

INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW SECTION
OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION
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ARTICLE I
Name and Purpose

Section 1. This Section shall be known as the Section on International and Comparative Law.

Section 2. The purpose of this Section shall be to promote the objects of the Pennsylvania Bar Association within the field designated by the name of the Section, and, to that end, to further the development of International and Comparative Law.

ARTICLE II
Membership

Section 1. Any member of the Pennsylvania Bar association may become a member of this Section upon request to the Secretary of the Association who thereupon shall enroll the member as a member of this Section and notify the Secretary of this Section. In the event that this Section should establish Section dues, membership in the Section shall be conditional upon the payment of said dues to the Secretary of the Association.

ARTICLE III
Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Section shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 2. There shall be a council, which shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, the Immediate Past Chairman, together with nine other members to be elected by the Section as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. The officer of this Section shall be nominated and elected, in the manner hereinafter provided, at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, to hold office for a term beginning at the close of the annual meeting at which they have been elected, and ending at the close of the annual meeting two years hence, and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Section 4. At the organization meeting of this Section two of the six members of council shall be elected for a term of one year, two for a term of two years and two for a term of three years. Thereafter two of the six members of council shall be nominated and elected at each annual meeting for terms of office to begin immediately and to continue for three years. Vacancies in the membership of Council shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired term which became vacant.

Section 5. If any member of council shall fail to attend three successive meetings of council, and such failure has not been excused by the Chairman, the Chairman shall declare such member to have automatically resigned and vacancy in the Council membership shall be filled as hereinbefore provided.

ARTICLE IV

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The Chairman of this Section shall appoint a nominating committee of three members of the Section, not members of the Council, to submit to the Section at its annual meeting nominations for officers and council. Other nominations may be made at the annual meeting by a writing signed by three members of the Section.

Section 2. In the event there is more than one nominee for any office, the vote shall be by written ballot.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chairman. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman, in the absence of the Chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Section, and of the Council. He shall formulate and present at each annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association a report of the work of the Section for the then closing year. He shall, with authorization of the Council, appoint such Committees as are deemed appropriate to carry on the work of the Section. He shall perform such other duties and acts as usually pertain to his office.

Section 2. Vice-Chairman. Upon the death, resignation or during the disability of the Chairman, or upon his refusal to act, the Vice-Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman for the remainder of his term, except in case of disability of the Chairman, and then only during so much of the term as the disability continues.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all books, papers, accounts and other property of the Section, except money. He shall keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Section and of the Council, whether assembled or acting under submission. With the Chairman, he shall prepare a summary or digest of the proceedings of the Section at its annual meeting. He, in conjunction with the Chairman, as authorized by the Council, shall attend generally to the business of the Section. He shall keep an accurate record of all moneys appropriated to and dues received by the Section and expend for the use of the Section.

ARTICLE VI

Duties and Powers of the Council

Section 1. The Council shall have general supervision and control of the affairs of the Section, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the By-Laws of the Section. It shall especially authorize all commitments or contracts which shall entail the payment of money, and shall authorize the expenditure of all moneys appropriated for the use or benefit of the Section. It shall not, however, authorize commitments or contracts which shall entail the payment of more money during any fiscal year than the amount which shall be received from dues and previously appropriated to the Section for such fiscal year, provided, however, any moneys remaining in the Section's reserve fund derived from dues shall be considered as moneys received by the Section and subject to be used by Council action as aforesaid.

Section 2. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business. The Chairman may canvas the Council by mail and a members written vote shall have the same effect as if Council actually met and the members so voted in person.

Section 3. The Council may authorize the Chairman to appoint committees from Section members to perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Council may direct, subject to the limitations of these By-Laws and the By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Section 4. Council shall fill interim vacancies in the offices and membership of the Council as hereinbefore provided.

Section 5. Members of the Council when personally present at a meeting of the Council shall vote in person, but when absent may communicate their vote, in writing, upon any proposition, to the Secretary and have it counted, with the same effect as if cast personally by said member at such meeting.

Section 6. The Chairman of the Section may, and upon the request of any member of the Council shall, submit or cause to be submitted in writing, to each member of the Council, any proposition upon which the Council may be authorized to act, and the members of the Council may vote upon such proposition or propositions so submitted, by communicating their vote thereon, in writing over their respective signatures, to the Secretary, who shall record upon his minutes each proposition so submitted,, and the vote of each member of the Council thereon, and keep on file such written and signed votes. If the votes of a majority of the members of Council so recorded shall be in favor of such proposition or such majority shall be against such proposition, such majority vote shall constitute the binding action of the Council.

Section 7. The Council shall have complete authority to set on behalf of and to bind the Section on any and all matters arising between the annual meetings of the Section.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

Section 1. The Chairman shall appoint such standing and special committees of the Section relating to the subject matters within the Section's field of activities, and with such powers, duties and procedures as the Council may from time to time determine. All reports of standing or special Committees shall be transmitted to the Chairman of the Section by the Chairman or other authorized member of the committee. No report or any part thereof shall be made public unless and until approved by the Section and authorized and approved by the Board of Governors of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Section shall be held during the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, in the same city or place as such annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, with such program and order of business as may be arranged by the Council.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Section may be called by the Chairman upon approval of the Council at such times and place as the Council may determine.

Section 3. The member of the Section present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. All binding action of the Section shall be by a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE IX

Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Section shall be the same as that of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Section 2. All bills incurred by the Section, before being forwarded to the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Bar Association for payment, shall be approved by the Chairman or the Secretary, or if the Council shall so direct, by both of them.

Section 3. No salary or compensation shall be paid to any officer, council member or member of a committee.

Section 4. Any action by this Section must be approved by the Pennsylvania Bar Association before the same becomes effective as the action of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Any resolution adopted or action taken by this Section may, on request of the Section, be reported by the Chairman of the Section to the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar Association for the Association's action thereon.

Section 5. These By-Laws shall become effective upon the adoption thereof by the membership of the Section after approval by the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Section 6. All printing for the Section, or for the Council, or for any committee of the Section, shall be done only on authorization of the Council.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended without prior notice to members at any annual meeting of the Section by a majority vote of the members of the Section present and voting, provided such proposed amendment shall first have been approved by a majority of the Council, and provided further that no amendment so adopted shall become effective until approved by the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.