Pursuant to §6.3(e) of the ABA’s Constitution, the state of Maine will elect a State Delegate to fill a vacancy due to the passing of Wendell G. Large. The term will commence immediately upon certification by the Board of Elections and will expire at the conclusion of the 2020 Annual Meeting.

PETITIONING

Nominating petitions must be filed with the Board of Elections at Association headquarters no later than Monday, July 9, 2018. A minimum of twenty-five signatures of members of the Association is required. A candidate for nominee and all signers must be lawyer members of the Association whose membership is in good standing and is accredited in the state where the election is being held (Maine). There is no limit to the number of candidates whom may be nominated in any state, and the nominations are made only on the initiative of members themselves.

Only original signatures of lawyer members of the Association will be counted. The petitions can be scanned and submitted electronically, and each nominating petition must be accompanied by a typewritten list of names, addresses, and ABA member ID’s of the signers in the order in which they appear on the petition. In addition, a one-hundred-word biographical sketch for the nominee, and a signed House of Delegates Statement of Expectations must also accompany the petitions. Forms for these purposes will be provided.

UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS

In accordance with §6.3(e) of the constitution, no ballots will be sent to members when a State Delegate election is uncontested. If only one valid nominating petition is filed, the Board of Elections will certify that the sole nominee is elected.

CONTESTED ELECTIONS

A State Delegate office is deemed contested if more than one valid nominating petition is filed for a state. The Board of Elections shall prepare election ballots for contested State Delegate offices. The election ballots will be sent, no later than Monday, July 23, 2018, to lawyer members in good standing accredited in the state where elections are to be held.

The Board of Elections will also have the name of each nominee and the names of the twenty-five signers of the nomination petition published in the ABA Journal. While it is desirable that more than the required minimum of twenty-five names of members of the Association appear on the nominating petitions, only twenty-five names of signers of any petition will be published as provided by §6.3(b) of the Association’s Constitution.

The biographical sketch of nominees in contested elections will be included in the ballot material sent to each Association member in the state that the nominee is a candidate for the office of State Delegate.

Each nominee in a contested State Delegate election is entitled to receive one list of the names and addresses of the Association members in his/her state. The list is to be made available only after the proper filing of nominating petitions, after the filing deadline, and upon written request. The nominee should allow up to fourteen days from receipt of the request until delivery of the list. In addition, ABA staff will send one email on behalf of the candidates to the ABA lawyer members in the contested state.

FILING

Nominating petitions may only be obtained from the Board of Elections at the headquarter office of the American Bar Association, c/o Leticia D. Spence, 321 N. Clark Street, 21st Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60654-7598. The uniform filing date is Monday, July 9, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. (Central).