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Article I

Section 1. This Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association shall be known as the Federal Practice and Procedure Section.

Section 2. The purposes of this Section shall be:

(a) To stimulate the interest of members of the New Jersey bar inform them of developments in federal statutes, rules, case law, and regulations concerning the practice of law in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

(b) To study proposed changes in the rules of the federal courts and federal statutes and to report to the Association its recommendations of what action, if any, the Association should take on such proposals.

(c) To facilitate communication among members of the federal Branch and bar and to promote improvements and professionalism in practice in the federal Courts of New Jersey; and

(d) To undertake such other activities as the Section may decide upon to further its basic purposes.

Article II

Section 1. The membership of the Section shall consist of all members of the Association who shall signify, in writing, their desire to become members of this Section. Members shall pay Section dues in the manner and amount set by the Board of Trustees. Section dues are payable to the Association on July 1st of each year in advance, covering the yearly period from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Article III

Section 1. The officers of this Section shall be Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall, ex officio constitute an Executive Board with authority to conduct the affairs of the Section between meetings of the membership of the Section.

Section 2. The officers of this Section shall be nominated and elected in the matter herein set forth in Article IV at the Annual Meeting of this Section and shall hold office for a term of one (1) 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 gain become eligible for election to that office after not having served as an officer for at least one term.

Section 4. The Vice Chair shall act as Chair during any temporary vacancy in the office of Chair, for whatever reason. The Executive Committee shall by resolution, adopted by a majority of the Committee,

fill any permanent vacancy in any office, except that of Chair, which shall be filled as provided in Article V, Section Two, of these Bylaws. An officer so elected by the Executive Committee shall hold office for the remaining unexpired term and until his or her successor shall have been elected.

#### Article IV

Section 1. Nominations of offices shall be made at each Annual Meeting of this Section, such nominations to be presented by a Nominating Committee of five (5) members of this Section, appointed by the Executive Committee. Not more than one member of the Nominating Committee shall be a member of the Executive Committee. 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 is made for any office.

Section 3. All elections shall be by majority vote of those present at the Annual Meeting.

#### Article V

Section 1. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of this Section and shall formulate and present the annual report of this Section at the Annual Meeting of the Association, shall preside at all General Membership and all Executive Committee 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 this Section, and shall keep a true record of all proceedings and be responsible for the publication and distribution of any articles or bulletins prepared by this Section and for dissemination from time to time to the membership of information concerning the activities of this Section.

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

#### Article VI

Section 1. The annual meeting of the membership of this Section shall be held not later than forty-five (45) days following the annual meeting of the Association. This Section's Annual Meeting shall be held at the time and place designated by the Chair. Notice of such meeting, with such program or order of business as may be fixed by the Executive Committee, shall be mailed to all Section members not less than 20 days before the annual meeting.

Section 2. Regular and special meetings of the membership of the Section may be called by the Chair at such time and such 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 regular, special, or annual meeting, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The majority vote of the members present shall bind the Section membership.

Section 4. Meeting notices shall be published in the New Jersey Lawyer or such other publication of the

Association as the Secretary shall designate.

#### Article VII

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Section by a majority vote of the members of the Section present, but such amendments shall not take effect until they have been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Association.

Notice of any proposed amendment shall be given to the membership of this Section at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting of this Section at which such amendments will be forwarded upon. A copy of such proposed amendments shall be mailed directly to each member not less than seven (7) days prior to said meeting.

#### Article VIII

Section 1. The Chair shall appoint such ad hoc committees as he or she shall deem as desirable or necessary.

Section 2. The Executive Committee may appoint such standing committees as it shall deem desirable or necessary.

#### Article IX

Section 1. The first officers of the Section shall be elected by vote of the Federal Practice and Procedure Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association at a meeting called for the purpose of organization. A nominating committee appointed by the Chair of the Federal Practice and Procedure Committee shall propose a slate of officers at the time of the notice of such meeting. The first election of officers by the general membership of this Section shall take place at such meeting. Until the first annual meeting of the Section following the organization meeting, members of the Federal Practice and Procedure Committee shall be members of this Section.

#### Article X

Section 1. 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 this Section be acted upon or publicized until after approval by the Association.