

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MONROE COUNTY

BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I.

Name

The name of this Association shall be the Monroe County Bar Association.

ARTICLE II.

Objects and Purposes

The purposes of the Association are to improve the administration of justice; to promote reform in the law; to maintain a high standard of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession; to cultivate a spirit of brotherhood and good fellowship among the members of the bar; to promote the common interests and improve the business conditions and practices of those in the field of law; to utilize the influence of the membership in promoting the general welfare of the community; and to cooperate with the State Bar of Michigan and with the American Bar Association

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. Any who is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan may become a member of this association upon application and payment of the dues prescribed in the bylaws.

Section 2. Classes. The bylaws may provide for classes of membership.

Section 3. Neither membership, nor full participation in the activities of this association shall be denied to any person on account of race, color, religion, gender, age, national original, or disability.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this association shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and a treasurer who shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Terms. The officers of this association shall be elected at the June meeting of the association in even years. They shall take office at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are elected and shall hold office for two years, or until a successor is elected and qualified.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees. The standing committees shall be as follows: Events, Pro Bono, Law Day, Scholarship, and Liberty Bell Award. Copies of the annual reports of each committee shall be forwarded to the Secretary of this association before the June meeting of each year. The membership of each committee shall consist of a chairman and members, who shall be appointed according to the by-laws. The duties of the committee shall be provided in the by-laws

Section 2. Special Committees. The president may appoint special committees, the terms of which shall expire with that of the president, unless continued by the new president.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### By-Laws

The association shall adopt by-laws for the conduct of its affairs in harmony with this constitution and the by-laws of the State Bar of Michigan.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### Amendments

Amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any annual meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose. This Constitution has been adopted at the 1952 meeting of this Association and amended at the November 3, 2016 meeting.