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FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN CHAPTER

BYLAWS

As amended at the Annual Meeting June 24, 2010

ARTICLE I - NAME AND CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be known as the Eastern District of Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (the "Chapter"). The Constitution of the Federal Bar Association as it may be amended, from time to time, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference insofar as it may be applicable to the business of this Chapter. However, in the event of conflict, these Bylaws shall prevail over the Constitution of the Federal Bar Association.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

The objects of the Chapter shall be to further the objects of the Federal Bar Association as set forth in Article III of the Constitution:

- (a) to serve as the representative of the federal legal profession in the Eastern District of Michigan.
- (b) to promote the sound administration of justice.
- (c) to enhance the professional growth and development of members of the federal legal profession.
- (d) to promote high standards of professional competence and ethical conduct in the federal legal profession.
- (e) to promote the welfare of attorneys and judges employed by the government of the United States.
- (f) to provide meaningful services for the welfare and benefit of the members of the Association.
- (g) to provide quality education programs to the federal legal profession and the public.
- (h) to keep members informed of developments in their respective fields of interest.
- (i) to keep members informed of the affairs of the Association, to encourage their involvement in its activities, and to provide members opportunities to assume leadership roles.
- (j) to promote professional and social interaction among members of the federal



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legal profession.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active Membership:

Any person who possesses the qualifications for active membership in the Federal Bar Association as provided for in Section 1, Article IV of the Constitution of the Association and who resides, is employed, has an office or practices in the State of Michigan, shall be eligible for active membership in the Chapter.

Section 2. Honorary Membership:

Honorary members of the Chapter, as hereinafter provided, shall be exempt from payment of admission fees and annual Chapter dues, as well as national dues, but shall have full rights and privileges of membership.

(a) The Judges, Magistrate Judges, Bankruptcy Judges, the Clerk of Court of the Eastern District of Michigan and the Clerk of Court of the Bankruptcy Court of the Eastern District of Michigan shall be offered honorary membership in the Chapter; and

(b) Any other person eligible for honorary membership as provided for in Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution of the Association may be elected to honorary membership in the Chapter by two-thirds vote of the Chapter members present at any regularly called meeting.

Section 3. Application for Membership:

Application for membership in this Chapter shall be made on a form approved by the Chapter. Each application must be accompanied by the dues and admission fees required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association and the By-Laws of the Chapter.

Section 4. Voting:

Each active and honorary member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

Section 5. Quorum:

Five (5) percent of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for transaction a meeting of the members of this Chapter.

Section 6. Dues:

The Chapter's Treasurer shall collect annual dues in an amount set by the Officers with the advice and consent of a majority of the Chapter's Executive Board.



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ARTICLE IV – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall commence on August 1, and end on July 31 of the following year.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1. Composition:

The officers shall be elected from the membership of the Chapter and shall be as follows and in the order named:

1. President
2. President-Elect
3. Vice President
4. Secretary/Treasurer
5. ProgramChair
6. Immediate Past President of the Chapter

Section 2. Term of Office:

Each officer elected shall assume the duties of his/her office on June 1, shall hold office for one year and shall perform such duties as designated by the Executive Board. No member serving in the capacity of President or Vice President shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself in the respective office. The outgoing President shall remain a member of the Executive Board for a period of one year following the expiration of his or her term of office as President.

Section 3. Executive Board:

The Executive Board shall consist of the said elected officers, the immediate past President of the Chapter, and twenty-one (21) Executive Board Members who shall be elected at large from the membership of the Chapter. The Executive Board members shall be elected to staggered terms of three years, with seven (7) members being elected each year.

Section 4. Nominations:

The Nominating Committee consisting of the President, President-Elect and past Presidents of the Chapter and such other members as designated by the President Elect, shall nominate at least one candidate for each upcoming vacant office and present such slate of candidates in writing to the general membership at the annual meeting. In addition to those nominations proposed by the nominating committee, any member may nominate candidates for the elected offices of the Chapter at the annual meeting.



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Section 5. Elections:

The election of officers for all elective offices shall be by secret ballot or by voice vote. The election shall be held during the annual meeting. The officers elected shall commence their term of office on June 1 of each year and shall hold office for one year ending May 31.

Section 6. Removal from Office:

An officer or board member may be removed from office for delinquency in attendance, inefficiency, neglect of duty, or for other good causes in the manner prescribed in the Constitution of the Federal Bar Association.

Section 7. Vacancies in Office:

In case of death, resignation or removal of the President, the President-Elect shall succeed to office. In case of the death, resignation or removal of any other officer or board member, the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting of the membership of the Chapter shall be held in the Spring of each year.

Section 2. Additional or Special Meetings:

Additional meetings may be held at such day, hour and place as the President may designate. Special meetings shall be held as called by the President or a number of members equal to a quorum as provided by Article III, Section 5 hereof at a time and place designated by the calling party.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings:

Notice of the time, date and place of all meetings shall be mailed or otherwise given by the Secretary to each member in good standing at least five days prior to such meeting, unless the nature of the meeting is such that shorter notice cannot be avoided. If a special meeting, the notice shall specify the character of the business to be presented; no other business shall be conducted.

Section 4. Rules of Order:

The rules of order shall consist of (in the order stated):

- (a) The Constitution and Bylaws of the Federal Bar Association and this Chapter;
- (b) Standing Resolutions of the membership; and



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(c) Robert's Rule of Order, Revised.

Section 5. Amendment:

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or replaced and new Bylaws adopted by a majority of the members of this Chapter at an annual meeting if a quorum is present and ten days prior written notice of the purpose has been given to all members or at a special meeting upon the same conditions.

ARTICLE VII - INDEMNIFICATION

The Chapter shall indemnify any person who is or was an officer or board member of the Chapter to the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of Michigan as in effect from time to time, and, upon resolution of the Executive Board of the Chapter, the Chapter may indemnify such other persons as designated from time to time by the Executive Board to the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of Michigan as in effect from time to time.