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 as 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:

a. All current county bar officers and bounty bar association young lawyer chairs;

b. Members of the PBA Board of Governors;

c. Members of the executive committees of the county bar associations in Pennsylvania, who are also members of the Pennsylvania Bar Association;

d. All conference registrants who attend the annual meeting and are members in good standing of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and a county bar association; and

e. Members in good standing of the Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives (PABE).

Article 4 – Executive Committee of the Conference of County Bar Leaders

The Executive Committee of the Conference of County Bar Leaders, referred to herein as the ‘Executive Committee’ shall consist of:

a. Nine at-large members [one of whom shall also be a diversity member];
b. One Pennsylvania Association of Bar Executives representative;

c. One Young Lawyer representative.

Article 5-Selection of the Executive Committee

a. As the nine ‘at-large’ members of the Executive Committee roll off, the members of the Executive Committee shall select a replacement for the member that rolls off. If the member rolling off is the diversity member, the replacement for that member shall also be a diversity member. [The designation of an “at-large” member as a ‘diversity member’ does not preclude the election or appointment of a minority attorney to fill any of the other eight at-large positions provided the individual meets the qualification of being a past county bar president.]

b. The young lawyer representative to the Executive Committee shall be selected by the Executive Committee. Candidates for this position shall be solicited from the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, as well as from presidents and bar executives of the county bar associations. All such young lawyer nominees shall meet the age and practice years criteria as established in the by-laws of the Young Lawyers Division.

c. The diversity representative shall be selected by the Executive Committee. Candidates for this position shall be solicited from the Minority Bar Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, as well as from presidents and bar executives of the county bar associations. All such diversity nominees shall meet the membership criteria of the Minority Bar Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

d. The PABE representative shall be appointed by the PABE President.

Article 6 – Nomination Criteria

a. All candidates for the eight at-large membership positions not specifically designated as the ‘diversity member position’ shall have served as a president of a county bar association. In selecting all at-large committee members, the Executive Committee shall take into account the regional representation of the Executive Committee, the sexual representation of the Executive Committee and the racial diversity of the Executive Committee. In no event shall two or more at-large members of the Executive Committee be from the same county. [This provision does not apply to the Young Lawyer or PABE representative positions.]

b. All candidates for consideration as the diversity at-large member shall have served as a member of a board of a county bar association, or chair or officer of a committee or section of a county bar association, or chair of a committee or section of the PBA or other leadership positions within the PBA or within a county bar association (which may be demonstrated by active participation as a member of a committee).

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c. All candidates for consideration shall submit a letter of interest and a resume to the nominating committee or its designee.

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

e. In the event that no qualified candidate is nominated for the at-large committee member position, that position may be filled by a majority vote of the executive committee.

Article 7 – Officers

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

b. The President or his or her designee shall serve on the PBA Nominating Committee.

Article 8 – Terms

a. All at-large members shall serve an 8-year term. No at-large member shall serve more than one term.*

b. All PABE and Young Lawyer members shall serve a two-year term.

* Serving as a “Young Lawyer” member of the Executive Committee for a two-year term shall not preclude that member from later serving as one of the “at-large” members.

Article 9 – Committees

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

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

Article 10 – Meetings

a. 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.

b. 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 11 – Voting

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

b. All matters before the Executive Committee shall be decided by the majority vote of the committee in attendance at a vote. Voting by proxy is allowed at the discretion of the President with advance notice to the members.

Article 12 – Vacancies

A vacancy on the Executive Committee occurring by virtue of death, incapacity or resignation may be filled by the President, subject to the approval of the majority of the Executive Committee. In all events of a vacancy, the remaining members At-large shall advance in seniority to fill the vacancy and the replacement member shall start his or her term with a full 8 years of service to complete.

Article 13 – Amendments

Amendments to these by-laws, once approved by the Executive Committee, 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.