

The American Samoa Bar Association

At a regularly scheduled meeting held at Nu'uuli, American Samoa
on Thursday, _____, 20__.

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF ARTICLE VI OF THE BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN SAMOA BAR ASSOCIATION TO DESIGNATE STANDING COMMITTEES ON LAW REFORM AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SERVICE AND WHICH ESTABLISHES AND DESCRIBES THE JURISDICTION OF THESE COMMITTEES.

In accordance with Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Samoa Bar Association and in furtherance of Articles I and II of the Constitution of the American Samoa Bar Association, Article VI Sections 1 and 2 of the Bylaws of the American Samoa Bar Association are amended as follows (the amended portions are underlined in this act):

Section 1. Designation of Standing Committees.

There shall be standing committees on:

- 1 . Continuing Legal Education of the Bar;
2. Ethics and Grievances;
3. Law Reform; and
4. Community Outreach and Service.

Section 2. Jurisdiction of Standing Committees.

a . The Committee on Continuing Legal Education shall develop and carry out a program of continuing legal education of the bar in order to aid members of the profession in keeping informed of new developments and to assist the beginning lawyer or practitioner toward a better understanding of the practice of law.

b. The Ethics and Grievance Committee shall have three purposes:

- (1) To recommend to the High Court of American Samoa standards of ethics and conduct in the practice of law which are in Conformity with the Code of Professional Responsibility of the American Bar Association.
- (2) To offer assistance to the High Court of American Samoa in the enforcement of the disciplinary rules and procedures promulgated by the Chief Justice of the High Court of American Samoa.

(3) To refer to such person or persons as may be designated by the Chief Justice of the High Court of American Samoa such grievances concerning any member of this Association as may come to the attention of the Committee.

c. The Law Reform Committee shall seek to improve the quality and administration of justice in American Samoa by reviewing and evaluating any and all laws, statutes, administrative rules, executive orders, court orders, court rules and procedures, and the constitution and bylaws of the American Samoa Bar Association that have been enacted, promulgated, issued, proposed or which are effective in American Samoa, and the impact and affect that such rules, laws and decisions have or may have on the people of the Territory and their way of life. Where appropriate, and upon discussion at any regular or special meeting of the bar and with the approval of a majority of members at that meeting, the committee shall submit recommendations, opinions, legislation or any combination thereof on behalf of the bar to the appropriate body or authority. Committee members are empowered to provide written and oral testimony on behalf of the bar in support of any measure submitted pursuant to this section.

d. The Community Outreach and Service Committee shall seek to provide equal access to justice, education on legal topics, and other assistance related to legal education to the people of American Samoa. The committee shall work to establish and maintain programs which educate the public about the law, the legal profession and legal education; which provide pro-bono or low cost legal services to those in the community who are underserved, indigent or otherwise disadvantaged; and which promote and facilitate pro-bono service by members of the bar. The committee shall also make annual scholarship awards on behalf of the bar to a person (or persons) with significant ties to American Samoa who wishes (or whose wishes are) to practice law in the Territory and who is (or who are) attending law school.

This act shall become effective upon approval by a majority vote of the active members of the bar present at a regular meeting of the members of the bar and certification by the secretary of the bar.

I hereby certify that this act was approved by a majority vote of the active members of the bar present at a regular meeting of the American Samoa Bar Association.

Secretary of the Bar Association