

2010 Annual Fee Statement

1. 2010 Membership Fee Must be paid online or post-marked by March 1, 2010 (Bus. & Prof. Code §§6140, 6141). Failure to pay will lead to penalties and suspension (§6143).

Active Membership Fee \$410. To transfer from inactive to active status, submit the required form (calbar.ca.gov/active) by fax or mail. 2010 Active Fee: General Fund, \$315 (B&P §6140); Client Security Fund, \$40 (§6140.55); Discipline, \$25 (§6140.6); LAR \$10 (§6140.9); IT Special Assessment, \$10 (§6140.35); and Building Fund, \$10 (§6140.3). The IT assessment will be used to upgrade the information technology system, including purchasing and maintenance costs and both computer hardware and software. Expires Jan. 1, 2011.

Inactive Membership Fee \$125. For current active members to change status and qualify for the 2010 inactive fee, the required status change form (calbar.ca.gov/inactive) must be completed and postmarked by March 1, 2010. The membership fee for inactive attorneys 70 years or older is waived. 2010 Inactive Fee: General Fund, \$75 (B&P §6141); Client Security Fund, \$10 (§6140.55); Discipline, \$25 (§6140.6); LAR \$5 (§6140.9); and Building Fund, \$10 (§6140.3).

Multijurisdictional Practice (MJP) Fee \$410. Applies to out-of-state attorneys registered with the State Bar as legal services attorneys or in-house counsel.

2. Late Payment Penalty If fees are not paid online or postmarked by March 1, 2010, members will be subject to a penalty (\$100 for active members/\$30 for inactive members).

3. MCLE Non-Compliance Fee Members of Group 1 (last names A-G) whose MCLE compliance is not submitted online or postmarked by Feb. 1, 2010, will be subject to a \$75 non-compliance fee. Those who fail to comply will be placed on administrative inactive status and assessed a \$200 reinstatement fee.

4. Client Security Fund Reimbursement Amount owed to Client Security Fund (Bus. & Prof. Code §6140.5(c)).

5. Discipline Costs The cost of disciplinary proceedings against a member awarded to the State Bar (Bus. & Prof. Code §§6086, 10, 6140.7).

6. Mandatory Fee Arbitration Administrative Penalties Members who do not pay an arbitration award may be assessed administrative penalties (Bus. & Prof. Code §6203(d)(3)).

7. Past Due and/or Reinstatement Fee Amount from prior year(s). A reinstatement fee of \$100 will be assessed to any member suspended for non-payment.

8. Payments/Credits/Adjustments Adjustments from changes in status, overpayments from previous years, or payments made and applied in current year.

9. SUBTOTAL Lines 1-8. Mandatory fees, must be paid by March 1, 2010.

10. Voluntary Access to Justice Donation Contributions will be placed in the Justice Gap Fund for distribution to eligible legal services programs (Bus. & Prof. Code §6033). Contributions are deductible as charitable contributions to the extent provided by law. Visit calbar.org/justicegapfund. Members may contribute more or less than the recommended donation or elect to make no donation. If you wish to contribute an amount different from the recommended \$100, enter that amount on line 12 and see directions below for line 13.

11. SUBTOTAL with Voluntary Access to Justice Donation Your mandatory fees plus the \$100 recommended donation to the Justice Gap Fund.

12. If you want to change the amount of the Voluntary Access to Justice Donation or make no donation, write in the appropriate amount.

13. SUBTOTAL with different or no Voluntary Access to Justice Donation If you entered an amount on line 12, please add lines 9 and 12 and enter the amount of your subtotal.

14. California Bar Foundation Contributions are deductible as charitable contributions to the extent provided by law. Visit calbarfoundation.org.

15. Conference of California Bar Associations (CCBA) Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions, but any portion of the contribution not allocated by CCBA for lobbying expenditures may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense (IRC §162(e)). CCBA estimates that approximately 50 percent of any contribution will be spent on lobbying. Visit calconference.org.

16. California Supreme Court Historical Society (CSCSHS) Contributions are deductible as charitable contributions to the extent provided by law. Visit cscshs.org.

17. Certified Legal Specialist Fee Applies to members holding a certificate of specialization. \$200 per specialty. To resign from the program, submit the Certified Specialist Resignation Form, found at californiaspecialist.org/forms. Fees paid after March 1 will be subject to a \$50 penalty.

18. Current Section Membership For information on sections, visit calbar.ca.gov/sections.

19-20. Renew Section Membership Add or drop a section.

21. Legislative Activity Members who do not want to fund lobbying and other legislative activity may deduct \$5 (Bus. & Prof. Code §6140.05).

22. Bar Relations & Elimination of Bias Members who do not want to fund activities with voluntary bar associations or programs that address concerns of access and bias in the legal profession and the justice system may deduct \$5 (*Keller v. State Bar of California* (1990) 496 U.S.1).

23. Scaling Active members with qualifying income only. See Fee Scaling Criteria and Scaling Declaration (right). If eligible, deduct \$102.50. If the State Bar determines you are ineligible, you will be responsible for the full fee and any applicable late payment penalty.

24. TOTAL PAYMENT Choose line 11 or line 13 as subtotal and add to it lines 14-23 (U.S. dollars only).

OVERPAYMENT/UNDERPAYMENT

Overpayment If a member pays too much, the bar may either return the overpayment or contract the member to determine its allocation.

Underpayment Payments received will be used to first satisfy the annual membership fees, costs and penalties, regardless of any other optional designations made, such as section membership or donations.

OPT OUT

The State Bar may provide members' names and addresses to outside entities that offer programs, services, benefits and other information to members. Members may choose to remove their names and addresses from these lists. Those opting out will not receive information about special programs, services and benefits. The State Bar will continue to maintain certain membership information as public record, and opting out will not affect the use of such information for regulatory purposes. Members may opt out (1) on the Web — go to My State Bar Profile->Account Information->Update My Mailing Preferences (opt out); or (2) by e-mailing a request to memrec@calbar.ca.gov (include your bar number).

FEE SCALING CRITERIA

An active member who can demonstrate total gross annual individual income from all sources of less than \$40,000 presumptively qualifies for a waiver of 25 percent of the annual membership fee.

In general, gross annual income is based on the **total income** (not adjusted gross income) as listed on your federal income tax form. **For 2010, gross annual income should be based on your earnings for 2009.** For joint return filers, exclude wages and salary earned by your spouse. For other income jointly earned (i.e., interest, dividends, business income, rents and royalties), include 50 percent of joint earnings in the calculation of individual gross income.

Members who scale may be audited and required to submit recent tax returns or other proof of eligibility. Members found to be ineligible must pay full fees and applicable late payment penalty. Scaling does not apply to new admittees admitted on June 1, 2010, and after.

For additional information regarding the fee scaling criteria, refer to the State Bar's Web site at calbar.ca.gov.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Under Bus. & Prof. Code §6002.1, members have 30 days to notify the State Bar about a change of address. Complete information about changing an address can be found at calbar.ca.gov/addresschange. The change can be made online, by mail or by fax, and if done by mail or fax, must include a photocopy of one piece of identification, such as a driver's license, State Bar membership card, passport, California identification card, military identification card or birth certificate.

SCALING DECLARATION

Active members with qualifying income levels are eligible for a 25 percent reduction (\$102.50) in their annual membership fee and may pay an adjusted fee of \$307.50 (Business & Professions Code §6141.1(b)). For members who qualify, make the deduction on line 23.

I am an active member of The State Bar of California. To the best of my information and belief, in tax year 2009 my total gross annual individual income from all sources was less than \$40,000. I will maintain financial records for a minimum of two years supporting my declaration and will provide them to the State Bar in the event of an audit (Business & Professions Code §6141.1(a)). If I am found ineligible, I will pay full fees and any applicable late payment penalty.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Name: A Sample Member

Bar Number: 400001

Signature _____

Date (deadline is March 1, 2010) _____