

**POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES
OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

NOTE: This list includes issues that may be presented for consideration at the 2012 Annual Meeting or a future meeting of the House of Delegates. Please remember that, with the exception of state and local bar associations, the filing deadline for submission of Resolutions with Reports by Association entities and affiliated organizations is **Tuesday, May 8, 2012.**

ASSOCIATION'S CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND HOUSE RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. Proposed Amendments

The House's agenda will include the following proposals to amend the Association's Constitution, Bylaws and House Rules of Procedure:

- A) Amend §1.2 of the Constitution to include the following language as one of the purposes of the Association: "to defend the right to life of all innocent human beings, including all those conceived but not yet born." Contact: Edward Haskins Jacobs, Jacobs & Brady, P.C., 2162 Church Street, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI, 00820; Phone: 340/773-3322; Fax: 340/773-2566; E-mail: edwardjacobs@yahoo.com.
- B) Amend Article 3 of the Association's Constitution, and Article 21 and §31.7 of the Bylaws regarding membership issues. Contact: Barbara J. Howard, Barbara J. Howard Co. LPA; 120 E 4th St., Suite 960, Cincinnati, OH 45202-4096, Phone: 513/421-7300; E-mail: barbhoward@aol.com.
- C) Amend §6.2(a)(5), §6.7(g) and §10.1(a) of the Association's Constitution, to change the name of the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division to the Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division. Contact: Laura V. Farber, Hahn & Hahn LLP, 301 E Colorado Blvd., Suite 900, Pasadena, CA 91101-1977, Phone: 626/796-9123; E-mail: lfarber@hahnlawyers.com.
- D) Amend §6.4 of the Association's Constitution to change the requirement that if the bar associations of a state are entitled to four or more delegates, at least one delegate must have been admitted to practice in his or her first bar within the past five years, or must be less than 36 years old. Contact: Min K. Cho, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S Orange Ave., Suite 2600, Orlando, FL 32801-3453; Phone: 407/244-1167; E-mail: min.cho@hklaw.com.

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- E) Amend §25.1 of the Association's Bylaws regarding representation of the Association by the President or his/her designee when expressing policy regarding labor management issues. Contact: Joel A. D'Alba, Asher, Gittler & D'Alba, Ltd., 200 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1900, Chicago, IL 60606; E-mail: jad@ulaw.com.
- F) Amend §31.7 of the Association's Bylaws to eliminate the Standing Committee on Substance Abuse. Contact: J. Anthony Patterson, Jr., Northwest Healthcare Corporation, 310 Sunnyview Lane, Kalispell, MT 59901-3129; Phone: 406/249-5671; E-mail: jpatterson@krmc.org.
- G) Amends §42.6 of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Delegates to provide that the 11th Edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the House in parliamentary situations that are not covered by the Constitution, the Bylaws or the House Rules. Contact: Palmer Gene Vance II, Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC, 300 W. Vine St., Lexington, KY 40507-1801; Phone: 859/231-3000; E-mail: gene.vance@skofirm.com.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

2. **Disclosure of Political Spending**
Urges full disclosure of political and campaign spending by corporations, unions, 501(c)(4) organizations and other similar non-profit corporations, and all 527 organizations and endorses subjecting such spending to the same disclosure requirements that apply to other political committees. **Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice.** Contact: Elizabeth Howard, Sandler Reiff Young & Lamb, 1025 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20009; Phone: 202/479-1111; E-mail: howard@sandlerreiff.com.
3. **Federal Contractor Ethics**
Urges that contractor employees be subject to restrictions on (a) personal conflicts of interest and (b) use of certain non-public information. **Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice.** Contact: Jack Hughes, Borden Ladner Gervais, World Exchange Plaza, 100 Queen Street, Suite 1100, Ottawa Ontario K1P 1J9, Canada; Phone: 613/787-3509; E-mail: JHughes@blg.com

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4. International Regulatory Cooperation
Urges federal agencies to pursue effective strategies for cooperation with their foreign counterparts and, as appropriate, to cooperate directly with foreign authorities. **Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice**. Contact: Professor David Zaring, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 662 Jon M. Huntsman Hall, 3730 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; Phone: 215/573-7154; E-mail: zaring@wharton.upenn.edu

ANIMAL RIGHTS

5. Breed Discriminatory Laws
Urges all state, territorial, and local legislative bodies and governmental agencies to enact comprehensive breed-neutral dangerous dog/reckless owner laws that ensure due process protections for owners, encourage responsible pet ownership and focus on the behavior of both individual dog owners and dogs, and to repeal any breed discriminatory/specific provisions. **Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section**. Contact: Mary Ann Peter*, Phone: 312/988-6155; E-mail: maryann.peter@americanbar.org.

ETHICS 20/20

6. Model Rules of Professional Conduct
Amends the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct to address ethical issues relating to Technology and Confidentiality, Technology and Client Development, and Domestic and International Outsourcing. Additional Resolutions will seek adoption of amendments to Model Rule 1.6 to clarify the circumstances under which lawyers are permitted to disclose limited confidential information to detect and prevent conflicts of interest, as well as proposed amendments to the ABA Model Rule on Admission by Motion and a new Model Rule on Practice Pending Admission. **Commission on Ethics 20/20**. Contact: Ellyn S. Rosen*, Phone: 312/988-5311; E-mail: ellyn.rosen@americanbar.org.

IMMIGRATION

7. Civil Immigration Detention Standards
Supports the adoption of civil immigration detention standards to govern the treatment of persons in the U.S. immigration detention system. **Commission on Immigration**. Contacts: Karen T. Grisez, Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP, 801 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006; Phone: 202/639-7043; E-mail: karen.grisez@friedfrank.com; Megan Mack**, Phone: 202/662-1006; E-mail: megan.mack@americanbar.org

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LEGAL EDUCATION

8. Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools
Concurs in the action of the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar amending Standard 509 and Rule 16 of the ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure for Approval of Law Schools. **Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar**. Contact: Hulett H. Askew*, 312/988-6744; E-mail: bucky.askew@americanbar.org.

PARALEGALS

9. Paralegal Education Programs
Grants approval, reapproval and/or extension and withdrawal of the term of approval to several paralegal education programs. **Standing Committee on Paralegals**. Contact: Peggy C. Wallace*, 312/988-5618, E-mail: peggy.wallace@americanbar.org.

SPECIALIZATION

10. Certification of Senior Specialist Practitioners
Amends the ABA Standards for Accreditation of Specialty Certification to allow certification of “Senior Specialist” practitioners. **Standing Committee on Specialization**. Contact: Martin Whittaker*, 312/988-5309, E-mail: martin.whittaker@americanbar.org.

YOUTH AT RISK

11. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
Urges attorneys and judges, as well as state and local bar associations and law school clinical programs, to support training that enhances understanding of the child and adult disability of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), its impact on individuals in the child welfare, juvenile justice, and adult criminal justice systems, and the importance of collaboration with medical, mental health, and disability experts. **Commission on Youth at Risk**. Contact: Howard Davidson**, Phone: 202/662-1740; E-mail: howard.davidson@americanbar.org.

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12. Higher Education Access for Youth in Foster Care

Urges lawyers, judges, child welfare agency administrators, legislators, educators, and educator regulatory bodies to address the support that youth in foster care, or those who have been in foster care, need to succeed in and complete postsecondary education. **Commission on Youth at Risk**. Contact: Howard Davidson**, Phone: 202/662-1740; E-mail: howard.davidson@americanbar.org.

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