



The Association's membership voted to adopt a new governance structure resulting in the formation of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall consist of sixty (60) trustees, four from each of the fifteen (15) Trustee Districts. The Board of Trustees shall be the Association's policy-making body. Newly elected Trustees must attend an orientation.

Terms

The Trustees' terms shall be staggered and at least one (1) Trustee shall be elected from each Trustee District each year. Members elected to the Board of Trustees shall serve for a term of three (3) years and shall assume office at the end of the Association's Annual Meeting held following their election. The term will end at the conclusion of the Association's Annual Meeting three (3) years later. A member of the Association who serves six (6) years as a member of the Board of Trustees shall be given the status of Tenured Trustee. Tenured Trustees will be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees with the right to participate in all proceedings but without the right to vote.

Trustee Responsibilities

The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Bar Association reserves unto itself the following authority:

- A. To organize, administer, and conduct the business of the Board including the following responsibilities and duties:
- (1) Establish and maintain the Association's mission, goals, and objectives, guide the work of the Association and monitor their implementation.
 - (2) Develop, with the executive director and staff of the Association, the long-range strategic plan of the Association.
 - (3) Develop and monitor policies that ensure effective governance of the Association.
 - (4) Serve as an advocate for the Association with members and non-members, the public, and local, state, and federal government officials.
 - (5) Evaluate and support the Executive Director of the Association.
 - (6) Approve the annual Association operating budget.
 - (7) The Board of Trustees will have override authority regarding decisions made by the Legislation Committee. The procedure for exercising that authority will be established in the bylaws.

B. As members of the governing body of the Association, individual Trustees are expected to adhere to the following standards in the performance of their duties:

(1) Individual Trustees have a fiduciary duty to act reasonably, prudently, and in the best interests of the Association. Trustees have a duty of loyalty to the Association and must avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interests. Trustees shall not put personal or professional interests above the interests of the Association.

(2) Trustees shall attend, prepare for, and participate in regular and special meetings of the Board.

Election Cycle Timeline

January 31st

Deadline for submission of completed nomination forms to the Arkansas Bar Association's Secretary

February 15th

Deadline for mailing of ballots in contested races

March 18th

Deadline for receipt of signed ballots

2021-2022 Districts	Total No. Seats	No. of Available Seats	County(ies) within Each District
A1	4	1	Benton
A2, A3	8	3	Washington
A4	4	1	Boone, Carroll, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Newton, Sebastian
B9-15	28	9	Pulaski
C5	4	2	Baxter, Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Fulton, Independence, IZard, Jackson, Lawrence, Marion, Perry, Pope, Randolph, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, White, Yell
C6	4	1	Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Lee, Mississippi, Monroe, Poinsett, Prairie, St. Francis, Woodruff
C7	4	2	Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Chicot, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, Lincoln, Lonoke, Ouachita, Phillips, Union
C8	4	1	Garland, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Pike, Polk, Saline, Scott, Sevier
Total Trustees:	60	20	



**2022-2023 Bar Year
Nomination Petition for Election to the
Arkansas Bar Association
Board of Trustees**

The undersigned members of the Arkansas Bar Association residing in Trustee District _____ do hereby nominate _____, an Association member residing* in our district, for the Association's Board of Trustees. Nomination requires signatures of three Association members in the petitioner's district.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	COUNTY

Return form to: Arkansas Bar Association
2224 Cottdale Lane
Little Rock, AR 72202
Submit via email to khutchins@arkbar.com

Questions? Contact Karen Hutchins at khutchins@arkbar.com or by phone at (501) 801-5663.

**Residence as defined by the Arkansas Bar Association Constitution - approved 3/18/2021*

**Article XV. Miscellaneous Provisions
Section 2. Meaning of Residence or Residing**

The term "residence" or "residing" as used in this Constitution for the purposes of voting, signing petitions, and holding office refers to the member's principal place of business or primary residence. However, that person must have designated his or her choice on his or her membership registration with the Arkansas Bar Association prior to the deadline for filing for the position that he or she is seeking.