By-Laws for the Public and Professional Interest Division of the International Bar Association

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Bylaws
of the
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Article 1
Bylaws

The Public and Professional Interest Division (the "Division") of the International Bar Association (the "Association") shall exist and carry on its activities subject to these By- Laws.

PPID shall be independent subject only to:

1.1 the supervision of the Management Board and the Council of the Association and

1.2 the obligation to keep the Management Board and Council of the Association informed through the representatives of the Bar Issues Commission (BIC), the Human Rights Institute (HRI) and the Section of Public and Professional Interest (SPPI) representatives.

Article 2
Objectives

The objectives of the Division are to promote an interchange of information and views among Member Organisations of the Association and the individual Members ("Members") of the BIC, HRI and SPPI about the public and professional interest activities of the legal profession throughout the world; to support and promote those activities, the Rule of Law and the defence of human rights; to facilitate communication among Member Organisations and its Members; to provide the opportunity to Member Organisations and all Members to be active in the different parts of the Division through the BIC, HRI, SPPI, their Committees and other groupings; and to undertake such related projects as may be approved from time to time by each one of the parts of the Division and the Division's Steering Committee. The objectives of the Division shall be performed and its objectives furthered by the BIC, the HRI and the SPPI, which are autonomous and independent parts of the Association, governed by their respective Bylaws.

Article 3
Membership

The Division will be formed by the BIC, the HRI and the SPPI, each of which shall be subject to its own Bylaws. The Division will not have individual Members.

Article 4
Division's Steering Group

4.1 Constitution

4.1.1 There shall be a Steering Group of the Division, which shall consist of:

4.1.1.1 the Chair and First Vice Chair of the BIC;

4.1.1.2 the Chair or Co-Chairs of the HRI;

4.1.1.3 the Chair and the Secretary-Treasurer of the SPPI;

4.1.1.4 one representative from the Legal Practice Division (LPD).

4.2 Duties

Subject to (a) any restrictions which the Council of the Association or the Management Board may from time to time impose, and (b) these Bylaws, the Division's Steering Group shall exercise general coordination of the activities of the Division and the meeting of the objectives of the Division.

4.3 Meetings

4.3.1 The Division's Steering Group shall meet at or about the time of each Conference of the Association and in the same city or place. The Division's Steering Group shall hold at least one other meeting each year. The Chair of the meetings shall be elected by the members of the Division's Steering Group. Any two members of the Division's Steering Group shall convene any meeting.

4.3.2 Quorum The quorum for any meeting of the Division's Steering Group shall be three provided that there must be one representative of each of the BIC,HRI, and SPPI present to constitute a quorum

4.4 Voting at meetings

4.4.1 All decisions adopted by the Division's Steering Group within the scope of its coordination of the activities shall be by majority vote of all Members who are either present in person and voting or, being absent, shall have communicated to the other members of the Steering Group their votes in writing on the relevant proposition. In case of equality of votes, the Chair of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

4.4.2 A matter may be submitted to the members of the Steering Group for voting in writing within a stated time limit of five (5) business days. The votes of a majority of the members submitted in writing (by any means of transmission) within that time limit shall constitute a decision of the Steering Group.

Article 5
Miscellaneous

5.1 Salaries and expenses

No salary or other emoluments shall be paid to any Member of the Division's Steering Committee.

5.2 Representation

The Division shall not take any action in the name of or purporting to represent the Association without the prior authority or specific approval of the Council of the Association.

Article 6
Amendment of the Bylaws

6.1 Amendment by the Council of the Association

These Bylaws may be amended at any time by resolution of the Council of the Association on the recommendation of the Division's Steering Group.

6.2 Amendment by the Division

These Bylaws may be amended by the Steering Group of the Division by a majority of its members both present and voting, provided that such amendment:

6.2.1 complies with Article 11.3 of the Association's Constitution; and

6.2.2 is ratified by the Management Board.

6.3 Effective Date.

These Bylaws will come into force on 1 January 2013.