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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ATTORNEYS  
OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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ARTICLE I

The name of this Association shall be the Association of Black Attorneys.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

The purposes and object of this Association shall be:

1. To stimulate the interest of Black lawyers in organized Bar activities;
2. To provide an organized Bar to represent the professional interests of Black lawyers and the Community at large;
3. To broaden the acquaintanceship of Black Lawyers among themselves, the members of the Bench and Bar;
4. To seek out and eradicate the roots and causes of racism in our system of justice;
5. To vigorously defend Black people from those who consciously or otherwise deny them basic human and legal rights;
6. To make use of legal tools and legal discipline for the advancement of economic, political, educational, and social institutions for Black people;
7. To cultivate the science of jurisprudence;
8. To promote reform in the law;
9. To promote the administration of justice;
10. To preserve high standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession; and
11. To cultivate the spirit of brotherhood and good fellowship among the members.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

1 Section 1. ELIGIBILITY. Any black lawyer who is a member in good standing  
2 with the Bar of this State may become a member of this Association upon applica-  
tion and payment of dues.

3 Section 2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP. The By-Laws may provide for classes of  
4 membership.

5 Section 3. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Membership may be terminated by resi-  
6 nation, by non-payment of dues, or by expulsion by a three-fourths (3/4) vote  
of the membership present. There shall be an opportunity for a hearing before  
a vote to expel is taken.

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8 **ARTICLE IV**

9 **OFFICERS**

10 The Officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice  
11 President, Secretary and Treasurer.

12 Section 1. TERMS OF OFFICE. All officers shall be elected for one (1)  
year terms at the annual meeting in the manner prescribed in the By-laws.

13 **ARTICLE V**

14 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

15 Section 1. MEMBERS. There shall be an Executive Committee of this Associa-  
16 tion consisting of the elected officers and two members elected by majority vote  
of the Association, whose duties shall be to plan the Association's activities;  
17 to represent the Association; and to manage its affairs during intervals be-  
tween meetings.

18 Section 2. VACANCIES. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to  
19 fill any vacancies except that of the President occurring from any cause among  
the Officers of the Association, such appointees to hold office for the balance  
20 of any unexpired term. In case of a vacancy in the Presidency the Vice-  
President shall succeed to that position automatically.

21 Section 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The Executive Committee shall meet  
22 monthly and additional meetings may be called by the President or upon written  
request of three(3) of its members.

23 Section 4. The Executive Committee meetings shall be open to the Association  
24 membership. Non-committee members shall not have a vote at such meetings.

25 **ARTICLE VI**

26 **COMMITTEES**

27 Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES. Standing Committees of this Association  
28 shall be appointed as needed by the Executive Committee with membership ratifi-  
cation. Each committee shall consist of a chairman, and as many members as the  
29 President shall designate, to be appointed by him. Unless otherwise designated  
in the By-Laws, all committee appointments shall be for a term of one (1) year.  
30 Duties of committees shall be specified in the By-Laws.

31 Section 2. SPECIAL COMMITTEES. The President may appoint special committee  
and define their duties. Special Committees shall automatically cease to exist  
32 at the end of the term of office of the appointing President, unless continued  
by the new President.

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ARTICLE VII

BY-LAWS

The Association shall adopt By-Laws for the conduct of its affairs, in harmony with this Constitution, and with the Constitution of the California Bar Association, if required by law. All circumstances not controlled expressly or impliedly herein or within the by-laws shall be controlled by Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing, present and voting at any annual meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose, provided that written notice of proposed amendments shall have been mailed to the members not less than ten (10) days in advance of such meeting.

ARTICLE IX

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution shall take effect on adoption by three-fourths (3/4) of the members present at any given meeting.