

BYLAWS OF THE IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION
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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 Immigration Law Section.

Section 2. The purposes of this Section shall be:

- (a) To stimulate the interest of the members of the New Jersey Bar in this field of law.
- (b) To provide for the dissemination of specialized information and knowledge in this field of law.
- (c) To continuously seek to improve the level of services and skills which New Jersey attorneys have in this field of law.
- (d) It shall be a particular objective of the Section to encourage membership and active participation by all interested members of the New Jersey State Bar Association. The Section shall affirmatively endeavor to ensure broad and diverse representation within its membership and in its leadership, and to reduce barriers to participation in Section activities.

Article II
Membership

Section 1. Membership in 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 this Section and shall pay Section dues, as determined by the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Article III
Officers

Section 1. The Officers of this Section shall be a Chair, a Chair-Elect, a First Vice-Chair, a Second Vice-Chair, a Treasurer, a Secretary and the Immediate Past Chair.

Section 2. The officers of this Section shall be elected in the manner hereinafter provided at each annual meeting of this Section, and shall hold office for a term beginning at the close of said annual meeting, at which they have been elected, and continuing thereafter until the close of the following year's annual meeting, or until their successors have been elected. The Chair-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of Chair, and the Chair shall automatically succeed to the office of Immediate Past Chair for the following term without election to that office.

Article IV

Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. Nominations of officers shall be made at each annual meeting of this Section, such nominations to be presented by a Nominating Committee of either two or three 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. If no further nominations are made, the individuals nominated by the Nominating Committee shall be deemed elected by acclamation without the need for further balloting.

Article V

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section. The Chair 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. The Chair shall further perform such other duties and acts as usually pertain to such office.

Section 2. The Chair-Elect, or in the Chair-Elect's absence, the other officers in the order in which they are named above , shall in the absence of the Chair, perform the duties of the Chair, or in the event of death, resignation or disability, shall succeed to the office of Chair.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall oversee and report on the finances of the Section.

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 VI

Vacancies

Section 1. In the event of a vacancy in office, that vacancy may be filled by appointment by the Chair, such appointment being for the balance of the unexpired term.

Article VII

Meetings

Section 1. Regular 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 this Section shall be held at the 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 construed to determine the policies of the New Jersey State Bar Association, nor shall any recommendations or resolutions of the Section be publicized until after approval by the Association.

Article VIII

Standing Committees

The Section shall maintain the following standing committees:

(a) Legislative Committee: This committee will consist of not less than 2, but no more than 4 members, whose responsibilities will include reviewing and vetting any pending or proposed legislation that meets the criteria for NJSBA review of legislative materials for the Section. The committee shall report any comments on legislation to the president and executive board and will prepare a Legislative Position Form when called upon to do so, after a vote on the legislation has been held. The members of this committee will serve concurrent terms to the Chair and may be reappointed at the pleasure of the current Chair of the Section.

(b) Task Force Committee: This committee will be responsible for assisting the Chair on emergent projects that arise during the course of the Chair's year in office. The task force may be called upon to attend emergency meetings, draft statements on behalf of the Section, review materials necessary for a rapid response and will have the power to create ad hoc subcommittees to carry out the work of the Task Force. This committee will serve concurrent terms to the Chair of the Section and may be reappointed at the pleasure of the incoming Chair of the Section.

Article IX

Amendments

Section 1. The Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Section by a majority vote of the members of the Section present who are entitled to vote and voting, but such amendments shall not take effect until they have been approved by the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey State Bar Association, which Board may also propose amendments.

Article X

Authority

Section 1. The Section shall be organized and conducted in all respects subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of the New Jersey State Bar Association.