

STATE BAR OF GEORGIA ANIMAL LAW SECTION BYLAWS

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STATE BAR OF GEORGIA

ARTICLE I

Section 1: The name of this Section shall be the "Animal Law Section."

Section 2: The purpose of this Section shall be to provide membership to licensed attorneys in the state of Georgia so that they may develop their legal knowledge, skills, and professional abilities in the area of Animal Law in order to render better service to their clients and the general public. The section shall provide networking and educational opportunities to its members. The Animal Law Section will provide a needed forum for members to exchange ideas, study, and understand laws, regulations, and case law pertaining to all areas of Animal Law.

ARTICLE II

Membership and Dues

Section 1: Each member of this Section shall be a member in good standing of the State Bar. Any member of the State Bar, upon request and payment of annual Section dues for the current year, shall be enrolled as a member of this Section. Thereafter, such dues shall be paid in advance each year at the time of the payment of dues to the State Bar. Members so enrolled and whose dues are so paid shall constitute the membership of this Section. Any member whose annual dues shall be more than six (6) months past due thereupon shall cease to be a member and shall be dropped from the rolls of the Section, subject to reinstatement at any time upon the payment of dues on the current year.

Section 2: The annual Section dues payable by each member of this Section shall be established from time to time by the Officers and approved by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1: The Officers of the Section shall be a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Section.

Section 2: Each Officer shall hold office for a term beginning at the close of the annual meeting of the Section at which he is elected and ending at the close of the next succeeding annual meeting of the Section and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. If a vacancy

shall arise in the office of Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall become Chairperson for the unexpired term. If a vacancy shall arise in the office of the Chairperson and there then also shall exist a vacancy in the office of Vice Chairperson, the President of the State Bar of Georgia shall appoint a successor Chairperson for the unexpired term.

Section 3: The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Section, appoint appropriate committees of the Section to serve during his or her term as Chairperson, plan and supervise the program of the Section at its annual meeting, and perform all executive and administrative duties necessary or proper to the organization and functioning of the Section, including any duty as from time to time may be prescribed by the Section or by the State Bar

Section 4: The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and in the absence or disability of the Chairperson, shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.

Section 5: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Section, maintain the permanent records, give notices of meetings and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairperson.

Section 6: The Treasurer shall maintain the budget of the Section, update the income and expenses of the Section, ensure that the bills of the Section are paid, maintain contact with the Section Liaison of the State Bar of Georgia for purposes of maintaining the budget, and report on the budget at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings of the Section

Section 1: An annual meeting of the Section shall be held each year at or about the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the State Bar; the date, time, and meeting room to be fixed by the Chairperson.

Section 2: A Special Meeting of the Section may be called by the Chairperson to be convened at such time and place and with such program and order of business as may be fixed by the Chairperson.

Section 3: Ten percent of the membership of the Section present (or able to vote by proxy) at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, with the exception of administrative decisions as made by the Executive Board.

Section 4: All action of the Section shall be by a majority vote of the members of the Section present at any properly called meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 5: Notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Section shall be given to each member of the Section on the rolls of the Section in the office of the State Bar of Georgia. In the absence of actual notice sent by at least ten (10) days in advance of any meeting, written or printed notice sent by United State Mail or by e-mail no less than ten (10) days in advance of such scheduled meeting sent to the member's address or e-mail address on record in the office of the State Bar of Georgia shall constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice of such meeting of

this Section. Further, any such notice may be included with other written or printed material mailed or e-mailed to all of the members of the State Bar of Georgia or any part thereof which includes all members of the Section. Such notice shall also be due, adequate, and sufficient notice of such meeting of this Section.

ARTICLE V

Executive Committee

Section 1: Between meetings of the Section the Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of the four Officers of the Section and one other member of the Section, if the Chairperson so chooses, appointed by the Chairperson, whose term shall be co-existent with that of the Chairperson.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall have full authority to act for the Section in any way in which the Section itself would be authorized to act and any such action taken by the Executive Committee pursuant to this provision shall be reported to the members of the Section at the next Annual Meeting of the Section.

ARTICLE VI

Elections and Fiscal Year Terms

Section 1: As herein described, elections for open positions of Officers for the Section shall take place each year at the Annual Meeting of the Section (usually held in May) - or at any time, provided that the elected official takes office no later than the beginning of the State Bar of Georgia's Fiscal Year (July 1). The term of each officer shall begin on July 1 immediately following the end of the State Bar's Fiscal Year. Each officer's term in each respective particular position shall end on the subsequent June 30th, as qualified.

Section 2: "Automatic" Annual Placements of Section Officers: Unless exigent circumstances arise in which an officer must resign his/her position prior to the end of a Fiscal Year, each Officer shall serve in the position to which he or she was elected for a period of no more than one year. In keeping with Article III, Section 2 of these Bylaws, when a vacancy shall arise in the office of Chairperson either before or at the end of one Fiscal Year period, the current Vice Chairperson shall automatically become the Chairperson for the new term (including for any portion of vacancy during an unexpired term of the Chairperson, if applicable). When a vacancy shall arise in the office of Vice-Chairperson either before or at the end of one year Fiscal Year period, the Secretary shall automatically become the Vice-Chairperson for the new FY term (including for any portion of vacancy during an unexpired term of the Vice-Chairperson, if applicable). When a vacancy shall arise in the office of Secretary either before or at the end of the one year Fiscal Year period, the Treasurer shall become Secretary for the new term (including for any portion of vacancy during an unexpired term of the Secretary, if applicable).

Section 3: Prior to the end of each Fiscal Year, as current Officers automatically move to a higher position on the Board, nominations shall be sought from the active Section members to fill vacant Board positions, such as Secretary or Treasurer. No Officer shall be able to serve in

the same position that he or she had previously held within the prior four (4) years unless one of the following events should occur:

- (a) a mid-year change occurs during the last five months of a fiscal year term - whereby each officer automatically advances in his or her position. The officers may remain to serve the Section in that capacity for the following year provided that elections are held to fill the vacant slot(s) then created;
- (b) there are no nominations by any Section member for any position on the Board. In the rare situation that no Section members wish to serve on the Board for any particular year, either the current Board officers will rotate their positions the following Fiscal Year until nominees come forward or the Executive Director of the State Bar of GA shall appoint a Chairperson for the following fiscal year.

Section 4: No Board member of one Fiscal Year may cause or create any action nor make any contracts that would bind the next Fiscal Year's Board in any manner.

ARTICLE VII

Finances

Section 1: Funds of the Section shall be deposited in the treasury of the State Bar of Georgia and shall be disbursed by the treasurer of the State Bar of Georgia to pay bills of the Section which have been approved for payment by any Officer of the Section.

Section 2: Funds of the Section shall be expended for such purposes related to the activities of the Section as from time to time shall be authorized by the Section's Executive Committee.

Section 3: Officers and members of the Section shall not be compensated for services

Section 4: A financial report of the funds of the Section shall be rendered at each annual meeting thereof. This Section shall have the same fiscal year as the State Bar.

ARTICLE VIII

Miscellaneous

Section 1: The Section shall from time to time conduct programs for the continuing education in the world and field of Animal Law, but may coordinate its efforts in this regard with the other Sections of the State Bar of Georgia.

Section 2: The Section may from time to time, subject to the Rules, Bylaws and Standing Board Policies of the State Bar, sponsor, promote, study or review proposed legislation. The Section may from time to time report on its legislative activities to the State Bar.

ARTICLE IX

Effective Date and Amendment

Section 1: These Bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Governors of the State Bar.

Section 2: These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members of the Section present at any properly called meeting at which a quorum is present and subsequent approval thereof by the Board of Governors of the State Bar.