

**BY-LAWS
YOUNG LAWYERS' DIVISION
THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS**

ARTICLE I

Name and Purposes

Section 1. Name.

The name of this Division of The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") is the Young Lawyers' Division.

Section 2. Purposes.

The purposes of this Division are:

- (a) To provide service to the public, the legal profession and the judiciary.
- (b) To conduct such activities as are of interest to members of the Division.
- (c) To encourage and promote the participation of Division members in Division and Association activities.
- (d) To perform such other functions as the Division or Association or their Executive Committees may direct.

ARTICLE II

Membership

All members of the Association who are in good standing shall also be members of the Division as long as they also meet one of the following qualifications:

- (a) Members of the Association who are thirty-six (36) years of age or younger, such Division membership to terminate for each member respectively at midnight on the 30th day of April next succeeding such member's attaining the age of thirty-six (36) or,
- (b) Members of the Association, without regard to age, during the first five (5) years immediately succeeding to practice in the State of Missouri or any other jurisdiction, such Division membership to terminate for each member respectively at midnight on the 30th day of April next succeeding such member's fifth anniversary of admission to practice.

In the event that any member of the Division shall cease for any reason to be a member in good standing of the Association, such member shall also cease to be a member of the Section. Notwithstanding any provision herein, the Immediate Past Chairperson shall continue to be a member of the Division during the term of office as Immediate Past Chairperson.

ARTICLE III

Qualification, Election and Terms of Officers

Section 1. Number.

The elected officers of the Division shall be a Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and four (4) Members-at-Large. In addition to these elected officers, there shall be three (3) appointed representatives, who shall also be voting officers, known as the Continuing Legal Education Representative, and two (2) ABA-YLD Delegates/Committee Coordinators. The Immediate Past Chairperson shall likewise be a voting officer. All officers shall qualify in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

To effectuate the increase in the number of Members-at-Large from two (2) to four (4), the ballot for the April, 1993 election shall contain two (2) Members-at-Large positions which carry a two (2) year term and one (1) Member-at-Large position which shall carry a one (1) year term. Each election thereafter, two (2) Members-at-Large shall be elected to two (2) year terms.

Section 2. Executive Committee.

The officers of the Division shall be collectively known as the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Qualifications.

Every member of the Division is eligible for nomination and election, or for appointment, to any office, provided that:

- (a) No member whose status shall result in the termination of his/her membership in the Division prior to the expiration of the term of the office sought shall be eligible for nomination or appointment to that office.
- (b) No officer shall be eligible for election to the same office for more than two (2) terms, with the exception that the persons serving as Chairperson and Chairperson-Elect shall not be eligible for election to such offices for more than one (1) term. This provision shall not prevent the reappointment of any of the appointed officers set out in Section 1 of this Article.
- (c) No member may hold more than one (1) office of the Division simultaneously. In the event that a Member-at-Large or an ABA-YLD Delegate/Committee Coordinator is elected to another office prior to the expiration of the officer's term as Member-at-Large or ABA-YLD Delegate/Committee Coordinator, the officer's term as Member-at-Large or ABA-YLD Delegate/Committee Coordinator shall terminate.

Section 4. Election or Appointment and Term of Office.

- (a) The Chairperson-Elect, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and one (1) Member-at-Large shall be elected annually at the Division's election.
- (b) The Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past Chairperson, and the Continuing Legal Education Representative shall serve a term of one (1) year commencing May 1st of the year in which such officer qualifies for such office, or is appointed in the case of the Continuing Legal Education Representative, or until such officer's death, resignation or removal as hereinafter provided.
- (c) Each Member-at-Large and each ABA-YLD Delegate/Committee Coordinator shall serve a term of two (2) years commencing May 1st of the year in which such Member-at-Large qualifies or such ABA-YLD Delegate/Committee Coordinator is appointed, or until such officer's death, resignation or removal as hereinafter provided.

To effectuate the increase in the number of ABA-YLD Delegates/Committee Coordinators from one (1) to two (2), the Chairperson installed in the April, 1993 election shall appoint one (1) ABA-YLD Delegate/Committee Coordinator position which shall carry a two (2) year term and one (1) ABA-YLD Delegate/Committee Coordinator position which shall carry a one (1) year term. Each year thereafter, the newly installed Chairperson shall appoint one (1) ABA-YLD Delegate/Committee Coordinator to a two (2) year term.

- (d) Immediately upon election, the Chairperson shall, with the advice and consent of the newly elected Executive Committee members, appoint the Continuing Legal Education Representative whose term as officer of the Division shall coincide with that of the Chairperson, or until such officer's death, resignation or removal as hereinafter provided.

- (e) Immediately upon election, the Chairperson shall, with the advice and consent of the newly elected Executive Committee members, appoint one (1) ABA-YLD Delegate/Committee Coordinator, who shall serve in such capacity for two (2) years, or until such officer's death, resignation or removal as hereinafter provided.

Section 5. Removal.

Any officer may be removed by the Executive Committee when, in the judgment of the Executive Committee, the best interests of the Division would be served thereby.

Section 6. Vacancies.

If any elected or appointed office becomes vacant during the term thereof, the Chairperson, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a member who qualifies under Section 3 of this Article to fill the unexpired term of such office.

ARTICLE IV

Delegates to Young Lawyers' Division of the American Bar Association

Delegates to the Young Lawyers' Division of the American Bar Association shall be the Chairperson and such other delegate or delegates as appointed by the Chairperson, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee. Such delegate or delegates shall have such duties, privileges and powers as may be delegated to them by the Chairperson.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1. Officers.

- (a) The Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall have such duties and powers as usually pertain to their respective offices, not inconsistent with these By-Laws or with the Articles and By-Laws of the Association.
- (b) The Continuing Legal Education Representative, the Members-at-Large and the ABA-YLD Delegates/Committee Coordinators shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as the Executive Committee may direct.
- (c) The Chairperson shall, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, appoint committees and chairpersons of such committees from members of the Division to perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Executive Committee may direct, whose terms as committee chairpersons shall coincide with that of the Chairperson.

Section 2. The Executive Committee.

- (a) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of the affairs of the Division, subject to the provisions of the Articles and By-Laws of the Association and these By-Laws.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall hold regular meetings at least once each month and shall meet at such other times as may be necessary and expedient.
- (c) Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chairperson or by any three (3) members of the Executive Committee, at any time upon five (5) days written notice to the members thereof.

- (d) A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, and action of the Executive Committee may be taken by a majority vote of those members of the Executive Committee present.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings, Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Meetings.

- (a) The Division shall hold such meetings as may be appropriate.
- (b) Notice in writing shall be given to all members of the Division in good standing at least ten (10) days prior to the date on which a meeting is to be held, said notice to contain the time and place of the meeting and a brief summary of the matters to be brought before the meeting.
- (c) Meetings of the Division may be called by the Chairperson with approval of the Executive Committee or upon petition to the Chairperson by at least fifteen (15) members of the Division.
- (d) Only those members of the Division who are in good standing in the Association shall be eligible to vote at meetings of the Division.

Section 2. Nominations and Elections.

- (a) The annual election shall be held on the first Monday of April of each year, unless otherwise designated by the Association.
- (b) Not later than seventy (70) days prior to the annual election, the Association shall notify the members of the Division that petitions to nominate candidates for all open offices may be filed with the Association not later than thirty (30) days prior to the annual election.
- (c) Nomination of candidates to fill offices shall be made by filing with the Association not sooner than sixty (60) days nor later than thirty (30) days prior to the annual election a written petition signed by not less than five (5) nor more than ten (10) Division members in good standing. The candidate shall include with the petition a photograph and background information for inclusion in the election bulletin to the Division's membership.
- (d) If nominating petitions have not been filed with the Association for any office within the time prescribed, the Executive Committee shall meet no sooner than five (5) days after the last date for such filing and nominate one (1) or more qualified members of the Division as candidates for that office.
- (e) The Association shall notify the membership of the Division of the names of all candidates and the office for which each candidate is nominated, and factual information concerning each candidate which shall include address; place of employment; law school; offices held on Executive Committee, including years; Division membership and offices; plus other data determined by the Executive Committee.
- (f) Voting shall be by secret written ballot. The signature of the respective voter shall be made in such a manner as to preserve the secrecy of each ballot. The omission of a signature will invalidate the ballot. Not later than twenty (20) days prior to the election day, the Association shall cause a ballot to be mailed to each member of the Division eligible to vote. Ballots, to be counted, must be received by the Association's principal office prior to 5:00 p.m. on election day.
- (g) Candidates shall be listed on the ballot in the order that the nominating petitions are filed.
- (h) There shall be no cumulative voting in the case of any office for which more than one candidate is to be elected. In the case of any office, the candidate or, if there is more than one to be elected, the candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

- (i) The Association shall not assist any candidate in publicizing his/her candidacy for an office in the Division.
- (j) Ballots shall be tabulated as soon as the balloting is closed and the winners declared by the President of the Association.
- (k) In the case of a tie vote, the members of the Division present at the counting of the ballots shall vote by secret ballot and the candidate receiving the larger vote shall be declared the winner.

ARTICLE VII

Association Policy

No action of this Division can establish Association policy unless the Executive Committee of the Association has approved such action.

ARTICLE VIII

Adoption of By-Laws and Amendments

Section 1. Adoption of By-Laws.

These By-Laws shall become effective upon their approval by vote of the Division and upon adoption by resolution of the Association. All previous By-Laws of this Division are hereby revoked.

Section 2. Amendments.

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Division. Such amendments shall become effective only upon approval thereof by the Executive Committee of the Association.

Adopted by resolution on January 14, 1993.

Chairperson, Young Lawyers' Division

ATTEST:

Secretary, Young Lawyers' Division

Adopted by Resolution of the Executive Committee of the Association on January 8, 1993.

Secretary of The Bar Association of
Metropolitan St. Louis

On December 13, 1993, the Young Lawyers' Section became the Young Lawyers' Division. BAMSL membership adopted new by-laws on this date.