

BY-LAWS OF
THE BARRISTERS
OF THE VENTURA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

NAME

This section shall be known as the “Barristers of the Ventura County Bar Association.”

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Barristers is to foster the legal, professional, and personal development of the newer and younger attorneys of the Ventura County Bar Association.

ARTICLE III

GOALS

The goals of the Barristers are to (1) represent the interests of the newer and younger attorneys at the County-wide and State-wide level; (2) provide educational and professional activities for the Barristers; and (3) provide public service, including supporting pro bono legal activities.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Any member in good standing of the Ventura County Bar Association who, on January 1 of a given year, (i) is under the age of thirty-six, or (ii) has been admitted to practice for a period of seven years or fewer, or (iii) has been in practice for a total of seven years or fewer, is a Member of the Barristers for that calendar year (“Member”). Student members of the Ventura County Bar Association in good standing may also be Members, but they are not eligible to serve in an elected position of the Executive Committee of the Barristers, except that a student Member may be appointed as a Member at Large, with ex officio duties to advise the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS; DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Executive Committee of the Barristers are as follows: President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each of the officers shall be elected by a majority of those members voting at the time of election.

- a. President. The President shall act as chief executive of the Barristers. The duties of the President are: (i) calling and presiding at all meetings of the Barristers, (ii) monitoring the Barristers' success in achieving their goals (iii) serving on the Executive Committee, and (iii) performing other related duties. The President may delegate the performance of specific duties to others, but retains the obligation to see them fulfilled. The President may also serve as an ex officio member of the Ventura County Bar Association Board of Directors.
- b. Vice President. The duties of the Vice President include the following: (i) assisting the President (ii) serving on the Executive Committee, and (iii) being responsible for the educational programs and events sponsored by Barristers.
- c. Secretary. The duties of the Secretary include the following: (1) preparing minutes of the Executive Committee meetings; (2) assisting the other officers in supervising and directing Barristers' activities; (3) serving on the Executive Committee; and (4) maintaining the membership roster.
- d. Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer include the following: (i) assisting the other Barristers officers in supervising and directing Barristers' activities, (ii) serving on the Executive Committee, and (iii) seeing that all funds collected by Barristers are properly managed.
- e. Member at Large. The duties of the Member at Large include the following: (i) assisting the other Barristers officers in supervising and directing Barristers' activities, (ii) serving on the Executive Committee (iii) serving on committees as assigned by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may include up to three Members at Large. A Member at Large may be a law student.
- f. Past President. The duties of the Past President shall include the following: (i) acting as an aide and advisor to the President and (ii) serving on the

Executive Committee.

Section 2. Absence or Inability to Act. During the President's temporary absence or inability to act, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President with all the powers of, and subject to all restrictions upon, the President. The Secretary shall occupy a similar position with respect to the Vice-President.

Section 3. Additional Powers and Duties. Each of the officers has additional powers or duties that may be prescribed by the Executive Committee and that are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

Section 4. Term. The term of office of each of the officers commences on the first day of January of the year following the year in which they are elected and shall end on the last day of December of the that year (the "Barrister Year").

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Membership. The Executive Committee consists of not less than six (6) members, as follows: the officers of the Barristers and the Members at Large.

Section 2. Term. Executive Committee members shall serve for a one-year term, as applicable, which shall begin and end on the same dates as the Barrister Year.

Section 3. Absences. The term of any member of the Executive Committee terminates if that member fails to attend four (4) regular meetings of the Executive Committee in any twelve-month period.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The Executive Committee shall supervise and direct the affairs and determine the policies of the Barristers, subject to and in accordance with these By-Laws.

Section 5. Meetings. The Executive Committee may act at a meeting duly called at which a quorum is present. A majority of the Executive Committee is a quorum to transact business at any meeting. Regular or special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President or by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee. Written notice of meetings shall be given to members of the Executive Committee not less than two days prior to such meeting.

Section 6. Action without a Meeting. The Executive Committee may act without a meeting by a poll of each member of the Executive Committee. The President or an officer designated by the President may poll the Executive Committee by any reasonable means of oral or

written communication, including without limitation, by telephone, in person, by mail, e-mail, or by facsimile transmission. In the event that action is to be taken by poll, an action shall be considered approved by the Executive Committee if it is approved by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee and a good faith effort has been made to contact all members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The Barristers do not have to hold an annual meeting of its Members but may do so.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be amended (i) at a duly called meeting of the Executive Committee, at which a quorum is present, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of those members of the Executive Committee present at such meeting, or (ii) without a meeting, by polling the members of the Executive Committee as provided in Article VI, Section 6, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX

ELECTIONS

Section 1. Time. Except as provided below in Section 4 of this Article, the Barristers shall hold an annual election of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member(s) at-Large of the Executive Committee. The election shall be completed before January 1 of the following year.

Section 2. Eligibility. Any Member who is in good standing may be elected to the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Member at Large

Section 3. Nominations: Candidate Statements. Nominations consist of a written nomination signed by the nominee.

Section 4. One Candidate for Each Office. If only one candidate is nominated for each position as of the close of the nominations period, then the slate as nominated is unanimously elected and no mailing of ballots is required.

Section 5. Ballots. Except as provided above in Section 4 of this Article, a ballot containing

the names of the nominees for each office shall be mailed to each Member entitled to vote. The Executive Committee shall prescribe the form and instructions for the ballots. Each Member in good standing as of the date of the election has one vote for each office to be filled in the election.

ARTICLE X

VACANCIES

Except as provided below, the Executive Committee may fill a vacancy in any elected office or the unexpired portion of that person's term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall immediately assume office. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Secretary, Treasurer or Member at Large, the President shall promptly appoint a new officer or member.

ARTICLE XI

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

These by-laws shall take effect commencing January 1, 2006.