

**BY-LAWS
OF
THE WAKE COUNTY ACADEMY OF CRIMINAL TRIAL LAWYERS**

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization is "The Wake County Academy of Criminal Trial Lawyers, INC., hereinafter referred to as "Academy."

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

(a) Criteria. Membership in the Academy shall be limited to attorneys engaged in the practice of Criminal Defense Law in Wake County, NC.

(b) Chairperson. There shall be a membership Chairperson that keeps a Membership Roll and checks that members meet the criteria.

(c) Removal. After proper notice from the secretary, a member may be removed from the Academy for failure to remain in good standing or for failure to pay dues.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

(a) Annual Meetings. There shall be an annual meeting in the month of January each year for the election of officers, the assessment of dues and the consideration of such other business as may properly come before the Academy.

(b) Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held each month at a time and place designated by the President.

(c) Special Meetings: Special Meetings may be called by the President or by any three members of the Academy upon the giving of reasonable notice to all members.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD MEMBERS

SECTION 1: OFFICERS

(a) Elections. Elections for the Officers of the Academy shall be conducted at the Annual Meeting.

(b) Terms. Officer terms shall be for one year.

(c) President. The President shall call and preside at all meetings of the members of the Academy.

(d) Vice-President. In the absence of the President or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President.

(e) Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all of the membership meetings. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining the corporate book of the Academy.

(f) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep the financial records for the Academy. All dues received by the Academy shall be submitted to the Treasurer.

(g) Membership Chairperson. The Membership Chairperson shall keep the Roll of the Membership.

SECTION 2: RESIGNATION / REMOVAL

(a) Resignation. Any Officer may resign at any time by giving notice to the members of the Academy at any regular or special meeting.

(b) Removal. Officers can be removed, with or without cause, by a vote of 2/3 of the members present at any regular meeting.

(c) Unexpired Terms. When any officer resigns or is removed, the unexpired portion of his or her term shall be filled by election.

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES

- (a) Executive Committee. The Officers of the Academy shall constitute the Executive Committee
- (b) Committees. The President may designate, from time to time, in his discretion such other committees as he may proper for the furtherance of the Academy's purpose.

ARTICLE VI: RESOLUTIONS

- (a) General. No member of the Academy shall speak for the Academy on any matter except as he may be directed by resolution of the Academy or except as he may communicate the fact of an Academy resolution.
- (b) Adoption. The Academy may adopt, from time to time, resolutions by majority vote at any meeting.

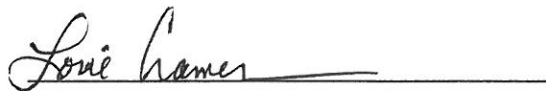
ARTICLE VII: DUES

- (a) Annual Dues. Annual dues shall be paid by each member. The amount of dues shall be established at the Annual Meeting. Persons who become members during the year shall pay the full amount of the dues for the year.
- (b) Continuing Legal Education. Members may be required to pay for any continuing legal education provided at any Academy meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (a) Inspection of Records. All records of the Academy shall be open to inspection by any other member of the Academy upon request to the Secretary.
- (b) The members of the Academy may make, alter, amend or repeal the By-Laws of the Academy at annual, regular or special meeting. The vote of the members constituting a quorum shall be required. Quorum shall be defined as 2/3 of the membership.

The foregoing By-Laws were adopted by the membership of the Academy during a regularly scheduled meeting on May 9, 2012



Lorie Cramer, Secretary