

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
JO DAVIESS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
AS ADOPTED FEBRUARY 6, 1879

ARTICLE 1

This Association shall be called the Jo Daviess County Bar Association.

ARTICLE 2

The Association is formed to cultivate the science of juris prudence to promote reform in the law, to facilitate the administration of justice, to elevate the standard of integrity honor and courtesy in the legal profession, to encourage a thorough and liberal education and to cherish a spirit of brotherhood among the members thereof.

ARTICLE 3

Any member of the legal profession in good standing, residing and practicing law in the County of Jo Daviess and State of Illinois, may become a member by vote of the Association, or open notification after a favorable report from the committee on admissions, and be subscribing to the Constitution, and within the period limited by the by-laws paying the admission fee and annual dues of the current year.

ARTICLE 4

The Offices of the Association shall be a president, a vice president, recording secretary, correspondence secretary and treasurer. An executive committee and committee on admissions, all of whom shall be elected at the meeting, at which this Constitution is adopted, and hold their office until the next annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 5

The President, or in his absence, the Vice President, or in the absence of all of them, one of the members shall preside at all meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE 6

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association, and discharge such other duties as shall be required of him by the Association.

ARTICLE 7

The Corresponding Secretary shall, with the concurrence of the President, conduct the correspondence of the Association.

ARTICLE 8

The Treasurer shall collect and by order of the executive committee disburse the moneys of the Association, and discharge such other duties as shall be required of him by the Association.

ARTICLE 9

The Executive Committee shall consist of three members and shall manage the affairs of the Association, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws. This Committee shall have power to hear and determine all charges or complaints referred to the Committee by a vote of the Association, the decision to be subject to an appeal to the Association. This Committee shall also receive all complaints which may be made in matters affecting the interests of the legal profession within Jo Daviess County. The practice of the law and the administration of justice, and report the same to the Association with such recommendations as the Committee may deem advisable.

ARTICLE 10

The Committee on admissions shall consist of three members. The proceedings of this Committee shall be deemed confidential and shall be kept secret, except so far as reports shall be made to the Association.

ARTICLE 11

The Association may provide in its by-laws for other standing committees, and as matters shall be referred to a special committee which is relevant to the functions of any standing committee.

ARTICLE 12

There shall be an annual meeting of the Association held on the second Monday in December in each year. Special meetings may be called at any time by the executive committee or by the President and Recording Secretary. At every meeting of the Association the presence of a majority of the members of the Association shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 13

The admission fee shall be one dollar, to be paid on signing the constitution. The annual dues of the members shall be one dollar, and shall be payable yearly or before the first day of May in each year.

ARTICLE 14

Any member may be suspended or expelled for misconduct in his relations to the Association or in his profession. After conviction thereof by such method of procedure as may be prescribed by the by-laws and all interests in the property of the Association of persons ceasing to be members by expulsion, resignation, removal or otherwise shall thereupon vest absolutely in the Association.

ARTICLE 15

At the annual meeting on the second Monday in December, 1879, and at each annual meeting thereafter, there shall be elected by ballot the officers of the Association for the year next issuing and they shall hold their offices until the election of their successors. In case of a vacancy in any office it shall be filled by an election to fill the vacancy at a special meeting.

ARTICLE 17

This Constitution shall go into effect immediately. It can be amended only by a two thirds vote of the members present at an annual meeting of the Association.