

STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
ADM10-8002



**ORDER PROMULGATING AMENDMENTS
TO THE RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT
ON LAWYER REGISTRATION**

The Rules of the Supreme Court on Lawyer Registration impose annual fees on licensed Minnesota attorneys to fund the operations and expenses of the supreme court’s regulatory boards. Rule 1, Rules on Lawyer Registration (explaining the purpose of registration fees, “to help defray the cost” of regulating the profession). Thus, collected registration fees are allocated among the court’s regulatory boards and offices. *See* Rule 10(A), Rules on Lawyer Registration. This includes allocation to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board and the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility (collectively, OLPR). That allocation amount, however, has been insufficient to meet the OLPR’s needs, and the OLPR has been in deficit spending for many years. Based on recommendations by the State Court Administrator’s Finance Division and a review of the budget needs for the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, this deficit spending is unsustainable and requires increasing annual registration fees to meet the OLPR’s budgetary needs. Accordingly, active status lawyer registration fees will be increased by \$25 for registration statements due on or after January 1, 2025.

We are also increasing the paper filing fee and amending Rule 10 so that fee allocations will be published to the website of the Lawyer Registration Office.

Based on all the files, records, and proceedings herein, and pursuant to the inherent authority of this court to regulate the practice of law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Rules of the Supreme Court on Lawyer Registration are amended as shown in the attachment to this order. The Rules as amended are prescribed and promulgated to be effective for Lawyer Registration Statements that are due to be filed or are filed on or after January 1, 2025.

Dated: October 16, 2024

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Natalie E. Hudson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Natalie E. Hudson
Chief Justice

Rules of the Supreme Court on Lawyer Registration
Adopted August 4, 1970
With amendments effective January 1, 2025

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Rule 5. Active Status Fees

A. Admitted to Practice Law Three Years or More. A lawyer or judge on active status who has been admitted to practice law for three years or more in any state, the District of Columbia, or any territory must pay an annual registration fee of \$274299.

B. Income Less Than \$50,000. 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 \$50,000 per year must pay an annual registration fee of \$245270.

C. Admitted to Practice Law Less Than Three Years. A lawyer or judge who has been admitted to practice law less than three years in each and every state, the District of Columbia, or territory in which the lawyer or judge has been admitted, including Minnesota, must pay an annual registration fee of \$428153.

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Rule 10. Allocation of Lawyer Registration Fees

A. Registration Fees. Lawyer registration fees paid pursuant to these Rules will be allocated as follows: determined by the Court. The allocations will be published to the website of the Lawyer Registration Office at least two months before the payment due date.

	\$274 payments	\$245 payments	\$227 payments	\$196 payments	\$128 payments	\$40 payments
State Board of Law Examiners	\$29	\$29	\$29	\$29	\$29	\$25
State Board of Continuing Legal Education	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$0
Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board	\$146	\$146	\$105	\$103	\$42	\$15
Client Security Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legal Services Advisory Committee (for civil legal services and grant program purposes)	\$75	\$47	\$71	\$43	\$37	\$0
Legal Services Advisory Committee (for a lawyers' assistance program)	\$1321	\$1320	\$1319	\$1318	\$1317	\$0
Lawyer Registration Office	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$0
TOTAL	\$274	\$245	\$227	\$196	\$128	\$40

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Rule 11. Registration Deadline

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C. Paper Filing Fee. The Lawyer Registration Office will add a fee of ~~\$10~~20 to the annual registration fee of each lawyer or judge who elects not to use the Online Registration System, which must be paid at the time of registration.

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