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Massachusetts Bar Association.

CONSTITUTION.

I. — *Name.*

This Association shall be called "MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION."

II. — *Object.*

The object of the Association shall be to cultivate the science of jurisprudence, to promote reform in the law, to facilitate the administration of justice, to further uniformity of legislation throughout the Union, to uphold the honor of the profession of law, and to encourage cordial intercourse among the members of the Massachusetts Bar.

III. — *Membership.*

Members of the Massachusetts Bar attending the first meeting for the organization of the Association shall be members thereof, entitled to vote.

Any member of the legal profession in good standing, practising in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who shall have been at the Bar of this State at least five years, may become a member by vote of the Association (or of the Executive Committee), upon recommendation of the Committee on Membership, and upon paying the annual dues of the current year within the period limited herein. But no person shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Association until he shall have been a member for at least six months preceding the said meeting.

The Judges of the United States Courts residing in this State, the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Justices of the Superior Court and the Judges of the Land Court shall, during their respective terms of office, be honorary members of this Association, and exempt from dues.

Other honorary members may be elected by the Association.

Candidates for membership must be proposed in writing by three members of the Association. Nominations shall be sent to

the Secretary, and by him referred to the Committee on Membership. This Committee shall report to the Executive Committee or to the Association the names of all candidates recommended for membership. Five negative votes in the Executive Committee, or fifteen negative votes in the Association, shall suffice to defeat an election.

IV. — *Officers.*

The officers of the Association shall be a President, three or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, the last ex-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, all of whom shall be *ex officio* members, together with twenty-one other members to be chosen by the Association.

No member shall be eligible for the office of President for more than one year in succession. No member shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee, or appointment to any other standing committee, for more than three years in succession. The President shall be chairman of the Executive Committee. There shall be upon the Executive Committee one member at least representing each county.

There shall be the following standing committees appointed annually by the President:

- Committee on Membership.
- Committee on Legislation.
- Committee on Legal Education.
- Committee on Judicial Appointments.
- Committee on Grievances.
- Committee on Nominations.

Special committees may be appointed by the President on vote of the Executive Committee.

V. — *President.*

The President, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He shall appoint all standing committees except the Executive Committee within thirty days after the Annual Meeting and shall fill all vacancies.

VI. — *Executive Committee.*

This Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws, and