AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF THE
DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION OF
THE VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I
Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Domestic Relations Section of the Virginia Bar Association.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Section shall be to further the objectives of the Virginia Bar Association (the "Association") and to bring together members of the Association with a special interest in the practice of Domestic Relations law.

ARTICLE II
Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. Any member in good standing of the Association shall be eligible for membership in the Section.

Section 2. Admission to Membership. Admission to membership shall be by application and by payment of the Section dues.

Section 3. Quorum for Meeting of Membership. Those members present at Section meetings duly called as provided in these By-Laws shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III
Officers

Section 1. Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Section shall be elected by the membership of the Section at a meeting to be held in conjunction with the Winter Meeting of the Association. The Chairman of the Section may appoint a nominating committee consisting of any three or more members of the Section for the purpose of making nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Chairman shall perform the duties and have the responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer of this Section. The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Council and at meeting of the Section. The Chairman shall have such other and further duties as the Section, from time to time, may provide. The Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman and shall have such other and further duties as the Chairman or the Section, from time to time, may provide.

Section 2. Secretary. The Council may elect a Secretary who shall, in consultation with the Executive Director of the Association, maintain the rolls and records of the Section and shall have the further responsibility of preparing and maintaining such other records and reports of the Section as may become necessary. The Secretary shall have such other duties as the Chairman or the Council, from time to time, may provide.
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Section 3. Treasurer. The Council may elect a Treasurer who shall, in consultation with the Executive Director, maintain the financial records of the Section and shall provide such reports and records of the Section as may become necessary. The Treasurer shall have such other duties as the Chairman or the Section, from time to time, may provide.

Section 4. Term. Officers of the Section shall serve a one-year term which shall coincide with the terms of the office of the officers of the Association. No Section officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office except upon application to and approval by the Executive Committee of the Association.

ARTICLE IV
Council

Section 1. Composition. The Section shall have a Council composed of the officers of the Section and nine members (three classes of three each), serving staggered, three-year terms. Members of the Council shall attend no fewer than two Section/Council meetings per year and shall have attended at least two such meetings in the calendar year prior to being elected as a member of the Council.

Section 2. Nomination and Election. Three new members shall be elected by the Section’s membership annually at a meeting held in conjunction with the Winter Meeting of the Association. The Chairman of the Section shall, no less than 90 days preceding each annual meeting, appoint a nominating committee of 3 members of the Section who will prepare a report for submission at the annual meeting. The report of the nominating committee shall contain nominations for 3 members of the Council. Council members will serve staggered three-year terms, with 3 members being replaced each year. The nominating committee shall also make nominations to fill vacancies which may occur on the Council prior to the expiration of any member’s terms. The Chairman will accept nominations from the floor in accordance with procedures to be specified by the Council. Those nominees receiving a simple majority vote of those attending the annual meeting and voting will be elected.

Section 3. Powers. The Council shall be governing body of the Section subject to the control of the Executive Committee of the Association.

Section 4. Regular Meetings. The Council shall hold an annual meeting in the conjunction with the Winter Meeting of the Association and other meeting as needed.

Section 5. Quorum. Four (4) members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.
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Section 6. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Council shall be held at any time at the call of the Chairman, any three members of the Council, the President or the Executive Committee of the Association.

Section 7. Notice of Meetings. All meetings of the Council shall be upon not less than 5 days’ notice by U.S. Mail, e-mail or facsimile transmission.

Section 8. Voting. Voting of Council members shall be in person or by proxy. To vote by proxy a Council member shall designate in writing an individual who is a member of the Association to the Chairman and such individual shall attend the meeting of the Council in person in order to vote such proxy.

ARTICLE V
Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees. The Council may designate such standing committees as it may deem appropriate.

Section 2. Special Committees. The Chairman or the Council may appoint special committees as either may deem appropriate.

Section 3. Jurisdiction. The Council shall establish the jurisdiction of the Section committees and shall resolve any disputes among its committees. The Executive Committee shall resolve any disputes concerning the jurisdiction of the various Sections and Committees of the Association.

ARTICLE VI
Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. Annual Meeting of the Section. The Section shall have at least one meeting annually for the entire membership of the Section, to be held in conjunction with the Association’s Winter Meeting. The Section may have such other meetings of the entire Section as the Council for Chairman may deem necessary.

Section 2. Amendments. Any amendments or additions to these by-laws shall be upon the approval of a majority of the members of the Section present and voting at the annual meeting. Upon such approval by the Section, such amendments or changes shall be presented to the Executive Committee for approval, and they shall not be effective until so approved.

Section 3. Publications. The Section may produce and distribute a newsletter or other publications in furtherance of its objectives. Any such publications shall be produced in consultation with the President and Executive Director of the Association.
Section 4. Section Conference. The Section may sponsor or co-sponsor conferences or seminars on some aspect of Domestic Relations law. Such conferences shall be conducted in consultation with the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Virginia Law Foundation.

Section 5. Budget. The Section shall submit its budget to the Executive Director of the Association each year on or before November 1, for presentation to the Executive Committee as a party of the Association's Budget.

Section 6. Dues. Annual dues shall be an amount approved by the Executive Committee upon recommendation by the Council.

Section 7. Reports. The Section will submit an annual report to the Executive Committee and the President of the Association. The Section shall submit such other reports as may be requested by the Executive Committee or the President.

Section 8. Expenditures of Funds. Except as otherwise provided herein or directed by the Executive Committee, the Section may expend the funds it collects through the payment of dues in the manner that it sees fit. However, the Section is not empowered to spend funds in excess of those actually on hand, not may it obligate the Association in any financial matter.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

January 24, 2020

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John P. Grove, III
Chairman