

The Mississippi Bar  
Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

The following amendments are proposed to change the current Ad Hoc Committees to Standing Committees: Access to Justice Committee, Diversity Committee, Fee Dispute Resolution Committee, Memorial Committee, and Professionalism Committee; and to then correct the numbering of the existing Bylaws with these additions.

ARTICLE NINE

**Standing Committees**

**9-8. Access to Justice Committee.** (Fifteen members on three-year terms, three from each district as provided in Article 6-1 of the Bylaws and six members from the state at large). The Access to Justice Committee shall promote the objectives of the Bar within the area of delivery of legal services and work closely with the Supreme Court's Access to Justice Commission in its endeavors and activities, help build awareness among Bar members regarding the justice gap and implications for the profession, support opportunities to participate in access to justice initiatives, collaborate with the judiciary to improve the administration of justice, and lead innovative efforts to address gaps in legal services.

**9-119. Bench-Bar Liaison Committee.**

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**9-810. Budget and Finance Committee.**

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**9-911. Clients' Security Fund Committee.**

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**9-1012. Committee on Professional Responsibility.**

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**9-13. Diversity Committee.** (Fifteen members on three-year terms, three from each district as provided in Article 6-1 of the Bylaws and six members from the state at large). The Diversity Committee shall coordinate efforts to support the Bar's goal of fostering diversity and inclusion among members of the Bar community.

**9-1214. Ethics Committee.**

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**9-15. Fee Dispute Resolution Committee.** (Ten to twenty members, one-year term. Members must have practiced law for at least five years and be on the list of Mediators of the Court Annexed Mediation Program as authorized by the Supreme Court of Mississippi). The Fee Dispute Resolution Committee shall administer The Mississippi Bar fee arbitration program in accordance with Rules of Procedure of the Resolution of Fee Dispute Committee as adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

**9-1316. Lawyers and Judges Assistance Committee.**

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**9-17. Memorial Committee.** (Three to five members, one year term.) The Memorial Committee shall conduct the annual Memorial Service for deceased members of the Bar.

**9-1718. Mississippi Lawyer Editorial Review Committee.**

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**9-19. Professionalism Committee.** (Fifteen to twenty members, one-year term). The Professionalism Committee shall monitor and study developments in the area of professionalism and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding programs to improve client/attorney relations and the image of the profession, the sense of community and pride in the profession among lawyers to foster greater civility, and the quality of life of lawyers as they relate to professionalism.

**9-1420. Resolutions Committee.**

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**9-1521. Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee.**

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**9-1622. Women in the Profession Committee.**

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