

**WILLIAMNAGAR BAR ASSOCIATION, HQ: WILLIAMNAGAR
EAST GARO HILLS, MEGHALAYA
REGN. NO.35 OF 2014.**

The Williamnagar Bar Association (WBA) was first formed on 2nd September, 2013 with the first batch of Founding Office Bearers and Executive Members who are shown as herein below:

THE FIRST BATCH OF OFFICE BEARERS AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

1. Shri Challang Artius Ch. Marak, Advocate.....President
2. Shri Joseph S Sangma, Advocate Vice-President
3. Shri Jan N Areng, AdvocateSecretary
4. Shri Pinderson N Sangma, Advocate.....Joint Secretary
5. Smt. Sabina D Sangma, AdvocateTreasurer
6. Shri Priest Lington R Marak, Advocate.....Executive Member
7. Smt. Eudia M Sangma.....Executive Member
8. Shri John Jevier D Sangma, AdvocateExecutive Member
9. Smt. Grikchi M Momin, AdvocateExecutive Member

The address of the Association is as hereunder:

The Williamnagar Bar Association,
Court complex of District & Sessions Judge
P.O / P.S. Williamnagar
East Garo Hills, Meghalaya
Pin – 794111.

The Williamnagar Bar Association was formed with the following aims and objectives:

- i). To promote unity, goodwill and coordination amongst the members of the legal profession, the members of the judiciary and litigants.

- ii). To create and maintain feelings of brotherhood among the members of the Bar.
- iii) To maintain status, prestige and high standard of professional ethics amongst the members of the legal profession and to check unprofessional practices.
- iv) To make representations to the High Court, Supreme Court, Parliament, State Legislature, and Central and State Governments with respect to the legislation, advancing the litigants' grievances, grievances of the legal profession and litigating public and administration of justice generally.
- v) To provide aid/assistance to the members and his/her family in times of need/emergency.
- vi) To provide legal aid to deserving litigants.
- vii) To take necessary steps to prevent and remedy any abuse of law or maladministration of justice.
- viii) To bring to the notice of the Bar Council, the High Court, the Supreme Court or the Central or State Government matters affecting the legal profession in general and the members of the Association in particular.
- ix) To cooperate, liaise, affiliate with the regional or central Bar Associations or similar forum.
- x) To protect the independence, unity and autonomy of the Bar.
- xi) To safeguard the rights, privileges and interests of the members of the Association.
- xii) To promote and support law reforms.
- xiii) To manage and invest the funds of the Bar Association in a proper and lawful manner.
- xiv) To print, publish and exhibit any books, pamphlets or posters that may be considered desirable for the promotion of the WILLIAMNAGAR BAR ASSOCIATION.
- xv) To construct, maintain, run and operate a modern up to date library for the legal profession and primarily for its members.
- xvi) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives

The WBA has its own Constitution which was enacted and adopted by the Association Members unanimously at the time of forming the Association.

According to the provisions of clause(v) of Article 11 of the Constitution the term of Office of the Executive Committee elected/nominated by the Governing Body shall be for a period of 3(three) years.

After the expiry of the 1st term of the Office Bearers and the Executive Committee Members of the WBA, a General Body meeting of the WBA was held on 20-09-2016 to dissolve the Old Office bearers and the Executive Committee and to elect new Office Bearers and the Executive Committee. Accordingly the following new Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members were elected:

THE SECOND BATCH OF OFFICE BEARERS AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

1. Shri Challang Artius Ch. Marak, Advocate.....President
2. Shri Joseph S Sangma, Advocate Vice-President
3. Shri Jan N Areng, AdvocateSecretary
4. Shri Pinderson N Sangma, Advocate.....Joint Secretary
5. Smt. Sabina D Sangma, AdvocateTreasurer
6. Shri Priest Lington R Marak, Advocate.....Executive Member
7. Smt. Eudia M Sangma.....Executive Member
8. Shri John Jevier D Sangma, AdvocateExecutive Member
9. Smt. Grikchi M Momin, AdvocateExecutive Member

The 3rd batch of the Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members of WBA was constituted on 12-09-2019 when the Bar Association held a meeting of the Bar to dissolve the old Office Bearers and the Executive Committee Members and to elect new Office Bearers and the Executive Committee Members. The following members were elected by the Bar Members as the 3rd batch of Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members:-

THE THIRD BATCH OF OFFICE BEARERS AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

1. Shri Challang Artius Ch. Marak, Advocate.....President
2. Shri Jan N Areng, Advocate Vice-President
3. Shri Pinderson N Sangma, AdvocateSecretary
4. Shri Priest Lington R Marak, Advocate.....Joint Secretary
5. Smt. Sabina D Sangma, AdvocateTreasurer

6. Shri Chicko D Sangma, Advocate.....Executive Member
7. Shri Pinpin A Sngma.....Executive Member
8. Smt. Sancheama M Sangma, AdvocateExecutive Member
9. Smt. Joseph S Sangma, AdvocateExecutive Member

The Bar Members grew year after year and at one point of time the membership of Williamnagar Bar Association reached to a total of 24 members but out of which few members left the regular practice and went to join in Government services. The present strength of the WBA is 20(twenty) members.

The Bar Association has been able to build up a good and cordial relationship with the Bench as well as with the other staff members of the Court of the District and Sessions Judge, Williamnagar, East Garo Hills. The Bar Members actively participated in all the activities and functions of the Court and was able to render a good legal service to the people of the East Garo Hills District by way of taking up and acting as State Defence Counsels, Legal Aid Counsels, Forest Counsels, Additional Public Prosecutor, Assistant Public Prosecutors, Special Public Prosecutor for POCSO etc. and by taking part as resource persons in the Legal Awareness programmes organised by the District Legal Services Authority of the East Garo Hills District.

The Williamnagar Bar Association has been successfully registered under the Society of Registration Act vide Regn. **No. 35 of 2014** Dated 22-04-2014. Moreover the Williamnagar Bar Association has obtained the Recognition by the Meghalaya High Court as the Registered Bar Association vide the High Court Letter No. HCM II/151/2015-Estt/2949 Dt.08-08-2016.

The Bar Association has the **VISION** to fulfil or achieve all the noble aims and objectives of the Association as clearly enshrined in its Constitution and the **MISSION** of the Bar is to ensure that the delivery of proper justice is done to all the deserving litigants of the District and to take necessary steps to prevent and remedy any abuse of law or maladministration of justice within the District in particular and within the State in general.

Long live Williamnagar Bar Association.

Prepared and submitted by:

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President,
Williamnagar Bar Association.**