Policy No.: 1-10: Procedure for Consideration of Proposed Bylaws Changes

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Policy:

The ultimate authority for the approval of amendments to the Bylaws of the Federal Bar Association is the National Council as prescribed by Section 14 of the Bylaws. In order to ensure that the approval process comports with the Federal Bar Association's governance requirements, Bylaw amendments shall be subject to the following procedure:

1. Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be referred to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Resolutions Committee for its report and recommendations to the Board of Directors;

2. The Board of Directors shall consider the report and recommendations of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Resolutions Committee and express its approval or disapproval of the proposed amendment;

3. The proposed amendment shall be placed on the agenda of the National Council with sufficient notice, as required by the Bylaws, to be considered at its next meeting;

4. The proposed amendment shall be introduced at the National Council meeting by the Chair of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, and Resolutions Committee, who will report on the Committee's recommendations as well as the action of the Board of Directors;

5. The National Council shall debate the merits of the proposed amendment. If, at any point during the debate, a procedural or substantive challenge is raised concerning the proposed amendment, the President or presiding officer shall take a break in the proceedings as needed to allow for review of the Bylaws and Constitution, as needed, to rule on the challenge;

6. When debate on the proposed amendment is concluded or when the question has been called, the National Council shall vote on the proposed amendment;

7. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the consideration of and voting on any proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall comply with the requirements of the Bylaws and Constitution of the Federal Bar Association.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that any proposed amendments to the Bylaws are properly considered and voted upon by the National Council.
Change Notice: