

BYLAWS
Of the
LUBBOCK CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

As Amended March 26, 1987
As Amended May 19, 1988
As Amended May 18, 1989;
As Amended May 2009; and,
As Amended April 2013
[As Amended April 2015](#)
[As Amended October 2015](#)

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the Lubbock Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The purposes of the Association shall be to: encourage cooperation among lawyers on a local basis to achieve the purposes of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; sponsor educational programs and seminars on a local basis that do not conflict with the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; receive reports on legislation on the State level involving criminal law and promote legislation in furtherance of justice and the common good in criminal law; promote local court rules and procedures in furtherance of the common good; promote relations with local judicial and law enforcement officers; maintain a local appellate brief “bank”; and otherwise further the common goals, interests, and education of the criminal defense bar of Lubbock County.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Qualifications for membership shall be:

- (1) Licensed in good standing in the Supreme Court of the State of Texas; and

(2) Residency or office in Lubbock County or counties that is entirely or partially located within a seventy-five (75) mile radius of Lubbock, Texas.

Section 2. Any member meeting the above qualifications and current on payment of dues shall be entitled to vote in the Association.

Section 3. Student membership may be extended to students in good standing of an accredited law school, whose dues shall be \$10.00 per year.

Section 4. Associate membership may be extended to any licensed attorney in good standing in the Supreme Court of Texas, whose dues shall be the same as a regular member.

Section 5. Affiliate membership may be extended to a person active in a field which contributes regularly to the defense of criminal cases and the goals of the Association, upon endorsement of a member in good standing and upon approval by the Board of Directors. Examples of affiliate members include full-time professors of law or criminal justice, legal assistants, paralegals and other support staff persons working for regular members, trial/jury consultants, investigators, technical experts, law librarians, and out-of-state lawyers. Dues for affiliate members shall be \$100 per year. Affiliate members shall have no voting rights and shall not hold office in the Association.

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ARTICLE IV

Section 1. Dues shall be \$50.00 per year for those members licensed ten (10) years or more. Dues shall be \$25.00 per year for those members licensed less than ten (10) years.

Section 2. Annual dues shall be paid on or before the 1st of March each year. The calendar year shall be March 1st to February 28th (or 29th) of each year.

Section 3.

(a) Administrative cost shall be paid by the ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer upon submission to and approval of the Board of Directors.

(b) Any funds collected over and above regular dues shall be expended only for the purposes for which they were collected, pursuant to the same procedure in Section 3(a).

ARTICLE V
MEETINGS

Section 1. Monthly meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at a time and place to be designated by the President.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Notice of meetings shall be given in writing or electronically at least one week in advance by any member of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. QUORUM—Those members present at any monthly meeting or special meeting shall constitute a quorum of the Association for the purposes of the transaction of business except that a quorum for a vote regarding local court rules and procedures shall consist of one-half of the members in good standing of the Association.

ARTICLE VI
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. Officers: The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer, ~~Secretary~~, ~~Vice-President in Charge of Membership~~, Vice-President in Charge of Education, Vice-President in Charge of Courthouse Liaison and three Directors at Large.

Section 2. The President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, ~~Treasurer~~, ~~Treasurer~~, and Directors shall form the Board of Directors, which shall manage the day-to-day affairs of the Association and shall be authorized to act in emergencies by a majority vote of the Board of Directors on matters in furtherance of the Association, except that no pronouncement of action shall be taken by the Board of Directors regarding local rules and procedures until voted by the Association at a monthly or special meeting.

Section 3. Duties:

(1) The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association, and it shall be his responsibility to supervise and coordinate the activities of the Association, preside at its meetings, call special meetings, coordinate the Board of Directors, appoint members to committees and act as a spokesman for the Association. He shall be an ex officio member of every committee and shall only vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors in case of a tie.

(2) The President-Elect shall assist the President in the performance of his duties as directed by the President. The President-Elect shall, at the end of his term of office, assume the office of President for a term of one year.

(3) The Immediate Past President shall assist the President in their performance of his duties as directed by the President. The Immediate Past President shall, at the end of his term of office as President, assume the office of Immediate Past President.

(4) The ~~Secretary~~Secretary-Treasurer (or his/her designee) shall keep the minutes ~~and books~~ of the organization, ~~collect dues, and make disbursements as directed by the Board of Directors pursuant to these bylaws.~~ preside at meetings in the absence of the President, and shall succeed to the position of President in case of the vacancy of said office during the regular term of said office. He shall promote enrollment in the Association of qualified prospects.

(5) The ~~Treasurer shall keep the financial records of the organization, collect dues, and make disbursements as directed by the Board of Directors pursuant to these bylaws.~~ Vice President in charge of Membership shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and shall succeed to the position of President in case of the vacancy of said office during the regular term of said office. He shall promote enrollment in the Association of qualified prospects. He shall also be responsible for obtaining speakers for the meetings of the Association.

(6) The Vice-President in Charge of Education shall arrange and supervise educational seminars and programs for continuing legal education of the local members in the area of criminal law and shall conduct an open discussion at each meeting on reports of legislation, significant developments or problems in the law. He shall also be responsible for obtaining speakers for the meetings of the Association.

(7) The ~~V~~ice-President in Charge of Court Liaison shall be responsible for the coordination of relations with all judicial and law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to working with the judges on local court rules and procedures. He shall act as spokesman for the organization with judges, law enforcement agencies and the District Attorney. In this vein, he shall be restricted to the position previously adopted by the Association.

(8) There will be three Directors at Large elected for three year staggered terms, who shall sit and vote on the Board of Directors and perform other special functions as designated by the President.

ARTICLE VII
ELECTIONS

Section 1. At least two months prior to the election of officers, the President shall appoint a Nominations Committee for the purpose of providing a slate of candidates to the members for their consideration.

Section 2. The Nominations Committee shall be comprised of the immediate past president and two at large members of the organization to be selected by the President.

Section 3. The Nominations Committee shall provide the membership with its' slate of proposed candidates no later than the meeting preceding elections. Notice shall be deemed sufficient if provided electronically or orally at a regular meeting of the organization.

Section 4. Any additional nominations from the membership shall be made at the meeting wherein officer elections are held.

Section 5. Elections of officers shall be held at the February meeting of each year. Officers, except for Directors at Large, shall hold office for one year. Election shall be by a majority vote of those members present and voting.

ARTICLE VIII
ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

The meetings of the organization shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition, unless otherwise governed by these bylaws.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the organization after submission of the proposed change by the Secretary-~~Treasurer~~ in writing or electronically at least seven days prior to any meeting. The Secretary-~~Treasurer~~ must submit to the membership any proposed changes timely made in writing or electronically by a member of the association.