

STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C9-81-1206

**ORDER AMENDING THE RULES OF
THE SUPREME COURT ON LAWYER
REGISTRATION**

The Minnesota State Board of Continuing Legal Education and the Minnesota State Board of Law Examiners filed petitions with this Court on June 29, 2007, recommending amendments to the Rules of the Supreme Court on Lawyer Registration. This Court, in an order filed July 23, 2007, invited written comments on the proposed amendments. The comment period has now expired.

The court has reviewed the proposals and is advised in the premises.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the attached amendments to the Rules of the Supreme Court on Lawyer Registration be, and the same are, prescribed and promulgated to be effective with the registration cycle deadline of January 1, 2008.

Dated: September 24, 2007

BY THE COURT:

Russell A. Anderson
Chief Justice

RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT ON LAWYER REGISTRATION

RULE 2. REGISTRATION FEE

A. Required Fee.

In order to defray the expenses of examinations and investigation for admission to the bar and disciplinary proceedings, to defray the expenses of administering continuing legal education, to provide an adequate client security fund, to help fund legal services programs, and to help fund a lawyers assistance program, each lawyer and each judge must pay to the Lawyer Registration Office an annual registration fee.

B. Active Statuses.

Each lawyer and judge must pay an annual registration fee of ~~\$218~~\$221 or such lesser sum as is set forth in the following sections.

1. Active Status - Income Less Than \$25,000.

A lawyer or judge on active status who certifies that the lawyer's or judge's gross income from all sources, excluding the income of a spouse, is less than \$25,000 per year must pay an annual registration fee of ~~\$193~~\$196.

2. Active Status - Lawyers on Full-Time Military Duty.

A lawyer or judge on full-time duty in the armed forces of the United States must pay an annual registration fee of ~~\$107~~\$110.

3. Active Status - Lawyers on Full-Time Military Duty - Income Less Than \$25,000.

A lawyer or judge on full-time duty in the armed forces of the United States who certifies that the lawyer's or judge's gross income from all sources, excluding the income of a spouse, is less than \$25,000 per year must pay an annual registration fee of ~~\$82~~\$85.

4. Active Status - Lawyers Admitted Fewer Than Three Years.

A lawyer or judge who has been admitted to practice law fewer than three years in each and every licensing jurisdiction, including Minnesota, must pay an annual registration fee of ~~\$97~~\$100.

5. Active Status - Lawyers Admitted Fewer Than Three Years - Income Less Than \$25,000.

A lawyer or judge who has been admitted to practice law fewer than three years in each and every licensing jurisdiction, including Minnesota, and certifies that the lawyer's or judge's gross income from all sources, excluding the income of a spouse, is less than \$25,000 per year must pay an annual registration fee of ~~\$84.50~~\$87.50.

C. Inactive Statuses.

1. Inactive Status - Out-of-State.

A lawyer or judge who files with the Lawyer Registration Office on or before the date the lawyer's registration fee is due an affidavit stating that the lawyer or judge (i) is a permanent resident of a state other than Minnesota, (ii) is currently in good standing, (iii) does not hold judicial office in Minnesota, and (iv) is not engaged in the practice of law in Minnesota must pay an annual registration fee of ~~\$179~~\$182.

2. Inactive Status - Out-of-State - Income Less Than \$25,000.

A lawyer or judge who files with the Lawyer Registration Office on or before the date the lawyer's registration fee is due an affidavit stating that the lawyer or judge (i) is a permanent resident of a state other than Minnesota, (ii) is currently in good standing, (iii) does not hold judicial office in Minnesota, (iv) is not engaged in the practice of law in Minnesota, and (v) certifies that the lawyer's or judge's gross income from all sources, excluding the income of a

spouse, is less than \$25,000 per year must pay an annual registration fee of ~~\$154~~\$157.

3. Inactive Status - Minnesota.

A lawyer who files with the Lawyer Registration Office on or before the date the lawyer's registration fee is due an affidavit stating that the lawyer (i) is a resident of the State of Minnesota, (ii) is currently in good standing, (iii) does not hold judicial office in this state, and (iv) is not engaged in the practice of law in this state must pay an annual registration fee of ~~\$179~~\$182.

4. Inactive Status - Minnesota - Income Less Than \$25,000.

A lawyer who files with the Lawyer Registration Office on or before the date the lawyer's registration fee is due an affidavit stating that the lawyer (i) is a resident of the State of Minnesota, (ii) is currently in good standing, (iii) does not hold judicial office in this state, (iv) is not engaged in the practice of law in this state, and (v) certifies that the lawyer's or judge's gross income from all sources, excluding the income of a spouse, is less than \$25,000 per year must pay an annual registration fee of ~~\$154~~\$157.

D. Allocation of Fees.

Fees paid pursuant to this rule are allocated according to the following schedule:

(1) Payments of ~~\$218~~\$221 are allocated as follows:

- ~~\$18~~\$23 to the State Board of Law Examiners;
- ~~\$8~~\$6 to the State Board of Continuing Legal Education;
- \$122 to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board;
- \$12 to the Client Security Fund;
- \$50 to the Legal Services Advisory Committee; and
- \$8 to the Lawyer Trust Account Board for a lawyers assistance program.

- (2) Payments of ~~\$193~~\$196 are allocated as follows:
- ~~\$18~~\$23 to the State Board of Law Examiners;
 - ~~\$8~~\$6 to the State Board of Continuing Legal Education;
 - \$122 to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board;
 - \$12 to the Client Security Fund;
 - \$25 to the Legal Services Advisory Committee; and
 - \$8 to the Lawyer Trust Account Board for a lawyers assistance program.
- (3) Payments of ~~\$179~~\$182 are allocated as follows:
- ~~\$18~~\$23 to the State Board of Law Examiners;
 - ~~\$8~~\$6 to the State Board of Continuing Legal Education;
 - \$83 to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board;
 - \$12 to the Client Security Fund;
 - \$50 to the Legal Services Advisory Committee; and
 - \$8 to the Lawyer Trust Account Board for a lawyers assistance program.
- (4) Payments of ~~\$154~~\$157 are allocated as follows:
- ~~\$18~~\$23 to the State Board of Law Examiners;
 - ~~\$8~~\$6 to the State Board of Continuing Legal Education;
 - \$83 to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board;
 - \$12 to the Client Security Fund;
 - \$25 to the Legal Services Advisory Committee; and
 - \$8 to the Lawyer Trust Account Board for a lawyers assistance program.
- (5) Payments of ~~\$107~~\$110 are allocated as follows:
- ~~\$18~~\$23 to the State Board of Law Examiners;
 - ~~\$7~~\$5 to the State Board of Continuing Legal Education;

- \$24 to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board;
- \$50 to the Legal Services Advisory Committee; and
- \$8 to the Lawyer Trust Account Board for a lawyers assistance program.

(6) Payments of ~~\$82~~\$85 are allocated as follows:

- ~~\$18~~\$23 to the State Board of Law Examiners;
- ~~\$7~~\$5 to the State Board of Continuing Legal Education;
- \$24 to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board;
- \$25 to the Legal Services Advisory Committee; and
- \$8 to the Lawyer Trust Account Board for a lawyers assistance program.

(7) Payments of ~~\$97~~\$100 are allocated as follows:

- ~~\$18~~\$23 to the State Board of Law Examiners;
- ~~\$8~~\$6 to the State Board of Continuing Legal Education;
- \$26 to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board;
- \$12 to the Client Security Fund;
- \$25 to the Legal Services Advisory Committee; and
- \$8 to the Lawyer Trust Account Board for a lawyers assistance program.

(8) Payments of ~~\$84.50~~\$87.50 are allocated as follows:

- ~~\$18~~\$23 to the State Board of Law Examiners;
- ~~\$8~~\$6 to the State Board of Continuing Legal Education;
- \$26 to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board;
- \$12 to the Client Security Fund;
- \$12.50 to the Legal Services Advisory Committee; and
- \$8 to the Lawyer Trust Account Board for a lawyers assistance program.
