

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of:	)	
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CHANGE AND REALLOCATION OF	)	Administrative Order
THE ANNUAL CLIENT PROTECTION	)	No. 2016 - <u>52</u>
FUND ASSESSMENT FOR THE STATE	)	(Modifying Administrative
BAR OF ARIZONA AND DEFERRING	)	Order No. 2014-89 and
THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA'S	)	Replacing Administrative
2018 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE	)	Order No. 2008-74)
INCREASES TO 2019	)	
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By Administrative Order No. 2014-89, the Court approved the most recent setting of the State Bar annual membership fees. By Administrative Order No. 2008-74, the Court approved a reallocation of the annual assessment to the Client Protection Fund.

Since the issuance of these two orders, the State Bar of Arizona's Board of Governors reassessed the Bar's financial outlook and found it to be better than expected. At the same time, however, it noted a significant decrease in the Client Protection Fund's reserves. The Board now makes additional recommendations outlined in its letter dated June 9, 2016.

Rule 32(c)(7) and Rule 32(c)(10) of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court provide that the State Bar of Arizona Board of Governors shall establish annual membership fees with this Court's consent. Rule 32(d)(8) provides that the Board of Governors shall create and maintain the Client Protection Fund.

The Court has considered the Board of Governors' recommendations, and agrees to approve both the allocation of an additional \$10 (for a total of \$20) annually to the Client Protection Fund and the deferral of the 2018 membership fee increases to 2019.

Therefore, in accordance with the administrative authority vested in the Supreme Court by Rule 32(c)(3), Rule 32(c)(6), Rule 32(c)(7), and Rule 32(c)(10) of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, the Court has considered the reallocation of the annual assessment to the Client Protection Fund and the deferral of the 2018 increases to the annual fee for membership in the State Bar of Arizona, and

IT IS ORDERED that the changes in the annual membership fees and the Client Protection Fund annual assessment for the State Bar of Arizona be adopted and effective as follows:

**1. Members admitted three or more years (based on year of admission anywhere):**

	<u>January 1, 2016</u>	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>January 1, 2018</u>	<u>January 1, 2019</u>
Membership fee increase	\$0	\$5	\$0	\$15
Client Protection Fund assessment increase	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$0
Balance Client Protection Fund assessment	\$10	\$10	\$20	\$20
Balance of State Bar fee	<u>\$480</u>	<u>\$480</u>	<u>\$485</u>	<u>\$485</u>
Total State Bar fee	\$490	\$505	\$505	\$520
Effective:	<u>January 1, 2016</u>	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>January 1, 2018</u>	<u>January 1, 2019</u>
	\$490	\$505	\$505	\$520

**2. Members admitted fewer than three years (based on year of admission anywhere):**

	<u>January 1, 2016</u>	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>January 1, 2018</u>	<u>January 1, 2019</u>
Membership fee increase	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10
Client Protection Fund assessment increase	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$0
Balance Client Protection Fund assessment	\$10	\$10	\$20	\$20
Balance of State Bar fee	<u>\$325</u>	<u>\$325</u>	<u>\$325</u>	<u>\$325</u>
Total State Bar fee	\$335	\$345	\$345	\$355
Effective:	<u>January 1, 2016</u>	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>January 1, 2018</u>	<u>January 1, 2019</u>
	\$335	\$345	\$345	\$355

**3. Inactive Members (no changes):**

	<u>January 1, 2016</u>	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>January 1, 2018</u>	<u>January 1, 2019</u>
Membership fee increase (decrease)	\$0	(\$10)	\$0	\$10
Client Protection Fund assessment increase	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$0
Balance Client Protection Fund assessment	\$10	\$10	\$20	\$20
Balance of State Bar fee	<u>\$255</u>	<u>\$255</u>	<u>\$245</u>	<u>\$245</u>
Total State Bar fee	\$265	\$265	\$265	\$265
Effective:	<u>January 1, 2016</u>	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>January 1, 2018</u>	<u>January 1, 2019</u>
	\$265	\$265	\$265	\$265

**4. Retired Members (no changes):**

Effective:	<u>January 1, 2016</u>	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>January 1, 2018</u>	<u>January 1, 2019</u>
	\$215	\$215	\$215	\$215

**5. Judicial Members:**

	<u>January 1, 2016</u>	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>January 1, 2018</u>	<u>January 1, 2019</u>
Membership fee increase	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$15
Balance of State Bar fee	<u>\$325</u>	<u>\$325</u>	<u>\$340</u>	<u>\$340</u>
Total State Bar fee	\$325	\$340	\$340	\$355
Effective:	<u>January 1, 2016</u>	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>January 1, 2018</u>	<u>January 1, 2019</u>
	\$325	\$340	\$340	\$355

**6. In-House Counsel Registrants admitted for three or more years (based on year of admission anywhere):**

Effective:	<u>January 1, 2016</u>	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>January 1, 2018</u>	<u>January 1, 2019</u>
	\$368	\$379	\$379	\$390

**7. In-House Counsel Registrants admitted fewer than three years (based on year of admission anywhere):**

Effective:	<u>January 1, 2016</u>	<u>January 1, 2017</u>	<u>January 1, 2018</u>	<u>January 1, 2019</u>
	\$251	\$259	\$259	\$266

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the State Bar shall continue to appropriate and disburse funds collected from these fees in accordance with Rule 32, Arizona Rules of Supreme Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order modifies the membership fees proton of Administrative Order No. 2014-89 (membership delinquency fees, CLE compliance delinquency fees and CLE affidavit-filing delinquency fees shall remain unchanged and as ordered in Administrative Order 2014-89) and replaces Administrative Order No. 2008-74.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2016.

FOR THE COURT

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SCOTT BALES  
Chief Justice