

**MEMORANDUM & ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE
SINDH HIGH COURT BAR ASSOCIATION**

(Amended Pursuant to the Meeting of the Managing Committee October 14, 2021)

1. This Association shall be called "The Sindh High Court Bar Association, Karachi".
2. The office of the Association shall be situated in the premises reserved for the Bar Room of the building of the Sindh High Court, Karachi.
3. The aims and objects of the Association are:-
 - (a). To improve and maintain the highest standard of professional ethics, etiquette and efficiency according to the Code of conduct and cannons, as may be prescribed under the "Legal Practitioners and Bar Council Act, 1973".
 - (b). To make every possible effort and strive to cultivate and promote the spirit of brotherhood and of mutual cooperation and assistance, amongst the Members of the Association in particular and Members of the legal fraternity at large.
 - (c). To provide a platform through which the problems and difficulties confronting the Members in discharge of their professional duties are tackled so as to enable the Members to lead their lives with honour and dignity and which gives expression to their views on matters of administration of law and dispensation of justice and allied matters.
 - (d). To direct its efforts to uphold the cause of independence of judiciary and the Rule of law.
 - (e). To take measures for providing medical facilities to the Members of the Association and their families as far as possible.
 - (f). To acquire own and hold immovable properties in any schemes or independently and to raise construction thereon and grant sub-lease, tenancy rights and license upon such terms and conditions as may be deemed beneficial to promote the social status of the Members of the Association and their families.
 - (g). To establish and maintain libraries for the benefit of Members of the Association and to charge such fee as may be necessary to successfully maintain run and upgrade the libraries.
 - (h). To take steps for providing residential / office / chamber facilities to the Members of the Association and in this behalf envisage and promote housing scheme.

- (i). To provide financial assistance to the needy Members of the Association and widows and orphan children of the Members of the Association and in this behalf establish benevolent foundation/trust.
- (j). To take steps to promote higher education amongst the children of the Members of the Association and with a view to encourage them establish and award medals and scholarships to those with exemplary academic record.
- (k). To envisage and undertake recreational programmes and schemes and arrange social events and family get-togethers for the benefit of the Members of the Association and their families and also to arrange sports events, tournaments and matches with Members of other Bar Association in the province of Sindh and in this behalf establish running trophies and cups.
- (l). To do all other acts, deeds and things as may be deemed necessary and beneficial for Members of the Association, and to take all and every step for realization and attainment of the aims and objectives hereinabove stated.

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF
SINDH HIGH COURT BAR ASSOCIATION, KARACHI**

1. This Association shall be called "The Sindh High Court Bar Association, Karachi".
2. The office of the Association shall be situated in the premises reserved for the Bar Room of the building of the Sindh High Court, Karachi.
3. The affairs, management and supervision of the Association shall be subject to the Articles hereunder appearing:
4. All advocates whose name are borne on the roll of advocates of High Court for at least three years and/or the Supreme Court of Pakistan maintained by the Sindh Bar Council and/or the Pakistan Bar Council, who are regularly practicing at the principal seat of the High Court of Sindh at Karachi shall be entitled, subject to the conditions and procedure hereinafter laid down, to seek and become Members of the Association after placing before the Committee High Court order sheets in at least seven cases in which their appearance is recorded.

Note: (Amended Pursuant to General Body Resolution as recorded in Order dated 31.10.2018 passed by the High Court in Suit No.2019 of 2018).

5. The affairs and the managements of the Association shall be under the supervision and control of the Managing Committee, comprising the President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Joint Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Additional Joint Secretary (Female Affairs) and nine Members all of whom to be elected in the manner as hereinafter provided and the President and the Honorary Secretary of the last preceding year to be its ex-Officio Members if not elected.
6. Every advocate eligible for Membership of the Association shall apply for Membership by submitting his application in a prescribed form subject to payment of Rs.4,500.00 by way of admission fee and annual subscription of Rs.12,00.00 at the time of applying for Membership through pay order. The same shall be refundable in the event application for Membership is not accepted. Provided further that every Member of the Association shall pay an annual subscription of Rs.1200.00. In the event annual subscription is paid in advance on or before 10th of December of each year he shall pay 1000.00.
7. Any Member in arrears of his subscription for three years' subject to service of thirty days' prior notice his name shall be struck off from the roll of Members and any such person seeking re-admission shall be liable to pay a sum of Rs.500.00 in addition to payment of arrears of subscription for the entire period preceding the date of seeking re-admission.
- "7.A. All Members not in arrears of yearly subscription shall be entitled to opt for Life Membership against onetime payment as per following schedule:

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	AGE	ONE TIME PAYMENT
1.	Under 65 years of age	Rs.30,000/-
2.	65 years or above	Rs. NIL

Provided that the benefit given in the aforesaid schedule shall not be extended to those Members who join legal profession after their retirements. However, they may opt for life Membership against onetime payment of Rs.25,000/- without any concession.

8. The Association shall hold its Annual General Meeting every year on such date in the month of November as the Managing Committee may decide.
9. Special General Meeting may be convened by the President and/or by a resolution of the Managing Committee and/or upon a requisition in writing signed and addressed to the President at least by One fourth (1/4) of the total number of the Members of the Association stating in writing the purpose for which such Special General Meeting is desired to be convened upon requisition and such Special General Meeting shall not discuss or transact any other business other than for which it is convened and upon such requisition with the approval of the President the Honorary Secretary shall notify the date and the time of such Special General Meeting which shall be convened not before at least, 14 days from the date of receipt of requisition or earlier if so advised by the President. That publication of notice of such Special General Meeting in the cause list specifying the purpose for which such meeting is called shall be sufficient compliance.
10. Notice by circulation in the Cause list of all General and Special Meetings shall be sent by the Honorary Secretary to all Members at least two weeks before such meetings except when a Special Meeting is convened by the President or by a resolution of the Managing Committee or upon requisition when shorter notice shall suffice.
11. No notice of adjourned meeting shall be necessary if the date and time of meeting are fixed at the adjourned meeting unless the same is adjourned for want of quorum; two days' notice of an adjourned meeting, shall however, be a sufficient notice. In any event notice published in the cause list shall be deemed proper compliance.
12. The election of the Office Bearers as well as Members of the Managing Committee of the Association shall be held at the Annual General Meeting and the Members elected to the post of Office Bearers and the Managing Committee shall hold office for one year commencing from 1st of December next following.

13. Every Member of the Association shall be entitled to vote at the election, provided he is not in arrears of his subscription at least fortnight prior to the date of election and provided further he has been a Member of the Association at least for a period of three months prior to the date of election.
14. Every Member who is desirous of being candidate at the annual election for any office of the Association including Membership of the Managing Committee shall be eligible to seek election provided;
- a) he has paid the monthly subscription of the Association upto the month of November of the current year.
- b) he has professional standing as an Advocate entitled to and regularly practicing as Advocates of the High Court of Sindh at its principal seat at Karachi for a minimum period as given below against respective office.

i.	President	15 years
ii.	Vice President	15 years
iii.	Honorary Secretary	10 years
iv.	Honorary Joint Secretary	7 years
v.	Honorary Treasurer	10 years
vi.	Honorary Additional Joint Secretary (Female Affairs)	7 years
vii.	Members Managing Committee	7 years

- c) his name is duly proposed and seconded by only such Members of the Association who have at least equal number of years standing as Advocate of High Court regularly practicing at the principal seat of the High Court regularly practicing the principal seat of the High Court of Sindh at Karachi and has duly paid their annual subscription upto the month of November of the current year on the date of signing the nomination form either as proposer or seconder.
- d) nomination paper is accompanied with a nomination fee of Rs.50,000 for the posts of President & Vice President, Hon. Secretary Rs.30,000, for the posts of Hon. Joint Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Additional Joint Secretary (Female Affairs) Rs.25,000, and for the post of Member Managing Committee Rs.15,000.
15. Every Member of the Association shall be eligible to seek re-election to any post held by him provided however, no Member of the Association shall be entitled to seek re-election to any of the post of Office Bearers once he has held the said post for three consecutive terms.
16. Subject to Rule Number 14 above, every Member of the Association desirous of contesting at the Annual General Elections for any office including the Membership of the Managing Committee shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Honorary Secretary or at the office of the Association the prescribed nomination form properly filled and duly signed by the candidate as well as his proposer and the seconder fulfilling the conditions hereinabove specified in the Article 14 on the date of filing of nomination form on or before the date fixed by the Managing Committee in this behalf.

17. Every Member fulfilling conditions specified above in the Articles 14 shall be entitled to either propose or second one each nomination paper of the candidate for the post of Office Bearers and maximum nine nomination form in the case of office bearers and more than nine in the case of Managing Committee either as proposer or seconder shall render the nomination form invalid and the same shall stand rejected.
18. In the event of non-receipt of any nominations form for any of the post of the Office Bearers and in the case of Managing Committee less than the seats reserved by the prescribed date by election shall be held subsequently soon after Annual General Elections process is completed and newly inducted Office Bearers and the Members of the Managing Committee assumes office, in any case not later than one month on a date to be appointed, by them for the post thus left vacant in accordance with and subject to Article 14 above.
19. In the event of any vacancy occurring in the Managing Committee or any other office or to the post of Auditor the same shall be filled by the Managing Committee by co-option in so far as the vacancy occurs to the Membership of the Managing Committee subject to the condition the Members proposed to be co-opted to fill in the vacancy otherwise fulfills the condition laid down in terms of Article 14 hereinabove and in so far as the post of Office by election within one month of the vacancy occurring from amongst the candidates who also fulfils the conditions laid down in term of Article 14 above.
20. Any Office Bearers including the Member of the Managing Committee may be removed from his office by 2/3rd majority of votes of the Members present and entitled to vote at a general meeting convened in this behalf.
21. Every advocate entitled to practice in the High Court, if desirous of becoming a Member of the Association, shall make an application, subject to Article 4 contained hereinabove, under his signature on the prescribed form duly proposed and seconded in writing by two Members, who have been Members of the Association for the last ten years and are not in arrears of the monthly subscription of the Association on the date of such application.
- 21.A The Honorary Secretary shall place such applications for Membership of the Association, as expeditiously as possible, before the Managing Committee meeting, but not later than one month from the date of its receipt, for decision. The Managing Committee meeting will record its decision by the Members present and an application duly approved by majority thus will be admitted to Membership of the Association from the date of grant of his application.
22. Any advocate not ordinary practicing before the principal seat of the High Court of Sindh at Karachi may apply to become as Associate Member and such Advocate shall make

an application in the like manner as a candidate for Membership except that the admission fee and the Annual subscription fee in the case of Associate Member shall be Rs.3500.00 (Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred only) and Rs.600.00 (Rupees Six Hundred only) respectively.

23. All Associate Members shall have the same privileges as Members except that they will neither have the right to vote nor to contest for any post including the Membership of the Managing Committee.
24. The President, and in his absence the Vice President shall preside over all the meetings of the Association and of the Managing Committee provided that no person shall preside at a meeting where his conduct is in question.
25. At any meeting where both the President and the Vice President, are not available such person, as desired by the Office Bearers and the Managing Committee Members present in the meeting shall preside.
26. All executive actions shall be taken by the President as to day to day affairs save policy matter or under his directions by the Honorary Secretary.
27. The Honorary Secretary or under his directions the Honorary Joint Secretary shall keep in his charge all the records of the Association and of the Managing Committee. In absence of both Honorary Secretary & Honorary Joint Secretary and with the approval of the Honorary Secretary in writing, the Honorary Additional Joint Secretary (Female Affairs) shall keep charge of all the records of the Association. At the office premises of the Association. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep in his charge all the funds and accounts of the Association. Any two of the Office Bearers viz. the President and the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall jointly operate the Bank Accounts of the Association and in the absence of any one or both, the Managing Committee may authorize any Member / Members to operate the accounts. The Honorary Treasurer shall submit statement of accounts of Income & Expenditure every month before the Managing Committee of the Association.
28. The meeting of the Managing Committee shall be held at least once a month for which a clear notice of five days shall be given by the Honorary Secretary to the Members of the Managing Committee. The President may however, convene an emergent meeting of the Managing Committee at any time on a short notice. Nine Members shall constitute a quorum of the Managing Committee provided no quorum shall be necessary for the adjourned meeting. One sixth of the total number of the Members of the Association shall constitute a quorum of a General Meeting of the Association provided no quorum shall be necessary for an adjourned meeting.

29. The Annual General Meeting shall elect an Honorary Auditor for the year and no accounts shall be submitted to any General Meeting unless audited by him.
30. No Member of the Association shall indulge in conduct which is unprofessional and reflects upon the character and respectability of the profession or which violates the provisions of Legal Practitioners Act. No Member shall indulge in conduct by which the honor or dignity of the Association or any of its Committee is compromised or the option of the Association or any of its Committee is compromised or the opinion of the Association or any of its Committee is flouted. Any Member may bring to the notice of Honorary Secretary any violation of these rules.
- 30-A. The Honorary Secretary shall lay such information before the Managing Committee and Managing Committee shall enquire into such information and if necessary censure the offending Members and such censure shall be circulated among Members. The Managing Committee may also put the matter before the General Body which may take such further action as it deems fit and proper including expulsion of the offending Member.
- 30-B. Any Member censured by the Managing Committee may appeal to the General Body within sixty days and decision thereupon shall be considered final.
31. The Managing Committee may submit requisition signed by at least seven Members for convening an emergent meeting of the Managing Committee specifying the subject and the President shall advise the Honorary Secretary to convene the emergent meeting of the Managing Committee as desired by them.
32. The Managing Committee of the Association may, with majority of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Members present and voting make such bye laws or prescribe such forms for purposes of this Memorandum and Articles of Association.

PRESIDENT

Sindh High Court Bar Association

HONORARY SECRETARY

Sindh High Court Bar Association