



Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers

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AAWL CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. NAME.

The name of this Association shall be Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers.

Section 2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of the Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers, which are to be exercised in the public interest, are as follows:

- To further the interests of women lawyers and their service to the legal profession;
- To advance the administration of justice according to law;
- To aid the courts in carrying on the administration of justice;
- To foster public service and high standards of conduct;
- To maintain, on the part of those engaged in the practice of law, high standards of integrity, learning and competence;
- To encourage collegiality among women lawyers;
- To provide a forum for the discussion of subjects pertaining to the practice of law and related subjects;
- To carry on a program of continuing legal education;
- To improve the judicial and legal process and the science of jurisprudence;
- To encourage practices that would advance and improve the honor and dignity of the legal professional; and
- To encourage the legal profession and its individual members to perform and to discharge more effectually their responsibilities in the public interest.

ARTICLE II **MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP.

The categories of membership in this association shall be active, associate, at-large, retired and lifetime.

Section 2. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

Active membership shall be that of lawyers residing in the State of Arkansas, who are in good standing with the Supreme Court of the State(s) in which they are licensed to practice and who are current in their payment of dues to this Association. Active membership shall entitle the member to vote and hold office in the Association in addition to all general privileges of membership.

Section 3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.

Associate membership shall be that of (1) all law students currently enrolled in an accredited law school, and (2) holders of a Juris Doctor Degree. Associate membership shall entitle the member to all privileges of the Association except those of voting and holding office.

Section 4. AT-LARGE MEMBERSHIP.

At-large membership shall be that of lawyers residing outside the State of Arkansas and in good standing with the Supreme Court of the state in which they are licensed to practice. At-large membership shall entitle the member to all privileges of the Association, except those of voting and holding office.

Section 5. RETIRED MEMBERSHIP.

Retired membership shall consist of members who have reached the age of 65 prior to the beginning of the membership year. Retired membership shall entitle the member to the same privileges held by the member prior to age 65.

Section 6. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP.

Lifetime membership shall consist of active members who have been licensed attorneys for at least five years, who are members in good standing with the Supreme

Court of the state(s) in which they are licensed to practice, and who have paid their lifetime membership dues. Lifetime membership shall entitle the member to all privileges of the Association including those of voting and holding office.

ARTICLE III **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Section 1. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERSHIP - OFFICERS.

Members of the Executive Board shall be the following Officers: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Past President. Officers must be Active members of the Association, and licensed attorneys in good standing with the Bar of the State of Arkansas, on the date they assume office.

ARTICLE IV **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERSHIP.

Members of the Board of Directors shall be the chairpersons of the standing committees as named in the By-Laws and the members of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V **REMOVAL**

Section 1. REMOVAL.

An Executive Board or Board of Directors member may be removed for cause. Removal may occur anytime after notice at a regular meeting of the membership. Removal Procedures are fully outlined in the Association's Bylaws.

Section 2. VACANCY.

A vacancy on the Executive Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board. A vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI
ELECTIONS

Section 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Active membership present at the meeting designated for the election of officers.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

Section 1. MEETINGS.

Time and place of association meetings shall be regulated by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of all Active members present. Proposed amendments shall be provided to the President in writing via email, who is then required to bring the proposed amendment to the full Board of Directors at the next Board meeting, wherein the Board must then vote on approval/denial of the proposed amendment by a simple majority. If approved by the Board, the proposed amendment must then be provided via email to the general membership of the Association, at least one week prior to the regular meeting at which the Active member proposing the amendment intends to bring it to a vote.

Section 2. BYLAWS.

Bylaws may be adopted, amended or repealed at a regular meeting by a majority of the Active members present, in accordance with the same notice requirements as the Constitution found in Section 1 of this Article.

Approved by the general membership at the April 1st, 2022 general meeting.