



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) all clerks and deputy clerks who become associate members of this association prior to the enactment of this Constitution. 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 fiscal 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.

Members of the Executive Board shall be the following officers: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian.

**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 requires a majority vote of the members present.

Section 2. VACANCY.

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

**ARTICLE VI
ELECTIONS**

Section 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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

Section 2. VACANCY.

A vacancy in any office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS**

Section 1. MEETINGS.

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

**ARTICLE VIII
VOTING BY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. VOTING.

Actions of the general membership may be taken by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

Section 2. QUORUM AT SPECIAL MEETING.

Actions of the general membership may be taken at a special meeting if a quorum is present. One-fourth of the active membership of the Association shall be necessary for a quorum at a special meeting.

**ARTICLE IX
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 set forth in writing and read to the Association at a regular meeting prior to the 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 notice requirements in Section 1 of this Article.