

RESOLUTION TO AMEND BYLAWS  
OF THE  
TERRE HAUTE BAR ASSOCIATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that all prior bylaws of the Terre Haute Bar Association be repealed and the following bylaws be adopted on their place:

**BYLAWS OF THE  
TERRE HAUTE BAR ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE I

The Association shall be called TERRE HAUTE BAR ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II

The Association is established to maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of the law, to cultivate social interaction among its members, and to increase its usefulness in promoting the due administration of justice.

In furtherance of its objectives the Association shall have the power to adopt and promulgate resolutions, receive dues and other funds, including gifts and appropriations, contribute funds for charitable, professional, athletics and other causes, and, in accordance with these bylaws, take such other actions as may, from time to time, be approved by the membership.

ARTICLE III

Any person licensed to practice law in the State of Indiana, or any other state, in good standing may become a member by vote of the Association, as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a President, President-elect, a Vice-President, a Judicial Representative, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

The Board of Directors of the Association shall be made up of the officers of the Association plus three delegates to the House of Delegates of the Indiana State Bar Association.

Section 2. Each year two officers will be up for election.

As of July 1<sup>st</sup> following the annual meeting, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to the position of President-elect and the President-elect shall automatically

succeed to the office of the President upon the expiration of the term of office of the President, which shall be one (1) year from July 1st following the annual meeting of the Association.

Each year a new Vice President will be elected as well as one other Officer whose term has expired. All other officers shall serve for three (3) year terms commencing the 1st day of July following their election, which are staggered as follows:

- In 2018, the Judicial Representative shall be up for election and shall serve a three (3) year term.
- In 2019, the Secretary shall be up for election and shall serve a three (3) year term.
- In 2020, the Treasurer shall be up for election and shall serve a three (3) year term.

Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at such election and voting shall be conducted by oral ballot, except upon request by a member for a secret ballot. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes cast in each respective office shall be declared duly elected.

The Association shall elect one (1) delegate each year to the House of Delegates of the Indiana Bar Association, and each delegate's term shall be for a period of three (3) years.

Section 3. In case of vacancy in any of the above positions, such position shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors, and such person shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term, except in the case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President or President-elect, which vacancy shall be filled by the President-elect or Vice President, respectively.

## ARTICLE V

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall manage the business and prudential concerns of the Association, subject to the bylaws. A majority of the members of said Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The President-elect shall be responsible for the supervision of the Committees of the Association.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President.

## ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and chair the Board of Directors. The President-elect shall preside in the absence of the President.

Section 2. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings and of all other matter of which a record shall be deemed advisable by the Association; shall notify the officers and members of the Association's actions and shall keep a roll of the members.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall collect and, under the direction of the Board of Directors on the warrant of its President, disburse all funds of the Association; shall report quarterly or oftener if required; shall keep regular accounts which shall be open at all reasonable times for inspection.

Section 4. No funds of the Association in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be appropriated or spent until after prior notice of the purpose and amount of such request is given in writing to the members of the Association in accordance with Article VII, Section 1. Notwithstanding the above, expenditures which could not reasonably be anticipated and arising between the stated meetings of the Association may be incurred up to the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) upon approval by the majority of the officers of the Association. Such expenditures shall be submitted in writing for approval at the next meeting of the Association.

## ARTICLE VII

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association in the month of May; if scheduling said meeting is impractical, the President may delay the annual meeting to June; and monthly meetings the dates of which to be determined by the President with written electronic or regular mail notice at least seven (7) days prior thereto. At these stated meetings and at any regular adjourned meeting thereof, all the powers of the Association may be exercised.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President and shall be called upon the written request of ten (10) members. At such special meetings no business shall be transacted except such as shall be specified in the call therefore; and notice of any such meetings, and a statement of the business to be done, shall be sent via electronic or regular mail by the Secretary to the members of the Association addressed to each member at the address maintained in the records of the Association by the Secretary at least three (3) days before the time appointed for the meeting.

Section 3. The presence of ten (10) members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Association.

## ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. The dues of each member shall be Ninety-five Dollars (\$95.00) for each calendar year. All members willing to receive notices from the Association by email shall receive a Five Dollar (\$5.00) discount on their dues for each calendar year. Said election shall be made in writing at the time dues are payable each year. Such dues shall be paid within thirty (30) days after they become due and payable as aforesaid.

Notice shall be sent to all members after January 1st each year and due on the date shown on the notice, and any member failing to pay such dues within thirty (30) days after they become due is automatically suspended. The Board of Directors may reinstate a suspended member upon payment of all dues for the current calendar year.

Section 2. Whenever any member shall become delinquent in the payment of dues for the period of six months or more after the same are due, membership shall be thereby terminated without any action of the Association.

Section 3. If at any time any member of this Association shall retire from the practice of the profession, such member shall, upon request, during the period of retirement be relieved from the payment of all dues to the Association, and such member shall thereby become an inactive member without voting privileges.

Section 4. Any member of this Association may be suspended or expelled from this Association for misconduct in the member's relations to this Association, or in professional activities, upon recommendation of the Ethics, Grievance and Unauthorized Practice Committee and subject to a majority vote of the Association meeting for that purpose.

Section 5. Any member of the Association in good standing upon attaining the age of 65 shall be entitled to be a member of the Association with all privileges without the payment of dues.

## ARTICLE IX

At each stated meeting of the Association, the order of the business shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of preceding meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Report of Officers.
4. Elections, if any.
5. Reports of committees.
6. Miscellaneous business.

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

The usual parliamentary rules and orders otherwise than are herein provided shall govern all meetings of the Association.

## ARTICLE X

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee on or before March 1st of each year and such other committees as the President may, from time to time, deem desirable.

## ARTICLE XI

Section 1. Application for Membership. Any member of the Bar in good standing, desiring to become a member of the Association, shall make an application in writing to the Secretary, which application shall bear the recommendation of two (2) members of the Association. The application shall set forth the applicant's qualifications and be accompanied by the current dues provided for in Section 1 of Article VIII, which dues shall be returned upon denial of membership.

Such application shall come up for discussion at the next meeting of the Association and vote thereon. An affirmative vote of two-thirds or more of members present shall admit the applicant, and if rejected the name of the applicant shall not thereafter be presented to the Association for a period of one (1) year.

Section 2. Whenever the name of any person shall come before a meeting of the Association for membership in the Association, it shall be in order to debate the qualifications of the person proposed, and debates in relation thereto shall be held under a strict and perpetual injunction of secrecy.

## ARTICLE XII

All grievances addressed to the Association preferred against any member of the Association shall be referred by the President to the Committee on Ethics, Grievances and Unauthorized Practice for immediate investigation and, in a proper case, referred to the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission.

## ARTICLE XIII

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of those present but only after thirty (30) days prior written notice of such proposed amendments has been given to the members of this Association.

## ARTICLE XIV

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Section 1. Any graduate of an accredited law school residing and working in Vigo County that is not a member of the Bar in good standing for the sole reason that such graduate has never applied for admission to any Bar may become an Associate member by vote of the Association, as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. A law school graduate seeking to become an Associate member shall make application for membership to the Association in the same manner as that prescribed herein for members of the Bar in good standing.

Section 3. Associate members shall have the same rights, privileges and obligations of other active members of the Association, with the exception that Associate members shall have no right to vote or serve as an officer, director or delegate of the Association.

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ARTICLE VIII, Section 1, amended November 28, 2000.

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ARTICLE VII, Section 1, amended November 15, 2006.

ARTICLE VI, Section 4, amended November 19, 2008.

ARTICLE VIII, Section 1, amended November 19, 2008.

ARTICLE II; ARTICLE III; ARTICLE IV, Section 1; ARTICLE VI, Section 4; ARTICLE VII, Section 3; and ARTICLE VIII, Section 3, amended July 10, 2014.

ARTICLE III; ARTICLE IV, Sections 1, 2 & 3; ARTICLE VII, Section 1; and ARTICLE VIII, Section 1, ARTICLE IX, ARTICLE X, ARTICLE XII, and ARTICLE XIII, amended April 5, 2018.