

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BYLAWS OF THE TRIAL LAWYERS SECTION
As Amended November 4, 1994**

**ARTICLE I
Name and Purpose**

Section 1. This Section shall be known as the Trial Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association.

Section 2. The purpose of this Section shall be to bring together for furtherance of their mutual interests such members of the New York State Bar Association as are interested in the problems of the trial lawyer and other branches of the law relating to trial practice and procedure.

**ARTICLE II
Membership**

Section 1. Any member of the New York State Bar Association shall be eligible for membership in this Section and shall be enrolled in the Section upon application and payment of such annual dues as shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Section.

**ARTICLE III
Officers**

Section 1. At the annual meeting of the Section, there shall be elected a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, the Executive Committee of the Section, and a Section Delegate to the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association.

Section 2. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and all former Section Chairs; will constitute the Executive Committee of the Section, and in addition thereto, such Executive Committee will consist of two members from each Judicial District in the State.

Section 3. All officers as well as members of the Executive Committee and Section Delegates to the House of Delegates, will hold office for a term of one year beginning on the first day of the month following the New York State Bar Association's Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Duties of the Officers and of the Executive Committee

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

Section 2. Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of his or her duties when requested to do so. On the death, resignation or during the disability of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair for the remainder of the Chair's term, except in the case of the Chair's disability, and then only for so much of the term as the disability continues.

Section 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all books, papers, documents and other property of the Section, except money. He or she shall keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Section and of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the monies of the Section and keep all records, accounts and books of all financial matters concerning the Section. The Treasurer shall make a financial report to the Executive Committee at each regular meeting and at the request of the Chair.

Section 5. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall fix dues, with the approval of the Finance Committee, have general supervision and control of the affairs of the Section subject to the Bylaws of the New York State Bar Association and the Bylaws of this Section.

Section 6. The Executive Committee, during the interim between the Annual Meetings of the Section, may fill vacancies in the office of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Committee and the Section Delegate to the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association by appointment. Officers so appointed shall serve as set forth in Article III, Section 3.

ARTICLE V

Committees

Section 1. Prior to each Annual Meeting of the Section, the Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members of the Section, which committee shall make a report of nominations to the Section for the office of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, members of the Executive Committee and Section Delegate to the House of Delegates. Other nominations for the same offices may be made from the floor.

Section 2. The Chair may appoint such other committees as it may from time to time be advised.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Section shall be held at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee and approved by the President of the New York State Bar Association during the week in which the Annual Meeting of the New York State Bar Association is held.

Section 2. The members of the Section present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. All binding action of the Section shall be by a majority vote of the members present. The unexcused absence of any member of the Executive Committee from three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee shall constitute an accepted resignation of such member and the vacancy created thereby shall be filled as provided in Article IV, Section 6.

ARTICLE VII

Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. Any action taken by this Section must be approved by the New York State Bar Association before the same is given publicity or becomes effective as the action of the New York State Bar Association.

Section 2. The Executive Committee may fix dues for membership in this Section, with the approval of the Finance Committee, and make payment of such amount a condition precedent for membership in the Section.

Section 3. These Bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Section by a majority vote of the members of the Section present, provided that no amendment shall be effective until approved by the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association.