



THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 17, 2010

TO: Board Committee on Operations

FROM: Starr Babcock, Senior Executive for Member Services
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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2010 SCHEDULE OF CHARGES
AND DEADLINES**

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Revised 2010 Schedule of Charges and Deadlines

Staff recommends that the Board of Governors provide a grace period extending the dates on the 2010 Schedule of Charges and Deadlines for the attachment of both the penalty for late payment of member fees and for the MCLE non-compliance fee to March 30, 2010. Ordinarily fee statements and notice of MCLE compliance are sent to members 60 days before the normal due dates of February 1. Because the 2010 fee statements were not mailed until after urgency legislation authorizing the 2010 fees was signed and chaptered on January 25, 2010, members were not provided with the usual notice. This has been a special problem for government agencies whose regular cycle time for gathering and obtaining authority to make a single payment for all their lawyers is longer than the time available to March 1.

Under Senate Bill No. 55, the urgency measure, annual membership fees are due on March 1, 2010. Under State Bar Rule 2.71, those members with last names beginning with the letter A-G were required to complete the 25 hours of MCLE credit mandated for a 36 month period by Business and Professions Code section 6070 and California Rule of Court, rule 9.31, by February 1, 2010. The Board has previously set the respective dates of February 1, 2010, and March 1, 2010, as the deadlines before attachment of the \$75 MCLE noncompliance fee and the late payment penalties of \$100 for active members and \$30 for inactive members.

The proposed grace period would extend the dates for members to both pay 2010 fees and report MCLE compliance without penalty to March 30.

If the Committee on Board Operations agrees with this recommendation, adoption of the attached resolution would be in order.

RESOLVED, that the Board Committee on Operations, acting on behalf of the Board of Governors in between regular meetings, hereby approves that under State Bar Rules 2.13 and 2.71, respectively, the 2010 dates for the attachment of (1) the late payment penalties of the annual membership fees and (2) the MCLE noncompliance fee are hereby extended to March 30, 2010; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that under State Bar Rule 2.15, the deadline for requesting scaling of the 2010 active membership fee is extended to March 30, 2010; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Bar's fees and schedule of charges and deadlines for 2010 is amended in the form attached hereto.