

## CABA ELECTION RULES & PROCEDURES 2017

Below are the rules and procedures that you, as a candidate for the Board of Directors and/or President Elect, agree to adhere to. The rules and procedures are as follows:

- 1. You must be a 2017 member in good standing, meaning your Membership Dues must be paid in full.
- 2. You must be licensed to practice law by the state of Florida or other state bar, and must be in good standing with said bar for a minimum of three (3) years.
- 3. You may not use the CABA seal or logo or any other CABA property (including pictures) as part of your campaign literature (including emails), signs, or slogans.
- 4. In order to run for President-Elect you must have served as a Board Member for 3 of the immediately preceding 5 years.
- 5. <u>Absentee Ballots</u>
  - a. From November 9 through November 25, 2015, electronic absentee ballots will be available upon request to CABA members in good standing who have paid their 2017 membership dues. To obtain an absentee ballot, please contact our Executive Director, Diana Powell, via email **ONLY** at <u>diana@cabaonline.com</u> no later than 24 hours prior to the time you wish to access your ballot.
  - b. Only the member (or that member's assistant or other clerical staff on his or her behalf) requesting an absentee ballot will receive access to the electronic ballot. Candidates or their representatives *will not* be given access to the electronic ballot(s) as a proxy.
  - c. All absentee ballots must be completed and electronically submitted by <u>no</u> <u>later than</u> 5:00 p.m. <u>Friday, November 25, 2015</u> to be considered valid. *No other absentee ballots will be accepted or considered*.
- 6. No balloons, signs, stickers, lapel pins, hats, literature or other such "campaign materials" may be handed out at the election, or placed within a one (1) mile radius of Gibraltar Private Bank and Trust between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9

p.m. If someone is going to wear a sticker, t-shirt, or campaign button for you, they must have it on by the time they enter Gibraltar Bank that evening.

- 7. Candidates and campaigners may not crowd or "hover" at the entrance to the election venue, the registration line, or by the ballot box.
- 8. Please remember that CABA is a voluntary bar association where decorum and respectfulness in the election process are expected and required.

## Enforcement of Procedures and Policies:

Although I expect that there will not be any violation of these policies, if there is, the following protocol shall apply (and will be strictly enforced):

1. Upon a first confirmed violation, the candidate will be given a warning.

2. Upon a second confirmed violation by a campaigner on behalf of a candidate, the candidate will be given a second warning. If the violation concerns an election night policy, the offender will be asked to leave the premises. If the violation is committed by the candidate, the candidate shall be penalized by a deduction of 10 votes.

3. Upon a third confirmed violation by a campaigner on behalf of a candidate or the candidate, the candidate shall be disqualified

I believe that the policies outlined above will help meet the demands of our members, yet still provide all candidates with the opportunity to network and lobby for votes. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation, and I hope you will join me in continuing to advance CABA's tradition of excellence and distinction.

Good luck to all. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Javy Lopez, CABA President-Elect

I agree to the above statements, rules and procedures.

Signature of Candidate:

Printed Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_