

# Order

Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan

October 6, 2011

ADM File No. 2011-02

Administrative Order No. 2011-5

Adjustment of Discipline  
Portion of State Bar of  
Michigan Dues

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Chief Justice

Michael F. Cavanagh  
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Brian K. Zahra,  
Justices

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Since 2003, each of the State Bar of Michigan's nearly 40,000 active members pays to the State Bar annual dues of \$120 to support the attorney discipline system, in addition to \$180 in general bar dues and \$15 for the State Bar of Michigan's Client Security Fund. The attorney discipline system includes the Attorney Grievance Commission and Attorney Discipline Board; these agencies are funded almost entirely by attorney discipline dues.<sup>1</sup>

The attorney discipline system has become vastly overfunded, with a surplus of about \$5 million. In light of this large surplus, the present \$120 in discipline dues is not justified.

Accordingly, we adjust the amount of discipline dues to \$110. This change will be reflected in the 2012 dues notice that goes to all bar members under Rule 4 of the Rules Concerning the State Bar.

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<sup>1</sup> A small amount of support comes from fees paid for pro hac vice admissions, administrative costs and fees recovered by the discipline agencies, and earned interest.



I, Corbin R. Davis, 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.

October 6, 2011

*Corbin R. Davis*

Clerk