

BY-LAWS OF THE ADVOCATES CLUB

1. **Name:**

The name of the Club shall be THE ADVOCATES CLUB.

2. **Purposes:**

The purposes of the Club shall be as follows:

- (a) To foster better communication between Barristers and Judges;
- (b) To pursue the development of a high standard of practical and academic excellence in matters relating to the law;
- (c) To facilitate a free and open exchange of ideas among Judges and Barristers, particularly those Barristers of between 5 and 10 years at the bar; and
- (d) To fulfill these objectives through regular informal dinner meetings of the membership and invited Judges.

3. **Membership:**

- (a) Membership in the Club shall, as far as possible, comprise the following:
 - (i) Barristers who practice predominately as counsel for Plaintiffs;
 - (ii) Barristers who practice predominately as counsel for Defendants;
 - (iii) Barristers who practise predominately as Crown Counsel;

- (iv) Barristers who practice predominately as counsel for accused persons in criminal matters;
 - (v) Barristers who practise predominately in the field of matrimonial law; and
 - (vi) Barristers who practise predominately in the field of administrative law.
- (b) The total number of members shall be kept at approximately 16.
- (c) Members shall have been called to the bar for a period of not less than five years.

4. **Meetings:**

Consecutive monthly dinner meetings shall be held ten times each year commencing in the fall term each year and proceeding consecutively until June of the following year. As far as possible each monthly dinner meeting shall be held at the Vancouver Lawn and Tennis Club or such other place as may be designated by the membership from time to time, on the 3rd Monday of each month from September to June.

5. **Attendance:**

Members are expected to attend each and every dinner meeting of the Club. If for some reason a member is unable to attend he or she shall arrange for a substitute to attend in his or her place. Failure to attend or provide a substitute attendee for three consecutive dinner meetings will result in the member being considered retired from the Club.

6. Substitutes:

Substitute attendees for a member who is unable to attend a meeting should preferably be selected from members of the bar with not less than five and not more than ten years at the bar, and preferably from the same area of practise as that of the member being replaced.

7. Guests:

- (a) The Club will regularly invite members of the Judiciary as guests to attend each dinner meeting, and as far as possible, have guests comprise the following:
 - (i) One or two Judges of the British Columbia Court of Appeal;
 - (ii) One or two Judges of the Supreme Court of British Columbia;
 - (iii) One or two Judges of the County Court of Vancouver or the County Court of Westminster;
 - (iv) One or two Judges of the Provincial Court of British Columbia;
- (b) Invitations to Judges may be standing invitations and/or extended from time to time as the officers of the Club may determine.
- (c) from time to time the Club may invite to a meeting distinguished persons in the legal community (or from fields of endeavour which are of interest to the legal community) who are not members.

- (d) Guests will be asked to donate a sum towards the cost of their dinner, but this may be waived in the discretion of the treasurer.

8. Papers:

Every member shall take his or her turn at presenting a paper to a meeting on a matter of general legal interest. Where possible papers shall be confined to a length of not more than ten pages.

9. Officers:

At the meetings in October of each year, the members shall elect a slate of officers to manage the affairs of the Club for a term of one year. The Officers to be elected are as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

10. Finances:

Each member will be assessed a membership fee in September and an equal amount in January of the year following to off-set the costs of operating the Club and in particular the costs of monthly dinner meetings. Extraordinary expenses will be assessed and charged to the membership from time to time as the Treasurer directs and circumstances require.

11. Retirement:

- (a) A member is retired from the Club when he or she ceases to:


- (i) be a member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia; or

- (ii) actively practise law as a Barrister; or
 - (iii) regularly attend the monthly dinner meetings as required in paragraph 5 herein.
- (b) A member is deemed retired if two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Club vote that he or she should retire, PROVIDED THAT two weeks written notice is required of any such proposed vote.
- (c) Upon retirement of a member, a new member shall be selected from the same speciality as the retiring member. A new member shall have, as far as possible, not less than five years and not more than 10 years at the bar.

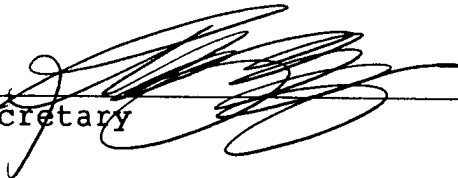
12. Amendments:

Admendments may be made to these By-Laws by a simple majority vote of members present at any given dinner meeting, PROVIDED THAT two weeks' written notice of any proposed amendment shall first be given to the membership.

ADOPTED DECEMBER 15, 1986



President



Secretary