

***Proposed Amendment to Rule 15.2, Rules of Procedure
for Fee Arbitrations and the Enforcement of Awards
by the State Bar of California***

[added language in **bold**; deleted language in ~~strikeout~~]

RULE 15.0. Request for Filing Fee Waiver

- 15.1 A party seeking arbitration may file with the State Bar an application for a filing fee waiver on the approved State Bar form. A party to the arbitration who is not a client but who may be liable for or entitled to a refund of the attorney's fees identified by the client as set forth in Rule 14.4, may be required to submit a financial statement regarding his or her own financial status to the State Bar to support the client's application for a filing fee waiver. If the party replies to the State Bar that he or she no longer has an interest in the outcome of the arbitration, the application will proceed based on the client's financial statement alone.
- 15.2 For good cause shown, the Presiding Arbitrator may grant or deny the filing fee waiver or order a reduced fee. ~~Filing fee waivers shall not be granted to business entities, including partnerships and corporations.~~ The order of the Presiding Arbitrator shall be final.

ATTACHMENT A