

# **Charter of the Illinois State Bar Association**

*(As amended November 14, 1981)*

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, a certificate duly signed and acknowledged, has been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 1st day of March, A.D. 1916, for the organization of the ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION under and in accordance with the provisions of "An Act Concerning Corporations," approved April 18, 1872, and in force July 1, 1872, and all acts amendatory thereof, a copy of which certificate is hereto attached;

Now, therefore, I, Lewis Stevenson, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the power and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION is a legally organized corporation under the laws of the state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois.

Done at the City of Springfield this 1st day of March, A.D. 1916, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred fortieth.

(signed) LEWIS G. STEVENSON  
Secretary of State

(Seal) STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON

To Lewis G. Stevenson, Secretary of State:

We, the undersigned, Nathan William MacChesney, Roger Sherman, Walter M. Provine, John F. Voigt, Frederick A. Brown, C. M. Clay Buntain, Albert D. Early, Edgar B. Tolman, George H. Wilson and Logan Hay, Citizens of the United States, propose to form a corporation under an act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled "An Act Concerning Corporations," approved April 18th, 1872, and all acts amendatory thereof, and that for the purpose of such organization we hereby state as follows, to-wit:

1. The name of such Corporation is ILLINOIS STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
2. The object of this Association shall be to establish and maintain the honor, standards and dignity of the legal profession, to promote and establish organized

facilities for the furnishing of legal services to all citizens at a cost within their means, to improve the prompt administration of justice through the selection of qualified judges and adherence to effective standards of judicial administration and administrative procedure, to preserve representative government in the United States through continual improvement of the law and through a program of public education of the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship, to promote the general welfare of the members of the Association; to distribute or administer its funds for the aforesaid purposes in such manner as will tend to promote the objects of this Association; to receive by gifts, devises or bequests, real or personal property, for carrying out of the aforesaid purposes; and to do all things necessary and proper to accomplish the purposes for which this Association is incorporated.

3. The term of this Corporation shall be perpetual.

4. The following persons are hereby selected as Managers of Control and manage the Corporation until the first Annual Meeting, viz.: Nathan William MacChesney, Roger Sherman, Walter M. Provine, John F. Voigt, Frederick A. Brown, C. M. Clay Buntain, Albert D. Early, Edgar B. Tolman, Logan Hay and George H. Wilson.

5. The Association shall have and continuously maintain in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, a registered office and a registered agent having an office identical with such registered office, and may have other offices at such places, either within or without the State of Illinois, all as the Board of Governors may from time to time determine.

(Signature of Incorporators)