

AMENDED BYLAWS OF
THE BARRISTERS
OF THE VENTURA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
January 1, 2012

ARTICLE I

NAME

This section shall be known as the “Barristers of the Ventura County Bar Association.” This section may also be referred to as the “Ventura County Barristers” or the “Barristers.”

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.

Section 1. Social Networking Websites. Subject to Board approval, The Barristers may host social networking websites to promote Barristers’ activities and foster professional relationships among the Membership and the legal community in general. Social networking websites hosted by the Barristers may be used to post requests to be referred to a lawyer practicing in a particular area of law and/or geographic location, to announce job opportunities, to announce office space for rent, and other specific opportunities that are likely to be of interest to the Members. These social networking websites, however, may not be used to post general advertising (*e.g.*, commercials). The Barristers may remove any post that violates this Section and, if the violations continue despite a reasonable warning to the offender, the Barristers may disallow the offender from further participation in the social networking website.

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 Board of the Barristers, except that a student Member may be appointed as a Board Member at Large.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS; DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The mandatory Officers of the Board of the Barristers are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each of the mandatory 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 Board, 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 Board, 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 Board meetings; (2) assisting the other Officers in supervising and directing Barristers' activities; (3) serving on the Board; 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 Board, (iii) seeing that all funds collected by Barristers are properly managed; and (iv) reporting to the Board the financial status of the Barristers.

- e. **Past President.** The Past President is the person who served as the immediate past President of the Board, and is entitled to a position as on Officer. 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 Board.
- f. **Additional Officers.** The Board may from time to time establish additional Officer positions without amending these Bylaws. These additional Officer positions need not be filled every year.

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 Board and that are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

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

BOARD OF THE BARRISTERS

Section 1. Membership. The Board of the Barristers, which may also be referred to as the "Board," or "Barristers Board," consists of not less than six (6) Board Members, as follows: the Officers of the Barristers and the Members at Large.

Section 2. Term. Board 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 Board Member terminates if that Member fails to attend four (4) regular meetings of the Board in any twelve-month period.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. The Board shall supervise and direct the affairs and determine

the policies of the Barristers, subject to and in accordance with these Bylaws.

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

Section 6. Action without a Meeting. The Board may act without a meeting by a poll of each Board Member. The President or an Officer designated by the President may poll the Board 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 Board if it is approved by a majority of the Board Members and a good faith effort has been made to contact all Board Members.

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 BYLAWS

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

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 mandatory Officers and Member(s) at-Large of the Board.

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, or accepted by the nominee via email.

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 Board 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 Board 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 or Treasurer, the President shall promptly appoint a new Officer. The Board may, from time to time, increase the number of Member at Large positions, and fill any such newly-created vacancy, by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

ARTICLE XI

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

These Amended Bylaws are effective as of January 1, 2012. This document supersedes all previous Bylaws.

CERTIFICATION

I, Rachel Coleman, Secretary of the Barristers, hereby certify that the foregoing Amended Bylaws were duly adopted by the Board of the Barristers on April 3, 2012.

Date: 4/4/2012

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Coleman".

Rachel Coleman, Secretary