

**Family Lawyers for Good Judges
A Political Action Committee
Bylaws**

**ARTICLE I
Name and Jurisdiction**

SECTION 1. The name of this Political Action Committee ("PAC") shall be "Family Lawyers for Good Judges"

SECTION 2. The purpose of this PAC shall be to promote the appointment and/or election of qualified, skilled and knowledgeable jurists who will further fairness, promote efficiency and maintain ethical standards expected and deserving of the voting public, lawyers practicing in family and protective order courts and the litigants entrusting their families to this extremely important judiciary.

**ARTICLE II
Membership and Dues**

SECTION 1. Any lawyer whose practice is more than 50% in the area of family law and who is in good standing with the State Bar of Texas, upon request to the Secretary of this PAC, and upon payment of the dues for the current year, shall be enrolled as a member of this PAC. Members so enrolled whose dues are paid shall constitute the membership of this PAC.

SECTION 2. Each member of the PAC shall pay biannual PAC dues as set out below. After the initial payment of a member's dues, subsequent dues shall be payable in advance on July 1 of each even numbered year. Any member of this PAC whose biannual dues shall be more than six months past due shall thereupon cease to be a member of this PAC. Anyone becoming a new member after April 1 of any year shall, upon payment of one full year's dues, be credited as paid through June 30 of the following year.

SECTION 3. The annual PAC dues may be changed only upon a 2/3rds vote of the Board.

SECTION 4. Levels of Membership: There are two levels of membership as follows:

Associates: These are attorneys who desire to donate to the PAC rather than any individual candidate for office. Each associate shall pay \$250.00 every July 1 of any even-numbered year. Associates shall be entitled to notice of and can participate in

PAC events, excluding board meetings and will receive a 25% discount on PAC sponsored CLE. Associates must certify that their practice consists of a minimum of 50% in family law.

Members: These are attorneys who desire to donate to the PAC rather than any individual candidate for office and are willing to sign a pledge certifying they will not contribute to any judicial campaign for a family law or protective order bench. This level of member shall pay \$2,500.00 July 1 of every even-numbered year. Members shall receive one vote each for the election of board members, notice of and participation in PAC events, including board meetings, and will receive free PAC sponsored CLE. Members must certify that their practice consists of a minimum of 75% in family law.

ARTICLE III Officers and Board

SECTION 1. The officers of this PAC shall be a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary, Technology Chair, Ethics Chair and a Treasurer.

SECTION 2. There shall be a Board, which shall consist of the six (6) officers named herein above, to be elected by the PAC as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3. All board members shall be nominated and elected, in the manner hereinafter provided, at the meeting of this PAC to be held on every year, to hold office for a two year term beginning at the close of the meeting at which they shall have been elected and ending at the close of the next meeting of this PAC immediately prior to the expiration of that board member's term and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. President, President Elect and Secretary shall be elected at the annual meeting in even numbered years; Technology Chair, Ethics Chair, and Treasurer shall be shall be elected at the annual meeting in odd numbered years and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. No Officer shall succeed his/herself for consecutive terms as President, except as provided in Article IV, PAC 3. The President-Elect shall automatically become the President of the PAC at the close of the next succeeding annual meeting in even numbered years of the PAC following the meeting at which he/she shall have been elected President-Elect. .

SECTION 4. At the meeting of the PAC at which these by-laws are adopted, six (6) members of the Board shall be nominated and elected to serve a two year term.

SECTION 5. Members shall be eligible for election as board members, but no member shall be eligible for re-election to the Board until one term shall have elapsed subsequent to the expiration of his/her term of office. No board member shall be eligible for re-election to his/her same office until one term shall have elapsed subsequent to the expiration of his/her term of office

SECTION 6. If any elected member of the Board shall fail to attend two (2) successive meetings of the Board without notice to any other Board-member, the office held by such member may be vacated by the Board, and the Board shall proceed to fill the vacancy by majority vote forthwith for the unexpired term; provided, however, that upon good cause shown by the defaulting member in the judgment and discretion of the Board, and upon such member's written request directed to the Chairperson of the Board, the Board may by a majority vote, elect to excuse such member's default and reinstate such member for the balance of the elective term to which he/she was originally elected.

SECTION 7. The initial members of the board are:

Marcia Zimmerman	President
Kimberly D. Levi	President-Elect
Maisie A. Barringer	Treasurer
Christina Tillinger	Secretary
Bill De La Garza	Ethics Chair
Shari Goldsberry	Technology Chair

ARTICLE IV
Nomination and Election of Officers
and Members of the Board

SECTION 1. Before the annual meeting the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three members of the PAC, of whom not more than one may be a member of the Board. The Nominating Committee shall make and report to the PAC, at the annual meeting, nominations for President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Ethics Chair and Technology Chair for terms then expiring and to fill any Board vacancies then existing.

SECTION 2. Two members of the Nominating Committee shall constitute at quorum, and if less than a quorum is present, the President of the PAC shall

appoint new members sufficient to constitute a quorum. Other nominations may be made from the floor of the annual meeting of the PAC, unless the election shall be conducted by mail.

SECTION 3. All elections shall be by majority vote of those members present and voting by written ballot (unless otherwise ordered by resolution duly adopted by the PAC) at the meeting at which the election is held, and all elections shall be held at the meetings occurring on every even numbered year. Provided, however, the Board may upon resolution timely adopted, cause such election to be conducted by mail ballot, with such ballots to be mailed to members listed upon, and at the addresses indicated upon, the Secretary's last member roll prior to such mailing of ballots. Such mailing, if any, shall occur at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting and the results shall be announced by the Board at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V

Duties of the Officers

SECTION 1. President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the PAC and of the Board. The President shall formulate and present at each meeting of the PAC a report of work of the PAC for the then past two years. The President shall perform such other duties and acts as usually pertain to his/her office and as may be reasonably necessary to discharge his/her other duties hereunder.

SECTION 2. President-Elect: Upon the death, resignation or during the disability of the President, or upon his/her absence or refusal to act, the President-Elect, if one has been elected, shall perform the duties of the President, unless and until the Board shall have designated another person as President. The President-elect shall perform such duties only during so much of the term as the absence or disability of the President continues. In addition the President-elect shall perform such duties as the President shall delegate to him/her.

SECTION 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall be the custodian of all books, papers, documents, and other property of the PAC. The Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the PAC and of the Council, whether assembled or acting under submission. The Secretary, in conjunction with the President, as authorized by the Board, shall attend generally to the business of the PAC.

SECTION 4. Treasurer: Responsibility for fiscal matters is hereby vested in the Treasurer who shall diligently handle the funds of the PAC and its finances. The

Treasurer shall render an accounting at such times as the Board in its discretion may direct. The Treasurer shall approve all disbursements of funds of the PAC. Furthermore, the Treasurer shall file all reports necessary to comply with the Texas Ethics Commission.

SECTION 5. Ethics Chairperson: The Ethics Chairperson shall be responsible for ensuring the PAC complies with all rules and regulations promulgated by the Texas Ethics Commission and Internal Revenue Service.

SECTION 6. Technology Chairperson: The Technology Chairperson shall be responsible for maintaining the PAC website and all social media for the PAC.

ARTICLE VI Duties and Powers of the Board

SECTION 1. The Board shall have the general supervision and control of the affairs of the PAC subject to the provisions of the By-Laws of this PAC. During the interval between meetings of the PAC, the Board shall have full authority to act for the PAC in any way in which the PAC itself would be authorized to act, and any such action taken by the Board pursuant to this provision shall be reported to the members of the PAC at the next meeting of the PAC. The Board shall especially authorize all commitments or contracts which shall entail the benefit of the PAC. It shall not, however, authorize commitments or contracts which shall entail the payment of more money during any fiscal year than the amount reasonably anticipated to be available to the PAC for such fiscal year.

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the PAC may be called by the President upon approval of a majority of the Board, at such time and place as the Board may determine.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall give written notice to all of the members of the PAC of such annual, special and/or seminar meeting of the PAC, such notice to be given a reasonable time in advance of the meeting unless otherwise herein provided. The members of the PAC present at any meeting of the PAC shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 4. All binding action of the PAC shall be by a majority vote of members present.

SECTION 5. Seminars and institutes may be held at such times and places as the Board may determine.

SECTION 6. Meetings of the Board may be held by conference telephone call, or any other means of remote communication wherein the participating members may hear and or see each other simultaneously, provided that at least 24 hours prior notice has been given to each Board member by telephone or otherwise. The action of a majority of a quorum participating in such telephone or remote communication meeting shall be binding and shall be recorded in the minutes of the PAC by the Secretary, or such other participating Board member designated by the Chairperson, or his/her substitute.

ARTICLE VIII
Miscellaneous Provisions

SECTION 1. The fiscal year of the PAC shall be the same as that of the calendar year.

SECTION 2. No debts or liabilities shall be paid to any officer or member of the Board, unless they are being reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of the PAC.

SECTION 3. No salary or compensation shall be paid to any officer or member of the Board.

SECTION 4. These By-Laws shall become effective upon approval thereof by the Board of Directors of the Family Lawyers for Good Judges PAC.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the PAC by a majority vote of the members of the PAC present and voting, provided that such proposed amendment shall first have been approved by a majority of the Board.

Approved and adopted this 17th day of August, 2014.

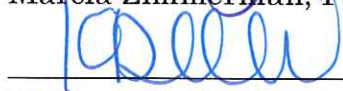


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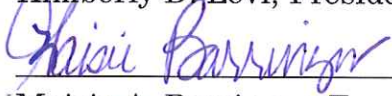
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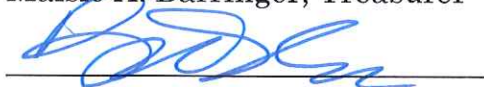
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