

COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION
AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF THE JUDICIAL LIAISON SECTION
Revised: October 20, 2020

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section 1. This Section of the Colorado Bar Association shall be known as the Judicial Liaison Section.

Section 2. The general purpose of the Judicial Liaison Section shall be to examine issues affecting the judicial system and to work for improvement of the quality of justice in Colorado, including all county, municipal, state and federal, administrative, appellate, and trial courts of general and limited jurisdiction.

ARTICLE II

Dues and Membership

Section 1. The annual dues shall be fixed by the Judicial Liaison Section from time to time but shall not exceed fifteen dollars per year, which shall be paid in advance for the fiscal year. Any person whose annual dues are more than four months past due shall cease to be a member of the Section.

Section 2. Any member of the Colorado Bar Association may be a member of the Judicial Liaison Section upon payment of the dues for the current year.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Judicial Liaison Section shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Board of Governors Representative. The term for each officer position shall be a period of two years beginning July 1 of each even year and ending June 30 of the next even year.

Section 2. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary shall be nominated and elected in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article IV. The Board of Governors Representative shall be appointed by the Chair, as provided in Article IX. Each officer shall begin serving their term on July 1—or, if elected to fill a vacancy, on the date of their election—and shall cease serving at the end of that term or upon resignation or otherwise a vacancy being declared. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a successor has not been chosen and no vacancy has been declared, an officer may continue to serve until a successor has been elected or appointed.

ARTICLE IV

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominations shall be conducted as follows:

a. No later than January 15 of a year in which an election must be held, the Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members of the Judicial Liaison Section. Only one member of the Committee may be a current officer of the Judicial Liaison Section. The Nominating Committee shall make nominations to the Judicial Liaison Section to fill the offices of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. The Chair shall instruct the Nominating Committee that officers shall be chosen on the basis of ability and willingness to serve the needs of the Colorado Bar Association and the Judicial Liaison Section rather than as a method of conferring honors. The Chair shall also instruct the Nominating Committee to consider and be sensitive to the need for diversity of age, experience level, race, ethnicity, color,

national origin, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, professional practice area, and geographic location in the composition of the officers of the Judicial Liaison Section so that all members may recognize that their interests and aspirations are being given serious attention in the selection of officers and in the conduct of the Judicial Liaison Section's affairs. The Nominating Committee shall consider any nominations for the officers that may be received from members of the Judicial Liaison Section and any applications received in response to the CBA's call for applications.

b. The Nominating Committee shall make a final list of nominations for officers of the Judicial Liaison Section in the form of a written slate of candidates for all such positions (hereinafter the "Nominating Committee Slate"). The Nominating Committee Slate shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Judicial Liaison Section no later than April 15.

Section 2. Elections shall be conducted as follows:

a. Written notice of the Nominating Committee Slate shall be mailed or delivered by electronic mail to the last known address or electronic mail address of all members of the Judicial Liaison Section, as reflected by the records of the Colorado Bar Association, no later than May 1. If any member of the Judicial Liaison Section desires an alternative slate of candidates for officers (hereinafter the "Alternative Slate"), such member may petition for an Alternative Slate by May 15 if the petition is signed by him or her and at least 25 other members of the Judicial Liaison Section. If the Secretary of the Judicial Liaison Section does not receive a duly signed petition for an Alternative Slate by May 15, the Nominating Committee Slate shall be declared elected.

b. If a duly signed petition for an Alternative Slate is received by the Secretary by May 15, the original slate and all qualifying alternate slates shall be submitted to the Members for a vote. This vote shall be by electronic mail; all votes received by May 30 shall be counted. The individuals on the slate receiving the most votes shall be appointed to the officer positions to which they were nominated.

Section 3. The Chair may fill vacancies in the offices of Vice-Chair or Secretary. In the event of a vacancy of both the office of the Chair and Vice-Chair, then the Section shall fill all office vacancies by special election. Officers appointed or elected to fill a vacancy shall serve until the expiration of the term of the vacated position.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Judicial Liaison Section. The Chair may appoint committees from the members of the Judicial Liaison Section to perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Chair may direct, subject to the limitations of these Bylaws and the Bylaws of the Colorado Bar Association. The officers of the Judicial Liaison Section shall be ex-officio members of all such committees. The Chair shall formulate and present to the Executive Director a report of the work of the Judicial Liaison Section for the past year. They shall perform such other duties and acts as usually pertain to the office.

Section 2. The Vice-Chair shall automatically succeed to the office of Chair in the event of the Chair's death or resignation and shall preside at any meetings of the Judicial Liaison Section at which the Chair is absent. If the Chair becomes unable to perform the duties of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair for so much the Chair's remaining term as the disability continues.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the books, papers, documents, and other property of the Judicial Liaison Section, except money. The Secretary, or their designee, shall keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Judicial Liaison Section, whether assembled or acting under submission. In conjunction with the Chair, the Secretary shall attend generally to the business of the Judicial Liaison Section. They shall keep an accurate record of all moneys appropriated to and expended for the use of the Judicial Liaison Section.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1. A regular meeting of the Judicial Liaison Section shall occur in each month of the year, or on such other schedule as shall be established by the Chair.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Judicial Liaison Section may be called by the Chair at such times and places and upon such reasonable notice as the Chair may determine. The purposes of the special meeting shall be stated in the notice.

Section 3. The members of the Judicial Liaison Section present at any regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a quorum must include at least two officers.

Section 4. All binding action of the Judicial Liaison Section shall be by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE VII

Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Judicial Liaison Section shall be the same as that of the Colorado Bar Association.

Section 2. The Section must authorize all commitments or contracts that entail the payment of money and shall have authority over all expenditures of money appropriated for the use or benefit of the Judicial Liaison Section, except for normal meeting expenses. The Section shall not authorize, however, any commitments or contracts that would entail the payment of more money during a fiscal year than the amount that is currently in its account or that has been appropriated to the Judicial Liaison Section for that fiscal year, whichever is larger. All bills incurred by the Judicial Liaison Section, before being forwarded to the Treasurer of the Colorado Bar Association for payment, shall be approved by both the Chair and the Secretary.

Section 3. No salary or compensation shall be paid to any officer or member of a committee. The provision of food and refreshments at meetings of the Section or any committee thereof shall not be considered compensatory for any purpose.

Section 4. Any action by the Judicial Liaison Section must be approved by the Colorado Bar Association before it becomes effective as the action of the Colorado Bar Association.

Section 5. These Bylaws, or any amendment thereto, shall be effective upon their approval by the Judicial Liaison Section and the Board of Governors of the Colorado Bar Association.

Section 6. To the fullest possible extent, these bylaws shall be construed to be consistent with the bylaws of the Colorado Bar Association.

Section 7. The members of the Judicial Liaison Section may vote by email balloting as provided in this Section 7. The Secretary shall cause a ballot to be prepared which states the question or questions to be presented for a vote or, as the case may be, identifies the candidates standing for office, and which states the date and means by which the ballot must be returned in order to be counted. The form of the ballot shall be submitted to the Chair for review. Upon approval of the ballot form by the Chair, the Secretary shall cause the ballot to be distributed by electronic mail to all of the members of the Section as reflected in the records of the association. The Secretary shall review, validate, and tally all ballots timely returned and certify the results of the balloting to the Chair. Unless otherwise expressly provided in these Bylaws, the decision of the members shall be determined by majority vote of the ballots cast as validated by the Secretary. The only grounds upon which a ballot may be invalidated are: [a] failure to complete or return the ballot in conformity with the instructions stated thereon; [b] illegibility; or [c] ineligibility of the voter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any member submits a vote of "abstain," that vote shall not be counted as a vote cast for purposes of determining whether a measure passes but shall be counted to the extent necessary to obtain a quorum. The results of email balloting shall be incontestable after 30 days from certification of such results by the Secretary. The Section shall have full authority to regulate electronic mail balloting in any manner not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members of the Section at any special meeting duly noticed or, if so directed by the Chair, by email balloting under Section 7 of Article VII of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX

Representative on the Board of Governors

During any period when the Judicial Liaison Section is authorized to appoint a representative on the Board of Governors of the Colorado Bar Association, the appointment shall be made by the Chair of the Judicial Liaison Section. The appointment shall be for a term of two years, beginning on the same July 1 and ending on the same to June 30 as the term of office of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of the Judicial Liaison Section. If the representative on the Board of Governors dies, resigns, or becomes unable or unqualified to serve for whatever reason, the Chair shall appoint another representative to fill the remainder of the term. When selecting the Board of Governors representative, the Chair shall consider the same diversity factors as set forth for the nomination of officers in Article IV, section 1a.

ATTESTATION

The foregoing Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Judicial Liaison Section were approved at a duly convened meeting of the Judicial Liaison Section on the 20th day of October, 2020.