

By-Laws of the Conference of County Bar Leaders of the Pennsylvania Bar Association

Article 1 - Name

The name of the organization shall be the Conference of County Bar Leaders (CCBL) of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA).

Article 2 - Objects and Purposes

The objects and purposes for which the Conference is established are:

- a. To establish a closer relationship between the county Bar Associations in Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the American Bar Association;
- b. To provide a forum for the mutual interchange of ideas among Bar Associations;
- c. To provide training, guidance, resources and assistance to local Bar Associations and their leaders;
- d. To stimulate the work of the Bar Associations generally; and
- e. To promote the standing of the legal profession and the Courts, improve the administration of justice, and improve the economic standing of the legal profession.

Article 3 – Membership

Membership shall consist of all current County Bar officers, County Bar Association Young Lawyer chairs, members of the PBA Board of Directors and/or the PBA Board of Governors, and members of the Executive Committee of the County Bar Associations in Pennsylvania, who, are members of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and a county bar association. Membership shall also consist of all conference registrants who are members in good standing of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and a County Bar Association or a member in good standing of the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives.

Article 4 – Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of: a) 8 At-large members, b) One Pennsylvania Bar Executive representative (PABE), c) one young lawyer representative (YLD) and d) one diversity representative.

The 8 At-large committee members shall include 4 officers, 3 committee members and 1 immediate past-president.

The Young Lawyers Representative to the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be solicited by the Nominating Committee from the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, as well as, from the Presidents and Bar Executives, where applicable, of the county bar associations. All such Young Lawyer nominees shall meet the age and practice year's criteria as established in the bylaws of the Young Lawyer Division. The Diversity representative shall be solicited by the Nominating Committee from the Minority Bar Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar

Association, as well as, from the Presidents and Bar Executives, where applicable, of the county bar associations. All such Diversity nominees shall meet the membership criteria of Minority Bar Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. The PABE representative shall be appointed by the PABE President.

Article 5 - Officers

The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall be At-large members or Diversity members selected on a seniority basis.

Article 6 - Nominations

The President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three members of the Executive Committee at least 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Conference. The Nominating Committee shall submit a report at the Annual Meeting. Nominations shall be limited to one new At-large committee member and the Diversity member at the expiration of that term.

All candidates for consideration as At-large committee members shall have served as a President of a County Bar Association.

All candidates for consideration as the Diversity member shall have served as an officer of a County Bar Association or the PBA.

All candidates for consideration shall be solicited by the President of the Conference of County Bar Leaders of the Presidents of the County Bar Associations. All candidates for consideration shall submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Nominating Committee or its designee.

Nominations of qualified candidates may also be made from the floor prior to the election.

In the event that no qualified candidate is nominated for either the At-large committee member position or the Diversity member position, those positions may be filled by a majority vote of the executive committee.

Article 7 - Terms

All At -large and Diversity committee members shall serve an 8 year term commencing with the election of the new Executive Committee member in 2009. No member shall serve more than one term.

All PABE and YLD members shall serve a two year term. No representative shall serve more than one term.

Article 8 – Committees

The President may appoint such committees as he deems necessary, and define their duties.

The Executive Committee shall transact any business and conduct the affairs of the conference between meetings.

Article 9 – Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Seminar of the Conference at a time and place selected by the Executive Committee of the Conference. Other meetings of the Conference may be held at the call of the President.

Any matter of interest to the membership shall be addressed at the Annual Meeting if submitted in writing to the President at least 5 days prior to the commencement of the annual seminar.

Article 10 – Voting

All members in attendance at the conference shall be eligible to vote in the election of the At-large member.

All matters before the Executive Committee shall be decided by the majority vote of the committee.

Article 11 – Vacancies

A vacancy occurring in any office by virtue of death, incapacity or resignation may be filled by the President, subject to the approval of the majority of the Executive Committee.

Article 12 – Amendments

Amendments to these By-Laws shall be by a majority vote of the Conference at the Annual Seminar. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws shall be posted on the PBA website at least 30 days prior to the start of the Annual seminar.