

Order

**Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan**

April 27, 2021

Bridget M. McCormack,
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2020-25

Rescission of Administrative
Order No. 1997-9 and
Addition of Administrative
Order No. 2021-3

Brian K. Zahra
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Justices

Administrative Order No. 2021-3 – Allocation of Funds from Lawyer Trust Account Program

On order of the Court, effective immediately, Administrative Order No. 1997-9 is rescinded and replaced with Administrative Order No. 2021-3 to provide that funds to be distributed by the Board of Trustees of the Michigan State Bar Foundation shall be disbursed as follows:

1. Seventy percent of the net proceeds of the Lawyer Trust Account Program to support the delivery of civil legal services to the poor;
2. Fifteen percent of the net proceeds of the Lawyer Trust Account Program to support programs to promote improvements in the administration of justice;
3. Ten percent of the net proceeds of the Lawyer Trust Account Program to support increased access to justice, including matters relating to gender, racial, and ethnic equality. In disbursing the funds, the Bar Foundation shall consider and prioritize recommendations from the State Court Administrator; and
4. Five percent of the net proceeds not to exceed a maximum of \$50,000 of the Lawyer Trust Account Program to support the activities of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society plus an amount computed annually by the State Court Administrative Office to equal the cumulative, compounded increase to date in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers since 2022. Any funds in excess of the maximum amount shall be divided evenly among programming described in paragraph 1 through 3.

Staff Comment: The administrative order replaces the current administrative order regarding distribution of funds from the Lawyer Trust Account Program. The distribution remains largely the same as it is now for access to justice programming: 70 percent to support delivery of civil legal services to the poor, 15 percent to promote improvements in the administration of justice, and 10 percent to support increased access to justice (including racial, ethnic, and gender equality) prioritized by the State Court Administrator. It also continues the distribution of 5 percent for support of the activities of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society up to a cap of \$50,000, along with an inflation increase; any remainder would be split among the remaining recipients.

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



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.

April 27, 2021

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

Clerk