

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF**  
**THE HUNTSVILLE-MADISON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**(As Amended March 4, 2015)**

**ARTICLE I**  
**Name**

This organization shall be called “The Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association,” hereinafter referred to as the “Association.”

**ARTICLE II**  
**Objects and Purposes**

The objects of the Association are to cultivate the science of jurisprudence; to promote and encourage reform in the law; to promote the due and complete administration of justice; to foster, encourage and perpetuate our democratic system of government; to elevate the legal profession to the highest possible standard of competence, integrity, morality, dignity and courtesy; to regulate its practice; to maintain closer relationships and cooperation with the Alabama State Bar and within the framework of the principles here enunciated; and to cherish the spirit of camaraderie among its members.

**ARTICLE III**  
**Membership**

3.1. Eligibility. Any member of the legal profession in good standing may become a member of the Association upon application and approval as prescribed in the By-Laws. Membership in this Association shall be a privilege, not a matter of right.

3.2 Classes. Classes of membership shall be as stated in the By-Laws.

3.3 Expulsion, Suspension and Censure. A member shall be automatically expelled from the Association upon suspension or disbarment by any tribunal or entity which has previously permitted the member to engage in the

practice of law. A member may be expelled or suspended from the Association or censured by the Association for conduct inconsistent with the objects and purposes of the Association upon vote of a majority of the members pursuant to procedures set forth in the By-Laws of the Association. A member may be suspended or expelled from the Association for non-payment of dues pursuant to procedures set forth in the By-Laws of the Association.

3.4 Reinstatement. A former member who has been expelled may be reinstated pursuant to procedures set forth in the By-Laws of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IV Officers and Directors**

4.1 Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a president, a president-elect, a secretary and a treasurer.

4.2 Directors. The members of the Executive Committee shall serve as directors of the Association.

4.3 Terms. All officers shall be elected for one-year terms at the August meeting of the Association in the manner provided in the By-Laws and shall serve until their successors are duly elected. Terms of other members of the Executive Committee shall be as provided in Article V, Section 5.3, (Governance; Terms) of this Constitution.

4.4 Duties. The duties of the officers and Directors shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the Association.

4.5 Qualifications. Qualifications for candidates to be nominated to available bar offices shall be set out in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE V Governance**

5.1 Composition. The Executive Committee shall consist of all of the elected officers of the Association; the Immediate Past President of the Association; one judge selected by the judges of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit; and three (3) active members of the Association with staggered three year terms, with one to be appointed each year by the President. In addition, the incumbent members of the Board of Bar Commissioners, President of the Young Lawyers Section of the

Association and the President of the Volunteer Lawyer's Program shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

5.2 Terms of Executive Committee. All members of the Executive Committee who serve by reason of their status as the holder of another office shall serve so long as they remain in such office. The three (3) members of the Executive Committee appointed thereto by the President in accordance with Article V Section 5.1 shall serve with staggered three (3) year terms, with one to be appointed each year by the President, with such member appointed by the President beginning their three (3) year term on the day the President who shall have appointed them. If any appointed member of the Executive Committee is unable to complete their term of office, the then President of the Association shall immediately appoint a replacement member to fill the unexpired term of the relinquishing member. The current three (3) members of the Executive Committee are and shall serve the following remaining terms:

Doug Martinson, II	Three (3) Years
Travis Jackson	Two (2) Years
John Burbach	One (1) Year

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Committees**

6.1. Standing Committees. In addition to the Executive Committee created pursuant to Article V (Governance) of this Constitution, the By-Laws of the Association shall provide for additional standing committees. Members of the standing committees set forth in the By-Laws shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and approval of the Executive Committee. They shall serve for one year commencing with the beginning of the President's term, except as may be otherwise provided in the By-Laws.

6.2 Special Committees. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may establish special committees. A special committee shall exist only for the duration of a specific project or such longer time as the Executive Committee may direct. Members of special committees shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and approval of the Executive Committee. They shall serve for one year commencing with the beginning of the President's term, except as may be otherwise provided in the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Sections**

7.1. Practice Sections. The Association may establish Practice Sections pursuant to the By-Laws. Any member of the Association is eligible for membership in practice sections.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**By-Laws**

The Association shall adopt By-Laws for the conduct of its affairs in harmony with this Constitution.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Amendments**

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the active members present at any regular meeting; provided that each proposed amendment shall be plainly stated in a notice to the membership of the meeting at which each such amendment is to be considered, said notice to be provided to the active membership by E-mail or regular mail at least seven (7) days prior to the time of such meeting. Said notice may also be posted on the Association's web site.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Effective Date of Constitution and By-Laws**

This Constitution and By-Laws of the Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association, as amended, became effective March 4, 2015, pursuant to a two-thirds majority vote of the membership at a meeting of the Association after proper notice, and shall supersede any and all previous provisions of any Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.