ABA Criminal Justice Section EDITORIAL POLICY

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I. Entity Introduction:

Criminal Justice Section is a Section of the American Bar Association and is composed of members with like interests in criminal law.

II. Purpose of Publishing Program, Goals, Philosophies, and Editorial Approach

A. Purpose: Criminal Justice Section has established its publishing program to provide its members access to high quality publications, authored by its members, regarding topics of interest and in the area of criminal law.

B. Goals: Criminal Justice Section seeks to provide an opportunity for its members to express and share information, insights and experience with other members of Criminal Justice Section, the greater ABA, and the public through its publication of content and materials; to be the first resource its members turn to for information, to offer insights on current topics of interest; and to encourage the exchange of ideas.

C. Philosophy: Criminal Justice Section encourages in-depth scholarly writing and seeks to publish the highest quality of content and materials. Criminal Justice Section encourages the expression of a variety of viewpoints on undecided or contested issues and seeks to publish thoughtful analysis when presented in a civil and courteous manner.

D. Editorial Approach: Criminal Justice Section grants its authors a wide latitude of expression and encourages thoughtful presentation of a wide variety of viewpoints but reserves the right to edit and, if necessary, revise any submission before publication to conform to the ABA’s Editorial Requirements and Procedures and the Criminal Justice Section’s, policies and procedures. All publications are required to be reviewed and approved by the Criminal Justice Section’s Book Board or the Criminal Justice Magazine Editorial Board (for Criminal Justice magazine only) before publication. Criminal Justice Section’s Book Board or the Criminal Justice Magazine Editorial Board reserve the right to reject any submission.

III. Encourage the publication of high quality content consistent with ABA’s Mission & Goals

Criminal Justice Section seeks to have the highest quality content available to its members, ABA members and the public consistent with the ABA’s Mission and Goals Statements. Criminal Justice Section requires that all submissions for publication be reviewed and approved by its Book Board or the Criminal Justice Magazine Editorial Board prior to publication.

IV. Comply with ABA Standards of Civility:

Criminal Justice Section requires that all submissions comply with ABA Resolution 108(1) and (2), August 2011, (attached hereto as Attachment 1) regarding the need for attorneys to maintain the highest
civility during public discourse, including writings, in all areas involving contest, debate, legal argument or discussion. Criminal Justice Section supports the expression and publication of a variety of viewpoints, including those that are controversial or unpopular, but only when done in a civil manner.

V. Conflict Identification & Disclosure

A. ABA Conflict of Interest & Disclosure: Criminal Justice Section requires that all conflicts of interest, such as those identified in the ABA Business Conduct Standards (Section F) (Attached hereto as Attachment 2) be disclosed in any content or material submitted for publication. At a minimum, Criminal Justice Section requires that any content or material submitted for publication contain the identity of all authors and their professional affiliations, both to establish their qualifications and to reveal any potential conflicts of interest.

B. Entity Specific Conflict of Interest Rules & Disclosure:

Criminal Justice Section also requires that any content or material submitted for publication comply with its own rules and procedures for the identification and disclosure of conflicts of interest.

VI. Requirement That Content Is Not Partisan Political Advocacy For or Against Any Political Candidate or Party:

Criminal Justice Section will not publish any content or material that is partisan political advocacy for or against any political candidate or party; however, fair criticism, analysis and comment consistent with the policies contained within this Editorial Policy, will be considered for publication.

VI. Prohibit Content That Is Defamatory or Violates the Law:

Criminal Justice Section will not publish any content or material that is defamatory or violates the law.

VII. Requirement That Publications Conform to ABA Identification and Disclaimer Requirement and to ABA Editorial Procedures

A. All publications of Criminal Justice Section will identify the publication as originating from the ABA and this identification will include:

1. The Association’s name on the cover page and the title page of the publication (and where practical, also on the spine of the publication), or on their electronic equivalents (e.g. the opening web page for social media);

2. The Association’s logotype where practical; and

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B. No publications of Criminal Justice Section will use the words, “American Bar Association” or the acronym “ABA” in the title of any publication without the written consent of the ABA Board of Governors.

C. All publications of Criminal Justice Section will include a disclaimer stating that the views it contains are not necessarily those of the ABA or of the Criminal Justice Section. The disclaimer
will be consistent with paragraph L of the Disclaimers Section of the ABA Greenbook (attached here as Attachment 3).

D. The Book Board or the Criminal Justice Magazine Editorial Board of Criminal Justice Section will review the overall editorial approach of each of its publications and publishing programs, including the roles and responsibilities of editors; set and update its desired objectives and editorial policies every year; and periodically evaluate the quality and effectiveness of each of its publications.

E. The Book Board or the Criminal Justice Magazine Editorial Board of Criminal Justice Section will respond to any requests from the Standing Committee on Publishing Oversight (SCOPO) to review Criminal Justice Section publications or its publishing programs by:

1. Conducting such a review, and
2. Reporting its findings to SCOPO, and
3. Receiving and considering any review of the publications or publishing programs conducted by SCOPO.

F. Submitting Editorial Policy to SCOPO: Criminal Justice Section] will provide its editorial policies to SCOPO when:

1. Requested by SCOPO, or
2. When the last submitted policy to SCOPO is modified.