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Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. This Section shall be known as the Certified Trial Attorneys Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Section 2. The purpose of this Section shall be to promote the objects of the New Jersey State Bar Association and to stimulate the interest of the members thereof in the area of Certification of Trial Attorneys by and pursuant to the Rules of the Supreme Court of New Jersey and the regulations of the Supreme Court of New Jersey Board on Trial Attorney Certification; and to foster and promote Trial Certification among the members of the New Jersey State Bar Association; and to improve the administration of Justice and trial practice by study, conferences, publication of reports and articles and dissemination of information pertaining to the Trial Certification of members of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Article II

Membership

The membership of this Section shall consist of all members of good standing of the New Jersey State Bar Association who are certified as Civil or Criminal Trial Attorneys by the Supreme Court and who shall signify their desire, in writing, to become members of this Section and satisfy the dues obligations imposed by these Bylaws.

Article III

Section Dues

The annual dues for this Section shall be as established by the Board of Directors subject to approval of the Trustees of the New Jersey State Bar Association and payable at the same time and in the same manner as the Association dues.

Article IV

Officers

Section 1. The Officers of this Section shall be: Chair, Chair-Elect, Vice Chair and Secretary.

Section 2. The Officers of this Section shall be nominated and elected in the manner hereinafter set forth in Article V at the annual meeting of the Section and shall hold office for a term of one year ending at the close of the following year's annual meeting at which their successors have been elected.

Section 3. An Officer may be elected to a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms in that office but shall again become eligible for election to that office after not having served as an Officer for at least one term. This restriction shall not apply to the Office of Secretary.

Article V

Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors

Section 1. A slate of Officers and Directors shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and published to the members of the Section in the Section Newsletter or otherwise not less than thirty days prior to the annual meeting at which they are to be proposed for election.

Section 2. Additional nominations may be made by a petition signed by not less than twelve members of the Section in good standing which petition shall be submitted to the Chair of the Section no later than ten days prior to the annual meeting at which the nominee shall be proposed for election.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of the immediate past Chair, who shall preside; two additional members who shall be appointed by the present Chair; and two members of the Board of Directors who shall be elected by the Board at a meeting of the Board to serve for a period of one year.

Section 4. Election of the Officers and Directors shall be by a majority vote of the members of the Section present at the annual meeting.

Article VI

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section, shall formulate and present the annual report of the Section at the annual meeting of the New Jersey State Bar Association, shall preside at all general membership and Board of Directors Meetings and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to such office.

Section 2. The Vice-Chair shall, in the absence of the Chair, perform the duties of the Chair and in the event of the death, resignation or disability of the Chair, shall automatically succeed to the Office of Chair.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all books, records, papers and documents which are the property of the Section including its finances and shall keep a record of all proceeding and minutes of all meetings of the Section.

Article VII

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Section shall have a Board of Directors consisting of the Officers and nine other members of the Section.

Section 2. The immediate past Chair of the Section shall serve as an additional member of the Board of Directors of the Section for a term of one year following the expiration of his term as Chair of the Section.

Section 3. The nine elected members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of three years with one third or three members being elected at each annual meeting of the Section.

Section 4. No member of the Board of Directors shall be elected to serve more than two consecutive terms.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall meet as necessary but no less frequently than twice a year.

Section 6. Seven (7) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business with a majority vote of the members present being sufficient to bind the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The Board of Directors shall have the full power and authority to direct the activities and affairs of the Section at a meeting held not less than thirty days after notice is published in either the Section Newsletter mailed to each member of the Section, the New Jersey Law Journal, any other regular publication of the New Jersey State Bar Association, or otherwise, and subject to approval by the Trustees of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Article VIII

Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in the position of an officer or member of the Board of Directors of the Section, the vacancy may be filled by appointment of the Chair for the balance of the unexpired term and shall not constitute prohibition of eligibility for office as otherwise set forth in these Bylaws.

Article IX

Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the Section shall be held at the same time and place as the mid-year and annual meetings of the New Jersey State Bar Association and at such other times and places as the Chair may deem necessary.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the Section shall be held at the time and place of the annual meeting of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Article X

Committees

The business of the Section may be conducted with the assistance of Committees as may from time to time be appointed by the Chair.

Article XI

Amendments to Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors subject to ratification by a majority of the Section members present at a meeting held not less than thirty days after notice is published in either the Section Newsletter mailed to each member of the Section, the New Jersey Law Journal, any other regular publication of the New Jersey State Bar Association, or otherwise, and subject to approval by the Trustees of the New Jersey State Bar Association.