

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

April Term, A.D. 2018

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

ORDER AMENDING THE BYLAWS OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR

The **Officers and Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar** have recommended that the Wyoming Supreme Court amend 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 August 1, 2018; 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 22nd day of May, 2018.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

E. JAMES BURKE
Chief Justice

BYLAWS OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. Status of membership.

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

(a) Active: *****

(4) Any member who seeks to change from inactive status, honorary status, honorary retired status, ~~or~~ 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:

(ii) If the member has held inactive status, honorary retired status, retired status or emeritus status:

(d) for more than seven years, the member may return to active status only ~~through admission by examination in accordance with~~ by complying with the admissions requirements set forth in the Rules and Procedures Governing Admission to the Practice of Law.

(h) Emeritus:

(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.

~~(1)(2)~~ Is authorized to perform pro bono legal services as defined in Rule 5 of the Rules of the Wyoming State Board of Continuing Legal Education or mentor another lawyer, but not otherwise authorized to practice law in the State of Wyoming.

~~(2)(3)~~ Is not required to pay a license fee.

~~(3)(4)~~ Is required to complete reduced CLE as provided in the Rules of the Wyoming State Board of Continuing Legal Education.

~~(4)(5) Submits an emeritus program application to the executive director.~~ Submits to the executive director a written request to be placed on emeritus status.

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~~ Protection Fund.

Section 5. Annual license fee.

(m) The suspended member may be reinstated upon the filing of a petition for reinstatement within one (1) year of the date of the order of suspension, which petition, along with six copies, shall be filed with the Wyoming Supreme Court. A copy of the petition shall also be served on the executive director. The petition shall include copies of the records required by subsection (j) and shall be supported by an affidavit which shows: (1) that all past annual license fees, the

current year's annual license fee and any late charges have been paid in full, in addition to all past and current annual fees for continuing legal education; (2) that the attorney is current on all mandatory continuing legal education requirements; (3) that there have been no claims or awards made in regard to an attorney on the ~~clients' security fund~~ Client Protection Fund for which the fund has not been reimbursed *****

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS

Section 2. Duties.

(a) *President.* - The president shall be the chief executive officer of the Wyoming State Bar, a member of the Executive Committee and a member-at-large of the Board of Officers and Commissioners. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of Officers and Commissioners, and the Wyoming State Bar annual business meeting. Additionally, this officer shall make recommendations to the Wyoming Supreme Court regarding appointments to all standing committees; create and appoint special committees; and be a member, ex-officio, of every committee.

ARTICLE III. BOARD OF OFFICERS AND COMMISSIONERS

Section 1. Composition.

The affairs of the Wyoming State Bar shall be managed and directed by the Board of Officers and Commissioners consisting of the four (4) officers and the immediate past president, all of whom shall be members-at-large of the Board of Officers and Commissioners, and nine (9) commissioners, one (1) from each judicial district. The rights and powers of the members-at-large of the Board of Officers and Commissioners shall be the same as those of the commissioners. The chair of the Young Lawyers Section shall serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Board.

ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS

(a) Vacancies for the positions of president-elect, vice president, treasurer, commissioner, ABA delegate, and membership on the Judicial Nominating Commission, which vacancies arise by virtue of the expiration of the applicable term of office or membership, shall be filled as follows:

(i) Nominations must be signed by at least two active, resident members and submitted to the executive director on or before July 1 ~~of the year in which the vacancy falls~~ for vacancies occurring in the coming twelve month period. *****

ARTICLE X. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. Appointment.

(a) The members of each standing board or standing committee shall be appointed as hereinafter set forth for a term of three (3) years, so arranged that the term of office of only one-third (1/3) of the members of such board or committee shall expire in any year; provided, however, that no person shall be permitted to serve on any of said boards or committees for more than two (2) consecutive terms unless Court rules provide otherwise. A vacancy in any board or committee shall be filled as hereinafter provided, and members of each committee or board shall serve until the appointment of their respective successors.

Section 3. Standing Boards and Standing Committees.

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

(vii) Client Protection Fund Committee.

(viii) Fee Arbitration Committee.

ARTICLE XI. PRACTICE SECTIONS

Section 2. Applications for Establishment ~~or Amendment~~ of Sections.

An application to the Board of Officers and Commissioners for establishment ~~or amendment~~ of a section must set forth:

(a) The field of law to which the existing or proposed section is to be dedicated;

(b) A statement of the need for the proposed section; and

~~(c) The proposed bylaws or bylaw amendments for the government of such section; and~~

~~(d)(c) A list of members who have indicated their intention of applying for membership in the proposed section or a statement by existing members indicating their approval of any consolidation, rearrangement or amendment.~~

Each section shall operate in compliance with uniform section bylaws approved by the Board of Officers and Commissioners. A section shall be established upon the president and executive director signing the section bylaws.

ARTICLE XII. CLIENTS' SECURITY PROTECTION FUND

The Board of Officers and Commissioners shall establish a ~~clients' security fund~~ Client Protection Fund, which shall be administered pursuant to rules adopted by the Court.
