

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

April Term, A.D., 1985

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IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS)
OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE WYOMING)
STATE BAR AND RULES PROVIDING)
FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND)
GOVERNMENT OF THE WYOMING)
STATE BAR)

MAY 23 1985
C. WHITE
CLERK

ORDER AMENDING BY-LAWS AND RULES PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION
AND GOVERNMENT OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR

Pursuant to § 5-2-118, W.S.1977, and after consideration in conference and otherwise between the Officers and Bar Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar and this Court, it is;

ORDERED that effective this date, Article II, Section 2-6, By-laws of the Wyoming State Bar, is amended to read as follows:

6. Election of officers and members of the Judicial Nominating Commission.

FURTHER ORDERED, effective this date the following Rules Providing for the Organization and Government of the Bar of Attorneys at Law of the State of Wyoming are amended to read as follows:

Rule 7. Election of officers and members of the Judicial Nominating Commission; term; vacancies.

A. A president-elect, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer and, in the year preceding the expiration of a term of a member of the state bar serving on the Judicial Nominating Commission, a member of the Judicial Nominating Commission shall be elected from the active resident membership at the annual meeting of the state bar, or at a special election to be called by the board of commissioners of the state bar. The incumbent president-elect shall automatically become the new president without election.

B. Nominations for president-elect, vice-president and secretary-treasurer must be in writing and received in the office of the state bar by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday afternoon preceding the commencement of the annual meeting of the state bar. A nominee must be an active resident member and in good standing of the state bar, and his or her nomination must be endorsed by two (2) active resident members in good standing of the state bar. If there is more than one (1) nomination for any office, an election by ballot will be held at the annual meeting of the state bar by an election committee appointed by the president for such purpose. Such election committee shall be composed of three (3) active resident members of the state bar. The person receiving the plurality of the votes cast shall be deemed elected. If no written nominations for an office are received by the above specified date at the office of the state bar, nominations shall be accepted for such office from the floor at the annual business meeting of the state bar.

C. Officers of the state bar shall continue to serve until their successors have been duly qualified and elected.

D. All officers shall serve in their respective capacities as officers and members of the board of commissioners and shall have the right to vote on all questions coming before it.

E. In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the president-elect shall serve as acting president until the next annual election. The office of president shall, in such case, remain vacant until the next annual election. Vacancies in the office of president-elect, vice-president and secretary-treasurer shall be filled by a majority vote of the board of commissioners for the unexpired term.

F. The president of the state bar shall nominate three (3) resident members of the bar in good standing who are engaged in the active practice of law to stand for each election for the Judicial Nominating Commission. In addition, any such member may be nominated by the petition of any ten (10) such members which must be submitted to the executive director on or before thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the election. The member receiving the plurality of the votes cast at the annual meeting shall be deemed elected. The elected member shall serve for a term of four (4) years.

G. Vacancies in the Judicial Nominating Commission shall be filled by special election. Special elections may be conducted by written ballot mailed by first class United States mail at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the election to every active resident member. The president shall appoint three (3) resident members engaged in active practice to count the ballots on the day of the election. The person receiving the plurality of the votes cast shall be deemed elected. In the event an election is held to

fill an incomplete term, the person elected shall serve the unexpired term of the person who created the vacancy.

H. The president shall not be eligible for re-election. No more than two (2) members of the Judicial Nominating Commission who are residents of the same judicial district may qualify to serve any term or part of a term on the commission.

I. No member of the Judicial Nominating Commission excepting the chairman shall hold any federal, state or county public office or any political party office, and after serving a full term or part of a term he shall not be eligible for re-election or reappointment to succeed himself on the commission. No member shall be eligible for appointment to any judicial office while he is a member of the commission nor for a period of one (1) year after the expiration of his term for which he is elected or appointed.

Rule 9. Election of commissioners.

Each judicial district of the state, as now or hereafter constituted, shall be entitled to one (1) commissioner on the board, who shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by the qualified members of the state bar residing in that district. In each district bearing an even number, the election shall be held in the even-numbered year, and in odd-numbered districts the election shall be held in the odd-numbered year. Such election shall always be held within sixty (60) days preceding the annual meeting of the state bar, at such time and place as may be designated by the commissioner from that district, provided, that an annual meeting of the district bar shall be held each year within said sixty (60) day period, as called by the commissioner, for the transaction of business of interest to the district bar. Each commissioner shall take office at the close of the annual meeting of the state bar next following his election and shall hold office until his successor is elected and takes office. No commissioner may serve as such for more than two (2) terms consecutively.

Rule 10. Meetings of the state bar.

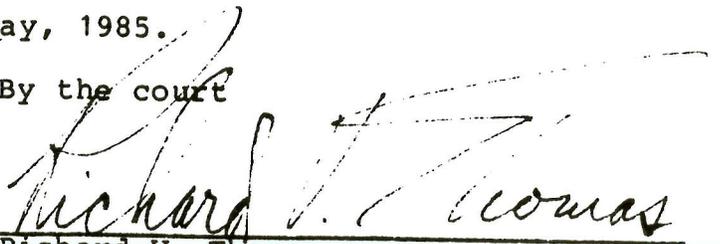
There shall be an annual meeting presided over by the president of the state bar, or in his absence or disability by the vice-president or by some member of the state bar selected by the board. Such meeting shall be open to all members thereof in good standing. Such meeting shall be held during August or September of each year, unless otherwise directed by the board. The president, by and with the advice and consent of the board, shall designate the place of meeting. Such annual meeting shall be held for: the election of officers, to hear the address of the president, and in general, for the discussion of matters of interest to the state bar and affecting the administration of justice. Special meetings of the state bar may be called by the president, or in case of his absence or disability by the vice-president, by and with the advice and consent of the board, at a time and place to

to be determined by them. Due notice of the time and place of such meetings shall be sent by the secretary-treasurer to the members of the state bar.

FURTHER ORDERED, that Rule 8 of the Rules Providing for the Organization and Government of the Bar of Attorneys at Law of the State of Wyoming be and is hereby repealed.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 1985.

By the court

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard V. Thomas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Richard V. Thomas
Chief Justice