

THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENTS TO THE WSBA BYLAWS
ARTICLE IX SECTION B.1.a

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ORDER

NO. 25700-B-737

The Washington Supreme Court has plenary authority over the practice of law in Washington. The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) serves under the delegated authority of the Court in regulating and administering licenses to practice law in Washington and effectuating other purposes and functions as set forth in General Rule (GR) 12 and 12.1 – 12.5. All amendments to the WSBA’s bylaws are subject to Supreme Court approval.

In a letter dated August 14, 2025, the WSBA provided the Court proposed amendments to Article IX Section B.1.a, of the WSBA bylaws that were approved by the Board of Governors at its July 17-18, 2025, meeting. Except for the language relating to chairs and vice chairs of committees, the proposed amendments here align the committee section of the WSBA Bylaws with the intent of the member status workgroup and the sections of the Bylaws already amended. With regard to chairs and vice chairs, there does not appear to be a reason to exclude inactive, honorary, or pro bono members from serving as chair or vice chair. Each committee nomination team will be in the best position to choose the appropriate people to lead its committee.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

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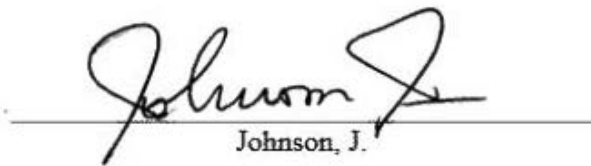
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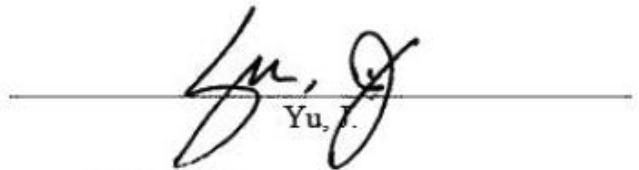
ORDERED:

That the WSBA Bylaws Amendments to Article IX Section B.1.a, as described above and as provided in the attached copy of the amendments, are approved by this Court and shall be given full force and effect.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 3rd day of September, 2025.


CHIEF JUSTICE

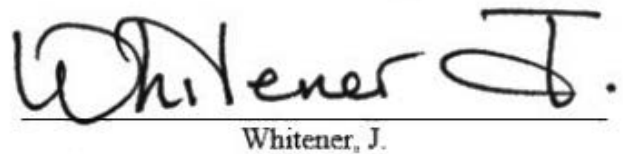

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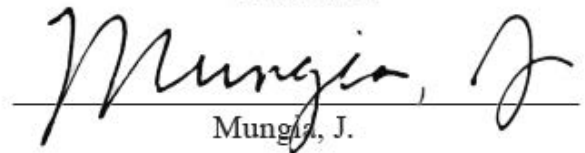

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Montoya-Lewis, J.


González, J.


Whitener, J.


Gordon McCloud, J.


Mungia, J.

IX. COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, AND OTHER BAR ENTITIES

B. COMMITTEES AND OTHER BAR ENTITIES

1. Committees

Committees are created and authorized by the BOG to study matters relating to the general purposes and business of the Bar which are of a continuous and recurring character. The number, size, and functions of each committee will be determined from time to time by the BOG.

- a. All active members of the Bar may serve as committee members, Chairs, and Vice Chairs. Inactive, Honorary, and Pro Bono members of the Bar may be appointed to serve as Chairs, Vice Chairs, or voting or nonvoting members on any committee as deemed appropriate. Exception: faculty of Washington state law schools who are not members of the Bar are permitted to serve on the Committee on Professional Ethics (CPE).