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## 1997 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE AND NEWSLETTER

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Cleveland Law Library Association will be held on Monday, April 28 at 11:30 a.m. in the Law Library, 404 Cuyahoga County Courthouse. Agenda items include the election of nine trustees to serve through 1997, several proposed amendments to the Library's constitution, and the Librarian's report. The following trustees have accepted nominations to run for election at the meeting: President Thomas A. Quintrell, *Arter & Hadden*; Albert T. Adams, *Baker & Hostetler*; Daniel W. Hammer, *Thompson, Hine & Flory*; Thomas S. Kilbane, *Squire, Sanders & Dempsey*; Robert H. Rawson, Jr., *Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue*; Lawrence E. Stewart, *Stewart & DeChant*; Carla M. Tricarichi, *Tricarichi & Carnes*; Fred Weisman, *Weisman, Goldberg & Weisman*; and John D. Wheeler, *Calfee, Halter & Griswold*.

Members present will vote upon amendments to the Library's constitution which would establish a tenth Trustee, designated as the Presiding Judge of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, and which would also establish three year staggered terms for the other nine Trustees. In addition, technical changes substitute gender neutral language throughout the constitution. The substantive proposed changes are reproduced below. For a copy of the complete proposal, please call the library or view it on our web page at <http://www.clelaw.lib.oh.us>.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATE NEW LANGUAGE. PARENTHESES INDICATE DELETIONS.

#### Article IV: Meetings of Members

C. Time and Place of Meetings and Notice Thereof. Except as otherwise provided, the time and place of all meetings of members shall be fixed by the president. SUCH NOTICE SHALL BE BY MAIL, FAX, ELECTRONIC MAIL OR OTHER MEANS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DIRECTED TO THE MEMBER'S DESIGNATION AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDS OF THE ASSOCIATION.(by mail directed to his address as shown on the records of the association, of the time, place and purposes of such meeting.)

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#### Article VI - Board of Trustees

A. ( Number.) Qualifications and Powers. The government, corporate powers and property of this association, including the power to receive and expend public funds and to fix all salaries, shall be exercised and controlled by a board of (nine) trustees who shall be lawyers and regular members of the association.

B. NUMBER, Election, Tenure, and Vacancies. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL CONSIST OF TEN (10)

TRUSTEES, NINE (9) OF WHOM SHALL BE REGULAR MEMBERS WHO SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE (3) CLASSES OF THREE (3) TRUSTEES EACH AND WHO AFTER THE INITIAL TWO YEARS (1997 & 1998) SHALL SERVE FOR THREE (3) YEAR TERMS. COMMENCING WITH THE ANNUAL MEETING IN 1997, ONE THIRD (1/3) OF THE TRUSTEES SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM, ANOTHER ONE THIRD (1/3) SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM. AS THE RESPECTIVE ONE AND TWO YEAR TERMS EXPIRE, THE SUCCESSORS TRUSTEES SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM. EACH TRUSTEE SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL HIS OR HER RESPECTIVE SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIED.

THE TENTH TRUSTEE SHALL BE THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD NOT LESS THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE SHALL BE FILLED BY THE REMAINING TRUSTEES.

(At each annual meeting nine trustees shall be elected to hold office until the next annual meeting and until their successors are elected and qualified. Nominations of candidates for the office of trustee shall be made in writing to the secretary of the board not less than thirty days prior to the date of the annual meeting. If a quorum be present, the nine candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. A vacancy occurring in the office of trustee shall be filled promptly by the remaining Trustees.)

#### GEORGE DOWNING RETIRES ALBERT T. ADAMS APPOINTED

After more than twenty one years of service, Trustee and Board Vice-president George Downing has resigned from the Board in conjunction with his retirement from *Baker & Hostetler*. The Law Library's relationship with Mr. Downing actually predates his legal practice, as he was employed as a part-time law library assistant while attending Case Western Reserve University Law School. While we'll miss Mr. Downing as a devoted member of our library family, we know he and Mrs. Downing embark on this new phase of their lives with adventurous spirits.

At their February 27 meeting, the Trustees appointed Albert T. Adams to fill George Downing's unexpired term. Mr. Adams earned an M.B.A. and law degree from Harvard Law School in 1977, and currently serves as Chairman of the Cleveland Office of *Baker & Hostetler*.

In the last year, our web page has dramatically increased our service delivery options. We hope you'll take a peek regularly and note that not only do we point you to some of the best and most reliable Internet sites, but also post lots of unique local information. We are daily adding new local court rules, judicial directories, forms and information from county and local government agencies. We post syllabi of Sixth Circuit, Ohio Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court decisions on date of issue, and point you to full text of the most recent Eighth District Court of Appeals decisions. Within the next few weeks we plan on posting full text of Cuyahoga County Common Pleas opinions. Over the last several months, we've used the web page to post important new legislation, such as the tort reform bill and the Cleveland employment discrimination ordinance. We have also made our new Research Guides interactive, so that when you read them from a page and encounter an Internet reference, you can go there immediately.

Does this cyber-presence mean we are abandoning traditional forms of service? Not at all. Our web resources are powerful tools for delivering information to our members, but "service delivery" rather than the means thereof, is the most important part of our mission. So, if you'd prefer to have us do the "surfing" for you, we are perfectly amenable.

**MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS**

An individual membership in the Law Library Association belongs only to the member in whose name the membership is purchased. It does not confer membership or service privileges to employees or associates of that member. If you want to provide the fullest library access to all the employees of your firm, please call our Business Office for a quotation for a firm subscription.

Members who have reached the age of sixty-five and who have been members for at least twenty years, are entitled, upon application, to status as Senior members and a reduced membership rate of twenty-five percent of the regular assessment. Senior members over the age of seventy with at least twenty-five years of membership do not pay an annual fee.

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