BYLAWS
OF THE FELLOWS OF THE
YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be “Fellows of the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association” (“The Fellows”).

SECTION 2. The purpose of The Fellows shall be to support the program of the Young Lawyers Division (“Division”) of the American Bar Association (“Association”), to contribute to the attainment of the objective for which the Division was organized, to stimulate the interest of young lawyers in the activities of the Association, and to provide to The Fellows an opportunity to maintain the friendships developed with the young lawyers of the Association.

ARTICLE II

Privileges of Fellows

SECTION 1. Each Fellow shall receive electronic copies of the Annual Report of the Division, The Affiliate Newsletter, and The Young Lawyer and shall enjoy such other privileges as may from time to time be accorded by the Division. In addition, The Fellows may recommend new programs to the Division for consideration.

SECTION 2. Membership in The Fellows is evidence of professional distinction achieved while the Fellow was a young lawyer or of a significant contribution made by the Fellow to the young lawyers of the Association and constitutes a professional honor. Each Fellow shall be privileged to participate in the activities of The Fellows.

ARTICLE III

Membership

SECTION 1. Classes of membership. There shall be four classes of Fellows: (1) Fellows; (2) Sustaining Fellows; (3) Life Fellows; and (4) Honorary Fellows.

SECTION 2. Fellows. Fellows shall be chosen from those members of the American Bar Association who are no longer young lawyers (except for past Chairpersons of the Division, who may be Fellows while still young lawyers) but who have served as an Officer, Director, Committee Chair or member of the Council of the Division or who have otherwise demonstrated their support for young lawyers and who have demonstrated their dedication to the following objectives of the American Bar
Association as set out in its Constitution: “To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and maintain representative government; to advance the science of jurisprudence; to promote throughout the nation the administration of justice and the uniformity of legislation and of judicial decisions; to uphold the honor of the profession of law; to apply the knowledge and experience of the profession to the promotion of the public good and to encourage cordial intercourse among Members of the American Bar.”

(a) Fellows shall be elected by the Board of the Fellows. The Council of the Young Lawyers Division shall submit a list of nominees, without regard to the place of residence of the Fellow, to the Fellows’ Nominating Committee. The Fellows’ Nominating Committee shall review the list which shall not be binding on the Nominating Committee or the Fellows’ Board. The list of nominees from the Council of the Young Lawyers Division shall be submitted to the Nominating Committee in July. The Nominating Committee shall submit its list of nominees for membership for voting at the annual meeting of the Fellows’ Board each year. Any Fellow may suggest to the Fellows’ Nominating Committee the name of any eligible person for consideration.

(b) The Chairperson of the Division and the President of The Fellows shall jointly extend an invitation to each person chosen for membership. Each person so chosen shall pledge to contribute a minimum of at least $50 to the Division to be used for the purposes of the Fellows. He or she shall be furnished with a membership certificate signed by the Chairperson of the Division and the President of the Fellows.

SECTION 3. Sustaining Fellows. A Fellow who makes an annual contribution to the Division to be used for the purposes of the Fellows of at least $100 per year shall become a Sustaining Fellow. Sustaining Fellows shall enjoy the same privileges as are accorded to The Fellows.

SECTION 4. Life Fellows. Whenever a Fellow or a Sustaining Fellow has paid to the Division the aggregate amount of at least $1,000, such Fellow shall automatically become a Life Fellow. All Life Fellows shall, without further payment to the Division, continue to enjoy the same privileges as are accorded The Fellows and Sustaining Fellows.

SECTION 5. Honorary Fellows. The Fellows may elect annually not more than two Honorary Fellows from the legal profession, who need not be members of the Association and who may be elected each year from a nation other than the United States of America. Honorary Fellows are not required to pay dues and are automatically members for life.

SECTION 6. Expenses of The Fellows. Fellows provide vital support to the Division through their contributions to the YLD. Support from this fund enables the Division to carry out its public service initiatives and fund innovative, law-related educational programming. So long as the Fellows continue to support YLD activities, the
Division will appropriate reasonable funds to care for necessary administrative and meeting expenses of The Fellows. The funding amount will be determined jointly by the Chairperson of the Division and the President of the Fellows prior to the start of each person’s term.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Annual Meeting**

SECTION 1. The Fellows shall hold an annual meeting at such time and place as the Board of The Fellows selects. The Fellows may also, when deemed appropriate, hold special and regional meetings. All meetings shall be presided over by the President. Administrative details for meetings shall be handled by the Division in cooperation with the President of The Fellows.

SECTION 2.

(a) At each annual meeting The Fellows shall: (1) elect the members of the Board and the Officers for the ensuing year; and (2) receive a report of the activities of the Division. The Fellows may, also, (3) recommend to the Division for its consideration any new programs or other work deemed by The Fellows to be of great and immediate importance; (4) make scholarships and awards pursuant to Article VI hereof; (5) elect Honorary Fellows; and (6) take such other action and conduct such other business as they may deem advisable.

(b) Notice of annual meetings shall be mailed electronically to each Fellow at least fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting. At such meeting The Fellows present shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE V**

**Board, Officers and Committees**

SECTION 1. The Board of The Fellows shall consist of not more than fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of Fellows who shall be elected pursuant to Article IV, Section 2. The persons elected to be members of the Board shall hold office until the next annual meeting and until their successors have been duly elected. In the event of any vacancy on the Board, the remaining members of the Board shall have the power to fill the vacancy. The immediate past Chairperson, the current Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect and Secretary of the Division shall be ex-officio, voting members of the Board.

SECTION 2. The officers of The Fellows shall be elected from the Board of The Fellows and shall be two Honorary Chairpersons of the Board of The Fellows, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall hold office until the end of
the next annual meeting and until their successors have been duly elected. In the event of any vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall succeed to the office of President. In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the remaining member of the Board shall have the power to fill the vacancy of such office.

SECTION 3. Committees of The Fellows shall include the following, appointed by the President of The Fellows:

(a) A Nominating Committee, to present nominations at the annual meeting of The Fellows for election as members of the Board and officers for the next year.

(b) A Membership Committee, to propose to the Board of The Fellows persons for election as Fellows.

(c) An Annual Debate Committee, to select the debate topic and debate participants for The Fellows Annual Debate at The Fellows midyear meeting, and to plan for and supervise the Annual Debate.

(d) A Fellows Award Committee, to identify and propose to the Board of The Fellows candidates for The Fellows Annual Award presented each year during the annual meeting of the American Bar Association.

(e) A House of Delegates Coordinating Committee, to facilitate communication between the Division and Fellows who serve in the American Bar Association House of Delegates, in order to assist the Division in mustering support in the American Bar Association House of Delegates for those proposals and resolutions supported by the Division.

(f) A Placement Assistance Committee, to devise and implement procedures to facilitate the ability of the Division leaders leaving the Division and entering The Fellows to have placement opportunities in various sections, committees and forums of the American Bar Association.

(g) Such other committees as the President of The Fellows may deem appropriate.

(h) The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE VI

Scholarships and Awards

SECTION 1. Scholarships and Awards may be established and operated pursuant to rules and regulations to be adopted by The Fellows.
ARTICLE VII

Amendments

SECTION 1. These Bylaws may be repealed or amended or new Bylaws adopted when approved both by The Fellows at an annual meeting and by the Council of the Division, provided that notice of any such proposed change shall be given to The Fellows with the notice of meeting.

As adopted February, 1991