

**BYLAWS OF THE CHICAGO CHAPTER
OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION**
(as amended through June 21, 2004)

ARTICLE I - NAME AND CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be known as the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (hereinafter "Chapter"). The Chapter is chartered by the Federal Bar Association (hereinafter "Association"), accordingly the Chapter shall at all times comply with the requirements of the Association Constitution.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT AND GENERAL OBJECTIVES

Section 1. Mission Statement: The mission of the Chapter shall be to advance the science of jurisprudence and to promote the welfare, interests, education, and the professional growth and development of the members of the federal legal profession.

Section 2. General Objectives: The general objectives of the Chapter, consistent with those of the Association, not listed in any particular order of priority, include:

- (a) to serve as the representative of the federal legal profession in the federal Northern District of Illinois;
- (b) to promote the sound administration of justice;
- (c) to enhance the professional growth and development of members of the federal legal profession;
- (d) to promote high standards of professional competence and ethical conduct in the federal legal profession;
- (e) to promote the welfare of attorneys and judges employed by the Government of the United States;
- (f) to provide meaningful services for the welfare and benefit of the members of the Chapter;

- (g) to provide quality educational programs to the federal legal profession and the public;
- (h) to keep members informed of developments in their respective fields of interest;
- (i) to keep members informed of the affairs of the Association and Chapter, to encourage their involvement in their activities, and to provide members opportunities to assume leadership roles; and
- (j) to promote professional and social interaction among members of the federal legal profession.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active: Any person who is eligible for and maintains active membership in the Association and who is employed, resides in or practices in the federal Northern District of Illinois, or who designates membership in the Chapter to the Association shall be a member in the Chapter.

Section 2. Honorary: Any person eligible for honorary membership as provided in the Association Constitution who is employed, resides in or practices in the federal Northern District of Illinois may be elected to honorary membership in the Chapter by the Board of Directors of the Chapter. Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of dues and may be exempt from such other fees as the Board of Directors of the Chapter shall determine.

Section 3. Application for Membership: Application for membership in this Chapter shall be made on a form approved by the Association. Each application must be accompanied by the dues and admission fees required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association and the Bylaws of the Chapter.

Section 4. Dues: Annual dues owing to the Association will be paid individually to the Association Headquarters by each member upon receipt of a statement.

ARTICLE IV - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall coincide with the fiscal year as determined by the Association Constitution, which presently commences October 1 and ends September 30 of the following year.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Membership: The Board of Directors of the Chapter shall consist of the elective officers, former Presidents of the Chapter, and thirty Directors to be elected by the membership as hereinafter provided, and such other members as the President may, with the consent of the Board of Directors, appoint, not to exceed five in number.

Section 2. Election and Terms: Directors shall be elected from the membership of the Chapter and shall be nominated and elected as provided in Article VIII for the nomination and election of elective officers. All Directors shall serve for a term of three years and ten directors shall be elected each year, except when it is necessary to fill the unexpired term of a Director who has died or resigned. Directors appointed by the President shall serve a term ending on September 30 of the fiscal year in which they were appointed to serve. Based on attendance or neglect of duty, the nominating committee can remove a Director from office during the Director's first year of service.

Section 3. Duties and Powers: The Board of Directors of the Chapter shall have full power and authority to function as the governing body of the Chapter and to undertake and conduct any and all activities which it considers necessary or expedient in accomplishing the objects of the Chapter.

Section 4. Meetings: The Board of Directors of the Chapter shall meet at the call of the President or any three members of the Board. No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Board of Directors unless the notice of the time and place of meeting has been given to all Directors.

Section 5. Quorum: Seven members of the Board of Directors of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business except for a vote on amending the Bylaws in which case fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Removal from Office: Any Director may be removed from office by the Board of Directors of the Chapter for delinquency in attendance, inefficiency, neglect of duty, or for other causes in the manner prescribed in the Association Constitution for the Expulsion of a member.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1. Elective Officers: Officers shall be elected from the membership of the Chapter and shall be as follows and in the order named.

1. President
2. First Vice-President
3. Second Vice-President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer

Each officer elected shall assume the duties of office at the close of the Annual Meeting, and shall hold office for one year, or until his or her successor shall be duly elected.

Section 2. Duties of Officers:

- (a) Duties of President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Chapter. The President shall perform such duties as may be required

by the Association Constitution and shall appoint standing or special committees as necessary and appropriate to the Chapter business and the Association committee structure, except as otherwise provided for herein and appoint a delegate to the National Council of the Association.

- (b) Duties of the First Vice-President: The First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the event of the absence or inability of the President to discharge the duties of that office, and shall perform such duties as may be required by the President, the Association Constitution and Bylaws of the Chapter.
- (c) Duties of the Second Vice-President: The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the event of the absence or inability of the President and First Vice-President to discharge the duties of that office, and shall perform such duties as may be required by the President, the Association Constitution and Bylaws of the Chapter.
- (d) Duties of the Secretary: The Secretary shall furnish notice of election results to the national office of the Association and to an appropriate Circuit Officer of the Association; conduct the general correspondence of the Chapter; give notice of all meetings as may be required; keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Chapter; and perform such other duties as properly pertain to this office or may be required by the Bylaws of the Chapter.
- (e) Duties of the Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due the Chapter; deposit the same to the credit of the Chapter in a

bank designated by the Board of Directors; make disbursements therefrom only as authorized by the president or Board of Directors; keep an itemized record of all moneys received, by whom paid and for what purpose; and shall submit to the Chapter membership at the end of the fiscal year, a report in writing, itemizing the receipts and disbursements for the year. The Treasurer shall keep all books, vouchers and records available for inspection by members of the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as properly pertain to the office or as may be required by the Bylaws of this Chapter.

Section 3. Removal from Office: An officer may be removed from office by the Board of Directors of the Chapter for delinquency in attendance, inefficiency, neglect of duty, or for other causes in the manner described in the Association Constitution for the expulsion of a member.

Section 4. Vacancies in Office: In case of the death, resignation or removal of any officer, the vacancy may be filled by election by the Board of Directors of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Chapter's President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and immediate past President. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Chapter to act on emergency matters including the approval of expenditures. The Board of Directors shall have the power to overrule any action of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall be composed of the members of the Executive Committee plus two elected Directors and one past President other

than the immediate past President. The members of the Nominating Committee other than the members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Judicial Selection Committee: The Judicial Selection Committee shall be composed of fifteen members of the Board of Directors of the Chapter, each of whom shall have served on the Board for at least one year as of the date of appointment, plus the President, ex officio. The fifteen members shall serve for staggered three-year terms. The members of the Judicial Selection Committee shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Board of Directors of the Chapter. No fewer than nine of the members of the Judicial Selection Committee shall be past Presidents of the Chapter, provided there are sufficient past Presidents willing and able to serve on the Committee. When there are not at least nine past Presidents willing and able to serve on the Committee who are not serving on the Committee, officers of the Chapter shall be eligible for appointment to the Committee. When there are no past President and officers willing and able to serve on the Committee who are not serving on the Committee, members of the Board of Directors of the Chapter shall be eligible for appointment to the positions of Committee otherwise reserved for past Presidents. The Judicial Selection Committee shall evaluate candidates for appointment to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois as requested by the elected official(s) who will be suggesting such appointments to the President of the United States. The proceedings and recommendations of the Committee shall not be made public nor reported to the Board of Directors of the Chapter, but shall only be communicated to the elected official(s) requesting the evaluation of candidates.

Section 4. Other Committees: The Board of Directors may from time to time establish or abolish other committees. The President shall serve, ex officio, on all committees which may be so established.

ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominations: The Nominating Committee shall nominate a member of the Chapter for any open director positions and shall nominate a member of the Board of Directors for each of the Elective Officer positions. The Nominating Committee's slate shall be presented to the Board of Directors at least 40 days before the Annual Meeting. After said presentment, any member of the Board of Directors whose dues are paid for the current fiscal year and who is otherwise in good standing may also present his or her nomination for an Elective Officer position by qualified petition to the Nominating Committee. No petition shall be deemed qualified unless it is signed by not less than 8 members of the Board of Directors and delivered to the Nominating Committee not less than 21 days prior to the Annual Meeting, and no member may petition for more than one Elective Officer position in one fiscal year.

Section 2. Elections: In the event that one or more eligible candidates are duly nominated by qualified petition in addition to the candidate slated by the Nominating Committee, the election for such Elective Officer shall be by ballot. In such event, the Nominating Committee shall cause a ballot with the names of all candidates alphabetically listed under the respective office for which each has been nominated to be delivered to each member of the Chapter in good standing. All voted ballots must be returned at least 7 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Prior to the adjournment of the Annual Meeting, the membership shall be informed of the candidate for each Elective Officer position who has received a plurality of the votes cast for that Elective Officer position. If only one eligible candidate has been duly nominated for any

Elective Officer position, a presiding officer at the Annual Meeting shall report such candidate as duly elected without the formality of a ballot or vote.

ARTICLE IX - MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE CHAPTER

Section 1. Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of members of the Chapter shall be held each such day, hour and place as designated by the Board of Directors of the Chapter.

Section 2. Special Meetings: Special meetings of members of the Chapter shall be held as called by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Chapter, or fifteen members of the Chapter at a time and place designated by the calling party.

Section 3. Annual Meeting: There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Chapter held during the months of June, July and August. The annual meeting shall be for the purpose of receiving the report of the Nominating Committee, and for the transaction of such other business as may be recommended by the Board of Directors of the Chapter or as may be required by these Bylaws.

Section 4. Notice of Meeting: Notice of the time, date and place of all meetings shall be mailed or otherwise given by the Secretary to each member of the Chapter in good standing at least five days prior to such meeting, unless the nature of the meeting is such that shorter notice cannot be avoided. If a special meeting, the notice shall specify the character of the business to be presented and no other business shall be conducted.

Section 5. Rules of Order: The rules of order shall consist of (in the order stated):

- (a) The Constitution and Bylaws of the Federal Bar Association of this Chapter;
- (b) Standing Resolutions of the membership; and
- (c) Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

Section 6. Voting: Members shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

Section 7. Quorum: Fifteen members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Chapter.

ARTICLE X - EXPULSION FROM MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors of the Chapter may expel for cause any member of the Chapter in the same manner as described in the Association Constitution. The word “cause” includes, but is not limited to, knowingly engaging in conduct designed to overthrow the constitutional form of government of the United States by force of violence, or knowingly to assist others in such conduct.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of this Chapter at a regular or special meeting if a quorum is present and ten days prior written notice of the purpose has been given to all members.