

1 Rule 14-103. Bar ~~Organization and management of the Bar.~~

2 (a) Board of Commissioners, ~~number, term, and vacancies, powers and duties.~~

3 (1) Number. ~~There shall be a Bar's~~ Board of Commissioners ~~of the Bar~~ consist~~ing~~
4 of ~~no fewer than at least~~ 13 but no more than 15 voting members, including 11
5 elected lawyers and two non-lawyers appointed by the Supreme Court.

6 (2) Term. ~~The initial term of office of one of the non-lawyer commissioners shall~~
7 ~~be for two years. Except as~~ Unless otherwise provided, the term of office of each
8 commissioner ~~shall be~~ is three years and until a successor is elected and qualified.
9 The initial term of office of one of the nonlawyer commissioners is two years.

10 (3) Vacancies.

11 (A) If a lawyer vacancy on the Board occurs ~~prior to~~ before ~~the expiration~~
12 ~~of~~ the completed term of office, the remaining commissioners ~~shall~~ will:

13 ~~(a)(1)(A)~~ (i) conduct a special election;

14 ~~(a)(1)(B)~~ (ii) appoint an interim successor from among the active
15 ~~members of the~~ Bar members whose business mailing addresses on
16 the Bar's records ~~of the Bar~~ are in the division from which the
17 commissioner was elected, who ~~shall~~ will serve until the ~~following~~
18 next annual election; or

19 ~~(a)(1)(C)~~ (iii) fill the vacancy ~~through~~ during the next regular annual
20 election.

21 ~~(a)(2)~~ (B) If a lawyer vacancy on the Board is filled by either a special or
22 regular election, the Board may establish the term of the successor to be
23 ~~either~~ a one, two or full three-year term, provided that there would
24 be ~~not more than three but not fewer than two~~ only two or three
25 commissioners from the Third Division whose terms expire in any one

26 year and ~~not more than five but not fewer than four~~ only four or five Board
27 commissioners ~~on the Board~~ whose terms expire in any one year.

28 ~~(a)(3)(C)~~ A President's unexpired Commission term ~~shall~~ will be filled in
29 the regular election cycle immediately preceding the time he or she
30 succeeds to the office of President.

31 (b) Board's powers. The Board ~~is granted and~~ may exercise all powers necessary and
32 proper to carry out ~~the its~~ duties and responsibilities ~~of the Bar and the purposes of~~
33 ~~these rules~~ and ~~shall have~~ has all authority ~~which is~~ not specifically reserved to the
34 Supreme Court. The Court specifically reserves the authority to:

35 (1) approve Bar admission and licensure fees for attorneys and Licensed
36 Paralegal Practitioners;

37 (2) approve all rules and regulations ~~formulated by the Board~~ for admission,
38 licensure, professional conduct, client security fund, fee arbitration, ~~procedures~~
39 ~~of discipline and disability~~, legislative activities, unauthorized practice of law,
40 and Bar Examination review and appeals; and

41 (3) establish appropriate rules and regulations governing mandatory continuing
42 legal education.

43 (c) **Territorial divisions.** The First Division includes the First Judicial District ~~shall be~~
44 ~~known as the First Division~~; the Second Division includes the Second Judicial District
45 ~~shall be known as the Second Division~~; the Third Division includes the Third Judicial
46 District ~~shall be known as the Third Division~~; the Fourth Division includes the Fourth
47 Judicial District ~~shall be known as the Fourth Division~~; and the Fifth Division includes
48 the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Judicial Districts ~~shall be known as the Fifth~~
49 ~~Division~~.

50 (d) **Number of lawyer commissioners from each division.** Each division will
51 have ~~There shall be~~ one lawyer commissioner ~~member of the Board from each of the~~
52 ~~divisions~~, except the Third Division ~~from which there shall be~~ will have seven lawyer

53 commissioners. No more than one lawyer commissioner from any division except from
54 the Third Division, and no more than seven lawyer commissioners from the Third
55 Division, ~~shall~~ may serve on the Board at the same time.

56 (e) **Nomination and eligibility of lawyer commissioners.** To nominate a person for
57 commissioner for a particular division, a member's ~~Lawyers whose~~ business mailing
58 addresses on the Bar's records must be ~~of the Bar are within that a particular~~ division.
59 ~~shall alone have the right to nominate persons for the office of commissioner from that~~
60 ~~division.~~ To be eligible for the office of lawyer commissioner in a division, the
61 nominee's business mailing address on the Bar's records must be within that division.
62 ~~as shown by the records of the Bar.~~ Nomination to the office of commissioner ~~shall~~ must
63 be by written petition of at least ten 10 or more Bar members ~~of the Bar~~ in good
64 standing. Any number of candidates may be nominated on a single petition.
65 Nominating petitions ~~shall~~ will be provided to the executive director within a period ~~to~~
66 ~~be~~ fixed by the ~~rules made by the~~ Board's rules.

67 (f) **Commissioner Elections** ~~of commissioners.~~

68 (1) ~~The lawyers on the Board~~ Lawyer commissioners must ~~shall~~ be elected by ~~the~~
69 ~~vote of the~~ resident active Bar members ~~of the Bar~~ as follows:

70 (A) beginning ~~in the year~~ 1983 and every third year thereafter, one
71 member from the Second Division and two members from the Third
72 Division, ~~except that~~ but ~~in the year~~ 1983 only, there ~~shall~~ will be four
73 members elected from the Third Division;

74 (B) beginning ~~in the year~~ 1984 and every third year thereafter, one
75 member from the First Division and three members from the Third
76 Division; and

77 (C) beginning ~~in the year~~ 1985 and every third year thereafter, two
78 members from the Third Division and one each from the Fourth and Fifth
79 Divisions.

80 (2) The candidate from any division, and the two or three ~~or two~~ candidates from
81 the Third Division, receiving the greatest number of votes of that division ~~shall~~
82 will be the commissioner ~~from of~~ such division. ~~For the year 1983, the candidate~~
83 ~~from the Third Division receiving the fourth greatest number of votes shall be~~
84 ~~the commissioner for a two-year term.~~ A member ~~is limited to~~ may only ~~voteing~~
85 for commissioner candidates ~~for commissioner from the~~ in the division in which
86 ~~his or her~~ the member's business mailing address on the Bar's records is located,
87 ~~as shown by the records of the Bar.~~ The ballots ~~shall will~~ be returned to the Bar
88 offices in accordance with its rules. There ~~shall will~~ be an annual election by the
89 resident active ~~members of the~~ Bar members for the purpose of filling vacancies.
90 The Board ~~shall will~~ fix the time for holding the annual election and prescribe
91 such rules and regulations ~~in in regard thereto not in conflict with~~ accordance
92 with this chapter. The Board ~~shall must~~ ~~in accordance with its rules, give~~ mail
93 annual election notices ~~of the annual election by mail~~ at least 90 days ~~prior~~
94 ~~to before~~ the date on which ~~ballots will be counted~~ the election closes.

95 ~~(f)(3) Those persons holding office as commissioners at the time of the adoption~~
96 ~~of these rules or who were elected under the existing statute will continue in~~
97 ~~office for the period of time elected to serve.~~

98 (g) **President-elect's n** ~~Nomination and election of president-elect~~. The Board
99 ~~must shall~~ nominate at least one ~~two~~ active lawyers in good standing ~~on active status~~ to
100 run for the office of president-elect, to be elected by ~~the vote of~~ the active ~~members of~~
101 ~~the~~ Bar members. The president and the president-elect ~~shall will~~ hold office until their
102 successors are elected and seated. A secretary, and such other assistants as the Board
103 may require, may be selected from within or without the Board to hold office at the
104 pleasure of the Board and to be paid such compensation as the Board ~~shall~~ determines.

105 (h) **Board o** ~~Officers and organization of Board~~. The Board ~~shall be~~ is organized and
106 authorized to conduct business ~~by the seating of~~ through its elected commissioners, and
107 the Bar's a president and president-elect ~~of the Bar~~. The president-elect for the previous

108 year ~~shall~~will automatically succeed to the office of president. A president and a
109 president-elect who are not elected commissioners have the authority to vote on matters
110 brought before the Board. In the event of a tie vote, the matter at hand will~~shall~~ fail to
111 pass.

112 (i) **Annual and special meetings notice.** There ~~shall~~must be an annual meeting of the
113 Bar, presided over by the Bar president ~~of the Bar~~, open to all members in good
114 standing, and held at such time and place as the Board may designate, for ~~the~~
115 ~~discussion of the~~discussing Bar affairs ~~of the Bar~~ and the administration of justice.
116 Special Bar meetings ~~of the Bar~~ may be held at such times and places as the Board ~~may~~
117 designates. Notice of all meetings ~~shall~~must be published to the Bar's website~~given by~~
118 ~~mail to all members of the Bar~~ not fewer than 154 days ~~prior to~~before the date of such
119 meeting.

120 (j) **Bylaws.** The Board ~~shall have power to~~may adopt Bylaws, not ~~in~~conflicting with any
121 of these rules' terms ~~of these rules~~, concerning ~~the~~officer selection and tenure ~~of its~~
122 ~~officers~~, ~~the~~ creation of sections and committees and their powers and duties, and
123 generally for the control and regulation of the business of the Board and of the Bar.

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