NOTICE BY THE SECRETARY

At the 2020 Midyear Meeting, the Nominating Committee will announce nominations for district and at-large positions on the ABA Board of Governors for terms beginning at the conclusion of the 2020 Annual Meeting and ending at the conclusion of the 2023 Annual Meeting. Pursuant to §2.1 of the Association's Constitution, the Committee will nominate individuals from the following states to represent the districts noted: District 1 (New Hampshire); District 2 (Massachusetts); District 4 (District of Columbia); District 6 (Maryland); District 12 (Kansas); and District 19 (Oregon).

The Nominating Committee will also nominate members from the Sections of Criminal Justice, Environment, Energy and Resources, and Litigation to serve as Section Members-at-Large, and one young lawyer member who must be admitted to practice in his or her first bar within the past five years or be 36 years old or less at the beginning of the term to serve as a Young Lawyer Member-at-Large.

In addition, pursuant to §26.1(d) of the Association’s Constitution, one Goal III member-at-large who is a woman, and one Goal III member-at-large who is a minority shall be nominated for a three-year term. Nominations for Goal III Members-at-Large will be made notwithstanding that Goal III members may be nominated for the district and at-large positions on the Board of Governors.

PETITIONS

Nominating petitions are provided upon request and must be filed with the Secretary at Association headquarters not later than Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

To be eligible for nomination as a member of the Board of Governors by the Nominating Committee, a person must file a petition signed by 25 Association members. Nominees for district representatives must be accredited to the state for which the nomination is being made and 25 Association members from the states within that district must sign the petition. While it is desirable that more than the required minimum of 25 names of members of the Association appear on the nominating petitions, only 25 names of signers of any petition will be included in the material provided to the Nominating Committee. Only original signatures of lawyer members of the Association will be counted, printed signatures are unacceptable. Each nominating petition must be accompanied by a typewritten list of names, ABA member ID’s, and addresses of the signers in the order in which they appear on the petition. Petitions for nominations must specify which position the petitioner seeks; no person may petition for more than one position. Petitions can be scanned and submitted electronically.

A 100-word biographical sketch of the nominee and a signed acknowledgement of the Role of a Member of the Board Governors also must accompany the petition. Forms for this purpose will be provided. The biographical sketch and a list of 25 signers from the nominating petitions will be sent to the members of the Nominating Committee prior to their meeting in February.

Nominating petitions may be obtained from the Secretary at the headquarters office of the American Bar Association, c/o Leticia D. Spencer, (Leticia.Spencer@americanbar.org; 312/988-5160), 321 N. Clark Street, 21st Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60654-7598.

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