

“corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1351.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70501	36:571.	Aug. 24, 1954, ch. 911, §§ 1, 2, 68 Stat. 795.
	36:572.	

This section is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate executed and unnecessary words.

§ 70502. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to receive and hold property, including by gift, devise, or grant, and to invest, administer, and dispose of the property without restrictions applicable to trustees or trust funds;

(2) to apply its income and any part of its principal exclusively to educational, charitable, scientific, or literary purposes—

(A) to advance the science of jurisprudence;

(B) to uphold high standards for the Federal judiciary and attorneys representing the United States Government;

(C) to promote and improve the administration of justice, including the study of means for the improved handling of the legal business of the departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the Government;

(D) to facilitate the cultivation and diffusion of knowledge and understanding of the law and the promotion of the study of the law and the science of jurisprudence and research in jurisprudence, through the maintenance of a law library, the establishment of seminars, lectures, and studies devoted to the law, and the publication of addresses, essays, treatises, reports, and other literary works by students, practitioners, and teachers of the law; and

(E) to provide for the acquisition, preservation, and exhibition of rare books and documents, sculptures, paintings, and other objects of art and historical interest relating to the law, the courts, and the legal profession; and

(3) to do any other acts necessary or incident to the accomplishment of these purposes.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70502	36:573.	Aug. 24, 1954, ch. 911, § 3, 68 Stat. 797.

Before clause (1), the word “objects” is omitted as included in “purposes”.

Clause (1) is substituted for 36:573(1) to eliminate unnecessary words.

In clause (2), the words “and if the corporation so decides, all or” and “or any of them” are omitted as unnecessary. In subclause (D), the words “in jurisprudence” are substituted for “therein” for clarity.

In clause (3), the words “any other acts” are substituted for “any and all things” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 70503. Membership

(a) MEMBERS.—The members of the corporation are—

(1) the members of the National Council of the Federal Bar Association, a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia, during their term of membership on that Council; and

(2) other individuals the corporation provides for in the bylaws or otherwise.

(b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

(c) GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.—An individual may not be a member, director, or officer of the corporation if the individual—

(1) is a member of, or advocates the principles of, an organization believing in, or working for, the overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence; or

(2) refuses to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1352.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70503(a)	36:576(a).	Aug. 24, 1954, ch. 911, §§ 6, 16, 68 Stat. 798, 800.
70503(b)	36:576(b).	
70503(c)	36:586.	

In subsection (a), the words “the persons listed in section 571 of this title” and “hereafter” are omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (b), the words “has one vote” are substituted for “may cast one vote” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 70504. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the corporation. The board may exercise, or provide for the exercise of, the powers of the corporation.

(2) The board shall consist of 12 individuals elected, and subject to removal at any time, by a majority vote of the members of the corporation. The term of office of an elected director is 6 years. A vacancy on the board shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the corporation.

(3) The board shall meet at least annually. Each director has one vote on each matter decided by the board. The board may delegate its powers to a prudential committee subject to the direction of, and reporting to, the board.

(4) The president of the corporation is the chairman of the board and of the prudential committee.

(b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, a historian, and other officers provided for in the bylaws. The powers of the officers are as provided in the bylaws.