

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1. NAME

This section shall be known as the Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan ("YLS").

ARTICLE 2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives and purposes of the ~~Young Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Michigan ("YLS")~~ YLS shall be to sponsor and carry on activities of particular interest and value to new attorneys in Michigan; to coordinate activities of the various local young lawyer groups in Michigan; to cooperate fully with, and as an integral part of, the State Bar of Michigan (the "State Bar"); and to cooperate with the various local bar associations in the State of Michigan, the American Bar Association, and the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division in the promotion of their programs.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY. Except as otherwise allowed in Article 4, Section 4 and Article 5, Section 2 of these ~~Bylaws~~, every attorney who is a member in good standing of the State Bar is a member of the YLS through the YLS a~~Annual m~~Meeting following the member's ~~thirty-sixth (36th)~~ birthday or through the YLS a~~Annual m~~Meeting following the member's ~~5thtenth (10th)~~ anniversary of being licensed, whichever period is greater. Members of the State Bar Law Student Section will be automatically considered members of the YLS as well.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP REMOVAL. Any member of the YLS shall, upon written request, be dropped from membership without prejudice to reinstatement upon written request if still eligible.

ARTICLE 4. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. OFFICERS. The officers of the YLS shall be: ~~A~~ Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer; and shall be elected pursuant to Article 6 Section 4.

SECTION 2. COUNCIL, TERM, VACANCY. The Chairperson-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Council members from their own number at the YLS a~~Annual Council m~~Meeting immediately following the ~~annual meeting of the YLS Annual Meeting~~. All officers shall serve in the respective offices to which they have been elected for a term of one (1) year, or until their successors are elected. If, before the expiration of the normal one (1) year term of any office, a vacancy occurs with respect to such office, except that of Chairperson where a Chairperson-Elect is available to fill the vacancy, such office shall be filled by election at the next regular Council meeting, and the tenure of

1 officers so elected shall be for the remainder of the unexpired terms.

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3 SECTION 3. CHAIRPERSON. The Chairperson shall automatically be a member of the
4 Council, shall be chief executive officer of the YLS, and shall fill by appointment, subject
5 to approval by the Council, all vacancies occurring in the membership of the Council from
6 the district in which the vacancy has occurred for the remainder of the term being filled.
7 The Chairperson shall appoint the chairs of all standing committees and such other
8 committees as the Chairperson may deem necessary or as the Council may recommend or
9 create. Except as otherwise provided in these ~~b~~Bylaws, the Chairperson shall call and
10 preside at all meetings of the Council, regular meetings of which shall be held regularly
11 but in no case less than four (4) times each year. Meetings may be held in person or through
12 electronic means at the discretion of the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall also call and
13 preside at the annual meetings of the YLS and Council.
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15 SECTION 4. CHAIRPERSON-ELECT. The Chairperson-Elect shall automatically
16 succeed to the office of Chairperson at the conclusion of the term as Chairperson-Elect, or
17 earlier upon the existence of a vacancy. In the event the Chairperson-Elect succeeds to the
18 office of Chairperson prior to the expiration of the term as Chairperson-Elect, ~~he/she~~they
19 shall continue in the office of Chairperson through the full term of office that ~~he/she~~they
20 would otherwise have served. The Chairperson-Elect shall act as Chairperson during the
21 absence of the Chairperson. The Chairperson-Elect shall perform the duties assigned by
22 the Chairperson in planning and coordinating the projects and activities of the YLS and
23 shall perform other duties usually incident to the office. A person elected Chairperson-
24 Elect may automatically succeed to the office of Chairperson, even if ~~he/she does~~they do
25 not meet the age requirement for YLS membership, and that person shall be deemed a
26 member of the YLS during the term of office as Chairperson.
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28 SECTION 5. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep all minutes and records of meetings
29 of the Council and the YLS, shall preside at meetings of the Council in the absence of both
30 the Chairperson and the Chairperson-Elect, and shall perform other duties usually incident
31 to the office. A person elected Secretary may automatically succeed to the office of Chair-
32 Elect, even if ~~he/she does~~they do not meet the age requirement for YLS membership, and
33 that person shall be deemed a member of the YLS during the term of office as Chairperson.
34 In anticipation of the Secretary succeeding to the office of Chair-Elect at the YLS aAnnual
35 ~~m~~Meeting, the Council member seat occupied by the Treasurer shall be filled by election
36 prior to the YLS aAnnual Council ~~m~~Meeting.
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38 SECTION 6. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall maintain current and all accessible past
39 information as provided to them by the by the immediate past Treasurer as to the financial
40 affairs of the YLS; and shall perform other duties usually incident to the office.
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42 SECTION 7. RETIRING CHAIRPERSON AS EX OFFICIO MEMBER. The immediate
43 past Chairperson shall be an ex officio member (the "Ex Officio") of the Council for the
44 following year, with all voting rights. All other past Chairpersons shall be ~~honorary~~
45 ~~members~~advisors of the Council ~~for advisory purposes~~ but without the right to vote.
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1 SECTION 8. ELIGIBILITY. No person shall be eligible to hold office unless, at the time
2 ~~he/she is~~they are appointed or elected, that person is a member of the YLS. No person shall
3 hold the same elective office for two (2) consecutive terms.

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5 SECTION 9. REMOVAL. The Council ~~or YLS~~ may, by a two-thirds vote, remove or
6 discharge an officer.

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8 **ARTICLE 5. DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNCIL**

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10 SECTION 1. POWERS. There shall be a Council for the YLS which shall be its final
11 policy-making body. The Council shall advise and aid the Chairperson and perform other
12 acts as provided in these ~~se~~ bBylaws.

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14 SECTION 2. MEMBERS. The Council shall be composed of ~~not more than 27 members,~~
15 ~~namely,~~ the (i) Chairperson;; (ii) Chair-Elect; (iii) Secretary; (iv) elected or appointed
16 council members (which includes the ~~Chairperson-Elect, Secretary and~~ Treasurer), ~~the~~
17 ~~immediate past Chairperson and the~~ as more particularly described in Article 5, Section 4,
18 herein; (v) Ex Officio; and (vi) Law Student Representative.

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20 SECTION 3. NOMINATIONS, ELECTION PROCEDURES. To be nominated, a Council
21 member shall file a petition signed by at least five (5) persons entitled to vote for the
22 nominee with the State Bar no later than April 30. Only members of the YLS eligible to
23 vote in the district they are to represent and who consent to their candidacy in writing may
24 be nominated to serve as Council members. The State Bar shall cause to be published and
25 mailed prior to the end of the month of April in each year an announcement of the vacancies
26 to be filled on the Council, the month during which nominations may be filed, and a form
27 of petition for the nomination of Council members. Nominations may be made on such
28 forms, but nominations in any other form of petition which complies with these ~~se~~ bBylaws
29 shall be deemed sufficient. The address of record of each YLS member which is on file
30 with the State Bar as of April 30 of the election year shall determine eligibility for all
31 election purposes. A ballot shall be voted for the number of candidates selected on the
32 ballot, but in no event shall the number of candidates selected on the ballot exceed the
33 maximum number of vacancies to be filled in the district to which the YLS member is
34 eligible to vote. No ballot shall be counted which does not comply with this requirement.
35 The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected. In the case
36 of a tie vote, the tellers shall determine the successful candidate by lot.

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38 SECTION 4. ELECTION DISTRICTS, REAPPORTIONMENT, TERM. There shall be
39 ~~T~~three (3) council election districts comprised as indicated: District 1 - YLS members in
40 Macomb and Wayne Counties; District 2 - YLS members in Oakland County; District 3 -
41 YLS members not in District 1 or District 2. A YLS member is a member of the district
42 which corresponds with the member's address on record with the State Bar of Michigan.
43 ~~As of the reapportionment for election districts held in advance of the elections held in~~
44 ~~2010,~~ District 1 shall be entitled to elect a total of 6eight (8) Council members, District 2
45 shall ~~been titled~~be entitled to elect a total of 8seven (7) Council members, and District 3
46 shall be entitled to elect a total of ~~10~~nine (9) Council members. Every six (6) years, or upon

1 a majority vote of the Council, the Council shall review election Districts and report to the
2 State Bar Board of Commissioners whether or not a reapportionment of Districts is
3 necessary, and, if so, shall submit a proposed reapportionment plan, which upon adoption
4 shall govern subsequent elections without the need to revise these ~~b~~Bylaws. One-half of
5 the number of Council members to which each District is entitled shall be elected each year
6 to staggered two-year terms, including those elected in the year first following enactment
7 of these ~~b~~Bylaws provisions. Elected Council members shall take office at the close of the
8 ~~annual~~-YLS Annual meeting following their election and shall, together with Council
9 members whose terms continue, convene the ~~annual~~YLS Annual Council ~~m~~Meeting. The
10 Chairperson, Chair-Elect, and Secretary do not count towards the numbers for each District
11 for purpose of calculations under this section.
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13 SECTION 5. LAW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES. Any ABA Accredited law school
14 campus with an address in the State of Michigan may, but is not required to, send a law
15 student representative to be a part of the YLS Council meetings. The manner in which each
16 campus selects that person is in the sole discretion of each campus and the person need not
17 be the same individual at each meeting. However, any selected student representative must
18 be a member of the SBM Law Student Section. At each meeting, the campus
19 representatives will select one individual from amongst themselves to have the power to
20 conduct one vote on behalf of the Law Student Representatives as a whole. The person
21 selected will be representing law student members of the State Bar as a whole. Each campus
22 will not have their own individual vote. The Law Student Representative will be counted
23 towards quorum for voting purposes. If the campus representatives are unable to determine
24 which individual will have voting power due to a tie, a coin flip will be held to determine
25 a representative. If there is a tie involving more than two campus representatives, all names
26 will be placed into a random draw and the selected individual will have the voting
27 privileges.
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29 SECTION 6. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson,
30 either upon ~~his/her~~their own initiative or upon written request of two-thirds of the Council
31 and shall be held at the time and place designated by the Chairperson.
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33 SECTION 7. QUORUM. A quorum of the Council shall consist of a majority of its
34 members. Members shall attend meetings in person, unless the Chairperson permits a
35 member to attend by video conference or by telephone. The decisions of the Council shall
36 be determined by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum
37 exists. Present Council members shall be eligible to vote. In the event that a quorum is not
38 present at any meeting, the members present may proceed with the business of the meeting
39 as if a quorum were present, and their acts shall become effective when and if enough
40 absent members ratify them in writing, in addition to those present, to constitute a majority
41 of the Council. Upon prior consent of the Chairperson, any action that maybe taken at a
42 meeting may be taken without a meeting and determined by a majority vote of members
43 via electronic means. Proxy voting is not allowed under any circumstances.
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45 SECTION 8. ABSENCES. If a Council member is absent for two (2) consecutive meetings
46 of the Council without having been excused by the Chairperson, or three (3) meetings
47 during the course of the Bar year for any reason, the Chairperson may declare the seat of

that Council member vacant and fill the vacancy as provided for in Article 4, ~~s~~Section 3.

ARTICLE 6. ANNUAL MEETINGS

SECTION 1. YLS ANNUAL MEETING. The ~~annual meeting of the~~ YLS Annual Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the YLS Annual Council Meeting, at any time prior to October 31st of each year.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING. The ~~agenda for the~~ YLS Annual Council Meeting shall ~~include, but is not limited to, be held on the same date and at the same place as the YLS Annual Meeting and shall convene immediately following the YLS Annual Meeting.~~

SECTION 3. AGENDAS. At such meetings, the order of business includes the following:

YLS ANNUAL MEETING:

1. Opening remarks by Chairperson.
2. Report of Secretary.
3. ~~Council Member~~ Reports of standing committees.
4. ~~Committee~~ Reports of special committees.
5. New business, special address, etc.
- ~~1. Assumption of the office of Chairperson-Elect by Secretary.~~
- ~~2. Election of Treasurer and any other officer positions that not been assumed.~~
6. Report of the Secretary of results of Council election.
7. Other business
8. Adjourn

YLS ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Appointment of Council vacancies by Chairperson and approval by Council.
2. Assumption of office of Chairperson by Chairperson-Elect.
3. Assumption of office of Chairperson-Elect by Secretary
4. Election of Treasurer and any other officer positions that have not been assumed.

SECTION ~~24~~. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Ballots for Treasurer and any other officer positions that have not been assumed, shall be canvassed by a committee of tellers appointed by the Chairperson. No proxy voting shall be permitted in any election for officers of the YLS. Officers shall be elected by a majority of votes cast among the Council members present and voting. In the event of a tie, the tellers appointed by the Chairperson shall determine the successful candidate by lot. In the event of an uncontested election, a candidate's election may be confirmed by acclamation.

SECTION ~~35~~. DISPUTED ELECTIONS: In the event an election is disputed, a written petition shall be transmitted to the Chairperson within ten (10) days, who shall preside over a special meeting of the Council. The determination of the Council shall be final, subject to a right of appeal to the State Bar Board of Commissioners.

1 **ARTICLE 7. COMMITTEES**

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3 SECTION 1. STANDING AND ~~OTHER~~SPECIAL COMMITTEES. The Chairperson
4 shall have power to create and appoint such standing committees and ~~others~~special
5 committees as ~~he/she~~they may deem necessary, or which are recommended or created by
6 the Council. The Council shall have the authority to create special committees upon
7 majority vote of the Council.
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9 SECTION 2. APPOINTING/REMOVAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS. The
10 Chairperson shall have power to remove any member of any committee upon written notice
11 and upon such removal, the Chairperson or the committee chair shall immediately fill the
12 vacancy so created.
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14 SECTION 3. DUTIES AND POWERS. Each committee shall have the right and duty to
15 perform the functions suggested by its title, and such other functions and duties as shall be
16 assigned by the Chairperson or Council. ~~At present and subject to this bylaw, the standing~~
17 ~~committees are:~~
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19 SECTION 4. STANDING COMMITTEES

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21 A. *INTER ALIA* COMMITTEE. The *Inter Alia* Committee shall be led by the
22 Chairperson-Elect, and shall be responsible for collecting content for and
23 publishing the YLS Newsletter, *Inter Alia*. The Chairperson-Elect shall name all
24 other committee members and assign tasks.
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26 B. MEDIA/MARKETING RELATIONS. The Media/Marketing Relations
27 Committee shall be established and shall be responsible for maintaining the YLS
28 webpage, SBM Connect, marketing and promotional materials, protocol regarding
29 the YLS listserv, and initiating and maintaining any other media and/or marketing
30 relations items. The Chairperson shall appoint a chair for the Media/Marketing
31 Relations Committee, who will name all other committee members and assign
32 tasks.
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34 C. DIVERSITY. The Diversity Committee shall be established and shall be
35 responsible for promoting diversity, including initiating ideas for projects to
36 promote diversity. The Chairperson shall appoint a chair for the Diversity
37 Committee, who will name all other committee members and assign tasks.
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39 **ARTICLE 8. RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENT**

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41 SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS. These ~~b~~Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the
42 members of the YLS present and voting at any meeting of the YLS, provided such proposed
43 amendment was first submitted to the Council for its recommendation; and further, that no
44 such amendment shall be effective until approved by the Board of Commissioners of the
45 State Bar. After approved/approval by the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar, any
46 amendments to these Bylaws shall become effective ~~at the first meeting of the following~~

~~Bar year~~immediately.

SECTION 2. PROCEDURES. Any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Council by any member of the YLS in time for it to be considered by the Council at or before the last regular Council meeting before a meeting of the YLS (either the YLS ~~a~~Annual mMeeting or other meeting of the YLS) at which it is to be voted upon. The Council shall consider the proposed amendment at said regular meeting, and shall prepare recommendations thereon, which recommendations, together with a complete and accurate text of said proposed amendment, shall be published in the *Michigan Bar Journal* or *Inter Alia*, at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the YLS at which it is to be voted upon.

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