

BY-LAWS
OF
THE BAR ASSOCIATION of the DISTRICT of COLUMBIA.

Article 1.

Classes of Membership.

Sec. 1. The following classes shall constitute the membership of the Association:

A. Active Members. All members of the Association at the date of the adoption of these By-Laws shall be classed as active members.

White male members of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in good standing, in active practice in the District of Columbia, shall be eligible to active membership in the Association, as hereinafter provided.

B. Associate Members. White male nonresidents of the District of Columbia who are members of the Bar, in good standing, of the highest court of the state or territory of which they are residents, may be admitted to associate membership, as hereinafter provided.

White male members of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in good standing, not in active practice, may be admitted to associate membership, as hereinafter provided.

C. Honorary Members. Any judge or justice of any court in the District of Columbia, during his incumbency, may be elected to honorary membership by the Board of Directors.

Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of dues.

Sec. 2. Associate and honorary members shall have all the privileges of the Association except those of voting and holding office, and except as otherwise expressly limited to active members by these By-Laws.

Article 11.

Officers and Directors

Sec. 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be elected on the day of the annual meeting of the Association and shall hold office until the election of their successors.

There shall be a Board of Directors, to consist of six elected members, in addition to the President, the First Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, who shall be members of said Board. On the day of each annual meeting there shall be elected three directors for terms of two years each, to hold office until the election of their successors. All officers and directors heretofore elected shall continue in office for the terms for which they were elected.

Sec. 2. In case of a vacancy in any office, or on the Board of Directors, it shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors or the remaining members thereof, until the next annual meeting, provided that in case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, the First Vice-President shall succeed to the office, in which event the Second Vice-President shall succeed to the office of First Vice-President. On the day of each annual meeting there

shall be elected such additional number of directors, if any, as may be necessary to fill vacancies, to hold office during the remainder of the terms, respectively, of the members whose places they fill.

Sec. 3. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall, while serving as such, be exempt from payment of dues.

All officers shall perform such duties, in addition to those specifically prescribed, as may be required by the Board of Directors or by the Association.

The President and Vice-Presidents.

Sec. 4. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Association and its Board of Directors, and perform the ordinary functions of the presiding officer.

The Vice-Presidents shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

The Secretary.

Sec. 5. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings and all matters of which a record shall be deemed advisable by the Association or the Board of Directors. He shall notify officers and members of their election, keep a roll of the members, issue notices of all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, perform all duties incumbent upon him under these By-Laws and conduct the correspondence of the Association not otherwise provided for.

The Treasurer.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall collect and be the custodian of all funds and securities belonging to the Association, and, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall invest and disburse the funds of the Association. He shall report in writing annually and at each stated meeting, and also at each meeting of the Board of Directors, the state of the treasury. He shall keep regular accounts which shall at all times be open to inspection of any officer or director. His accounts shall be audited at least once a year by an auditing committee of three members of the Association, not members of the Board of Directors, said committee to be appointed by the Board of Directors and to report in writing at the annual meeting.

The Treasurer shall give bond in such amount and with such conditions and sureties as the Board of Directors may order and approve.

The Board of Directors.

Sec. 7. The Board of Directors, in addition to the powers herein elsewhere conferred, shall have control of all assets and property of the Association; shall have power to invest, appropriate and expend the moneys thereof; shall provide for and have charge of the library and reading-room; shall provide for such employees as it may from time to time deem necessary, and shall have the general management and supervision of the affairs of the Association, with power and authority to make appropriate regulations not inconsistent with the articles of incorporation and these By-Laws. The Board of

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Directors shall have no power to make any contract binding personally upon any member of the Association.

The Board of Directors shall make a complete report in writing at the annual meeting of the Association.

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first Friday of each month except July, August and September.

Article III.

Admission to Membership.

Sec. 1. Proposals of candidates for active and associate membership shall be made to the Board of Directors, in writing, with the recommendation of at least three members of the Association. No officer nor director of the Association shall propose any candidate for membership. At least fifteen days before any such admission is to be voted upon by the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall mail to each active member of the Association a notice stating the name and address of such candidate, the names of the members recommending him, and the date when action will be taken thereon, and shall post a copy of such notice on the official bulletin board at the Bar Library. Before taking action on any candidate, the Board of Directors shall make diligent inquiry as to his character and qualifications, and consider any communications received respecting him. Eight affirmative votes of the Board of Directors shall be necessary for election of any candidate to membership, and upon being so elected he shall become a member of the Association.

Sec. 2. Applications for active and associate membership shall be accompanied by the sum of five dollars, which sum shall, on

election, be credited upon the dues of such member.

The Board of Directors shall have power to make such regulations for admission to membership, not inconsistent herewith, as it may from time to time determine, except in so far as the Association by vote has restricted or may restrict such power.

Article IV.

Dues.

Sec. 1. The annual dues shall be ten dollars for active and associate members, payable in equal instalments on the first days of May and November of each year.

Sec. 2. If any member shall fail to pay any instalment of dues within ninety days after the same shall have become payable, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to send by mail to each member so in default a copy of this By-Law and a notice to the effect that unless such dues are paid within thirty days thereafter the name of such member and a statement of the amount due by him will be posted on said official bulletin board. If such dues are not so paid, the Treasurer shall post said name accordingly. At the expiration of thirty days from the date of such posting, any member continuing in default shall cease to be a member of the Association: Provided, that upon his written application to the Board of Directors satisfactorily explaining such default the Board of Directors may, for a period not exceeding one year, remit the penalty of this By-Law, and extend the time for the payment of dues.

Sec. 3. Any member of the Association who shall fail to pay any instalment of dues within ninety days after the same shall

have become payable shall be deemed a member not in good standing.

Article V.

Committees.

Sec. 1. There shall be a standing committee of nine members, which shall be charged with the duty of studying proposed changes in the laws affecting the District of Columbia and reporting the result of such study, with its suggestions or recommendations, to the Association for such action as it may deem proper. Said Committee may hold joint meetings with the Board of Directors for the consideration of such proposed changes, and in that event, when a meeting of the Association cannot seasonably be called, the Board of Directors may take action on the matter under consideration and make report thereof to the next meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2. There shall be a standing committee of five members, on library.

Sec. 3. There shall be a standing committee of five members, on endowments.

Sec. 4. The membership of the foregoing committees shall be appointed by the President, immediately after the annual meeting in each year, and hold office until the appointment of their successors.

Sec. 5. In addition to the standing committees herein provided for, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint such other committees as he may deem necessary.

Article VI.

Meetings.

Sec. 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the third Tuesday of January, and a stated meeting on the second Tuesday of the months of March, June, October and November in each year. At the annual meeting and at the stated meetings, and at any regular adjournment thereof, all the powers of the Association may be exercised. Special meetings may be called at any time by a majority of the Board of Directors, and shall be called by the Secretary upon the written request of twenty-five active members, specifying the purpose of such call. At special meetings no business shall be transacted except that specified in the call therefor, and such business shall be considered in the order listed in the call, unless otherwise ordered at the meeting.

Sec. 2. At any meeting of the Association, the presence of one hundred active members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3. At each annual and stated meeting of the Association the order of business shall be as follows:

- (a) Reading of the minutes of preceding meeting;
- (b) Report of Board of Directors;
- (c) Report of Treasurer;
- (d) Report of elections;
- (e) Reports of standing committees;
- (f) Reports of special committees;
- (g) New and miscellaneous business.

This order of business may be changed by a vote of the majority of members present.

Sec. 4. Notice of not less than three nor more than ten days shall be given by mail by the Secretary to each active member of every meeting of the Association, annual, stated, or special.

Sec. 5. The parliamentary rules of practice contained in Roberts Rules of Order, as revised, shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws or the special rules of order of this Association.

Article VII.

Nominations and Elections.

Sec. 1. At the stated meeting in November of each year, a committee on nominations, consisting of seven active members, shall be elected by ballot; each active member present may vote for not more than four nominees for said committee, to be named on one ballot, and the seven nominees receiving the largest number of votes shall constitute such committee.

Sec. 2. Said committee on nominations shall nominate at least two and not more than three names for each of the offices and directorships to be filled at the ensuing election. A list of such nominations shall be posted by the Secretary on the official bulletin board at the Bar Library, and shall be mailed to each active member, not later than the first day of December following. Other nominations may be made, in writing, over the signatures of not less than twenty-five active members, by filing such nominations with the Secretary not later than the fifteenth day of

December following.

Sec. 3. The voting shall be by ballot. The Secretary shall prepare a formal ballot containing the names of all nominees, arranged in alphabetical order, for the respective offices and directorships, indicating the number to be voted for; and he shall, not later than the thirty-first day of December following, post a copy of such ballot on said bulletin board and mail a copy to each active member. No nominations shall be considered or voted upon unless made as herein provided.

Sec. 4. The Board of Directors shall name five active members of the Association, in good standing, to serve as an Election Board, and shall name one of said five to act as Chairman thereof. Said Election Board shall have charge of the balloting and the counting of votes. All questions regarding the voting and the validity of ballots shall be decided by said Election Board, subject to appeal to the Board of Directors, whose decision shall be final. There shall be a meeting of the Board of Directors on the day of election, at the polling place, immediately after the closing of the polls, to consider appeals, if any, from decisions of the Election Board.

Sec. 5. The Secretary shall furnish to the Election Board, before the polls open, a list of names of active members of the Association in good standing, and no member not in good standing shall be qualified to vote. Means shall be provided to enable voters to prepare their ballots in secrecy, and no person

privileges shall not continue for a longer period than ten days in any one instance without special permission from the Board of Directors.

Article IX.

Suspensions and Expulsions.

Sec. 1. Any member of the Association may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting of the Association, after having an opportunity to be heard, be suspended or expelled from the Association for professional misconduct, provided, that disbarment by final court action or final conviction of a felony shall ipso facto be followed by expulsion from the Association.

Sec. 2. Upon any suspension, expulsion, or forfeiture of membership in the Association, due notice thereof in writing shall be sent to such member, by registered mail.

Article X.

Amendments.

Sec. 1. These By-Laws shall go into effect upon adoption (except as to the provisions of Article VII, which shall go into effect February 1, 1935), and may be amended at the annual or any stated meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of the proposed amendment, subscribed by five members, be given at a previous meeting and a

copy of the proposed amendment be mailed to each active member at least ten days before being voted upon.

Sec. 3. Upon consideration of any proposed amendment, amendments thereto and substitutes therefor may be offered and voted upon at the meeting.