



IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE AMENDMENTS TO CNMI BAR ASSOCIATION BYLAWS AND CONSTITUTION

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2014-ADM-0012-MSC

¶ 1 On October 17, 2014, the CNMI Bar Association (“Bar”) submitted to this Court proposed amendments to its bylaws and constitution as approved by Bar members on September 25, 2014, in accordance with article 9 of the bylaws¹ and paragraph 8 of the constitution².

¶ 2 The Bar proposes to amend:

- (1) article III, section 2 of its bylaws to increase the board of directors from five to seven members; and
- (2) paragraph 4 of its constitution to authorize seven members of the board of directors to manage its affairs.

¶ 3 Pursuant to the Court’s inherent authority under article 4, section 3 of the NMI Constitution, we hereby APPROVE the proposed amendments attached herewith.

SO ORDERED this 31st day of October, 2014.

/s/
ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
Chief Justice

/s/
JOHN A. MANGLONA
Associate Justice

¹ Article 9 requires Court approval or rejection within 60 days after submission to the Court.

² Paragraph 8 specifies that any amendment adopted by the Bar becomes effective upon the Commonwealth trial court’s (now this Court’s) approval.

/s/

PERRY B. INOS
Associate Justice

BYLAWS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENT to ARTICLE III, SECTION 2

Article III, Section 2. Tenure and Qualifications. As provided in the Charter of the Association, the affairs of the Association shall be managed by a ~~five (5)~~ seven (7) member Board of Directors. . . .”

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CHARTER OF INCORPORATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENT to PARAGRAPH 5

Paragraph 5. “The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of ~~five~~ seven persons who shall be members of the Corporation, which ~~five~~ seven persons shall include the officers of the Corporation. . . .”

CONSTITUTION OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENT to PARAGRAPH 4

Paragraph 4: “The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of ~~six~~ seven persons who shall be active members of the Association, which ~~six~~ seven persons shall include the officers of the Association. . . .”