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Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. This Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association shall be known as the Civil Trial Bar 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 within the field of Civil Procedure, including (but not limited to) the law and rules on the subject of Civil Practice and Procedure and Calendar Control in the State, County and Municipal Judicial Systems of the State of New Jersey. To the ends stated, this Section shall endeavor to stimulate the interest of members of the New Jersey Bar within the field of Civil Procedure; shall provide for the dissemination of information and knowledge in this field; shall seek to improve upon the Rules of Practice and Procedure in this field by submitting, with the approval of the State Bar Association, recommendations to the Supreme Court of New Jersey; and shall provide an instrumentality for concerted action by New Jersey attorneys for serving the public interest of the citizens of New Jersey.

Article II

Membership

The membership of this Section shall consist of all members of the New Jersey State Bar Association who shall signify their desire, in writing, to become members of the Section and who shall pay Section dues in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) to the New Jersey State Bar Association. Section dues are payable on July 1 of each year in advance, covering the yearly period from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Article III

Officers and Duties

Section 1. The officers of this Section shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Secretary who shall hold office for a term beginning at the close of the annual meeting, at which they shall have been elected; and continuing thereafter until the close of the following year's annual meeting, or until their successors shall have been elected.

Section 2. The Chair shall preside at all general membership meetings and executive committee meetings of the Section. He shall formulate and present at each annual meeting of the New Jersey State Bar Association a report of the work of the Section for the then past year. He shall further perform such other duties and acts as usually pertain to such office.

Section 3. The Vice-Chair, in absence of the Chair, shall perform the duties of the Chair, or in the event of death, resignation, or disability, shall succeed to the office of Chair.

Section 4. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all books, papers, documents and other records which are the property of the Section, and shall keep a true record of all proceedings.

Article IV

Executive Committee and Duties

Section 1. The Section shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the three (3) officers and nine (9) other members of the Section who shall hold office for terms of office as provided herein. In addition, the immediate Past Chair of the Section shall be a member of the Executive Committee for a one-year term following the expiration of his term of office.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the Section at all times other than at general membership meetings and shall have full authority to act for the Section between said general membership meetings, except for the authority to amend the bylaws.

Section 3. Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held at least four (4) times each year between annual meetings upon seven (7) days written notice to the Executive Committee members at the call of the Chair at such times and places as the Chair may designate.

Section 4. Action by the Executive Committee shall be by majority vote of its members present and a quorum of seven (7) shall be required to conduct business.

Section 5. The nine (9) members of the Executive Committee, other than the Officers and Past Chair of the Section, shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, except at the first election of said members after the adoption of these Bylaws three (3) members will be elected for a term of three (3) years, three (3) members for a term of two (2) years, and three (3) members for a term of one year.

Article V

Nomination and Election of Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1. Nominations of Officers and Executive Committee members shall be made at each annual meeting of this Section, such nominations to be presented by a Nominating Committee of five (5) members of the Section, appointed by the Chair. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 2. Elections of those nominated shall proceed by written ballot in the event that more than one nomination be made for any office.

Article VI

Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in an office, the Executive Committee or other Committee, said vacancy may be filled by appointment by the Chair for the balance of the unexpired term.

Article VII

Committees

Section 1. The affairs of the Section shall be conducted with the assistance of the following standing committees, the Chair and membership of which shall be appointed annually by the Section Chair immediately upon his taking office:

A. Practice and Procedure in the Supreme Court of New Jersey and the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division

B. Practice and Procedure in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law and Chancery Divisions and the County Courts.

C. Practice and Procedure in the County District Courts.

D. Practice and Procedure in the Municipal Courts.

E. Civil Calendar Control.

Section 2. The above standing committees shall concern themselves with the Area of Practice and Procedure described by the committee titles.

Section 3. Such other committees may be appointed from time to time by the Chair as may be deemed necessary to carry out the objectives of Section.

Article VIII

Meetings

Section 1. General membership meetings of this 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 special meetings at such other times and places as the officers may deem necessary for the business of this Section.

Section 2. The Annual Meeting of the Section shall be a general membership Meeting held at the same time and place of the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Section 3. Action by the Section shall be by the majority vote of members of the Section present who are entitled to vote, and voting and such action shall be binding upon the Section.

Section 4. No action of this Section shall be in the nature of the determination of policies of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Article IX

Amendments

The Bylaws may be amended at any general membership meeting of the Section by a majority vote of the members of the Section present who are entitled to vote; and voting, provided such proposed amendment

shall first have been approved by the Trustees of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Article X

Organization

The Section shall be organized and conducted in all respects subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of the New Jersey State Bar Association.