

***IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING***

*April Term, A.D. 2015*

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*In the Matter of the Amendments to the* )  
*Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar* )

**ORDER AMENDING ARTICLE I, §§ 2-3 AND ARTICLE X, § 3 OF THE  
BYLAWS OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR**

The **Officers and Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar** have recommended that the Wyoming Supreme Court amend Article I, §§ 2-3 and Article X, § 3 of the Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar. The Court, having carefully reviewed the proposed amendments, finds that the proposed amendments should be adopted. It is, therefore,

**ORDERED** that the amendments to the Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar, attached hereto, be, and hereby are, adopted by the Court to be effective July 1, 2015; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this order and the attached amendments be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter; the attached amendments be published in the Wyoming Court Rules Volume; and this order and the attached amendments be published online at the Wyoming Judicial Branch's website, <http://www.courts.state.wy.us>. The amendments shall also be recorded in the journal of this Court.

**DATED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015.

**BY THE COURT:**

/s/

**E. JAMES BURKE**  
Chief Justice

# BYLAWS OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR

## ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

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### Section 2. Member contact information.

Each member shall furnish the following information to the Wyoming State Bar, and shall promptly advise the Wyoming State Bar in writing or by email of any changes, along with supporting documentation as appropriate:

- (a) Full name;
- (b) Residential address;
- (c) ~~Office address, mailing address and location of principal~~ Physical and mailing address of office;
- (d) E-mail address;
- (e) Telephone number; and
- (f) Date of admission to practice in any state other than Wyoming.

Communications from the Wyoming State Bar to any member shall be sent to the most recent mailing or e-mail address furnished by the member.

### Section 3. Status of membership.

The members of the Wyoming State Bar shall hold one of the following eight (8) statuses:

- (a) Active:
  - (1) Is authorized to practice law in the State of Wyoming.
  - (2) Pays the annual license fee pursuant to Article I, Section 4 of the Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar.
  - (3) Completes Continuing Legal Education (“CLE”) as required by the Rules ~~for Continuing Legal Education of Members of the Wyoming State Bar~~ of the Wyoming State Board of Continuing Legal Education.
  - (4) Any member who seeks to change from inactive status, honorary retired status, retired status or emeritus status to active status must file a written request and certification with the executive director demonstrating, to the satisfaction of the executive director, one of the following:
    - (i) The member has engaged in the active, authorized practice of law as defined in Rule 303 of the Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in one or more states, territories or districts for five of the seven years immediately preceding the request to return to active status; or

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- (e) Honorary Retired:

(1) Is a former Wyoming Supreme Court justice, district court judge, circuit court judge, judge or full-time magistrate of the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming, or any other federal judge residing in Wyoming.

(2) Is not authorized to practice law in the State of Wyoming.

(3) Is not required to pay a license fee.

~~(3)~~ (4) Is not required to complete any CLE.

~~(4)~~ (5) Is eligible to serve on boards and committees.

(f) Retired:

(1) A member in good standing who has reached the age of 65 years or has 25 years of membership in the Wyoming State Bar.

(2) Is not authorized to practice law in the State of Wyoming.

(3) Is not required to pay a license fee.

(4) Is not required to complete any CLE.

(5) Is eligible to serve on boards and committees.

~~(6) Is not in arrears on license fees, CLE requirements, or any obligation to the clients' security fund.~~

~~(7)~~ Submits to the executive director a written request to be placed on retired status.

(g) Suspended:

~~(1)~~ Has been suspended by the Wyoming Supreme Court for violation of the Wyoming Rules of Professional Conduct, for non-payment of license fees, for non-compliance with the Rules for Continuing Legal Education of Members of the Wyoming State Bar of the Wyoming State Board of Continuing Legal Education, or placed on interim suspension by the Wyoming Supreme Court.

~~(2) Pays the same license fee and is bound by the same CLE requirements as before the suspension.~~

(h) Emeritus:

(1) Is authorized to perform pro bono legal services or mentor another lawyer, but not otherwise authorized to practice law in the State of Wyoming.

(2) Is not required to pay a license fee.

(3) Is required to complete reduced CLE as provided in the Rules of the Wyoming State Board of Continuing Legal Education.

(4) Submits an emeritus program application to the executive director.

In order for a request for status change to be considered, the member must not be in arrears on license fees, continuing legal education requirements, or any obligation to the Clients' Security Fund.

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## ARTICLE X. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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**Section 3. Standing Boards and Standing Committees.**

(a) There shall be the following standing boards and standing committees of the Wyoming State Bar:

- (i) Board of Continuing Legal Education.
- (ii) Board of Professional Responsibility.
- (iii) Board of Law Examiners.
- (iv) Character and Fitness Committee.
- (v) Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee.
- (vi) ~~Peer Review Panel~~ Office of Bar Counsel Review and Oversight Committee.

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