

BYLAWS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION OF
THE NEW JERSEY STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Article I - Name and Purpose

Section 1. This Section shall be known as the Environmental Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Section 2. The purposes of this Section shall be:

- a) to stimulate the interest of members of the New Jersey bar and inform them with respect to developments in areas of environmental law, regulation and practice.
- b) to study and discuss the case law, legislation and regulations affecting these areas, recommend substantive and procedural improvements to the courts and legislative bodies of the State; and to disseminate appropriate information to the members of the Bar and public; and
- c) to facilitate communication among practitioners of environmental law and to promote improvement and professionalism in the practice of environmental law.

Article II - Membership

Section 1. The membership of the Section shall consist of all members of the New Jersey State Bar Association who shall signify their desire, in writing, to become members of this Section, and who shall pay annual section dues as set by the NJSBA Board of Trustees.

Section 2. It shall be a particular objective of the Section to encourage membership and active participation by members of the judiciary and by attorneys interested in environmental law. The Section shall affirmatively endeavor to broaden its representation with respect to geographical, racial, gender, type of practice, years in practice, firm size or other diverse criteria to encourage and reduce barriers to participation in Section activities.

Article III - Leadership Board

Section 1. The Section shall be governed by a Leadership Board ("Board") which shall have full power to direct the activities and affairs of the Section, subject only to the direction of the Trustees of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Section 2. The Board shall consist of 15 members of the Section, and shall be constituted of five (5) Officers and then (10) Directors.

Section 2.1 Officers

2.1.1 The Officers of this Section shall be a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Officer-At-Large.

2.1.2 The Officer-At-Large shall be elected from those Directors who express interest in

the position to the Chair no later than sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the NJSBA Annual Meeting.

2.1.3 The Board shall elect the Officer-At-Large from among the candidate Directors during the annual meeting/teleconference of the Board, which shall take place during the NJSBA Annual Meeting. The Officer-At-Large shall take office immediately.

2.1.3 Officers shall serve one-year terms. At the end of each year, the Officer At-Large shall ascend to Treasurer, the Treasurer shall ascend to Secretary, the Secretary shall ascend to Vice Chair, and the Vice Chair shall ascend to Chair.

2.1.4 Officers are not subject to term limits. However, the Board may at any time, by resolution, remove any Officer for cause; provided, however, that a vote of two-thirds of the whole Board shall be required for the removal of any Officer.

2.1.5 In the event of a vacancy occurring in any Officer position, said office shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by a majority of the Board.

Section 2.2 Directors

2.2.1 The term of a Director on the Board is three (3) years, subject to renewal by reelection.

2.2.2 Any Section member who wishes to serve on the Board or to be re-elected to the Board as a Director shall so inform the Chair no later than thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the annual Environmental Law Forum.

2.2.3 Any Section member shall be eligible to serve on the Board as a Director provided that the member has spent two (2) years as a Section member during which time the member attended four (4) Section sponsored or cosponsored events.

2.2.4 All elections of Directors shall be by majority vote of those present at the annual Environmental Law Forum. If the Environmental Law Forum is not held in a given year, elections to the Board shall be by majority vote of those present at the Annual Section Meeting.

Section 3. The Board shall meet no fewer than than four times annually and at such times and places as the Board shall determine. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair upon three days written notice, or upon the request of five members of the Board not less than three days after service of said request on the Chair and the Board. The Board may meet by teleconference at the discretion of the Chair.

Section 4. Six (6) members of the Board, present at any regular or special meeting, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote of the members present shall bind the Board of Directors.

Article IV – Annual Section Meeting; Regular and Special Section Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Section Meeting of the membership of the Section shall be held no later than sixty (60) days following the NJSBA Annual Meeting, and shall be held at the time and place designated by the Chair in the notice of such meeting, with such program or order of business as may be fixed by the Chair.

Section 2. Regular and Special meetings of the membership of the Section may be called by the Chair at such times and places as the Chair may determine, but there shall be at least four regular meetings scheduled throughout the year.

Section 3. Ten members of the Section, present at any annual or special meeting, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. Any action by the Section shall be by the majority vote of the members of the Section present and such action shall be binding upon the Section.

Article V - Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and Board, appoint the membership and Chair of all standing and special committees, shall formulate and present at each NJSBA Annual Meeting a report of the work of the Section for the year then past, and shall further pursue such other duties and acts as usually pertain to such office.

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

Section 3. 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 and be responsible for the publication and distribution of any periodicals or bulletins prepared by the Section and for disseminating from time to time to the membership information concerning the activities of the Section.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of all dues, fees and other payments on behalf of the Section and such other duties as from time to time shall be designated by the Chair.

Section 5. The Officer-At-Large shall organize, oversee, and execute the election of the Board, and shall perform such other duties as from time to time shall be designated by the Chair.

Article VI- Standing and Special Committees of this Section

Section 1. This Section shall contain the following standing committees and such additional special committees as may be appointed by the Chair.

a) Legislation and Case Law Committee to be primarily concerned with new legislation and court decisions affecting the practice of environmental law, to publish a newsletter and to make recommendations to the Section concerning these matters.

b) Program Committee to be primarily concerned with the structure and presentations of the Section at the annual and mid-year meetings of the New Jersey State Bar Association and at other Section meetings.

Section 2. The Chair of this Section will make appointments to the Standing and any Special committees and shall annually appoint a chair to each committee. The chairs of the committees shall be considered Directors ex officio and shall have the right to attend all Directors' meetings, but shall not possess voting powers unless they have been elected a Directors at an Annual

Meeting.

Article VII - Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by the Board at any time subject to ratification by the members of the Section.

Section 2. Amendments to these bylaws may be ratified at any meeting of the Section, at the Annual Section Meeting, or at the Annual Environmental Law Forum, by a majority vote of the members of the Section present, provided that a copy of such proposed amendments shall be delivered to each member by mail, e-mail or other suitable electronic means not less than thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.

Section 3. No amendments to these bylaws shall take effect until approved by the Trustees of the New Jersey State Bar Association, who may also propose amendments.

Article VIII - Organization

This Section shall be organized and conducted in all respects subject to the Constitution and bylaws of the New Jersey State Bar Association, and no action of this Section shall be construed to determine the Association's policy, nor shall any recommendations or resolutions of the Section be acted upon or publicized until after approval by the Association.

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