

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPERTS ASSISTING THE
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE OF THE VALENCIAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT**

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1.- The Association of Experts Assisting the Administration of Justice of the Valencian Regional Government is incorporated under Article 22 of the Spanish Constitution. The Association shall be regulated by these Articles and by the legal Provisions in force for this category of Association, consisting of Law 19/1997 of 1 April 1997, Decree 873/77 of 22 April 1977 and other related provisions, or such provisions as may be issued in the future.

ARTICLE 2.- The Association shall have full legal personality and capacity, independent of each of its members.

ARTICLE 3.- Its registered office will be situated in Valencia, at calle Colón No. 14, escalera (staircase) B, puerta (door) 12.

ARTICLE 4.- The Association is established on a non-profit making basis.

PART II

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

ARTICLE 5.- The objects for which the Association is established are: to represent, manage and protect the interests of its members, who shall be natural persons with the necessary qualifications, profession, craft, trade, knowledge or experience to enable them to perform the functions of an Expert pursuant to the Criminal Procedure Act, the Employment Procedure Act, the Act Regulating Contentious-Administrative Jurisdiction and other procedural laws and legislation relating to this function.

The Association shall carry out all such actions and activities as may be necessary for the attainment of the above objects, and in particular:

5.1.- Promote cooperation between professionals with the relevant expertise and the Judicial and Administrative Authorities and other organisations, entities or private individuals who may require their services.

5.2.- Participate in and to represent its members before official consultation and collaboration bodies, in agreements, accords and negotiations, and in procedural acts such as those concerned with drafting provisions of a general nature in which they may legally be an interested party, or in which those with an interest in such acts have a legal right to be heard.

5.3.- Participate in and represent its members, in their different sectors, at meetings, committees, shows, themed events, exhibitions and other events of a similar nature which, whether promoted by the Association itself or by any public or private entity, may result in a better organisation, awareness and expansion of the said sectors in general and of their services in particular. To that end, the Association may publish such bulletins, brochures, lists, guides and publications as may be necessary and distribute them to its members and to such public bodies, entities and private individuals as may be interested in its services.

5.4.- Improve and expand the economic, social, technological and professional development of the different sectors, by carrying out such actions as may support the development of technological research which will be of benefit to its members.

5.5.- Afford advice of any kind and organise and promote such services for its members as may enable them and the Association to operate more successfully.

5.6.- File proceedings and actions of an administrative, arbitration or court nature for which the Association is authorised, for the protection of its members' interests.

5.7.- Train members to act as experts, arbitrators, mediators or conciliators in arbitration, mediation or conciliation proceedings, and appoint them at the request of arbitration or similar institutions, by promoting its own activities or collaborating with third party public or private institutions for that purpose.

5.8.- Create or participate in an Arbitration Tribunal, or a mediation or conciliation Institution, for the purpose of administering arbitration, mediation or conciliation processes, and promote such activities as may be necessary for the attainment of this object.

Under no circumstances may the Association exercise any kind of control over the professional or business activities of its members.

ARTICLE 6.- The Association is incorporated for an indefinite period of time, and its territorial scope is limited to the Autonomous Community of Valencia.

ARTICLE 7.- Membership shall be available to all natural persons who fulfil the requirements set out in the following article.

ARTICLE 8.- In order to be admitted to membership of the Association, the following requirements are mandatory:

8.1.- To accept the rules of these Articles in full.

8.2.- To have the qualifications, profession, craft, trade, knowledge or experience necessary to perform the function of an expert appropriate for each of the sections defined in these Articles.

8.3.- To have their application accepted by the Board of Directors and their membership subsequently ratified by the General Meeting. If the Board of Directors should not admit the candidate, the candidate may appeal to the first General Meeting to be held by the Association and the final decision shall rest with this General Meeting. For these purposes, the Board of Directors is obliged to give the person concerned at least ten days' notice of the place, date and time at which the first General Meeting is to be held.

8.4.- To pay a single admission fee and a monthly membership fee or fees, the amount(s) of which shall be as established from time to time by the Board of Directors, without prejudice to ratification of the said amount(s) by the Meeting.

ARTICLE 9.- Members may be represented at the governing bodies of the Association by another member.

The secretary shall keep a Register of members, which shall be available for inspection by them at the registered office.

ARTICLE 10.- Members shall have the following rights:

10.1.- To enjoy the benefits arising from attainment of the corporate objects of the Association, to participate in its activities and to use such services as may be established for the benefit of members.

10.2.- To receive the protection and guidance of the Association, whenever they request it and where it concerns matters or subjects within its competence.

10.3.- To participate, with the right to speak and vote, in General Meetings, whether Ordinary or Extraordinary, and in the discussions held at such Meetings.

10.4.- To elect and be elected to all the representative posts of the Association in accordance with the provisions of these Articles.

10.5.- To perform, with sufficient representative authority, such commissions or assignments as may be conferred on them by the Board of Directors in order to achieve the agreed purposes.

10.6.- To address requests and to submit proposals and initiatives to the Governing Bodies of the Association.

10.7.- To gather and receive such information as they may require concerning the operation, conduct of activities, financial situation and generally any aspect of the Association that may be of interest to the members, in the manner determined by the rules, or failing that as agreed by the Board of Directors.

10.8.- To inspect the Register of Members, the Minute Books and the Books of Accounts, upon request to the Board of Directors.

10.9.- To share, if appropriate, in accordance with these Articles, in the distribution of the assets of the Association if this should be dissolved, up to the extent of the membership fees paid.

ARTICLE 11.- Members shall have the following obligations:

11.1.- To comply in all respects with the Articles of the Association and the resolutions validly passed by its governing bodies.

11.2.- To take an active part in the work of the Association and to attend the Meetings of members or any proceedings organised by the Association, whether in person or by a proxy appointed by notice in writing, if the nature of the proceeding requires it. Only members of the Association may be appointed as proxies.

11.3.- To contribute to the maintenance expenses of the Association by paying the membership fees or contributions determined from time to time by the Board of Directors or the General Meeting.

ARTICLE 12.- Membership will be terminated:

12.1.- At the request of the person concerned, issued in writing and sent by registered letter addressed to the Association with two months' notice.

12.2.- By resolution of the Board of Directors in the event of non-compliance by the member with any of the obligations arising from these Articles, or in the event that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, the behaviour or situation of the member has

resulted in or might result in some form of harm to the Association, its members or third parties.

Resolutions of the Board of Directors shall be immediately applicable, without prejudice to their ratification or revocation by the General Meeting.

Members who cease to belong to the Association shall not be released from any financial obligations for which they may be liable until their membership has effectively terminated, and under no circumstances shall they be entitled to claim funds from the Association.

PART IV

ORGANISATION

ARTICLE 13.- The members of the Association are organised in sections, families and specialties.

ARTICLE 14.- In order to belong to any of the sections, families or specialties, it shall be necessary to have the corresponding academic qualification and collegiate membership. In specialties or professions where no qualifications and/or Professional Colleges exist, the Board of Directors shall request a rational demonstration of the knowledge qualifying the candidate, subject to a report from the Professional Ethics Committee.

In any event, the Board of Directors may request additional experience or practical knowledge from the person concerned before that person may be duly admitted.

PART V

GOVERNING BODIES

ARTICLE 15.- The operation of the Association and its governing bodies shall conform to democratic principles at all times.

ARTICLE 16.- The Governing Bodies by which the Association shall be regulated and managed are the General Meeting, the Board of Directors, the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Voting Members and Provincial Delegates.

ARTICLE 17.- The General Meeting of members is the sovereign body of the Association and is composed of all the members. Its meetings may be Ordinary or Extraordinary. The Chair and Secretary of the Meeting shall be those who hold those positions on the Board of Directors. Save in cases where a larger majority is required, it shall pass its resolutions by an absolute majority of votes of members present or represented at the meeting. Representation may only be granted to another member and must be accredited by a letter addressed to the Chair. No one may represent more than five members. The relevant minutes shall be issued after each Meeting and authorised by the signature of the Secretary and the counter-signature of the Chair.

ARTICLE 18.- The Ordinary General Meeting shall meet at least once a year during the first six months of each year, in order to examine and, if appropriate, approve the management of the balance sheet of the previous financial year and the budget for the year in progress. The Ordinary Meeting shall also approve the Directors' Report to be presented to the Meeting annually by the Board of Directors, detailing the use to which the Association's resources have been put.

The General Meeting shall be called by at least two weeks' notice by the Chair or Vice Chair, who may delegate that power to the Secretary or the Management. Notice shall be sent to the members in writing stating the Agenda, the place, date and time scheduled for the meeting on first and second call, with an obligatory lapse of at least thirty minutes between the two. Up to one week before the date scheduled for the Meeting, members may send the Secretary proposed motions to be included in the Agenda and the Secretary shall in that case inform the members of such proposed motions immediately.

The notice of the Meeting shall be sent by registered post with acknowledgement of receipt, by fax, telegram or e-mail, except where all the members are present and they decide to form a Universal Extraordinary General Meeting.

ARTICLE 19.- The Extraordinary General Meeting shall meet whenever the Board of Directors thinks fit, or on the requisition of a number of members forming not less than one third of the whole, who shall make the requisition to the Board of Directors, stating their reasons for doing so. The Board of Directors shall convene the Extraordinary General Meeting to meet within a maximum period of 30 days from receipt of the requisition. In both cases the notice must comply with the requirements set out in the previous article.

ARTICLE 20.- The role of the General Meeting is:

20.1.- To appoint and revoke the appointment of the Chair and other members of the Board of Directors.

20.2.- To be informed of the performance of the Board of Directors in relation to the role assigned to it by the articles of association.

20.3.- To examine and approve, if appropriate, the Directors' Report, the Balance Sheet and the annual income and expenditure Budgets.

20.4.- To ratify and amend the ordinary membership fees at the proposal of the Board of Directors and to decide on how any possible extraordinary expenses are to be met.

20.5.- To approve or reject any motions proposed in due and proper form by the Board of Directors or the members.

20.6.- To amend the Articles of Association. Resolutions to amend the Articles of Association shall require a vote as established in Article 21.

20.7.- To resolve to wind up, transform or incorporate the Association into another organisation in accordance with these Articles, upon a motion proposed by the Board of Directors.

20.8.- To determine and ratify objectives and priority tasks to be carried out by the Association.

20.9.- To resolve all matters of the Association which do not fall within the scope of any other body under these Articles or under the legislation in force.

ARTICLE 21.- In order for the General Meeting, whether Ordinary or Extraordinary, to be considered validly held on first call, it shall be necessary for half of the members plus

one to be present or represented. On the second call it shall be considered to be validly held irrespective of the number of members present or represented.

It is the Chair's role to lead the discussions, with the right to limit the number and duration of contributions from those present and to declare that a particular matter has been sufficiently debated.

It is also the responsibility of the Chair to decide on the form of the voting sessions, although election to the executive posts of the Association shall always be by means of a free vote. However, at the Chair's discretion such voting may be secret.

Each member shall have one vote and the resolutions of the Meeting shall be passed by simple majority, except those requiring a qualified majority, as detailed below.

In order to amend these Articles, to transform, wind up or incorporate the Association into another organisation and to abolish, divide, combine or create sections, a vote in favour of two thirds of the members of the Association shall be required on first call, and the majority of three quarters of those present on second call.

The secretary shall draw up Minutes of the meeting, recording the place and date thereof, the number of members present or represented, a summary of the business transacted, the statements by speakers where there has been a request for these to be recorded, the decisions adopted and the results of the votes. The Minutes may be approved by the same Meeting which is being held. The said Minutes shall be kept in the corresponding book and shall be authorised by the signatures of the Chair and the Secretary.

The Board of Directors shall provide members with a prompt and complete report of the decisions adopted at each Meeting, by drawing up and sending a report to all the members.

ARTICLE 22.- The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Association and as such fully represents it. It is responsible for deciding on all matters relating to the aims of the Association which are not specifically assigned to the General Meeting. It shall be composed of a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, as well as such voting members and provincial delegates as may be applicable under these Articles.

ARTICLE 23.- The Board of Directors shall be elected by the Meeting of members.

The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of four years.

All posts shall be subject to re-election and shall be totally unpaid, although this shall not imply that the members shall be refunded for the expenses they may incur as a result of such posts, or that they shall be remunerated for any work or professional duties they may carry out in a private capacity, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 24.- The responsibilities of the Board of Directors shall be:

24.1.- To direct and manage the Association with the widest powers, having the authority to grant the necessary powers of attorney and in particular to implement the resolutions passed by the General Meeting.

24.2.- To call General Meetings, whether Ordinary or Extraordinary, in due and proper form and to set the agenda for such meetings.

24.3.- To uphold, interpret and ensure precise compliance with the Articles of Association and to decide on cases where no provision is made in the Articles.

24.4.- To fill up for the time being any vacancies arising on the Board and to inform the General Meeting of such circumstances, in order to obtain its ratification, if appropriate.

24.5.- To appoint such delegated bodies, reporting bodies, committees or other systems of work as it deems necessary for the fulfilment of the purposes and successful operation of the Association.

24.6.- To organise and manage the services of the Association and to appoint and dismiss any ancillary staff under its control.

24.7.- To accept aids, subsidies or gifts.

24.8.- To propose the amount of the general, ordinary and extraordinary membership fees to the Meeting.

24.9.- To ensure compliance with the legal rules in force regulating the Association, and to deal with requests or initiatives of the members and keep them informed of the plans and activities.

24.10.- To decide on all matters not expressly within the competence of the General Meeting.

24.11.- To settle any disputes that may arise among the members.

24.12.- To file, bring, formulate, prosecute, withdraw, settle and terminate, directly or through the Management, or through other representatives or attorneys, all kinds of actions, appeals, proceedings, challenges and cases, whether judicial, administrative or of any other kind, before all kinds of courts (including Supreme and Constitutional Courts), Authorities, Bodies and Public Officials of any branch, category and jurisdiction, whether national or international, without limitation of any kind.

24.13.- To change the structure of families and specialties, removing or incorporating any of those already existing.

24.14.- To hold such proceedings and conclude such contracts as may be necessary for the exercise of the above powers, and to sign the necessary public or private documents for that purpose.

ARTICLE 25.- The Board of Directors shall hold an ordinary meeting once a month and an extraordinary meeting whenever such a meeting is convened by the Chair or requested by one third of its members. Notice of the meeting shall be given by the same means as those cited for the General Meeting, stating the time of the meeting and giving one week's notice, save in the event of urgent matters, in which case the period necessary for the members of the Board to be informed of the notice shall be sufficient. Resolutions shall be passed by a majority.

The meeting shall be deemed to be validly met when at least any three of its members are present.

At the Meetings the Chair may be replaced by the Vice Chair, and failing him by the Treasurer.

Similarly, the Secretary may be replaced by the Treasurer or by the Manager.

The relevant Minutes of each meeting shall be issued and authorised by the signature of the Secretary and the counter-signature of the Chairman or their replacements.

The Management shall take part in the meetings of the Board of Directors with the right to speak but not to vote.

ARTICLE 26.- Attendance of the members of the Board of Directors at the meetings of the Board shall be mandatory. Where attendance is impossible they may delegate another member of the Board to attend on their behalf, by a notice in writing.

ARTICLE 27.- The Chair of the Board of Directors shall be at the same time the Chair of the Association and the Meeting of Members.

ARTICLE 28.- If half of the members of the Board of Directors plus one should collectively resign, the Board shall be deemed to have resigned in its entirety.

In that case, the Board itself shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting, in the form provided for in these Articles, and the Meeting shall take the relevant decision, while the Board which has resigned shall continue to perform its duties.

PART VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

ARTICLE 29.- The duties of the Chair are:

29.1.- To convene and chair the meetings of the General Meeting and the Board of Directors.

29.2.- To plan the activities of the Board of Directors and to set the agenda for the meetings of the Board of Directors.

29.3.- To represent the Association in all proceedings and contracts which it may conclude and before all kinds of authorities, bodies and public or private entities of any territorial scope and jurisdiction (including Courts of Justice and Administrative Authorities) with the widest powers, including the power of substitution.

29.4.- To ensure compliance with and implementation of the resolutions of the General Meeting and the Board of Directors, promoting and coordinating the activities of the said Board and that of the members appointed to particular Committees or Delegated Bodies, authorising the payments scheduled in the budgets.

29.5.- To authorise with his counter-signature the Minutes of the meetings of the General Meeting and the Board of Directors, and any certified copies that may be issued.

29.6.- To authorise the extraordinary expenses agreed by the Board of Directors.

29.7.- To resolve as a matter of urgency any issues requiring an immediate solution, exercising powers of the Meeting or of the Board of Directors and informing the respective Governing Bodies at the first meeting held.

ARTICLE 30.- The duties of the Vice Chair are:

30.1.- To replace the Chair in the event of illness, absence or if he should cease to hold the office to which he was appointed.

30.2.- To assist the Chair in such activities and duties as the Chair may expressly assign to him.

ARTICLE 31.- The duties of the Secretary are:

31.1.- To act as such at the meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Meeting.

31.2.- To keep custody of the books, documents and seals of the Association, except for the books of accounts.

31.3.- To keep the register of members and the file of members up-to-date, making a note of any admissions and cessations of membership that may arise.

31.4.- To draw up and sign the Minutes of the General Meeting and the Board of Directors. To submit them for counter-signature by the Chair.

31.5.- To issue certifications regarding the books and documents of the Association with the counter-signature of the Chair.

31.6.- To draw up the annual Report and the plan of activities, which he shall submit for approval by the Board of Directors and the General Meeting.

31.7.- To conduct the correspondence of the Association.

ARTICLE 32.- The duties of the Treasurer are:

32.1.- To draw up the budget and the annual general income and expenditure accounts for consideration and approval at the appropriate time.

32.2.- To collect the funds of the Association, to keep them safe and to employ them in the place and form determined by the Board of Directors.

32.3.- To keep the accounts of the Association and to keep custody of the accounting books and documents.

32.4.- To report to the Board of Directors at its meetings on the financial situation of the Association and any matters relating to the Management of the Association.

32.5.- To formalise the annual balance sheets and accounts that have to be presented and justified to the General Meeting.

ARTICLE 33.- The role of the voting members and Provincial Delegates, if any, is to deal with the different areas of competence of the Association that are assigned to them by the Chair, along with the rest of the members, and any other activities that may be entrusted to them personally by the Board of Directors, in accordance with the Articles of Association, the legal rules in force and the division of functions established by the Board of Directors for the purposes of organisation.

ARTICLE 34.- The Management of the Association shall be responsible for directing the management in accordance with the instructions it receives from the Board of Directors.

The Management shall have the powers delegated to it by the Chair and the Board of Directors when its contract commenced and all such other powers as may be entrusted to it by the General Meeting or the Board of Directors, or may arise from these Articles of Association.

The Management shall be remunerated as the Board of Directors may determine, notwithstanding the fact that the Manager may be a member of the Association, but not a member of the Board of Directors.

PART VII

FINANCIAL SYSTEM

ARTICLE 35.- The administrative functions of the Association shall be performed at its registered office. The expenses arising from the operation of the Association shall be met from its own financial resources.

ARTICLE 36.- The financial resources of the Association shall consist of the following:

36.1.- The annual membership fees, payment of which shall be mandatory. They may be paid on a quarterly basis to facilitate payment and must be paid within the first five days of the corresponding quarter.

36.2.- Any income earned from activities or services provided by the Association.

36.3.- Gifts, inheritances or legacies that are accepted by the Board of Directors.

36.4.- Subsidies or donations granted to the Association by the State, Official Corporations or any other natural or legal persons or entities.

36.5.- Any interest or income earned on the assets or rights of the Association.

ARTICLE 37.- The Association shall manage its assets and use its financial resources in accordance with the Articles of Association. For that purpose it shall keep the accounting books duly stamped according to law.

ARTICLE 38.- In the first six-monthly period the Board of Directors shall present the accounts of the previous financial year to the Ordinary General Meeting for its approval. The budget shall be submitted to the General Meeting before the end of the financial year at an extraordinary Meeting.

The Association has no initial capital.

PART VIII

WINDING UP AND LIQUIDATION

ARTICLE 39.- The Association may be wound up:

39.1.- If so determined by law or by a court of law.

39.2.- By a resolution of the General Meeting of the Association, expressly convened for that purpose and in accordance with the following requirements:

a) The request for a meeting to be called to wind up the Association must be signed by at least half of the members plus one and submitted to the Board of Directors three months before the General Meeting.

b) The resolution to wind up the Association shall be passed by a qualified majority in accordance with these Articles of Association.

ARTICLE 40.- If the Association should be wound up, the last Board of Directors acting as such and/or the members appointed by the Meeting shall act as the Liquidation Committee, which shall proceed to dispose of the corporate assets and, with the proceeds

thereof, shall discharge the liabilities of the Association. If, after the above operations have been performed, there should be any surplus, this shall be distributed, in proportion to the contributions that have been made, among the members who hold such status on the date on which the winding up resolution was passed, up to the limit of the membership fees contributed by those members. The surplus, if any, shall be assigned to the use provided for in the Civil Code and other legislation in force.

ARTICLE 41.- In the event of any dispute between the Association and its members, the courts with territorial jurisdiction to hear such cases shall be the Courts of Valencia Capital.

By the mere fact of belonging to the Association as a member, the above-mentioned jurisdiction is deemed to have been expressly accepted.

These Articles of Association shall be valid from the amendment passed at the Meeting dated twenty-third of June two thousand and eleven.