

Bylaws
SENIOR LAWYERS AND JUDGES SECTION

As amended through ____ 2024.

Article I
General Provisions

§ 1.1. Name

This Section shall be known as the "Senior Lawyers and Judges Section" (the "Section"), a section of the Hennepin County Bar Association (HCBA), Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA), and Ramsey County Bar Association (RCBA) collectively, the "Associations", until such time that the Section membership recommends a different name and said recommendation is approved by the Association's Board of Directors.

§ 1.2. Purpose

The purpose of the Section shall be to further the Association's purpose and goals, including:

Service to the community and the legal profession by utilizing the extensive knowledge, experience, and wisdom of Section members to guide and serve for the common good;

Represent senior lawyers and judges in the Association and represent the Association to them;

Help shape the policies and priorities that affect senior lawyers and judges and the legal culture in which they function; and

Create a deliberative forum for the exchange and expression of senior lawyers' and judges' views and a voice to advocate those views.

§ 1.3. Status

- (a) The Section is a constituent of the Associations and the articles and bylaws (and action taken under their authority) of the Associations control and supersede these Bylaws and action taken under their authority. These Bylaws incorporate those articles and bylaws, including the meaning of terms therein.
- (b) The Section cannot act on the Association's behalf except as the Association's bylaws or its Board of Directors authorizes.

§ 1.4. Authority

- (a) These Bylaws and action taken under their authority are the basis for the conduct of all business in the Section.
- (b) The Section may make rules or adopt policies and procedures that supplement these Bylaws.
- (c) The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Section in every case to which they apply and in which they are consistent with these Bylaws and action taken under their authority.

Article II
Membership

§ 2.1. Senior Lawyers and Judges Defined

A "senior lawyer or judge" means a lawyer who has been admitted to practice before the Minnesota Supreme Court for 37 years or more or are over 62 years old. All Section members are entitled to receive the benefits extended by the Section.

§ 2.2. Composition

- (a) The Section consists of senior lawyers and judges who are members of the Associations and are auto-enrolled in the Section.

§ 2.3. Rights

Each member shall enjoy the following rights, the enumeration of which does not exclude any other right that a member may enjoy:

- (a) Any member may participate in any meeting, event, activity, or program that the Section sponsors.
- (b) Any document or record produced by the Section (including the Executive Committee, any subcommittee, officer, delegate, liaison, and other agent) is a matter of public record and shall be available to any member.

**Article III
Officers**

§ 3.1. Election

The Section membership shall elect the following as Officers: Chair or Co-Chairs as appropriate; Vice Chair; Secretary, and Program Committee Chair. By default, the Section Chair will represent the Section to the Associations unless another officer is designated to fill the position.

§ 3.2. Authority

The Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee for the Section. All resolutions and other formal acts of the Section shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

**Article IV
Committees**

§ 4.1. Appointment

The Section Chair and the Program Committee Chair shall collaborate to appoint such Committees as may be necessary to carry out the work of the Section.

**Article V
Election of Officers**

§ 5.1. Timing

The Officers shall be elected by and from the members of the Section at the last Section meeting in the spring of each year, and they shall take office on the following July 1 and hold office for one (1) year and until their successors are elected and take office.

**Article VI
Duties of Officers**

§ 6.1. Chair/Co-Chairs

The Chair or Co-Chairs shall preside at all Section meetings and shall formulate and present an annual report to the Associations. The Chair shall be entitled to represent the Section to the Associations and shall perform such other duties and acts as usually pertain to the office. In the absence of an elected Secretary, another elected Officer shall be responsible for the execution of the Secretary's duties.

§ 6.2. Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section in the absence of the Chair or Co-chairs and shall perform such other duties and acts as usually pertain to the office.

§ 6.3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep all minutes of meetings and other pertinent Section records and shall make the meeting minutes available to all Section members no later than the date of the next meeting.

§ 6.4. Program Committee Chair

The Program Committee Chair shall develop, organize, and oversee the Committees as appointed in collaboration with the Section Chair or Co-Chairs

**Article VII
Duties of Executive Committee**

§ 7.1. Authority

The Executive Committee shall have full power and authority in the interval between Section meetings to do all acts and perform all functions that the Section itself might perform, except that it shall have no power to amend these Bylaws.

**Article VIII
Meetings**

§ 8.1. Timing

Meetings of the Section shall be held at regular intervals, at such places and on such days as shall be designated by the Executive Committee.

§ 8.2. Notice

Notice of scheduled meetings shall be provided to all Section members no less than one (1) week in advance.

§ 8.3. Quorum

All members of the Section present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All binding actions of the Section shall be by a majority vote of the members present.

**Article IX
Miscellaneous**

§ 9.1. Bylaws

These Bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the Executive Committee and with the authority of the HCBA Board of Directors, the MSBA Council, and the RCBA Board of Directors.

§ 9.2. Section Action

These Bylaws shall become effective upon approval by the members of the Section present at any regular meeting and after approval by or with the authority of the HCBA Board of Directors, the MSBA Council, and the RCBA Board of Directors.

No action of this Section, or of any committee of the Section, shall be promulgated or publicized in any way as an action of the MSBA, HCBA or RCBA without first obtaining the approval of the governing body of the relevant Association.

The Section shall not represent any of the Associations before the Legislature, in any court, or before any other governmental body, unless authorized to do so by the appropriate governing body of the relevant Association.

The Section shall not publicly advocate in the name of the Section any recommendations to any body other than the Associations unless it is authorized to do so by the appropriate governing body of the relevant Association.

Article X Amendment of Bylaws

§ 10.1. By Section

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Section by a majority of the members present, provided written notice of the proposed changes has been given to the membership five (5) days in advance of the meeting, together with a notice of the meeting at which such amendment is to be considered. Such amendment shall not be effective until approved by the members or with the authority of the HCBA, the MSBA, and the RCBA.

Article XI Dissolution

§ 11.1. Succession

The Association shall succeed the Section in case of dissolution.