

# Order

**Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan**

December 15, 2021

Bridget M. McCormack,  
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2021-26

ADM File No. 2021-42

Proposed Adoption of Administrative  
Order No. 2021-X

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Proposed Increase in Attorney Dues for  
State Bar of Michigan Operations and the  
Attorney Discipline System

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On order of the Court, this is to advise that the Court is considering an administrative order that would increase attorney dues for the State Bar of Michigan operations and the Attorney Discipline System. Before determining whether the proposal should be adopted, changed before adoption, or rejected, this notice is given to afford interested persons the opportunity to comment on the form or the merits of the proposal or to suggest alternatives. The Court welcomes the views of all. This matter will also be considered at a public hearing. The notices and agendas for public hearing are posted on the [Public Administrative Hearings](#) page.

Publication of this proposal does not mean that the Court will issue an order on the subject, nor does it imply probable adoption of the proposal in its present form.

Administrative Order No. 2021-X – Increase in Attorney Dues for State Bar of Michigan Operations and the Attorney Discipline System

Under Rule 4 of the Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan, dues for active members of the State Bar of Michigan are “to be set by the Supreme Court to fund: (1) the Attorney Grievance Commission and the Attorney Discipline Board, (2) the client security fund administered by the State Bar, and (3) other State Bar expenses.” The State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly and the Attorney Discipline System (comprising the Attorney Grievance Commission and the Attorney Discipline Board) have submitted requests for dues increases for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022.

In light of the fact that the State Bar has not had a dues increase since 2003, and to continue the valuable services and resources the Bar provides for its members, the Court hereby establishes the State Bar portion of annual bar dues at \$230, an increase of \$50.

In addition, the Court establishes the ADS portion of annual bar dues at \$140, an increase of \$20. Dues for the client protection fund remain at the level of \$15 per year.

*Staff Comment:* This administrative order would increase the State Bar's dues for most members by \$70 for a total of \$385 per year.

The staff comment is not an authoritative construction by the Court. In addition, adoption of a new rule or amendment in no way reflects a substantive determination by this Court.

A copy of this order will be given to the Secretary of the State Bar and to the State Court Administrator so that they can make the notifications specified in MCR 1.201. Comments on the proposal may be submitted by April 1, 2022 by clicking on the "Comment on this Proposal" link under this proposal on the [Court's Proposed & Adopted Orders on Administrative Matters](#) page. You may also submit a comment in writing at P.O. Box 30052, Lansing, MI 48909 or via email at [ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov](mailto:ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov). When filing a comment, please refer to ADM File No. 2021-26/2021-42. Your comments and the comments of others will be posted under the chapter affected by this proposal.



I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

December 15, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry S. Royster", is written over a horizontal line.

Clerk