THE BYLAWS OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAW SECTION OF
THE VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I
Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name. This Section shall be known as the Intellectual Property Law Section of The Virginia Bar Association (the "Association").

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the Section shall be to further the objectives of the Association as stated in Article Six of its Bylaws and to bring together members of the Association with a special interest in the practice of intellectual property 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 meetings duly called as provided for in these bylaws shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III
Officers

Section 1. Chairman and Vice Chairman. The initial Chairman and any Vice Chairman of the Section shall be appointed by the President of the Association for a one-year term. Thereafter, 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 responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer of the Section. The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Council and at meetings 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 Vice President 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 Section, from time to time, may provide.

Section 3. Treasurer. The Council may elect a Treasurer who shall, in consultation with the Executive Vice President, 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. Immediate Past Chair. Immediate Past Chair normally will serve on the Council for so long as the individual holds the position.

Section 5. Term. Officers of the Section shall serve a one-year term which shall coincide with the terms of 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. A Council member elected to serve in an officer position shall vacate the term presently being served and begin a new one-year officer term. The vacated Council seat shall then be filled for the remainder of the term.

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 terms. The Council shall also include a VBA Executive Committee Liaison member and a Young Lawyers Division Representative if either or both of these are appointed by the President of the Association and the Chair of the Young Lawyers Division, respectively.

Section 2. Nomination and Election. The initial Council of the Section shall be designated by the Board of Governors of the Association to serve staggered terms of one, two, and three years as appropriate. Thereafter, three new members shall be elected by the Section’s membership annually at the 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. Except for those initial Council members designated by the Executive Committee (Who will serve for the terms specified by their designation), Council members will serve staggered three-year terms, with 2 members being replaced each year. The nominating committee shall also make nominations to fill any vacancies which may occur on the Council prior to the expiration of any member’s term. The Chairman will accept nominations from the floor in accordance with procedures to be specified by the Council. Those nominees receiving a simply majority vote of those attending the annual meeting and voting will be elected.
Section 3. Powers. The Council shall be the governing body of the Section subject to the control of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Regular Meetings. The Council shall hold an annual meeting in conjunction with the Winter Meeting of the Association. It is suggested that the Council meet a minimum of once each quarter thereafter. Regular or special meetings may be held by telephone or other electronic media.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

Section 6. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Council shall be held at any time at the call of the Section Chairman, any three members of the Council, the President, or the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Notice of Meetings. All meetings of the Council, except the initial meeting after the organizational meeting of Section members, shall be upon not less than 5 days' notice by mail. Notice may be given by mail or telephone or other electronic media.

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. Committees. The following committees are designated:
- Continuing Legal Education
- Legislative
- Communications/Publications
- Program/Membership
- Nominating

Section 4. Jurisdiction. The Council shall establish the jurisdiction of the Section committees and shall resolve and disputes among its committees. The Executive Committee shall resolve and disputes concerning the jurisdiction of the various Sections and Committees of the Association.

Section 5. Committee Meetings. Meetings of Standing Committees and Special Committees may be held by telephone or other electronic media.
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 or Chairman may deem necessary.

Section 2. Amendments. Any amendments or additions to these bylaws 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. Communications/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 Vice President of the Association.

Section 4. Section Conferences. The Section may sponsor a conference or seminar on some aspect of intellectual property law. Such conferences shall be conducted in consultation with the VBA office.

Section 5. Budget. The Section shall submit its budget to the Executive Vice President of the Association each year on or before November 1, for presentation to the Executive Committee as part of the Association’s budget.

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

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

Section 8. Expenditure 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, nor may it obligate the Association in any financial matter.

Section 9. Authentication. These bylaws were approved by the Board of Governors of The Virginia Bar Association on January 18, 1997.