

**ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT**  
**for**  
**THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS**

ARTICLE I

Section 1. This Association shall be called, "The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis".

ARTICLE II

Object

Section 1. This Association is established to maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of the law; to cultivate social intercourse among its members; to promote legal science and the administration of justice; to promote and maintain the efficiency and integrity of the Judicial Departments of the Government; to provide and establish organized facilities for the furnishing of legal services to all citizens at a cost within their means; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and maintain representative government; and to apply its knowledge and experience in the field of law to the promotion of the public good.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Any person admitted to practice law before the highest Court of any state, territory or the District of Columbia and in good standing before such court, may become a member ~~by affirmative vote of the Executive Committee,~~ as provided in the By-Laws. Any person not admitted to practice law before the highest Court of any state, territory or the District of Columbia, may become a member as provided in the By-Laws.

Section 2. If any member of this Association shall be suspended or disbarred from the practice of law by final order, judgment or decree of a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, such member shall ipso facto, and without further notice or hearing be expelled from the membership in this Association and his/her membership shall terminate forthwith upon such suspension or disbarment. Any such person's membership may be reinstated in accordance with the By-Laws.

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Section 3. The By-Laws may provide for classes of membership, may regulate the rights and liabilities of the classes of members and may define what shall constitute membership of the profession in good standing within the meaning of Section 1 of this Article III.

ARTICLE IV

Officers, Executive Committee and Board of Governors and Committees

Section 1. The Officers, ~~and Executive Committee~~ and Board of Governors of this Association shall be as provided by the By-Laws.

Section 32. The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association subject to these Articles and the By-Laws.

Section 3. The Board of Governors shall develop and implement policies of the Association, subject to these Articles and the By-Laws, and shall have the power to address substantive policies of the profession and may without limitation determine the Association's position on legislative issues.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held immediately prior to the annual Law Day event at the date, time, and location determined by the Executive Committee. No member in good standing of this Association may be charged a fee to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association, however, a fee may be charged for attendance at the Law Day event.~~on the first Monday of April.~~

Section 2. Special meetings of the Association shall be called by a majority of the Executive Committee or Board of Governors as deemed necessary by it, or by the Secretary upon the written request of ~~ten-twenty-five (1025)~~ members of the Association.

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Section 32. All powers of the Association may be exercised at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting of the Association called by the Executive Committee or Board of Governors. At a special meeting called by the Secretary on request of members, no business shall be transacted except such as shall be specified in the request of members and the call thereof.

Section 43. The presence of fifty (50) members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VI

Annual Dues

Section 1. The dues to be paid by members of any class shall be fixed by in accordance with the By-Laws; ~~until the By-Laws shall determine otherwise, the dues of the members of any class shall remain those in effect at the time of the adopting of this amendment.~~

ARTICLE VII

Elections and ~~Appointments~~ Vacancy

Section 1. All elections shall be by written or electronic ballot, and conducted in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section 2. ~~In case of a~~ vacancy in any office, including the President, it shall be filled in accordance with the By-Laws. ~~by appointment of the Executive Committee until the next annual election, except in the case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President, which shall be filled by the Association at its first special meeting occurring more than ten (10) days after the happening of such vacancy.~~

Section 2. ~~Any vacancy arising in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the appointment of the Executive Committee for the remainder of such term.~~

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Section 1. These Articles may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any special or annual meeting of the Association, provided that notice of the proposed amendments be given as provided by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX

Forfeiture, Suspension and Expulsion of Membership

Section 1. Any member of the Association who shall fail or neglect to pay his/her annual dues to the Association in accordance with the By-Laws shall thereby forfeit his/her membership in this Association. ~~for a period of six (6) months from the date upon which any such dues are payable, shall, after prior written notice of at least ten (10) days thereby forfeit his membership in this Association, and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to notify the Secretary of the fact of such forfeiture, and the Secretary shall thereupon cause the name of the member so forfeiting to be stricken from the roll of members.~~

Section 2. ~~The Executive Committee, upon written application of any member or former member, may, in its discretion for good cause shown, abate, cancel, postpone, or forego the collection of the delinquent dues or any portion thereof of such person where the failure to pay such delinquent dues has been occasioned by illness, accident, disability or other similar misfortune beyond the control of such member or former member.~~ Board of Governors may forgive delinquency in paying dues in accordance with the By-Laws.

Section 3. ~~The Executive Committee~~ Board of Governors in its discretion may suspend for such period as the ~~Executive Committee~~ Board of Governors may determine, or forfeit, the membership of any member who is delinquent in the payment of any obligation to the Association other than dues.

Section 4. Any member of the Association may be suspended or expelled by the Board of Governors for misconduct in his/her relations to this Association or in his/her profession, on conviction thereof in such manner as may be prescribed by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE X

Divisions, Sections and Committees

Section 1. There shall be such Divisions of this Association as may be provided in the By-Laws or authorized by the Board of Governors from time to time; and such Divisions may be given the power to elect officers and to adopt By-Laws for the regulation of their functions not inconsistent with these Articles and the By-Laws of the Association and subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.

Section 21. There shall be such Sections of this Association as may be provided in the By-Laws or authorized by the ~~Executive Committee~~ Board of Governors from time to time; and such Sections may be given the power to elect officers and to adopt By-Laws for the regulation of their functions not inconsistent with these Articles and the By-Laws of the Association and subject to the approval of the ~~Executive Committee of the Association~~ Board of Governors.

Section 32. There shall be such standing Committees of this Association as may be provided in the By-Laws or authorized by the Board of Governors from time to time. There shall be such ad-hoc or special Committees or Task Forces of this Association as may be provided in the By-Laws or authorized by the President, President-Elect, Executive Committee or Board of Governors.