be the same as that of the Association.
Section 3. DUTIES.
(a) CHAIR. The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Section and shall preside at all meetings of the Section's membership and Board. The Chair shall fill any Board vacancy by appointment. The Chair shall appoint a Committee Chair for each of the Section's committees.
(b) VICE CHAIR. The Vice Chair shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Chair.
(c) SECRETARY-TREASURER. The Secretary-Treasurer shall issue notices of all meetings of the Section's membership and Governing Board ("Board"); shall accurately record the minutes of those meetings; shall prepare and submit an annual budget for the coming fiscal year; and shall perform functions as requested by the Chair.
Section 4. ELECTION AND PROGRESSION. The Vice Chair shall automatically assume the position of Chair upon the expiration of the previous Chair's term. The Secretary-Treasurer shall automatically assume the position of Vice Chair. A new Secretary-Treasurer shall then be elected by the Section membership. A Nominating Committee shall convene at the beginning of the Chair's second year in Office, composed of persons appointed by the Chair. The Nominating Committee shall nominate as many members of the Section as it deems appropriate for the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD
Section 1. COMPOSITION. The Board shall be composed of the Officers and Committee Chairs of the Section, and ex officio Board members appointed by the Section Chair in his or her discretion.
Section 2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. The Board shall be vested with the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the activities of the Section consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. Among its functions are: (a) annually determining the Section dues for active members, and (b) recommending changes in the Section's structure as necessary.
ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES
Section 1. The Section shall include working Committees, including but not limited to the following:
(a) Membership Committee
(b) CLE Committee
(c) Fund Raising Committee
(d) Outreach Committee
(e) Publication Committee
Section 2. COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP. Each Committee shall have a Chair and such other officers as the Section Chair appoints.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES
Section 1. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. Any active member of the Association in good standing and any honorary member shall be eligible for active membership in the Section and shall be enrolled as a member upon the payment of the annual Section dues.
Section 2. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. Any person may be made an honorary member of the Section with approval of the Board. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of Section dues.
Section 3. DUES. Section dues for active members shall be collected annually at the same time Association dues are collected.
Section 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Any active member of the Section whose annual dues are more than six months past due shall cease to be a member of the Section. Reinstatement of membership will occur upon payment.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS
Section 1. SECTION MEETINGS. Meeting of the Section membership shall be at the call of the Section Chair. The Section shall have a meeting at each National Convention.
Section 2. BOARD MEETINGS. The Board shall meet at least four times per year to carry out its administrative duties and functions.
Section 3. NOTICE. The Secretary-Treasurer shall give at least 14 days notice of all meetings of the Section and the Board.
Section 4. ORDER. The Section Chair, or in his or her absence, the Vice Chair, is empowered to and shall maintain good order in all meetings, in a reasonable, courteous, and practical manner.
Section 5. METHODS OF MEETING. Meetings may be held through any combination of the following means, modes, and methods: face-to-face; electronic; telephonic; radio broadcast; video broadcast; or webcast.

ARTICLE VIII: PUBLIC POSITIONS
The Section-in the name of the Association-may issue reports, make public announcements, and publicly advocate positions on issues of concern to the Section only with the prior approval of the National Council. Without such prior approval, the Section may take a public position that generally reflects the views
of the Section members, only if the position statement includes a disclaimer that indicates that the Section is taking the position in the name only of the Section. If the Section takes such action in its own name and not in that of the Association, the Section shall report that action immediately to the Executive Committee of the National Council. A Committee may not issue a public report or take a public position on an issue either in its own name or on behalf of the Section. All proposals for public reports or positions shall be submitted to the Section's Board for approval.

ARTICLE IX: BYLAWS
Section 1. EFFECTIVE DATE. These Bylaws shall be effective immediately upon approval of the National Council.
Section 2. AMENDMENT. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board by vote of three-fourths of the Board members present and voting, provided that each Board member shall be given at least 14 days notice of the meeting and the proposed amendment. The amendment shall not become effective until approved by the National Council.

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