BYLAWS OF THE
FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW SECTION
OF THE
INDIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Family and Juvenile Law Section of the Indiana State Bar Association.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Section shall be:

(a) to unite in a single Section of the Indiana State Bar Association those lawyers, judges and paralegals, who are interested in and concerned with improving the administration of justice in the field of family and juvenile law in the State of Indiana;

(b) to promote high standards of professional conduct for lawyers and judges who function in the administration of justice in the field of family and juvenile law;

(c) to cooperate with the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum and other such groups in formulating programs of continuing legal education in the field of family and juvenile law;

(d) to cooperate with other professional groups concerned with the family;

(e) to recommend and support adoption of any needed changes or revisions in the law relating to the family.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibilitv. There shall be two classes of membership: general membership and associate membership. Associate members shall not be eligible to hold office in the Section, serve on the Section Council, or vote on issues brought before the Section.

(a) Any lawyer or judge who is a member in good standing of the Indiana State Bar Association shall be eligible for general membership in the Family and Juvenile Law Section.

(b) Any paralegal who is a member in good standing of the Indiana State Bar Association shall be eligible for associate membership in the Family and Juvenile Law Section.

Section 2. Admission to Membership. Admission to membership shall be:

(a) by application upon forms provided by the principal office of the Association, and

(b) upon payment of annual dues as hereinafter provided in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. The Section shall have two regular meetings each year consisting of

(a) Annual Meeting; and

(b) Spring Meeting.

Section 2. Schedule of Regular Meetings. The Annual and Spring Meetings of the Section shall be held at the same general location and at the same approximate time as the Annual and Spring Meetings of the Association. The exact time and place of these meetings are to be designated by the Section Chairperson and coordinated through the Association headquarters.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special Meetings may be called by the Section Chairperson and shall be called when (a) the Section Chairperson determines that such a meeting should be called, (b) a majority of the council vote to call such a meeting, or (c) when ten general members of the Section in good standing petition for a special meeting.

Section 4. Notice. Notice of the time and place of all meetings shall be given by the Chairperson at least 15 days prior thereto. The notice of a Special Meeting shall specify the purpose thereof. In addition to notices sent to each member of the Section, whenever possible, notice of the meeting shall appear in Res Gestae magazine.

Section 5. Quorum. The general members of the Section present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 6. A majority vote of the general members present and voting shall constitute binding acts of the Section.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Section 1. The Officers of the Section shall be the Chairperson, Chair-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. There shall be a Directors' Council of the Section consisting of the officers and two general members of the Section from each of the Geographical Districts of the Indiana Court of Appeals.

ARTICLE V

NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Section 1. Nomination of Officers and Directors. Nomination shall be as follows:

(a) By not later than 30 days before the Spring Meeting, the Chairperson shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of two Section members from each Indiana Court of Appeals District and the Immediate Past Chairperson of the Section, who shall serve as the Chairperson of the Section, who shall serve as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

(b) The Nominating Committee shall nominate one candidate for each of the offices of Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and six Directors of the Council and shall submit its slate of candidates to the Section Secretary not later than 60 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of the Section. (Except that in 1993 a Chairperson will also be nominated.) The Secretary thereupon shall give notice to all Section members of the names of the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee by not later than 45 days before the date of the Annual Meeting of the Section and shall cause the names of the candidates to appear in at least one issue of Res Gestae prior to the Annual Meeting.

(c) Any five general members of the Section in good standing may nominate a general Section member in good standing for the office of Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer or Director by filing a written nominating petition addressed to the attention of the Section Secretary at the principal office of the Association, not later than 20 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Section. If there are nominees other than those nominated by the Nominating Committee, the Secretary shall cause a list of all candidates nominated to be mailed to each Section member not later than 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Section.

Section 2. Election of Officers. Election of officers shall be as follows:

(a) A Chair-Elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and six Directors of the Council shall be elected at each Annual Meeting for two-year terms, to serve from the close of the Annual Meeting at which elected to the close of the next Annual Meeting occurring in an odd-numbered year. At each election the Chair-Elect will automatically succeed to the office of Chairperson. (Except that in 1993 a Chairperson will also be elected.)

(b) Whenever two or more persons are nominated for an office, the Secretary shall cause written ballots to be prepared, listing the names of all persons duly nominated for the contested position. Election shall be by a majority vote of the Section members voting, in a secret ballot except that unopposed candidates may be elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE VI

VACANCIES

Section 1. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson, the Chair-Elect shall automatically become Acting Chairperson until such time as the next annual election. The Acting Chairperson shall then appoint an Acting Secretary to serve until the next annual election.

Section 2. Vacancies in the directorships shall be filled by the Chairperson with the consent of a majority of the existing Directors' council for the unexpired term of such office.

Section 3. Any vacancy in the offices of Secretary or Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the Chairperson with the consent of a majority of the Council for the unexpired term of such office.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Section and of the Council and shall have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of a presiding officer. With the advice and approval of the Council the Chairperson shall:

(a) appoint all committee members and designate the Chairperson thereof, and

(b) prepare and present annual reports of the work of the Section for the Board of Governors of the Association as shall be determined by the Council.

Section 2. The Chair-Elect, in the absence of the Chairperson, shall serve as the Chair at all meetings of the Section and of the Council and assume such other duties as required as per Section 1 above.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all books, documents, papers and other property of the Section except money and shall keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Section and of the Council. The Secretary also shall establish and maintain a roster of all members of the Section with the assistance of the Treasurer.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall supervise the handling of all Section funds in accordance with the procedures established by the Association. No disbursement of the funds of the Section shall be made without authorization from either the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the Section or the Executive Director of the Association. The Association shall keep accurate records of all funds of the Section.

ARTICLE VIII

DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

Section 1. The Council shall determine and control the policy of the Section, except that any policy determination made and any action voted to be taken, must be approved by the appropriate body of the Association before the same is given publicity or becomes effective as the action of an organ of the Association. The Council shall have supervision and control of the affairs of the Section, including expenditure of Section funds subject to the Articles and Bylaws of the Association. The Council shall have such other powers and duties as are enumerated elsewhere in these Bylaws.

Section 2. A quorum for the transaction of business of the Council shall be a simple majority of the Council.

Section 3. All binding acts of the Council shall be by majority vote of the Council members present and voting on the question, provided a quorum is present.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be a Nominating Committee to be appointed by the Chairperson having the composition and duties as provided in Article V, Section 1.

Section 2. There shall be such other committees of the Section as the Council may

authorize to be appointed by the Chairperson with the approval of the Council and having such powers and duties as may be conferred upon them.

ARTICLE X

DUES

Section 1. Payment of annual dues shall be a prerequisite for membership in the Section.

Section 2. Membership in the Section shall terminate in accordance with procedures established for termination of delinquent members of the Association.

Section 3. The amount of annual dues shall be established by a majority vote of all Council members.

Section 4. Dues shall be paid to the principal office of the Association to be maintained on behalf of the Section and in accordance with these Bylaws.

Section 5. The Section shall incur no obligation which is not currently payable from Section funds or upon approval of the Board of Governors from Association funds. Assessments other than annual dues shall not be made except by majority vote of all general members of the Section present and voting at a special meeting of the Section called and with notice given in accordance with Article III.

ARTICLE XI

EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT

Section 1. A general member may be suspended or expelled from the Section for conduct unbecoming a member of the Bar. An associate member may be suspended or expelled from the Section for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law without appropriate attorney supervision or for any conduct which would constitute grounds to suspend or expel a general member. In order to suspend or expel a member, the Section Council must vote by secret ballot for suspension or expulsion by a 2/3 majority. Said suspension or expulsion shall become effective when concurred in by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Governors of the Association.

Section 2. Termination of membership in the Association shall automatically terminate Section membership and the rights incident thereto.

Section 3. One whose membership has terminated for nonpayment of dues pursuant to Article X may apply for reinstatement and upon payment of dues for the current year, and upon payment of delinquent dues not exceeding one full year's dues, may be reinstated upon approval of the Council.

ARTICLE XII

SECTION ACTION

No person or group shall publicly speak or act for the Section unless authorized to do so by the Council, pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 1, of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII

These Bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Governors of the Association.

ARTICLE XIV

AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Section called in accordance with Article III by majority vote of the general members of the Section present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment is provided in the notice of the meeting and the amendment is concurred in by the Board of Governors of the Association.

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