

THE ALABAMA MUNICIPAL JUDGES ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 **GOVERNING DOCUMENT:** This Charter governs the organization known as the Alabama Municipal Judges Association (the Association), a Section of the Alabama League of Municipalities (ALM) a nonprofit association of Alabama municipalities.
- 1.2 **NAMES:** This organization shall be known as the Alabama Municipal Judges Association, and shall be referred to herein as the "Association"; Officers of the Association shall serve as the Board of Directors, which shall be referred to herein as the "Board" and any position thereon shall be referred to by the appropriate position number; the general membership of the Association shall be referred to herein as the "Membership"; Any Officer of the Association shall be referred to by the name of the particular Office.
- 1.3 **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Association shall be to gather, study and disseminate information about the organization, procedures and business of municipal courts in the State of Alabama, to present programs and conduct programs with respect to such matters at regional, state and other meeting of the bar and other associations, to cooperate with law schools and other education institutions, to foster and promote organization of judges within the state, and to disseminate information to judges.

In the performance of its purposes, the Association shall take no action in conflict with the constitution of ALM, nor jeopardize the tax-exempt status of ALM.

ARTICLE 2: OFFICES

The principal office of the Association shall be the principal place of business of ALM.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

2.1 ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Membership shall be open to any municipal court judge, full-time or part-time, in the State of Alabama.
- (b) The retirement of a member from judicial office shall neither terminate nor affect that member's eligibility for membership. A judicial member who is in retirement status is eligible for office in the Association if eligible to be called back to judicial service.

- 2.2 **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.** Any attorney who serves as a judge pro tem in a municipal court in the state shall be eligible to become an associate member of

this Association, upon application and approval by the Board.

- 2.3 Questions as to the membership status of an applicant shall be resolved by the Board.
- 2.4 **DUES.** The amount of dues to be paid by each full and associate member of the Association shall be determined by a majority vote of full members attending their annual meetings.
- 2.5 **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.** Any member of the Association who ceases to be a member of the Alabama Bar Association shall cease to be a member of the Association.

ARTICLE 3: ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

- 3.1 **ANNUAL MEETING.** The Association shall meet immediately before or during the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Municipal Attorneys Association in the same city at a time fixed by the Board.
- 3.2 **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** The times and places of Board or other Committee meetings may be fixed by the Chairperson and meetings of the general membership must be approved by the Board.
- 3.3 **QUORUM.** The members of the Association present at a meeting of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 3.4 **AGENDA.** The agenda of the Annual Meeting of the Membership shall consist of the election of officers and members of the Board and such other matters as the President of the Association deems appropriate. The agenda of a special meeting of the membership shall consist of those matters which the President deems appropriate or of which notice has been given.
- 3.5 **NOTICE.** Notice stating the place and date and hour of any annual or special meeting of the members may be given by publication in any journal or newsletter published by the Alabama League of Municipalities—or by delivery either personally or by mail to each Association member.

ARTICLE 4: ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

- 4.1 **ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.** The Board shall be composed of the officers of the Association. Officers shall include the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be the ALM attorney, and the two immediate past presidents. All officers of the Association shall remain members of the Association during their terms of office. Vacancies shall be filled by the then-serving President.

PRESIDENT: The President shall act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Alabama Municipal Judges Association in carrying out the purposes and annual business appropriate to the Association as circumscribed in Section 1.2 above.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: The President Elect is the first assistant to the President of the Association. This Officer shall support the President in his/her programs and shall work in preparation for the ensuing year and the planning for the enhancement of the roll of Members, legal education and increase of active participation. The President-Elect shall preside at any Annual or specially called meeting in the absence of the President.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall act as the Executive Officer to the President in carrying out the annual duties and purposes of the Association, and shall preside at any Annual or specially called meeting in the absence of the President and the President-Elect.

SECRETARY-TREASURER: The Secretary-Treasurer shall take the minutes of any meeting of the Association and provide copies of the same upon request from any member.

Further, the Secretary-Treasurer shall send out dues notices to each municipal judge, receive and account for all monies received, make prompt deposits of the same into the official account of the Association.

Association funds shall be audited annually along with ALM accounts. At the Annual Business Meeting of the Association, the Secretary-Treasurer shall, respond to any inquiries regarding the Treasury.

4.2 TERMS OF OFFICE FOR OFFICERS. The Officers of The Association shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

The terms of the Officers of the Association are two years, beginning with the adjournment of the Annual Meeting during which that person is elected.

The President-Elect automatically becomes the President upon the adjournment of the Annual meeting of the Association where elections are held.

Officers shall be eligible for reelection.

4.3 COMPENSATION. Officers shall not be compensated for serving in their respective capacities.

ARTICLE 5: CONTRACTS AND FINANCE

5.1 The Association shall not have power to bind its future boards, nor to bind the ALM without ALM consent. The President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be signatories to such agreements as are authorized.

5.2 The Secretary/Treasurer shall have authority to execute any and all checks and other negotiable instruments necessary for the proper functioning of the Association.

ARTICLE 6: CHARTER AMENDMENT

This Charter may be amended by the members of the Association having full voting membership, who are present in person at any annual meeting. Amendment shall require a vote in favor of amendment by at least two-thirds (2/3) of such members present. The written text of any proposed amendment shall be furnished all members at least thirty (30) days before the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.

ARTICLE 7: TERMINATION

Upon termination of the Association as a Section of ALM, all assets of the Association shall become the property of ALM.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

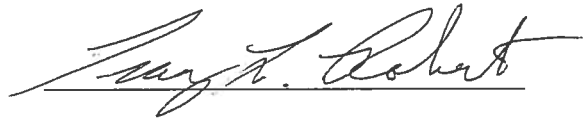
The undersigned Secretary/Treasurer of the Alabama Municipal Judges Association hereby certifies that the preceding By-Laws were duly approved and adopted by a majority vote of the Membership present in person at the annual meeting held on the 9th day of November, 2007.



President
Alabama Municipal Judges Association

11/20/07

Date



Secretary/Treasurer
Alabama Municipal Judges Association

11/26/07

Date

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Alabama Municipal Judges Association is to collect and study information about the procedures, organization, and business of municipal courts in the State of Alabama, to present and conduct programs with respect to such matters at regional, state and other meetings of the bar and other associations, to cooperate with law schools and other educational institutions, to foster and promote organization of municipal judges within the state, and to disseminate such information to municipal judges.