

GAWL CANDIDATES' COMMITTEE POLICY

1. Georgia Association of Women Lawyers (“GAWL”) does not endorse any candidate who is running for an elected position, regardless of the nature of position. GAWL does not make financial or in-kind contributions to any candidate running for any position. GAWL, however, supports all members who are seeking election to any office outside of GAWL (“Candidate(s)”) by providing a method for a Candidate to advocate for her or himself, based upon her or his qualifications and experience and consistent with GAWL’s policies and procedures.
2. To support Candidates, the President of GAWL and/or the Vice President of Public Affairs will select a Chair of the Candidates’ Committee (the “Committee”). If a Candidates’ Committee Chair is not selected, the Chair of Public Affairs shall serve as the Candidates’ Committee Chair. As necessary, the Chair of the Committee may create a Committee comprised of no more than ten (10) members. The Chair of the Committee, with the approval of the President of GAWL and the Vice President of Public Affairs, will choose each member of the Committee.
3. The purposes and policies of this Committee are to:
 - a. Provide an informational resource for all Candidates by, among other things, providing a means by which the Candidate may communicate with GAWL members about: (i) the Candidate’s campaign; and (ii) other opportunities designed to raise awareness about the Candidate, so long as such opportunities are consistent with GAWL’s policies and procedures and the policies and purposes set forth herein;
 - b. Educate Candidates about the prohibition of: (i) any use of the GAWL logo or name, without express written consent¹ of GAWL; (ii) any representation, without the express written consent of GAWL, by the Candidate and/or members of the Candidate’s staff, whether made orally or contained in any campaign materials, which may mislead the public by stating expressly or impliedly that GAWL does or does not support and/or endorse such Candidate;
 - c. Monitor compliance with the policies and purposes set forth herein by, among other things: (i) monitoring compliance with the prohibition of any use of the GAWL logo and/or name without the express written consent of GAWL; (ii) reporting to the President and/or President-elect of GAWL any actual or suspected noncompliance with the policies and purposes set forth herein; and (iii) if necessary and appropriate, proposing to the President and/or President-elect of GAWL solutions to, and/or consequences for, any noncompliance;

¹ As used herein, “express written consent” will be provided to a Candidate only after the Candidate’s request is presented to and approved by the President or President-Elect of GAWL and such approval is reduced to a written document that is signed by the President or President-Elect of GAWL.

- d. Participate in and/or communicate with other organizations, judges, and elected or appointed officials as necessary to monitor the status of leadership positions (whether elected, appointed, or otherwise) that are or may become available or open in other bar and legal organizations, judicial forums, governmental, and/or quasi-governmental arenas and, if reasonable notice of such leadership positions is provided, convey information to GAWL members who request information on such leadership positions;
- e. Work strategically with the appropriate GAWL officers, committees, and subcommittees to identify potential candidates for positions (whether elected, appointed, or otherwise) that are or may become available in other bar and legal organizations, judicial forums, governmental, and/or quasi-governmental arenas, in an effort to: (i) further GAWL's mission and purposes; and (ii) match GAWL members to such positions based on the members' interests, qualifications, likelihood of winning an election or an appointment, and any other legitimate, non-discriminatory factors the Committee deems relevant or appropriate under the circumstances;
- f. Work with other GAWL officers, committees, and/or subcommittees to amend existing GAWL policies and propose new GAWL policies, in an effort to further the policies and purposes set forth herein;
- g. Propose amendments and/or revisions to the policies and purposes set forth herein from time to time as may be necessary or desirable.

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