OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. Name and Nature of Organization

The name of this organization is the Oklahoma City University Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (hereinafter, “Chapter”). The Chapter shall at all times comply with the requirements of the Association Constitution and By-laws.

ARTICLE II. Mission Statement and General Objectives

Section 1. Mission Statement. The mission of the Chapter shall be to advance the science of jurisprudence and to promote the welfare, interests, education, and the professional growth and development of the members of the Federal legal profession.

Section 2. General Objectives. The general objectives of the Chapter, consistent with those of the Association, not listed in any particular order of priority, include:

(a) to serve as the representative of the Federal legal profession in the Chapter’s chartered territory.

(b) to promote the sound administration of justice.

(c) to enhance the professional growth and development of members of the Federal legal profession.

(d) to promote high standards of professional competence and ethical conduct in the Federal legal profession.

(e) to promote the welfare of attorneys and judges employed by the Government of the United States.

(f) to provide meaningful services for the welfare and benefit of the members of the Chapter.

(g) to provide quality educational programs to the Federal legal profession and the public.

(h) to keep members informed of developments in their respective fields of interest.

(i) to keep members informed of the affairs of the Association and Chapter, to encourage their involvement in their activities, and to provide members opportunities to assume leadership roles.

(j) to promote professional and social interaction among members of the Federal legal profession.
ARTICLE III. Membership and Dues

Section 1. Application for Membership. Members should apply to the Federal Bar Association.

Section 2. Criteria for Membership. Membership in Oklahoma City University Federal Bar Association shall be open to all students currently enrolled, all faculty currently teaching, and all staff currently employed by Oklahoma City University School of Law regardless of gender, race, creed, age, color, national origin, physical disability, or sexual orientation.

Section 3. Dues. National dues shall be paid to the National organization. All voting members must be a paid member.

ARTICLE IV. Officers.

Section 1. Board Members. The officers shall be elected from the Oklahoma City University Federal Bar Association members and shall be as follows and in the order named:

President

Vice President

VP Finance

VP Communications

Section 2. Additional Elected Officers

SBA Representative

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Section 3. Office Duties. All officers shall perform duties prescribed by these Bylaws. The Board shall have the general power to administer any and all programs, business projects, and matters pertaining to or concerning the chapter. The Board shall have the power to create such committee(s) as it deems necessary to carry out the business of the chapter, and the President of the chapter shall appoint the Chairperson of each committee. Any decision made outside of a regularly scheduled meeting during a Board meeting shall be made by a simple majority vote of the Board by a majority of the Board. Only the Board has authority to bind the chapter financially and generally, outside a meeting of the assembly of the chapter.

Section 4. Elections. Each position on the Board shall be elected by a majority of the voting members of the chapter for a term running from January to January. The election of officers for all contested elective offices shall be by secret ballot or by voice vote if there is no objection. The election shall be held during the regular meeting on or about November.
Section 5. Removal From Office. An officer may be removed from office for delinquency in attendance, inefficiency, neglect of duty, or for other causes only upon unanimous vote of the other officers.

Section 6. Vacancies of Office. In case of death, resignation or removal of the President, the Vice President shall succeed to office. In cases of the death, resignation or removal of any other officer, the vacancy will be filled by election by the general membership.

ARTICLE V. Meetings.

Section 1. Meetings. Regular meetings of Oklahoma City University Federal Bar Association shall be held at least once each semester with at least two executive board members in attendance. Decisions at meetings shall be made by a majority of the members, with every present party agreeing to, dissenting to, or abstaining from every action there decided. A necessary quorum for all decisions shall be at least 51% of all members present at the meeting. Special meetings of OCU Federal Bar Association may be called by any number of members, who shall inform the President, or the entire membership, at least one week prior to the date of the proposed meeting.

Section 2. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the time, date and place of all business meetings shall be emailed or otherwise given by the VP Communications to each member in good standing at least five days prior to such meeting, unless the nature of the meeting is such that shorter notice cannot be avoided. If a special meeting, the notice shall specify the nature of the business to be presented and no other business shall be conducted.

ARTICLE VI. Amendment.

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-laws adopted by two-thirds of the members of this Chapter at a regular meeting if a quorum is present.

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