

**STATE BAR OF ARIZONA
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION - BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I: IDENTIFICATION

1.1 NAME. This Division of the State Bar of Arizona shall be known as the "Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Arizona".

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

2.1 PURPOSES. The purpose of the Division shall be, but are not limited to:

- (a) To stimulate the interest of newer members of the State Bar of Arizona in the activities, objectives and purpose of the State Bar of Arizona and the legal profession.
- (b) To encourage study and the interchange of thought and information among such newer members pertaining to the problems, duties and responsibilities of members of the legal profession.
- (c) To provide such newer members of the Bar with more effective means to participate in activities directed toward improving the administration of justice and promoting the public welfare.
- (d) To promote the involvement and participation in bar activities by persons not previously represented in the activities of bar associations, including but not limited to minorities, women, lawyers from non-urban areas and law students.
- (e) To promote cooperation and fellowship among newer members, to coordinate the bar-related activities of newer members of the State Bar of Arizona and to provide an organization to further the interests of such newer members.
- (f) To promote cooperation between members of the State Bar of Arizona, the members of other professions and community organizations in activities that promote the public welfare.
- (g) To promote interest in the practice of law by persons not previously represented in the legal profession.
- (h) To assist law students in preparing for the practice of law and to assist new members of the Bar in establishing themselves in the practice of law.

- (i) To perform and carry on such activities as may be assigned to the Division by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Arizona.

ARTICLE III: LIMITATIONS.

3.1 LIMITATIONS. These bylaws have been adopted subject to the Rules of the Supreme Court and Bylaws of the State Bar.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

4.1 MEMBERS. All members of the State Bar of Arizona who are either under thirty-six (36) years of age or in practice less than five (5) years shall be members of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Arizona. Their Membership shall terminate on the date of the Annual Meeting next occurring after the date on which they reach thirty-six (36) years of age or their fifth (5th) anniversary of admission to the Bar, if over thirty-six (36) years of age. **[A President-Elect of the Young Lawyers Division whose term as President-Elect concludes on the date of the Annual Meeting during the calendar year of the President-Elect's thirty-sixth (36th) birthday or fifth (5th) anniversary of admission to the Bar shall remain a member of the Young Lawyers Division during his or her entire term as President of the Young Lawyers Division.]**

4.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. All law students presently registered and in good standing at any College of Law **ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION** are eligible for associate membership in the Division. To become an Associate Member, a law student must complete and submit an application form adopted by the Division. Associate membership shall terminate when the law student ceases to be registered and in good standing at the College of Law graduates therefrom. Associate members shall not be allowed to vote in Division elections or hold an elected position in the Division.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

5.1 OFFICERS. The officers of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Arizona shall be the President, the President-Elect, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

5.2 PRESIDENT. The President shall represent the Division as a voting member of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Arizona, shall perform such duties as are required by the Board of Governors, not inconsistent with the bylaws or the policies established by the Executive Council, and shall report on the actions of the Board of Governors to the Executive Council at its regular meetings.

5.3 PRESIDENT-ELECT. The President-Elect shall preside at all meetings and shall have general charge of the affairs and management of the Division. The President-Elect shall, with the approval of the Executive Council, appoint the membership of the various special committees which may be established. The President-Elect shall also perform the duties of coordinator of committees and such other duties as may be delegated to him or her.

5.4 SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep all minutes of meetings and other records of the Division.

5.5 TREASURER. The Treasurer shall maintain a record of and safely keep all funds belonging to the Division.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

6.1 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. The Executive Council shall have full power and authority in the interval between meetings of the Young Lawyers Division to do all acts and perform all functions that the entire Division itself might perform, not inconsistent with these bylaws or policies established at the last Annual Meeting. Voting members of the Executive Council shall be the four (4) division officers, the immediate Past President of the Division, the ten (10) district representatives, and the two (2) at-large Council members. The Executive Council during the interim between annual elections, may fill all vacancies in its own membership or in any of the offices for the remainder of the unexpired term, at which time the Council seat or office, such seat or office may be filled for the next term of office by majority vote of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE VII: COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

7.1 COMPOSITION. Composition of the Executive Council:

A. For purposes of the election of the Executive Council of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Arizona, the State of Arizona shall be divided into four (4) districts:

- (i) District One: District One shall include Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Pinal, Santa Cruz and Yuma counties;
- (ii) District Two: District Two shall include Apache, Coconino, Mohave, Navajo and Yavapai counties;
- (iii) District Three: District Three shall include Pima County;
- (iv) District Four: District Four shall include Maricopa County.

B. The Executive Council shall consist of ten (10) members elected by the Division Membership for two-year terms as follows:

- (i) From District One, one (1) member;
- (ii) From District Two, one (1) member;
- (iii) From District Three, three (3) members;

- (iv) From District Four, five (5) members.

Only the division membership residing within each District shall vote for the Executive Council member(s) for that District.

C. Up to two (2) additional members at large may be appointed from year to year by the President with approval of the Executive Council.

D. The President of County or in-state Regional Bar Young Lawyers Division, or their designee, shall sit as Ex-Officio non-voting members of the Council.

E. One law student from the University of Arizona College of Law and one law student from Arizona State University College of Law may sit Ex-Officio, non-voting members of the Council. These members shall be chosen in a manner approved by a majority of the Executive Council.

F. In each odd-numbered year, the following members shall be elected: one (1) member from District One, one (1) member from District Two, two (2) members from District (3), and two (2) members from District Four. In each even-numbered year, the following members shall be elected: one (1) member from District Three and three (3) members from District Four.

7.2 ABSENTEEISM. A voting Council member may be removed for good cause and his or her seat on the Executive Council or office declared vacant by a two-thirds vote of those members present at a regular Council meeting. The missing of three (3) consecutive Council meetings shall constitute good cause for removal. A voting Council member or officer who misses three (3) consecutive meetings who is otherwise subject to removal for good cause shall be notified in writing by the Secretary that he or she will be removed and his or her seat or office declared vacant at the next Council meeting, unless good cause is shown why such action should not be taken.

7.3 VACANCIES. Where a voting Council member is elected to an officer position, that Council member's seat shall be deemed vacated. **EACH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE MUST RESIDE IN THAT PERSON'S DISTRICT OTHERWISE THE OFFICE SHALL BE DEEMED VACATED.** The vacant seat will be filled as provided in paragraph 5.1 above.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

8.1 ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the Division shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the State Bar of Arizona. The Executive Council shall allocate a suitable time and place for such Annual Meeting. All members of the Division shall be notified of the time and place of such Annual Meeting and invited to participate.

8.2 QUORUM. The members of the Young Lawyer Division present at the Annual Meeting shall constitute a quorum. Any members of the Young Lawyers Division present at the Annual Meeting

shall be entitled to vote on matters that arise at that meeting, except as specifically provided for in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX: ELECTIONS

9.1 The election of officers and members-at-large shall be completed within forty-five (45) days of the Annual Meeting. Officers and members-at-large shall be elected by a mail ballot to all members of the Division, such ballot announcing to all members of the Division that the President of the Young Lawyers Division will hold a voting position of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Arizona. The ballot shall provide that each voter may cast one (1) vote for one (1) or more candidates for members in the district in which that voter resides up to the number of member(s) of the Council to be elected in that District.

9.2 In each Election held, the membership of the Division shall elect:

- (a) a President-Elect who shall serve a one-year term after which he or she will automatically succeed to the office of the President for a one-year term;
- (b) one-half of the total number of members of the Council to serve a two-year term pursuant to Section 6.1(f);
- (c) a Secretary and Treasure to serve a one-year term.

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

10.1 The President or the President-Elect may establish special committees and define their activities.

ARTICLE XI: AFFILIATION

11.1 The Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Arizona shall be affiliated with the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association. The President of the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Arizona shall appoint representatives to the Young Lawyer Division of the American Bar Association and its committee to represent Arizona at all functions, meetings and conferences of the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association or its committees.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

12.1 Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed at any meetings of the Executive Council, and the proposed amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Amendments shall become effective upon approval of the Board of Governors.