

Bylaws
of the
Family Law Section
of the
Maricopa County Bar Association

ARTICLE I

This organization shall be know as the “Family Law Section of the Maricopa County Bar Association”

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE OF THE SECTION

- a) To educate and inform the Section membership on legal and related topics of interest and concern to attorneys practicing family law.
- b) To provide an effective forum for the exchange of ideas, views and information common or unique to family law.
- c) To explore methods and procedures to facilitate and improve the relationship and communicate between the bench and bar.
- d) To represent and foster professionalism within the legal community and the community at large, and specifically, domestic relations practice. This may include proposals and support for legislation, Court rules and procedures and appropriate guidelines.
- e) To facilitate social relationships among Section members.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Any member in good standing of the Maricopa County Bar Association shall be eligible for membership in the section. The remaining sole prerequisite to membership shall be payment of dues imposed on Section members for the current fiscal year pursuant to ARTICLE IV, Section 2 of these bylaws. The foregoing qualifications

notwithstanding the section may from time to time by majority vote of the Board of Directors or a majority vote of the Section members present at a meeting duly called at which a quorum is present elect honorary members of the section.

ARTICLE IV

DUES

Section 1: FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of the section shall commence on January 1 and shall end on December 31. Section dues shall be payable in accordance with the bylaws of the Maricopa County Bar Association, as established from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Maricopa County Bar Association.

Section 2: MEMBERSHIP DUES. The dues for members shall be an amount suggested by the section and approved by the Board of Directors of the Maricopa County Bar Association.

Section 3: NON-PAYMENT OF DUES. The name of any member who has not paid his or her annual dues to this section by March 1 of the current fiscal year shall be stricken from the membership rolls of the section; provided, however, he or she may be reinstated at any time during the fiscal year upon payment of the entire amount of annual dues.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Sections shall be as follows: Chair; Vice-Chair, Secretary, up to ten (10) Director(s), and Past Chair. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Director(s) shall be elected in accordance with Article IX. The immediate outgoing Chair shall serve in the position of Past Chair. If the immediate outgoing Chair is not available to serve, the most recent prior Chair may serve.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: CHAIR. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and shall have such other executive powers and perform such other executive

Duties as are consistent with these Bylaws and with the Articles and Bylaws of the Maricopa County Bar Association.

Section 2: VICE-CHAIR. The Vice –Chair shall have all of the powers and authority and perform all of the functions and duties of the Chair in the Chair’s absence or the Chair’s inability for any reason to exercise such powers and functions or to perform such duties.

Section 3: SECRETARY. The Secretary shall be responsible for giving notice of each meeting of the Section and any other correspondence, records or notices as deemed necessary and ensuring that minutes are taken at meeting(s)..

Section 4: DIRECTOR. The Director(s) shall be responsible for assisting the Chair in implementing the goals of the Section. The section may elect up to ten (10) Directors.

Section 5: PAST CHAIR. The duty of the Past Chair shall be to provide leadership and guidance to the officers in elected positions. The position of Past Chair shall be a non-voting position, unless the vote of the Past Chair is needed to break a tie of the elected Board of Directors.

Section 6: MEETINGS. The Board of Directors may act at a meeting duly called or by poll of each member of the Board of Directors. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum to transact business. Meetings shall be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Board of Directors. A poll of the Board of Directors may be conducted at the meeting, by electronic mail, regular mail, or telephone.

Section 7: TERM. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Past Chair shall have a one-year term of office, commencing on the first day of January of each year and shall end on the last day of December of the same year. The Directors shall have a two-year term of office, commencing on the first day of January of each year and shall end on the last day of December of the next year. The terms of the Directors shall be staggered with five open positions in even years and five open positions in odd years.

Section 8: VACANCY. Whenever a vacancy on the Board of Directors occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise, the same may be filled by majority vote of the Section members present at a meeting duly called at which a quorum is present.

Section 9: REMOVAL. Any officer on the Board of Directors may be removed for cause by action of a majority vote of the Section members present at a meeting duly called at which a quorum is present.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1: STANDING COMMITTEES. There may be the following standing committees of the Section: Continuing Legal Education Committee, Legislation Committee, Public Education Committee, and Professionalism Committee. The Chair shall have the power to appoint standing committees. Each standing committee may have not less than one or more than ten members. The standing committee chairs shall be selected by the Chair. The standing committee members shall be selected by the respective standing committee chair and approved by the Chair.

Section 2: OTHER COMMITTEES. The Chair shall have the power to appoint such other committees as are necessary for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Section.

Section 3: TERM. The term of the committee chairs and the members shall run concurrently with the term of office of the Board of Directors of the Section.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1: MEETING. The Section shall hold regular meetings of its members at such dates, times and places as determined by the Chair.

Section 2: SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meeting of the members may be called by the Chair.

Section 3: NOTICES. Notice of the time, place and purpose of all meetings shall be given to all members of the Section at least five days prior thereto.

Section 4: QUORUM. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members.

Section 5: PROCEDURE. All meetings of the Section shall be conducted in accordance with rules of order established by the Chair.

ARTICLE IX

ELECTIONS

Section 1: NOMINATIONS. All members shall be notified of the opportunity to become applicants as a Director on the Board of Directors. All Directors shall be notified of the opportunity to become applicants for Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary. If there are open positions on the Board of Directors, members from the section will be given notice of the opportunity to become an applicant for specific open positions. Notice of the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors shall be provided on or before October 31 of the year preceding the term of office. All members interested in being considered for a Board position shall provide notice of their interest to the Section MCBA staff liaison, or other person so designated on or before the 15th of November of the year preceding the term desired.

Section 2: VOTING. The Board of Directors shall be elected by a plurality of votes of the Section members by written ballot mailed or emailed to the members. Alternatively, voting may be conducted at the annual meeting in the manner determined by the Chair. If the number of qualified nominees for the Board of Directors equals the number of positions available for election, no ballots shall be mailed or emailed, and the nominees shall be deemed elected.

ARTICLE X
AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Section members present at a meeting duly called at which a quorum is present or by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Directors polled pursuant to Article VI, Section 6 of these Bylaws.

The Maricopa County Bar Association Board of Directors shall have to power to reject, amend or approve all or any portion of the Bylaws. The Bylaws of the Section shall not be effective until approved by the Board of Directors.