

THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF)
AMENDMENTS TO THE WSBA BYLAWS)
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ORDER

NO. 25700-B- 716

The Washington Supreme Court has plenary authority over the practice of law in Washington. The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) serves under the delegated authority of the Court in regulating and administering licenses to practice law in Washington and effectuating other purposes and functions as set forth in General Rule (GR) 12 and 12.1 – 12.5. All amendments to the WSBA’s bylaws are subject to Supreme Court approval.

In an email dated August 5, 2024, the WSBA provided the Court proposed amendments to Article III and Article VI of the WSBA bylaws that were approved by the Board of Governors at its July 19, 2024, meeting. The amendments remove the resident agent requirement and references to the resident agent from the WSBA Bylaws.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

That the WSBA Bylaws Amendments to Article III and Article VI, as described above and as provided in the attached copy of the amendments, are approved by this Court and shall be given full force and effect.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 5th day of September, 2024.

Johnson, J.
madsen, J.
Stephens, J.

Carrátez, C.J.
Glenn McLeod, J.
Lu, J.
Montgomery, J.
Whitener, J.

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III. MEMBERSHIP

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C. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

1. All Bar members, including Judicial members who wish to preserve eligibility to transfer to another membership status upon leaving service as a judicial officer, must furnish the information below to the Bar:

- a. physical residence address;
- b. principal office address, telephone number, and email address;
- c. such other data as the BOG or Washington Supreme Court may from time to time require of each member

and must promptly advise the Executive Director in writing of any change in this information within 10 days of such change. Judicial members are not required to provide a physical residence address.

2. The Executive Director will keep records of all members of the Washington State Bar Association, including, but not limited to:

- a. physical residence address furnished by the member;
- b. principal office address, telephone number, and email address furnished by the member;
- c. date of admittance;
- d. type and status of membership;
- e. date of transfer(s) from one status to another, if any;
- f. date and period(s) of administrative suspensions, if any;

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1 g. date and period of disciplinary actions or sanctions, if any, including suspension,
2 disbarment, and revocation;

3 h. such other data as the BOG or Washington Supreme Court may from time to time
4 require of each member.

- 5 3. Any member who fails to provide the Bar with the information required to be provided
6 pursuant to these Bylaws, or to notify the Bar of any changes in such information within
7 10 days, will be subject to administrative suspension pursuant to these Bylaws and/or the
8 Admission and Practice Rules. Judicial members are exempt from suspension pursuant
9 to this provision while eligible for Judicial membership and serving as a judicial officer.
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11 J. SUSPENSION

12 1. – 2. [Unchanged.]

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14 3. Administrative Suspension

15 a. Administrative suspensions are neither interim nor disciplinary suspensions, nor are
16 they disciplinary sanctions. Except as otherwise provided in the APR and these
17 Bylaws, a member may be administratively suspended for the following reasons:

- 18 1) Nonpayment of license fees or late-payment fees;
19 2) Nonpayment of any mandatory assessment (including without limitation the
20 assessment for the Client Protection Fund);
21 3) Failure to file a trust account declaration;
22 4) Failure of a lawyer to file a professional liability insurance disclosure;
23 5) Failure of a LLLT or LPO to provide proof of financial responsibility;
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- 6) Failure to comply with mandatory continuing legal education requirements;
- 7) Nonpayment of child support;
- 8) Failure to provide current information required by APR 13 or to notify the Bar of a change of information required by APR 13 within 10 days after the change; and
- 9) For such other reasons as may be approved by the BOG and the Washington Supreme Court.

b. – d. [Unchanged.]

4. [Unchanged.]

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VI. ELECTIONS

C. ELECTION OF GOVERNORS

1. [Unchanged.]
2. Voting in the Election of Governors from Congressional Districts will be conducted in the following manner:
 - a. Eligibility to Vote. All Active members, as of March 1st of each year, are eligible to vote in the BOG election for their district, subject to the election schedule shown above. Active members residing in the State of Washington may only vote in the district in which they reside. Active members residing outside the State of Washington may only vote, if specifically designated to the Executive Director, within the district of their primary Washington practice.

b. – i. [Unchanged.]

3. – 4. [Unchanged.]