

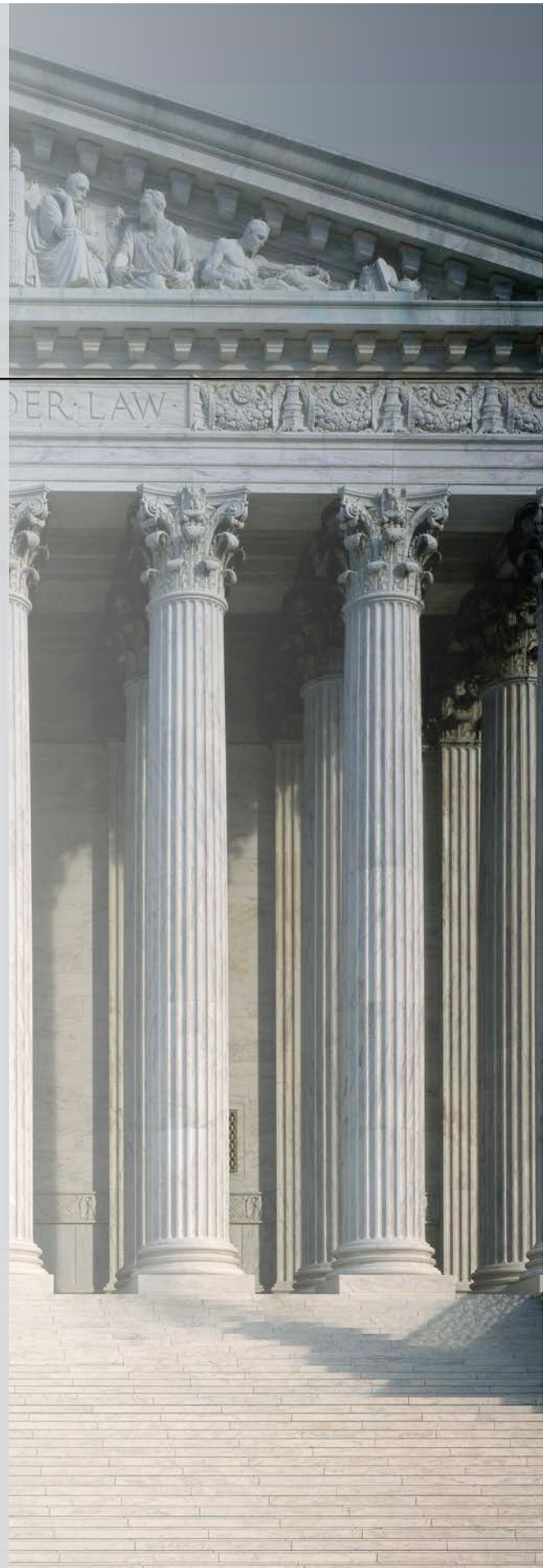


Mandatory State Bar Associations

# Managing Keller

The following information regarding mandatory bars and how they manage Keller related activities was compiled by State Bar of Michigan between February 2014 and May 2014. This was a significant research initiative to support the Michigan Supreme Court Task Force on the Role of the State Bar of Michigan. As information was gathered, executive directors from several state bars expressed an interest in receiving this compilation of material. We are pleased to share this information with those who find it useful. Please note that the State Bar of Michigan does not update this compilation as policies and statutes change in various states. Users are encouraged to check with the state bars directly to learn of any relevant changes.

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## **Section 12. Audits.**

The books and accounts of the Association shall be maintained and audited in accordance with generally accepted standards of accounting. An audit by an independent audit firm shall take place at the close of each fiscal year, and the report shall be made available to the membership no fewer than ten days prior to each annual business meeting.

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## **Section 13. Referendum to Membership.**

Whenever the Board of Governors is required to take a referendum, or whenever the Board orders a question referred to a vote of the active membership of the Alaska Bar in good standing, a questionnaire shall be prepared containing the matters upon which the vote is to be taken. The questionnaire shall be submitted to each active member in a form that allows the member to vote on it and return it to the Board. Whenever any referendum is taken, the question so referred shall not again be referred before the next annual business meeting of the Alaska Bar. Any question submitted to the members shall be prepared in accordance with the forms and procedures set forth in the Board's Standing Policies.

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## **Section 14. Proxy Votes.**

A Board member may not vote by proxy.

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# **V. BOARD ELECTIONS**

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## **Section 1. Nominations.**

A nominating petition shall be mailed to each active Bar member entitled to hold office at least 75 days prior to the date of the election. Nominations for the election of the governors from each District and for the Board's at-large position shall be by petition signed by at least three members entitled to vote for the nominee.

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## **Section 2. Voting Rights.**

Each active in-state Bar member in good standing may vote in and be a candidate from the District in which he or she resides at the time of election, or he or she may be a candidate for the at-large position. Active Bar members in good standing who reside out-of-state may only vote in and be a candidate for the Board's at-large position.

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In case of the refusal or inability of the duly elected delegate to attend the meetings of the American Bar Association's House of Delegates, an alternate delegate shall be appointed by the Board of Governors. The appointed delegate shall take his or her place as the delegate at the meeting or meetings that the elected delegate is unable to attend with all the rights and privileges of the elected delegate.

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## **X. LOBBYING AND PUBLICITY**

### **Section 1. Lobbying.**

No member of the Association may lobby or otherwise attempt to influence legislative or administrative action in the name of the Association, except with the consent of the Board of Governors.

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### **Section 2. Publicity.**

Public statements or press releases purporting to set forth the Association's position on pending or proposed legislation, on issues of public importance, or on Association matters in general shall be made only by the President or his or her designee.

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### **Section 3. Purpose.**

No expenditure relating to political or ideological activities may be made by the Association unless reasonably incurred for the purpose of regulating the legal profession or improving the quality of legal services available to the people of the state. The Association may not publicly advocate nor allow its name to be used for the advancement of any cause unless such action directly relates to the authorized purposes stated in this section.

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## **XI. THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION**

### **Section 1. Purpose.**

The Alaska Bar Association, on a quarterly basis, shall issue a publication which shall be distributed to the members of the Association at no charge. Its purpose shall be to inform Bar members of Association activities, to report trends and developments in the profession, and to entertain. Cost per issue to non-members shall be established by the Board of Governors.

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### **Section 2. Editorial Board.**