

Proposed Amendment to the NBLSA Constitution

Governing Document: 2024 NBLSA Constitution

Article and Section Affected: Article V – Regions Subsection 7

Proposed Amendment: Amend the language within the bylaws to reflect that the state of Colorado shall be reassigned from the Midwest Region to the Western Region. The revised subsection shall read:

Current Language:

- "(iv) Midwest Region: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Colorado, and Wyoming."
- "(v) Western Region: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Guam."

Revised Language:

- "(iv) Midwest Region: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, and Wyoming."
- "(v) Western Region: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Guam, and Colorado."

Additionally, **Article V – Regions, Subsection 7**, should reflect that any references to the regional composition of NBLSA shall be updated accordingly to place Colorado within the Western Region instead of the Midwest Region.

Rationale: The reassignment of Colorado to the Western Region aligns with its geographical proximity, institutional collaborations, and organizational efficiency within NBLSA. This change will promote stronger engagement with chapters and legal communities in states that share closer regional similarities with Colorado. Additionally, law schools in Colorado have expressed a strong preference to return to the Western Region, as it makes more sense for them collaboratively, financially, and politically. Being part of the Western Region allows for better networking opportunities, resource sharing, and alignment with other institutions in the region, ultimately benefiting the students and the organization as a whole.