



AUSTIN BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

NAME

This Association shall be known as the AUSTIN BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (hereafter, "ABLA").

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of ABLA shall be to improve the administration of justice, to uphold the honor and integrity of the legal profession, to promote professional and social communication between members of ABLA and other legal organizations, to promote legislation that will improve the quality of life of all of the citizens of our community and to protect civil and political rights of the citizens and the residents of our state.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be three classifications of membership in ABLA: Regular, Associate, and Student.

Section 2. Any lawyer who is in good standing before the Bar of any jurisdiction (that is, one who is not in default in payment of dues and not under suspension from the practice of law) may become a Regular Member of ABLA upon application and payment of dues.

Section 3. Any person who has graduated from a law school and who has demonstrated an interest in the principles and objectives of ABLA may become an Associate Member of ABLA upon application and payment of dues.

Section 4. Any student currently enrolled at any accredited school of law may become a Student Member of ABLA upon application and payment of dues.

**ARTICLE IV.
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Section 1. ABLA shall have an annual membership meeting (also referred to as the "Annual Meeting") at which time the Regular Members shall elect the officers and one at large member of the Executive Board, amend the Bylaws and/ or Constitution of ABLA if necessary, and take up any other business the Regular Members consider important and relevant to the overall policy and direction of ABLA. The Regular Members shall remain assembled until all business shall be completed or an adjournment taken by majority vote. The Annual Meeting officially begins the new year for ABLA.

Section 2. Voting at the Annual Meeting shall be exercised by Regular Members in good standing with ABLA.

Section 3. The Annual Meeting shall be held in June of each year.

**ARTICLE V.
GENERAL OFFICERS**

Section 1: Officers: The officers of ABLA shall consist of the President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Officer at Large.

Section 2: Eligibility: Each officer must be a Regular Member in good standing of ABLA, must have been a member for at least one year, and must have attended at least six (6) meetings during the preceding year.

Section 3: Election and Terms: All officers shall serve for a period of one (1) year.

Section 4: Vacancies: If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall become President for the unexpired term. If any other elective office becomes vacant, the President shall appoint an eligible Regular Member to fill the office for the unexpired term. The appointment must be confirmed by a majority vote of Regular Members at the next regular meeting of the membership.

**ARTICLE VI.
BYLAWS**

Bylaws not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution may be adopted or amended by a by two-thirds vote, provided that a quorum is present of Regular Members in good standing.

**ARTICLE VII.
SUPREME LAW**

This Constitution of ABLA and the Bylaws which shall be adopted pursuant thereto shall be the Supreme Law of ABLA, and every member, officer and jurisdiction shall be bound thereby.

**ARTICLE VIII.
AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution may be amended at any regularly scheduled meeting by two-thirds vote, provided that a quorum is present of Regular Members in good standing. All proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted to the Executive Board at least forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting in which the proposed amended constitution will be presented to the ABLA membership. The Secretary shall send all proposed amendments to each Regular Member in good standing of ABLA at least sixty (60) days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting in which the proposed amended constitution will be presented to the ABLA membership.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPROVAL

The Regular Members approved the foregoing as the Constitution of the Austin Black Lawyers Association at the Annual Meeting on June 12, 2019.



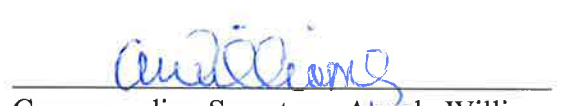
President, April Griffin



Vice President, Johnathan Stone



Treasurer, Sylvia Hardman-Dingle 8-14-19



Corresponding Secretary, Ayeola Williams



Member at Large, Aden Allen

