

BY-LAWS

OF The YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION
OF The JACKSONVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this Organization shall be The Young Lawyers Section of the Jacksonville Bar Association.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purposes of this Organization are:

to assist the Jacksonville Bar Association in carrying out its objectives;
to carry out such objectives and projects as are adopted by the membership or the Board of Directors of this Organization;
to encourage interest in and participation by the members of this Organization in the objectives and purposes of the Jacksonville Bar Association, The Florida Bar and this Organization;
to provide a program of activities and projects designed to be of interest and assistance to members of this Organization and, in addition, to engage in such activities as shall tend to further the bests interests of the legal profession;
to enhance the image and reputation of the legal profession, the Jacksonville Bar Association and The Florida Bar;
to carry out projects for the betterment of relations between members of the Jacksonville Bar Association, members of the judiciary, the public and area law schools; and
to serve the public, particularly those persons outside the legal profession, through community projects and activities.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Age 35 and Under. All members of The Florida Bar and the Jacksonville Bar Association who have not yet reached their 36th birthday by the beginning of the fiscal year of the Jacksonville Bar Association shall be members of this Organization. Members shall be entitled to vote in elections and to participate in all other activities of this Organization.

Section 2. Practicing Five Years or Less. In addition to the criteria for membership set forth above in Section 1, any member of The Florida Bar and the Jacksonville Bar Association who is 36 years of age or older but who has not been admitted to the practice of law in any jurisdiction for more than five (5) years shall be enrolled as a member of this Organization until such time as the member has been admitted to the practice of law in any jurisdiction for five (5) complete years. Members shall be entitled to vote in elections and to participate in all other activities of this Organization.

Section 3. Law Students. Any current student of a law school with either accreditation from the American Bar Association or provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association shall be eligible to become a student member of this Organization. Student members must be members of the Jacksonville Bar Association. Student members may neither vote nor hold elective office in this Organization, but shall be entitled to other privileges of membership as determined by the Board of Directors periodically.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers - Generally. The Officers of this Organization shall be a President, a President-elect, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Each office shall be held for one year and no more.

Section 2. Officer Duties and Responsibilities. The powers and duties of these respective offices are:

(a) President - The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at all meetings of the membership of the Organization. The president shall attend the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Jacksonville Bar Association and serve as this Organization's permanent liaison officer with the Jacksonville Bar Association. The president shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees of this Organization and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office or as may be assigned to him or her by this Organization or the Jacksonville Bar Association.

(b) President-elect - The president-elect shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him or her by the President or the Board of Directors of this Organization. The president-elect shall assume the responsibilities and powers of the president in the event of the absence or disability of the president.

(c) Secretary - The secretary shall be the custodian of all minutes and other records or books and all property of this Organization except as pertains to finances. The secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings, of the membership and of the Board of Directors. The secretary shall send notices of meetings and copies of Minutes to the members of the Board. The Secretary shall perform such additional duties as may be assigned by the President or the

Board of Directors of this Organization.

(d) Treasurer - In connection and cooperation with the Jacksonville Bar Association, the treasurer shall be the custodian of all books or records pertaining to the finances of this Organization and shall be the custodian of all monies held by this Organization. The treasurer shall maintain and monitor bank accounts as may be directed by the president or the Board of Directors of this Organization. The treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the president or the Board of Directors of this Organization.

(e) Appointed Positions - The president may appoint such other positions as the president determines are necessary for the effective administration of the Organization.

Section 3. Vacancy of Office. If the president's office becomes vacant, the president-elect shall serve as president for the remainder of the term of office vacated, and then shall serve as president for the term for which the president-elect was elected. If the office of the president-elect, secretary or treasurer becomes vacant, the Board of Directors shall elect a president-elect, secretary or treasurer in a manner set by the Board.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Board Composition. The Officers and six members at large of this Organization shall constitute the Board of Directors. The immediate Past President of this Organization and the members of the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division who represent the Fourth Judicial Circuit will be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors of this Organization.

Section 2. Board Term. At large Board members shall serve two-year terms, three of which shall expire in odd numbered years and three of which shall expire in even numbered years. A member of the board who is eligible for membership in this Organization for 1 of the 2 years of the term as a board member shall remain a member of the division for the entire term of office as a member of the board, except as otherwise provided by these bylaws.

Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities. The Board of Directors shall conduct, control and manage the affairs of this Organization. With the approval of the Board, the president shall establish and appoint such committees as may be necessary or desirable to serve during the term of office. Such committees shall be chaired by persons named by the president. The President shall be an ex-officio member of every committee and shall be empowered to call a meeting of any such committee. The President shall appoint at least one Board member to serve as a member of each Committee, who shall also be empowered to call meetings of the committee.

Section 4. Board Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet once a month unless

otherwise directed by the president or by a majority of the Board. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of those present shall suffice for any actions of the Board. Any action of the Board may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any regular or special meeting of the membership. All Board members will be expected to attend Board meetings on a regular basis. Any Board member who fails to attend two successive Board meetings without being excused by the president beforehand may, at the discretion of the Board, be retired from his or her office and/or membership on the Board.

Section 5. Publication of Board Vacancies. No later than May 15 of each year, the secretary shall cause a notice to be published setting forth the number of vacancies on the board, the seat which must be filled by election at the next annual meeting of this Organization, the eligibility requirements for such seat(s), the nomination and election procedure, and whether the incumbent board member intends to seek reelection to that seat.

Section 6. Notice of Intent to Seek Re-election. Any board member who intends to seek reelection shall so advise the secretary of such intention in a non-binding, written, and signed notification which must be received by the secretary on or before April 15 in the final year of that member's term of office. The secretary shall cause such information to be published to the membership in a timely fashion.

Section 7. Board Member Eligibility. Any member of this Organization who is a member of The Florida Bar and the Jacksonville Bar Association shall be eligible to seek election to the Board of Directors at the Organization's Annual Meeting.

Section 8. Vacancy During Term. In the event a Director must vacate his or her Board seat due to removal, resignation or any other cause, the vacancy may be filled from the membership by appointment by the president, approved by a majority of the board, for the unexpired term of the seat which has been vacated.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual meeting - The annual meeting of this Organization shall be held at a place and on a date to be selected by the Board of Directors. The time and place of the meeting shall be announced at least two weeks in advance. At large members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings - Special meetings may be called by the president or by a majority of the Board of Directors and shall be called by the secretary on request of five members in writing. The time and place of special meetings shall be announced at least one week in advance.

Section 3. Quorum - At all meetings the members of this Organization present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTIONS

Section 1. Election of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected in a manner set by the Board at the Organization's Annual Meeting from the list of nominations received. Members seeking election to the Board of Directors shall, at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, notify the secretary in writing of their intention to seek election to the Board and designate the vacant seat for which the member wishes to be a candidate. All ballots shall indicate whether an incumbent Board member is seeking re-election to a seat. The candidates receiving the most votes for each respective vacancy shall be elected. No ballot shall be received in elections for Directors unless it contains votes for the same number of candidates as there are vacancies to be filled. In the event of a tie for a particular seat, a run-off election shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting of this Organization in a manner set by the Board.

Section 2. Election of Officers. Two months prior to the Annual Meeting the Board shall elect the officers of this Organization in a manner set by the Board. No person shall be eligible for the office of president-elect if his or her 35th birthday occurs prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which he or she is to serve as president-elect.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the membership by a majority vote of the members present at said meeting, provided that nothing contained in these By-Laws or amendments thereof shall be in conflict with either the Charter or By-Laws of the Jacksonville Bar Association.