

# Election Nomination Process

## **Deadline: May 16, 2014**

The nomination of candidates for Officers of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Lawyers Association (ALA) shall be by application to the Nominations Committee.

An application may be made for one or more of the following positions that are available for nomination:

- President-Elect (1-Year Term)
- Vice President (1-Year Term)
- Treasurer (1-Year Term)
- Secretary (1-Year Term)
- Assistant Secretary (1-Year Term)
- Parliamentarian (1-Year Term)
- NBA Liaison (1-Year Term)
- (2) Northern District Representatives (1-Year Term)
- (2) Middle District Representatives (1-Year Term)
- (2) Southern District Representatives (1-Year Term)
- \*\*Law Student Representative (1-Year Term)

- \*\*ASB Indigent Defense Liaison
- \*\*ASB Criminal Defense Liaison
- \*\*Alabama Sentencing Commission
- \*\*Alabama Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution

Each Application must include the 2014 Application for Nomination, (which shall be signed by the Nominee), the Nominee's biographical resume and a statement prepared by the Nominee that includes details of how the Nominee meets the specific requirements for the office he/she is seeking as outlined in the ALA Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Any regular member of the Association in good standing at the time of nomination who meets the requirements of the office sought, as stated in the ALA Amended and Restated Articles and Bylaws, shall be eligible as a candidate for election.

To obtain a copy of the updated ALA Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and/or the 2014 Application for Nomination, email the Nominations Chairperson, Mark Debro at [mdebroy@graceattys.com](mailto:mdebroy@graceattys.com). Please E-mail completed Nominations Applications to the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee and to each member of the Committee. Do not send application materials by certified mail. To be considered by the Committee, Applications must be transmitted via E-Mail on or before **Friday, May 16, 2014** (11:59 p.m.). The Committee will conduct its interviews of qualified nominees on Thursday, May 29,

2014. All Nominees must be available on May 29th, for his/her interview at the time assigned by the Nominations Committee. The location of the interviews will be posted at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort ALA Registration area.

In addition, the Nominations Committee will hold a Candidates' Forum on Friday, May 30, 2014. All qualified candidates shall participate in the Forum. The ALA elections will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort. The results of the election will be announced on the same date.

If you have any questions concerning the ALA's nominations process or you would like a copy of the 2014 Application for Nomination, you may send an E-mail message to the Committee's Chairperson, Mark Debro, at [mdebro@graceattys.com](mailto:mdebro@graceattys.com) and he will respond to your question/s or request by return E-mail. E-mail (or telephone) messages to other members of the Committee are discouraged and prohibited.

The Nominations Committee shall consist of one (1) Regular Member from each of the three (3) Districts, appointed by the President on or before May 1, 2014 of each year. The Nominations Committee shall be responsible for the procedures for the nominations of Officers at the Annual Meeting, and shall certify the eligibility of all candidates for Officers. The Nominations Committee may enact such procedures as necessary to effectuate its business. See ALA Bylaws, Article XI.

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Southern District

\* Floor nominations may be received after the report of the committee but all nominees including nominees/applicants who are requesting appointments\*\* MUST complete the 2014 Application for Nomination, (which shall be signed by the Nominee). The Nominee biographical resume and a statement prepared by the Nominee that includes details of how the Nominee meets the specific requirements for the office he/she is seeking as outlined in the ALA Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws Must be submitted to the Nomination committee. The Nominations Committee will interview all nominees.

\*\*Appointments by the ALA President.

# Election Application

Name of Nominee (First/Middle Initial/Last):

\_\_\_\_\_

ALA Office Nominee is seeking (check one):

President-Elect (1-Year Term) \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President (1-Year Term) \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer (1-Year Term) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary (1-Year Term) \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Secretary (1-Year Term) \_\_\_\_\_

Parliamentarian (1-Year Term) \_\_\_\_\_

NBA Liaison (1-Year Term) \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*ASB Criminal Defense Liaison \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Alabama Sentencing Commission \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Alabama Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Home Information

Home Address of Nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Personal E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Office Information:

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Office E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Preferred E-Mail Address: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_

## Qualifications for Candidacy:

1. Current Member of ALA in Good Standing: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (If no, Nominee is not eligible to seek any ALA office or elected position)

If seeking the position of President-Elect or Vice President has Nominee been an ALA member in good standing every year since 2011? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
(If no, Nominee is not eligible to seek ALA President-Elect or Vice President position)

2. Registered to attend the 42nd Annual Meeting of ALA (Sandestin, FL): Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

3. Attended ALA's Quarterly Meetings in September 2013 \_\_\_\_,  
November 2013 \_\_\_\_, February 2014 \_\_\_\_ (Yes or No)

4. Over the past three years, registered and attended the following ALA Annual Meetings:

2013 – 41st Annual Meeting – Punta Cana, Dominican Republic: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2012 – 40th Annual Meeting – Portofino Island Resort & Spa, Pensacola, FL: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2011 – 39th Annual Meeting – Majestic Beach Resort, Panama City, FL: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

5. Each Nominee must attach the following to this Application:

\_\_\_ Biographical Resume \_\_\_ AMR Attendance Verification

\_\_\_ Statement of Nominee that clearly outlines qualifications for the office sought and his/her activities in the ALA and/or NBA (National Bar Association), the legal profession, and his/her community.

Nominee Declaration:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained herein (and attached) is true, correct, and complete. I further agree to abide by the NBA and ALA Constitution, Rules and Bylaws.

Nominee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_