

**TRIAL LAWYERS SECTION OF THE
DEKALB BAR ASSOCIATION**

BY-LAWS

I. **OBJECTIVES:** The objectives and purposes of the Trial Lawyers Section of the DeKalb Bar Association is to promote communication between lawyers who represent and protect the rights of those who suffer injury to person or property, to preserve the Constitutional right to trial by jury, to promote a positive view of the legal profession in DeKalb County, Georgia and to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct and integrity in the legal profession.

II. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership to the Trial Lawyers Section of the DeKalb Bar Association shall be limited only to DeKalb Bar Association members who annually spends less than one-half of his/her professional time in the defense of cases for insurance companies. Each application for new membership shall be accompanied by a signed certification so stating. A member whose practice changes so that it no longer conforms to this clause shall no longer be a member in good standing.

All members shall be eligible to vote and hold office.

Membership may be terminated by resignation, failure to pay an assessment within the time specified, or expulsion by a fifty-one percent (51%) vote of those present and voting at a regular meeting held not less than fifteen (15) days after notice to the affected member that expulsion will be considered at the meeting.

The President of the DeKalb Bar Association, at his or her election, shall be an ex officio member of the Trial Lawyers Section.

III. **DUES:** Members of the Trial Lawyers Section of the DeKalb Bar Association will pay Section dues of \$25.00 annually in addition to the dues payable for general membership

to the DeKalb Bar Association. Other special assessments shall be set by majority vote of the members. All dues and other monies collected by and through the Trial Lawyers Section of the DeKalb Bar Association shall be placed in a separate account with the Executive Director of the DeKalb Bar Association to be held for use as to any expense or activity associated to the business and operations of the Trial Lawyers Section of the DeKalb Bar Association. The sum of \$5.00 from the dues of each individual member shall be paid to the DeKalb Bar Association to defray costs associated with the Association's newsletter, luncheons and other authorized activities.

IV. **MEETINGS**: The Trial Lawyers Section of the DeKalb Bar Association shall meet regularly at such time and place as set by majority vote of the membership. Special meetings may be called by the President of the Trial Lawyers Section of the DeKalb Bar Association upon such notice as the President deems reasonable under the circumstances.

V. **OFFICERS**: The officers of the Trial Lawyers Section of the DeKalb Bar Association shall include a President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

The President shall preside at all meetings, call special meetings, appoint committees, and perform any other duties consistent with being the Chief Executive Officer of the Section.

The President-Elect shall preside in the absence of the President, assist the President in conducting the affairs of the Section, perform such duties as the President may direct and succeed the President in the event of disability, resignation or death of the President during the term of office. At the conclusion of the term of the President, the President-Elect shall assume the title and duties of President.

The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings, maintain the records of the Section and perform such duties as the President may direct.

The Treasurer shall submit financial reports at each meeting, send bills for membership assessments or dues, pay authorized bills against the Section, and submit a written report of finances at the end of the term of office to the DeKalb Bar Association Treasurer and the Trial Lawyer Section membership. The Treasurer shall also perform such duties as the President shall direct.

The officers shall be elected for a two year term to run from May 1 (Law Day) to May 1 of even numbered years.

VI. **RULES OF ORDER:** The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the rules of order for the transaction of all business before the Section.

VII. **FISCAL YEAR:** The fiscal year of the Section shall begin on the 1st day of July of each year and shall end on the 30th day of June of each year.

VIII. **AMENDMENTS:** These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting at any meeting held after fifteen (15) days notice to the membership that an amendment will be considered.