

Article IX. Miscellaneous Provisions

§ 1. Seal. The state bar shall have a seal having the words and figures "THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BAR-May 1, 1947" and such other design as the board may prescribe, for the authentication of its proceedings and records. The courts in this State shall take judicial notice of such seal, and in all cases copies of resolutions, proceedings or records in the office of the state bar, certified by the secretary under such seal, shall be equal to the original in evidence. The seal shall remain in the custody of the secretary at the office of the state bar unless otherwise ordered by the board.

§ 2. Service of Process. Service of any notice or process upon the state bar may be had upon the president or secretary.

§ 3. Nonliability of State Bar and Its Members. The state bar, its members, officers, governors and committees shall not be liable to any member of the state bar, or to any other person, firm or corporation, for any damage incident to any investigation, complaint, charge, prosecution, proceeding or trial.

§ 4. Representation. Except as in these by-laws expressly otherwise provided, no section, committee or member shall assume to represent the state bar in any court or elsewhere unless authorized to do so by the board or by the president.

§ 5. Limitation. Except as in these by-laws expressly otherwise provided, no recommendation or report of a section, committee, or member shall become the recommendation or report of the state bar until approved by the board.

§ 6. Official Publication. The official publication of the state bar shall be "The West Virginia Lawyer", which shall be published under the supervision and direction of the board.

§ 7. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the state bar shall begin on July 1 of each year and end on June 30 of the next succeeding calendar year.

§ 8. Parliamentary Rules. The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" shall govern the proceedings at all meetings of the state bar and of the board in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent or in conflict with the constitution of the state bar, these by-laws, and the rules and regulations adopted by the board.

§ 9. Costs. No costs shall be recoverable against the state bar, its members, officers, governors, or committees, and it shall be required to pay only such fees, costs and charges incident to any court proceeding as other departments of the state government are required to pay.

§ 10. Privacy of Record. Except to the extent otherwise in these by-laws expressly provided, no person shall have any right to see or inspect, or to have a copy of, any paper, document or other record relating to any matter at any time before the committee on legal ethics, the committee on unlawful practice, any grievance committee, any other committee, the board of governors, or in the possession of any officer, except a current member of the committee in question, as to its records, or a governor or officer of the state bar, as to any such record.