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**ARTICLE I  
NAME AND OBJECTS**

The name and objects of this Association stated in the Articles of Incorporation are:

“First...the name assumed and adopted by us to designate said Association and to be used in its dealings and business is ‘The Camden County Bar Association.’” The objects for which said Association is formed are to maintain the honor and dignity of the profession, to cultivate social relations among its members, to promote and encourage the more profound study of the law, to promote better relations and understanding of the law by and with the public, and the due administration of justice, and reformation of the law, to establish and maintain an efficient law library in the county of Camden, liaison and cooperation with the Courts toward efficient operation and speedy trials, mindful of the primary right of equal justice to all, and to create foundation or funds for scholarships and beneficent activities upon behalf of the Community, be it local, state or national.

**ARTICLE II  
MEMBERSHIP, DUES & EXPULSION**

The Association shall consist of eight (8) classes of members, active, affiliated, limited non-resident, limited-student, associate, faculty, public sector and honorary.

**Active Members**

1. Any member of the Bar of New Jersey, in good standing; residing or practicing in Camden County, upon payment of the annual dues at the time payable, and subscribing to the Bylaws, shall, upon approval by the Board of Trustees, become an active member. Active members alone shall participate in and have the right to vote at meetings of the Association.

**Fees and Dues of Members**

2. (a) The annual dues for all types of memberships, shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees, payable in advance, and in such amounts and installments and on such dates as fixed by the Board of Trustees not later than the April meeting next preceding the month of June, based upon budgeted expenditures. The fiscal year of the Association shall commence June 1st of each year commencing June 1, 1973.

(b) The Board of Trustees annually may adjust the said dues based upon the length of time of admission to the Bar, provided however, a member who has been a member of the Association for 40 years shall be required to pay one-half of the rate of Active Members of the Association who have been members of the Bar for ten (10) years or more, or \$70 annually, unless such 40 year members seek and receive Inactive Status in the Association, in which case they are dues exempt, and members who were such upon entry into active military service shall have such time included in computation of time of membership. Members on active military service shall be exempt from payment of dues during such period of time.

(c) Judges who are active members of the Camden County Bar Association and are thereafter assigned as judges to another vicinage of the State of New Jersey, shall upon written application by such judges, be classified as inactive members and be relieved of payment of dues during such assignment.

(d) Members of the Camden County Bar Association who become medically incapacitated to practice law upon a full-time basis shall upon written request, and approval by the Board of Trustees, be exempt from payment of dues during such period of time.

### **When Dues in Default**

3. When any member of the Association shall be in default in the payment of the installments of his annual dues, to the amount of one year's dues, the Treasurer shall notify him that he is so in default, and together with said notice shall send or give him a copy of this Bylaw, and if the member so in default shall continue in default for the period of thirty days after such notice, he shall, without further notice, be considered as suspended, and during suspension, not entitled to any of the privileges of a member of the Association. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to report in writing, at the first stated meeting of the Association after the expiration of the thirty (30) days aforesaid, the names of all members so notified, and the Secretary shall enter the names so reported in the minutes of the Association, and shall publish the names so reported in The Barrister or by whatever means directed from time to time to be so done by the Board of Trustees, and such publication or dissemination of notice shall be evidence of their suspension. Any members so suspended may be reinstated to all privileges of active membership either (a) upon paying to the Treasurer all his arrearages and current dues or (b) upon application and approval of the Board of Trustees upon such terms as the Board shall determine.

### **Affiliated Members**

4. The Board of Trustees may from time to time admit to membership as affiliated members, without right to vote at meetings, individuals engaged in paralegal activity, Court Appointed personnel and other individuals whose daily and principal activity is with the Courts and administration of justice.

### **Limited Members (Non-Resident and Student)**

5. Any member of the Bar of the State of New Jersey in good standing, and not residing or having office in the County of Camden, or any law student connected with a law school or a law office in Camden County, may, upon approval by the Board of Trustees be admitted as a Limited Member of the Association, without right to vote at meetings or at the annual meeting. Upon admission to the Bar of such law student, he may become an active member of the Association upon subscribing to the Bylaws without payment of dues until the expiration of the calendar year of his admission to the Bar of New Jersey.

### **Associate Members**

6. The Board of Trustees may, in their discretion, admit to membership such persons not otherwise eligible for membership as they may see fit, such persons to be classified as associate members.

### **Faculty Members**

7. Full-time faculty members of any accredited law school may, upon written application, be admitted to membership without right to vote in the Camden County Bar Association, during such period of time that such applicants are faculty members of such law school. The dues payable annually for such members shall be one-half the full membership fee.

### **Honorary Members**

8. Any member of the Bar may be elected an honorary member by two-thirds vote of the active members present at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting when such action is provided for in the notice of such meeting, and shall not be subject to the payment of dues or assessments.

### **Public Sector Member**

9. Any full-time attorney who is employed by an agency of the state, federal, or local government, or employed full-time by a legal services corporation. The dues payable annually for such members shall be one-half of the full membership fee. (This category is intended for full-time staff members of the Prosecutor's Office – both state and federal, the Public Defender's Office – both state and federal, other members of the Attorney General's Office and Camden Regional Legal Services).

### **Misconduct of Members**

10. Any member of the Association may be suspended or expelled for misconduct in his relations to this Association, or in his profession, after investigation, hearing, and conviction by the Board of Trustees, or upon being disbarred or suspended from practice by the Supreme Court, or upon conviction by a Court of competent jurisdiction of any crime.

## **ARTICLE III OFFICERS**

1. The Officers of the Association shall be a President, a President-elect, and a First and a Second Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and 15 Trustees (five Trustees to be elected annually for a term of three years), all of whom shall be active members of the Association.
2. (a) All Officers, except Trustees, shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and until in each case his successor is elected; provided, however, the President-elect shall assume the office of President upon termination of the term of office of the President. The members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected for a term of three (3) years and until their respective successors shall have been elected; provided, however, that the 16th Trustee shall be the immediate past president of the Association, who shall serve for a period of one year. Neither the President of the Association nor any member of the Board of Trustees shall be eligible to succeed himself in office.  
(b) The Trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association for the County of Camden shall, by virtue of his office, be a voting member of the Board of Trustees of this Bar Association.

### **Election of Officers – Nominating Committee**

3. (a) The annual meeting of the Association shall be held in May of each year.  
(b) The President, not later than the date of the regular meeting in January, shall designate the immediate five (5) past Presidents who are members of the Association, the incumbent President and the incumbent President-elect, and the incumbent First and Second Vice Presidents as the Nominating Committee, who shall present to the regular meeting in February a list of members by them nominated for offices to be filled at the annual election. In addition, the President shall also at the same time appoint a Nominating Committee, no more than five (5) in number, each of whom shall be attorneys 35 years of age or younger or attorneys who are members of the Bar of New Jersey for a period of less than five (5) years, who will nominate and submit such name selected by it to the regular meeting in February a member of the Bar 35 years of age or younger, or who is a member of the Bar of New Jersey for a period of less than five (5) years, to serve for a term of one (1) year as a young lawyer trustee; provided, however, the regular Nominating Committee set forth herein above shall not be limited in also nominating a member of the Bar 35 years of age or younger, or who is a member of the Bar of New Jersey for a period of less than five (5) years, for a three-year term to the Board of Trustees. All young lawyers so defined herein shall enjoy all the rights, privileges and benefits which other members of the Bar have.

During the period between the February to the March meeting, except for the office of President, nominations for officers, except President, and trustees, including young trustees, may be made in writing signed by eighty-five (85) active members in good standing, designating therein the office for which the nomination is made and the written consent of such person to serve if so elected on such nomination petition. The nomination by the Nominating Committees and any names properly submitted by the members prior to the March meeting shall then be published in The Barrister at least ten (10) days before the date of the monthly meeting in April. No nominations can be made after the meeting in March, except to fill a vacancy by death or refusal to accept a nomination, and then only if such a vacancy leaves no one in nomination for the office under consideration. The Officers and Trustees shall be elected at the regular meeting in April in each year or if such date or place is not available for the election in the opinion of the officers, then on such date and place during the month of April, on ten (10) days notice as fixed by the officers.

All elections shall be by ballot and the nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

The Secretary's roll of active members in good standing shall be evidence of the right to vote at such election and in case of a contested election, three (3) tellers, and if necessary, a chairperson and secretary, shall be appointed by the President as the presiding officers and the chairperson shall supervise the election. The Officers and Trustees holding office at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall continue in office until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

#### **New Jersey State Bar Trustee for Camden County**

(c) At least eight (8) months prior to the date of the election to be held by the New Jersey State Bar Association for the election of the representative from Camden County to the New Jersey State Bar Board of Trustees, a notice will be placed in the publication of the Camden County Bar Association, presently known as The Barrister, or its successor, if any, advising its members of the forthcoming election by the New Jersey State Bar Association and directing that interested nominees for the office submit a letter addressed to the Executive Director of the Camden County Bar Association signifying their interest in becoming a New Jersey State Bar Trustee, and describing therein why he or she feels that they are uniquely qualified to represent Camden County as its Trustee to the State Bar Board of Trustees, together with a recent resume and curriculum vitae.

In addition to the aforesaid right of individuals to submit their names to the Board of Trustees and Officers of the Camden County Bar Association for consideration, the individual members of the Board of Trustees and Officers of the Camden County Bar Association may within the aforesaid time frame submit name(s) of individuals for consideration as hereinafter set forth to be placed in nomination for election by the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Whereupon, following the aforesaid, the names of the foregoing persons, if five (5) or less in number, shall be voted upon by the Officers and Board of Trustees at the monthly meeting held six (6) months prior to the State Bar election, with the designee to be the person with the highest number of votes, and in the event the number of nominees is in excess of five (5) persons, the names shall be submitted by the Executive Director to the Officers of the Camden County Bar Association for review and selection therefrom of the names of five persons who have participated in the Camden County Bar Association activities, which names shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for voting as aforesaid and submission of the name of the person so elected to the State Bar for election as Trustee from Camden County on the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey State Bar Association. The action of the said Trustees shall take place six (6) months prior to the State Bar election date.

#### **Board of Trustees**

4. The Trustees, together with the President, President-Elect, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer shall constitute a Board to be called the Board of Trustees, ten (10) members of which shall constitute a quorum. The President of the Association shall be Chairman of the Board and Secretary of the Association shall be Secretary of the Board.
5. Any Officer or Trustee may be removed from office for cause, or any Officer or Trustee who fails to attend three (3) consecutive Board meetings in any twelve-month period, may be removed as an Officer or Trustee of the Association, after due opportunity for a hearing. The Secretary of the Association shall give written notice of these By-Laws provisions to any Officer or Trustee who misses two (2) meetings in any twelve-month period. No Officer or Trustee, however, can be removed unless he is found guilty of neglect of his duties or absence from meetings, and then only upon a hearing before the Board of Trustees and by majority vote of the whole Board, of which he shall have five (5) days' notice, and the said Board of Trustees shall then report its action to a meeting of this Association, which report must be approved by a majority of the members present and voting at the meeting at which the report is acted upon. At least five (5) days' notice of such contemplated action shall be given to the active member of the Association by mail or by publishing the same in the publication sponsored by the Bar Association.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the President-Elect shall act as President, and in the event of the vacancy of the President-Elect acting as President, the Vice Presidents shall act in the order of their Vice Presidencies until the next annual election. In the event of a vacancy in any other office of in the Board of Trustees, the President shall make and appointment, and the person appointed shall hold office until the next annual election, at which time, in the case of a Trustee, a new Trustee shall be elected for the unexpired term of the Trustee whose office shall have become vacant.

#### **Duties of Presiding Officer**

6. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and in his absence or at his request the President-Elect shall preside, and in his absence the Vice Presidents shall preside in order of their precedence.

#### **Duties of Secretary**

7. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, and all other matters of which a record shall be deemed advisable, or be ordered by the Association or its Trustees. He shall notify the Officers and Members of their election or suspension, keep a roll of the Members, issue notices of all meetings, and shall conduct the correspondence of the Association. The Board of Trustees may appoint an Assistant Secretary.

#### **Duties of the Treasurer**

8. The Treasurer shall collect, and under the direction of the Board of Trustees disburse, all funds of the Association. He shall keep regular accounts, which shall be open at all times to the inspection of any active members, and shall report to each regular meeting of the Association. His accounts shall be audited annually by a committee of two (2) members appointed by the President at the annual meeting. The Board of Trustees may appoint an Assistant Treasurer.

#### **Duties of the Board of Trustees**

9. The Board of Trustees shall secure a permanent place for the library and other activities of the Association and shall have the right to determine from time to time the persons or agencies who shall have the privileges of using the same and fix the conditions for such use; shall have charge of its funds and the appropriation thereof; shall make such regulations, not inconsistent with the By-Laws, as it deems necessary for the protection of the property of the Association and for the preservation of good order in the conduct of its affairs; shall keep a record of its proceedings and report monthly to the Association, and shall conduct all other affairs of the Association not otherwise provided for in the By-Laws, including and not by way of limitation, employment of an Executive Director, and fixing his duties and salary, who shall attend all meetings of the Board of Trustees and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Officers and Board of Trustees; the publication of a newspaper devoted to the interest of the Association and may act in all respects doing any act necessary between meetings, provided such action shall be reported to the members of the Association at the next regular meeting, which action shall be subject to review, approval, modification or repeal at such time.

#### **Nominations for Camden County Delegate to the American Bar Association House of Delegates**

10. At least two (2) months prior to the date of the election to be held by the Camden County Bar Association Board of Trustees for the election of the representative from Camden County to the American Bar Association House of Delegates, a notice will be placed in the publication of the Camden County Bar Association, presently known as The Barrister, or its successor, if any, advising its members of the forthcoming election and directing that interested nominees for the office submit a letter addressed to the Executive Director of the Camden County Bar Association signifying their interest in becoming the American Bar Association Delegate, and describing therein why he or she feels that they are uniquely qualified to represent Camden County as such and confirming their status as a member in good standing of the American Bar Association, together with a recent resume and curriculum vitae.

In addition to the aforesaid right of individuals to submit their names to Board of Trustees and Officers of the Camden County Bar Association for consideration, the individual members of the Board of Trustees and Officers of the Camden County Bar Association may within the aforesaid time frame submit name(s) of individuals for consideration as hereinafter set forth to be placed in nomination. Whereupon, following the aforesaid, the names of the foregoing persons, if five (5) or less in number, shall be voted upon by the Officers and Board of Trustees at the monthly meeting held to consider this selection, with the designee to be the person with the highest number of votes, and in the event the number of nominees is in excess of five (5) persons, the names shall be submitted by the Executive Director to the Officers of the Camden County Bar Association for review and selection therefrom of the names of the five (5) persons who have participated in Camden County Bar Association activities, which names shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for voting as aforesaid.

#### **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

1. (a) There shall be a regular business meeting of the Association at five-thirty o'clock p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in each month, except July and August, or at such other time as shall be fixed at a preceding meeting. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or in his absence by either the President-Elect or either of the Vice Presidents, or shall be called by the Secretary upon the written request of ten members. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting except such as shall be specified in the call. Twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.  
(b) It shall be permissible for a vote to be taken by mail upon resolution by written request therefore of 25 paid up members, which request shall recite in full the resolution to be voted upon, with a preamble stating the reason and need for same, and the members shall have ten (10) days from day of mailing to vote thereon, the day of tally to be on the 10<sup>th</sup> day from mailing, provided, however, if the 10<sup>th</sup> day falls on a Saturday or Sunday or holiday, then the tally shall take place on the next business day.

##### **Order of Business**

2. At each stated meeting of the Association the order of business shall be as follows:
  1. Reading minutes of preceding meeting.
  2. Report of the Board of Trustees.
  3. Report of the Treasurer.
  4. Election, if any.
  5. Reports of other standing Committees.
  6. Reports of special Committees.
  7. Miscellaneous business.

This order of business may be changed by a vote of the majority of the members present. The usual parliamentary rules of order, in addition to any herein provided, shall govern all meetings of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE V COMMITTEES**

1. The President shall have the power to appoint such committees with such powers and duties as he shall deem advisable upon his election to office for a one-year term in office commencing on June 1<sup>st</sup> of the respective year of appointment except as to the appointments to be made by the President to the "Judicial Appointments" Committee which appointments will be made by the President in accord with the provisions in Sections 2(a), (b), (c), and (d) of Article V hereinafter set forth.

2. (a) The President elected to office by the Association at the regular meeting in May, 1986, shall appoint from the membership of the Association a Judicial Appointments Committee consisting of twelve (12) appointees, designating therein the term of office of four (4) such appointees for three (3) years each and four (4) such appointees for two (2) years each and four (4) such appointees for one (1) year each, with the term of office of each appointee to commence on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of appointment and annually thereafter. Commencing May, 1987, the then duly elected President shall designate four (4) members of the Judicial Appointments Committee, each for a term of three (3) years, to commence on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of appointment. No appointee may serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms as a member of the Judicial Appointments Committee.  
(b) The President of the Camden County Bar Association shall annually designate a member of the Judicial Appointments Committee to serve as Chairman of the said Committee for the year, commencing July 1<sup>st</sup> of the particular year.  
(c) In the event of a vacancy on the said Committee, the President in office at the said time shall appoint a successor for such vacancy to serve for the unexpired term of such vacancy.  
(d) The President of the Camden County Bar Association shall serve as a member of the Judicial Appointments Committee ex-officio with power to vote as such member.

## **ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the active members present at any regular or special meeting of the Association, provided that notice of any proposed amendment subscribed by at least 15 members to be read at the last previous regular meeting and a copy thereof published in The Barrister at least one (1) month prior to the meeting at which it is to be voted upon, or any other place designated by the Board of Trustees. Upon compliance with the above provisions as to publication, etc., the proposed amendment, or any modification thereof, may be acted upon and adopted.