

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Adopted at Saratoga, N. Y., August 28, 1900

The undersigned Law Schools in the United States, represented by delegates duly appointed by their respective faculties, do hereby form an Association to be called the Association of American Law Schools, and establish the following as its Articles of Association :—

First: The object of the Association is the improvement of legal education in America, especially in the Law Schools.

Second: The Association shall meet annually at the time and place at which the American Bar Association meets. The Executive Committee may call special meetings at such time and place as the Committee may select ; thirty days notice of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary to all members of the Association, and the purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the notice.

Third: The Law Schools having delegates at this meeting and signing these Articles before July 1, 1901, shall be members of the Association, provided such Schools shall comply with Article Sixth.

Fourth: Each member of the Association may send to the meetings delegates not exceeding four from each Law School.

Fifth: At all meetings of the Association, the voting shall be by delegates, unless some delegate requests that any vote shall be taken by Schools, in which case it shall be taken by Schools, each School having one vote.

Sixth: Law Schools may be elected to membership at any meeting by vote of the Association, but no Law School shall be so elected unless it complies with the following requirements :

1. It shall require of candidates for its degree the completion of a high school course of study, or its equivalent. The equivalent may be determined by the Law School Faculty upon certificates issued under public authority, or by the authorities of an institution of advanced learning. In the absence of these the applicant shall be required to pass an examination in studies equivalent to those required of high school graduates. *Provided*, that this requirement shall not take effect until September, 1901.

2. The course of study leading to its degree shall cover at least two years of thirty weeks per year, with an average of at least ten hours required class-room work each week for each student: provided, that after the year 1905 members of this Association shall require a three years course.

3. The conferring of its degree shall be conditioned upon the attainment of a grade of scholarship ascertained by examination.

4. It shall own, or have convenient access to during all regular library hours, a library containing the reports of the State in which the School is located and of the United States Supreme Court.

Seventh: Any School which shall fail to maintain the requirements provided for in Article Sixth, or such standard as may hereafter be adopted by resolution of the Association, shall be excluded from the Association by a vote at the general meeting, but may be reinstated at a subsequent meeting on proof that it is then *bona fide* fulfilling such requirements.

Eighth: The officers of this Association shall be a President and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be chosen from among the delegates at each annual meeting, and each of whom shall hold office until his successor is elected.

Ninth: At each annual meeting there shall be chosen from among the delegates three persons to be members of the Executive Committee, who with the President and Secretary shall form such Committee. The Secretary of the Association shall be Secretary of the Committee.

Tenth: The Executive Committee shall have charge of the affairs of the Association and is especially entrusted with seeing that the requirements of Articles Sixth and Seventh are complied with. All complaints shall be addressed to the Executive Committee, and

shall be filed at least ninety days before the annual meeting of the Association. The Committee shall investigate all complaints and report its findings, with such recommendations as it shall think proper, to the Association for its action, and shall make a report at the annual meeting. This provision shall not, however, prevent any matter being taken up and passed upon by the Association, except that no Law School shall be excluded from the Association under the Seventh Article unless the Executive Committee has given it thirty days notice that it has in the opinion of that Committee failed to comply with the provisions of the Sixth or Seventh Article.

Eleventh: Applications for membership shall be addressed to the Secretary accompanied by evidence that the School applying fulfills the requirements of Articles Sixth and Seventh. The Executive Committee shall examine the application, and report to the Association whether the applicant has fulfilled the requirements. Applications for membership shall be made at least ninety days before the meeting of the Association.

Twelfth: The Executive Committee may conduct its business by correspondence.

Thirteenth: The officers and other members of the Executive Committee may be reelected, but no School shall be represented on the Executive Committee for more than three years in succession, except that the Secretary-Treasurer may be reelected indefinitely.

Fourteenth: The annual assessment on each School shall be ten dollars payable in advance, and any School which shall have failed to pay its assessment during the year shall be dropped from the Association, but may be reinstated by vote of the Association, upon payment of arrears.

Fifteenth: These articles may be changed at any annual meeting: the vote on such change shall be by Schools, and no change shall be adopted unless it is voted for by two-thirds of the Schools represented nor unless it is voted for by at least one-third of all the members of the Association,—provided, that no motion for an amendment shall be considered unless a copy of such proposed amendment be filed with the Secretary at least ninety days before the meeting and a copy thereof sent forthwith by the Secretary to each member.

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