2019-2020 Section Bylaw Changes

As part of the comprehensive review of the structure and processes of the ABA Law School Accreditation Process managed by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, at its May 2019 meeting the Council approved a proposed change to the process that is followed to choose and elect new Council members. Article VIII of the Section’s Bylaws covers the nominations and elections process. The purpose for the change is to make certain that there is regular turnover in the membership of the committee.

The Bylaw changes listed below have been submitted to the ABA Board of Governors for its review and approval at the 2019 ABA Annual Meeting. The Board’s approval is subject to the approval of the Section membership at its August 9 Annual Business Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership, Terms, and Qualifications.

The Nominating Committee (Committee) shall consist of eight members. Six members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Section, in consultation with the Managing Director, from the Section membership and shall serve one three-year term, and no member shall be eligible for reappointment. The terms of one-third of the appointed members shall expire every year. Notwithstanding this term limitation, each Immediate Past Chairperson of the Section shall serve a two-year term on the Nominating Committee and shall act as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee in the second year of his or her term on the Committee. Membership on the Committee should include legal educators, practitioners and members of the judiciary. Terms commence at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Section 2. Nominations for General Elections.

The Managing Director shall solicit nominations from the membership of the Section to fill vacancies on the Council. One or more candidates may be nominated by the Nominating Committee for each position to be filled by election as provided in these Bylaws. The Nominating Committee shall report the identity of each nominee and shall include a brief statement of his or her activities in the Section, in legal education, and in the legal profession. The Nominating Committee shall submit its report to Section members no later than June 1. The report may be submitted to Section members by written notice, by e-mail or other digital communication, and/or publication on the Section website, as the Council may direct.

Section 3. Nominations for Filling Vacancies.

If there is a vacancy in a member-at-large position on the Council, the Nominating Committee shall provide the Council with one or more names of persons to serve the remainder of the unexpired term (see Article IV, Section 7).