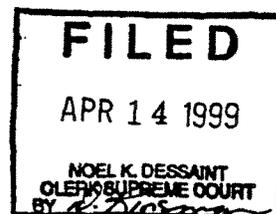


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA



In the Matter of:)
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ADMISSION FEE TO THE) Administrative Order
ARIZONA STATE BAR) No. 99- 25
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In accordance with Rule 33(c) of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, no one shall practice law in the State of Arizona without being admitted to the State Bar, and no one may be admitted to the bar without first complying with the requirements set forth in the Supreme Court rules.

Pursuant to Rule 31(c)(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, one who applies for admission to the state bar is required to pay "... a fee as required by the supreme court, which shall include the annual membership fee." In addition to the annual member fee, an admissions fee of sixty-nine (\$69) should be paid to the Administrative Office of the Courts. This fee is to be used to pay the cost of authorized Bench or Bar ceremonies and activities, including all costs and filing fees related to admission of new members to the State Bar.

Now, therefore, pursuant Rules 33(c) and 31(c)(3) of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, and Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that an "Admission Fee" be assessed to each new bar admittee in the amount of sixty-nine dollars (\$69). The new admittee will pay this amount to the Administrative Office of the Courts. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall allocate the fee between itself and the State Bar, pursuant to a schedule approved by the Chief Justice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts shall periodically review associated costs and, as necessary, make recommendations to the Chief Justice for any adjustment of fees.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1999.

THOMAS A. ZLAKET
Chief Justice

BAR ADMISSION FEE SCHEDULE

The following Schedule defines the Admission Fee established by the Court in Administrative Order No. 99-25, filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court on April 13, 1999.

<u>Type of Fee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recipient of Fee</u>
Clerk's Fee	\$ 35.00	Clerk of Supreme Court
Ceremony Fee	25.50	Administrative Office (AOC)
Bench & Bar Fee	8.50	Arizona State Bar
TOTAL	\$ 69.00	

Approved:

THOMAS A. ZLAKET
Chief Justice

Date: _____

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**ADMISSION FEE TO THE ARIZONA STATE BAR
BENCH & BAR FEE
Administrative Order No. 99-25**

This document is intended to clarify the authorized uses of the \$8.50 Bench & Bar fees collected as a portion of the admissions fee.

Background. The Bench & Bar fee was authorized most recently by Administrative Order 99-25 (attached) to provide an appropriate funding source for official business social functions of the Court and the Bar.

Authorized Uses. The administrative order provides that the money generated by the Bench & Bar fee is "to be used to pay the cost of authorized Bench or Bar ceremonies and activities." This authorized use is intended to include: investitures; changing of the gavel; retirement ceremonies and related events; official social events, including events for judges from other nations on official visits to the Arizona court system; public outreach programs, such as the "Supreme Court on the Road", designed to educate the public regarding the workings of the Arizona court system; national conferences hosted by the Chief Justice or the Administrative Director; planning retreats involving Court and/or Bar officials; and other official events hosted by the Court and/or the Bar. The Bench & Bar fund should be used to fund functions that promote high regard for the Arizona judiciary, public understanding of the courts, and the interests of the State.

Administration. The administrative order provides that the Bench & Bar fee is allocated to the State Bar. Therefore, the Bar administers the resulting Bench & Bar account. The Administrative Director or Deputy Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, or the Executive Director of the State Bar has the authority to authorize expenditures from the fund.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2002



Charles E. Jones, Chief Justice