Bylaws of the Elder & Disability Law Section of the New Jersey Bar Association
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Article I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. This Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association hereinafter referred to as "NJSBA" or "Association" shall be known as the Elder & Disability Law Section.

Section 2. The purpose of this Section shall be:

(a) To stimulate interests of the members of the New Jersey Bar and inform them of federal and New Jersey law, rules and regulations in the area of Elder & Disability Law.

(b) To study and discuss the case law, legislation and regulations affecting areas related to the elderly and the disabled and to recommend substantive and procedural improvements in the law to the association and to disseminate appropriate information to the bar and the public; and

(c) To facilitate communication among practitioners of elder & disability law and to promote improvements and professionalism in the practice of elder & disability law.

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 who shall pay section dues in the amount as shall be determined by the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey State Bar Association. Section dues are payable to the New Jersey State Bar Association at the same time and in the same manner as are Association dues.

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 elder and disability 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

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this section shall be a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, a roundtable coordinator, a legislative coordinator and a secretary.

Section 2. Each officer shall be elected in a manner as hereinafter set forth. All officers shall hold office for a term beginning at the close of the NJSBA annual meeting at which elected, and continue thereafter until the close of the following year's NJSBA annual meeting, or until their respective successors have been elected.

Section 3. No chairperson of this section may succeed themselves for a period of at least three years from the expiration of their term. The vice-chair will automatically succeed the chairperson unless they expressly decline the position.

Article IV

Nomination and Election of Officers Liaison Committee

Section 1. The chairperson shall appoint a Nominating Committee of four members of the Section, one of whom shall be the immediate past chairperson. The Nominating Committee shall make nominations of the incoming legislative coordinator, which shall be published to members of the Section by Newsletter or otherwise not less than thirty days prior to the section's annual meeting at which they are to be proposed for election.

Section 2. Additional nominations for any officer position may be made by petition of at least two members of the section, submitted to the Nominating Committee not later than 10 days prior to the section's annual meeting. If any additional nominations are so made, all nominations shall be announced to the members of the Section at the section's annual meeting.

Section 3. If there is no contest for any given office, then the person nominated for such office shall be elected by a single vote cast by the current secretary of the section. In the event of a contest for any office, section members shall be notified of the contest at least 5 days prior to the section's annual meeting and shall be provided with biographic information for the candidates. The election shall take place by secret ballot at the section's annual meeting and the winner shall be the person receiving the most number of votes of those members present and voting.

Section 4. The results of the election, whether contested or not, will be officially announced at the NJSBA annual meeting in accordance with the Association bylaws.

Section 5. Each year, section officers shall by default be nominated in the following order:

Past:	becomes nominee for	Incoming:
Secretary		Legislative Coordinator
Legislative Coordinator		Roundtable coordinator
Roundtable coordinator		Vice chair

The Nominating Committee may deviate from this default, and nominate someone different for any officer position, only on the unanimous vote of all members of the Nominating Committee. If an officer position is vacant because the incoming officer has resigned or otherwise cannot or will not serve, the Nominating Committee shall make a nomination for that position.

Article V

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Section, appoint the membership and chair of all committees; shall formulate and present at each annual meeting of the New Jersey State Bar Association a written report of the work of the Section for the past year, 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 death, resignation or disability of the chair, the vice chair shall succeed to the office of chairperson. In addition, the vice chair shall perform such duties as the chairperson shall designate. The vice-chair shall be responsible for planning the section's annual retreat that usually takes place each spring.

Section 3. The secretary shall be the custodian of all books, records, papers and documents which are the property of the Section, including the finances; shall keep a true record of all proceedings.

Section 4. The legislative coordinator has the responsibility of bringing before the section legislation and regulations for section consideration. The legislative coordinator is also responsible for reporting back to the Association any action that the section wants to take, or wants the Association to take regarding such legislation and regulations.

Section 5. The roundtable coordinator is responsible for scheduling the roundtable meetings for the year including determining the topics and finding speakers. The roundtables are intended to foster a sharing of ideas, and may provide CLE credit.

Article VII

Vacancies

Section 1. In the event of a vacancy in any office the vacancy may be filled by appointment by the chairperson, such appointment being for the balance of the unexpired term. In the event the chairperson position is vacant, the vice-chair will succeed as chair. In such event, the vice chair will appoint a new vice-chair, such appointment being for the balance of the unexpired term.

Article VIII

Meetings

Section 1. There shall be at least one general meeting of the section each year. The section is encouraged to hold the general meeting at the annual meeting of the Association. If that is not possible, the meeting shall be held at such other time and place as the chairperson may determine provided that the annual meeting of the section occurs prior to the close of business of the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 2. Meetings of the membership of the Section may be called by the chairperson at such times and places as the chairperson may determine. In addition to the annual meeting, there shall be at least three (3) meetings per year.

Section 3. At all meetings, twelve members of the Section shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action by the Section shall be by a majority vote of the section members present and such action shall be binding upon the Section.

Article IX

Executive Committee

Section 1. This Section shall have an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of this Section. Additionally, the retiring chairperson of the Section shall be a member of the Executive Committee for a term of one year after the expiration of office.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of this Section during the interval between meetings of the Section and shall have the authority to act for the section in any way in which the Section itself would be authorized to act.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held upon the call of the chairperson of the Section, upon such notice written or oral, and at such time and place as the chairperson determines.

Section 4. Action by the Executive Committee shall be by a majority vote of its members present. A quorum shall consist of a majority of its members. In the event of a deadlock caused by a tie-vote of the Committee, the chairperson shall have and shall cast an extra vote in order to break the deadlock.

Article X

Amendments

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

Section 2. Notice of any proposed amendments shall be given to the members of the Section at least 15 days prior to the meeting of the Section at which such amendments will be voted upon.

Article XI

Section Committees

Section 1. The Section chairperson shall appoint such ad hoc committees as is deemed necessary or desirable.

Article XII

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 recommendation or resolution of the Section be acted upon or publicized until after approval by the Association.