



*The Federal Bar Association  
Northern District of Ohio Chapter*

July 27, 2017

TO MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO CHAPTER

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3 and 4, Article V, and Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution of the Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Chapter, the report of the Nominations and Elections Committee is set forth in full:

In accordance with the provisions of the Article VIII, Sections 1 and 2, of the Constitution of the Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Chapter, the Nominations and Elections Committee met, pursuant to Call, and herewith places in nomination for the offices of President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Delegate to the National Council, of the Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Chapter, each for a one-year term, the following:

President .....	Philip Calabrese
President-Elect .....	Rebecca J. Bennett
Vice-President .....	Deneen LaMonica
Secretary .....	Amanda Knapp
Treasurer .....	Derik Diaz
Delegate to National Council .....	Anthony J. Vegh

and for a one-year term as members of the Board of Directors, the following:

David E. Mills                      Brian N. Ramm                      Carole S. Rendon

Additional nominations may be made in accordance with Article V of the Constitution, which states:

Section 3. Nominations. The Nominations and Elections committee shall nominate at least one candidate for each office and elected Board of Directors position and present such slate of candidates in a written notice to the general membership at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting at which the election of officers will occur. Additionally, the written notice shall state the time and place of the election and shall inform members that the nomination of candidates for the elective offices and board of director positions of this chapter may be made by any member at the meeting at which the election will be held.

If no additional nominations are made, the nominees listed above will be declared elected to the respective positions at the upcoming Annual Election Meeting of August, 16, 2017, at 12:00 Noon at Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, OH.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER BY-LAWS

#### Article V, Section 1

Article V, Section 1 of the Federal Bar Association Norther District of Ohio By-Laws currently provides: “Each elected official shall assume the duties of office on October 1 and shall hold office for one year, or until a successor shall be duly elected. No member serving in the capacity of President, President-Elect, or Vice President shall be eligible to succeed to that same office.”

Proposed Amendment: Delete the following provision from Article V, Section 1: “No member serving in the capacity of President, President-Elect, or Vice President shall be eligible to succeed to that same office.”

#### Article VI, Section 1

Article VI, Section 1 of the FBA’s By-Laws is amended as follows (new language is underlined):

### **ARTICLE VI - Board of Directors**

**Section 1. Membership:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, three elected Directors, the chairpersons of the standing committees, the chairpersons of any *ad hoc* Committees established by the Board of Directors, Division and Sub-Division Chairs appointed at the discretion of the President, the immediate Past President of the Chapter, and no less than one nor more than twenty Directors at large, appointed at the discretion of the President. Division and Sub-Division Chairs and former Presidents of the Chapter, whose term as Chapter President preceded that of the Immediate Past President and who have rendered continuous service to the Chapter and continuous participation in the activities of the Chapter from the time of their service as

Chapter President, shall be *ex officio* members of the Board of Directors during their term of membership in the Association and the Chapter and their active participation in the affairs of the Board of Directors and of the Chapter, and such *ex officio* membership shall not be counted against the number of at-large Board memberships allotted to the President of the Board.

A Division Chair shall coordinate Chapter activities and act as liaisons in the Northern District of Ohio, Western Division. Sub-Division Chairs shall coordinate Chapter activities and act as liaisons in their respective locations of Akron and Youngstown. Division and Sub-Division Chairs shall have their principal places of business or residences in their respective division or sub-division, which shall correspond to the locations identified in N.D. Ohio Civil Local Rule 3.8(a), except that, for purposes of this Section, Akron may include Ashland, Medina, and Geauga Counties, Youngstown shall include Ashtabula County, and Toledo shall include Richland and Crawford Counties.

Such members of the Chapter that are elected officers of the Association, or have been appointed to serve as a member of any Association Committee, the National Council, or are a chairperson or vice chairperson of any Association Division or Section, shall be members of the Board of Directors.

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A vote on the proposed amendments to the Chapter's By-Law will take place at the Annual Election Meeting of August, 16, 2017, at 12:00 Noon at Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Law Building, Room 60, Cleveland, OH. If you plan on attending the meeting, please respond to Steven Paffilas at [steven.paffilas@usdoj.gov](mailto:steven.paffilas@usdoj.gov) or 216-622-3698.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Paffilas,  
Nominations and Elections Committee