CONSTITUTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I
NAME

This Association shall be known as the "Jackson County Bar Association."

ARTICLE II
OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be to advance the science of jurisprudence; improve the administration of justice; preserve the independence of the judiciary of our cities, county and state; promote legislation that will improve the economic conditions of all the citizens of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri; aid all citizens regardless of race, creed, color, sex or national origin in their efforts to secure for themselves a free and untrammeled use of the franchise guaranteed by the Constitution of the State of Missouri; promote social intercourse among the members of The Missouri Bar; uphold the honor of the legal profession; and protect the civil and political rights of the citizens and residents of the State of Missouri.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Any lawyer in good standing before The Missouri Bar or the Bar of another state, may become a member of this Association on application duly submitted and upon recommendation of one member of this association in good standing. Upon receipt of the application in proper form and the prescribed membership fee, the Secretary is hereby authorize to issue a Membership Card.

Any student enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school may be eligible for student membership in the Association.

ARTICLE IV
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1:

This Association shall have an Executive Committee. Such Committee shall consist of all elected Officers of the Association, the Immediate Past-President, and a Black Law Student Association Liaison from each law school in Jackson County, Missouri. Pursuant to Article VI Section 2 of this Constitution, such student Liaisons are non-voting members of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2:

The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President, and make recommendations to the general membership of the Association on matters of policy, legislation, and rulemaking. The Executive Committee shall also coordinate the day-to-day activities of the Association, and plan and call special meetings.

SECTION 3:

Two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the Executive Committee in attendance shall constitute a quorum of the Committee. On request in writing of any four (4) members of the Executive Committee, the President shall call a meeting of such Committee.

ARTICLE V
MEETINGS

The general membership of the Jackson County Bar Association shall meet on such dates and at such places as shall be designated in the Bylaws of the Association. All regular or special meetings of this Association shall require timely notice.

ARTICLE VI
LEGISLATIVE POWERS

SECTION 1:

The legislative and rulemaking powers of the Association shall reside and be vested in the general membership. The Executive Committee shall transact the business of the Association and shall manage the operational affairs of the Association as provided for in this Constitution and the Bylaws.

SECTION 2:

No member shall be eligible to vote at any meeting of the Jackson County Bar Association unless such member is in good financial standing at the time the vote is taken. A member is in "good financial standing" if the member has paid his or her membership dues in full for the current fiscal year. Student members shall not be eligible to vote.

SECTION 3:

Ten members in good standing, not including student members, in attendance at any meeting, shall constitute a quorum. A member is "in attendance" at a meeting when said member can communicate in real-time with other members during the period of time that a matter is under consideration. This expressly includes attendance at a meeting via telephone or videoconferencing. This provision expressly does not permit attendance by e-mail, texting, tweeting, or instant messaging.

A member in good standing may submit a vote on any issue in person, via written ballot, via e-mail, via real-time communication as permitted in the Bylaws, or via an online balloting platform, to the JCBA Recording Secretary during the time a meeting is called to order until the meeting is officially adjourned, and such vote will count towards the issue under consideration to which it pertains. A vote cast via e-mail must, however, come from a member's verified e-mail address as shown on the Association records kept by the JCBA Recording Secretary. Alternatively, a member in good standing may vote by proxy on any matter, except as otherwise provided herein.

SECTION 4:

The membership shall have the power to assess dues, incur debts in behalf of the Association and appropriate money to pay the debts of the Association. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Executive Committee shall have the power to authorize expenditures on behalf of the Association not exceeding a total of $500.00 above the budget as approved by the general membership.

ARTICLE VII
BYLAWS

Bylaws not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution may be adopted or amended by a majority of the members in good standing in attendance at a regular or special meeting of the membership. Proxy voting shall not be allowed for amending the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

SUPREME LAW

This Constitution of the Jackson County Bar Association shall be the governing instrument of the Association, and every member and officer shall be bound thereby.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

These articles may be amended at any meeting by two-thirds of the members in good standing in attendance, upon the following condition: all proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted to the Recording Secretary not later than thirty (30) days prior to, and made available to each member of the Association in good standing not later than ten (10) days prior to, the meeting at which such proposed amendments will be considered for adoption. Proxy voting shall not be allowed for amending the Constitution.

CERTIFICATION

I, *Andrew C. Cooper*, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Constitution of the Jackson County Bar Association, and the amendments to the Constitution were duly adopted at a meeting of the Jackson County Bar Association held on the 19th day of May, 2015 during my term of office as Parliamentarian.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 28th day of May, 2015.

2015 PARLIAMENTARIAN,
JACKSON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

ORIGINALS OF THIS CONSTITUTION ARE PRINTED ON IVORY-COLORED PAPER AND ARE SIGNED IN BLUE INK.