

EMERGENCY PETITION

I, Richard Michael Coleman, am a member of the State Bar of California [#39564. I hereby petition the Bar to take immediate action to correct the misleading and deceptive instruction contained in the dues bill sent to all members.

Line 24 of the dues bill states this instruction to the member:

"24. TOTAL PAYMENT Choose line 11 or line 13 as subtotal and add to it lines 14-23."

The accurate instruction should read:

"24. TOTAL PAYMENT Choose line 9 as subtotal and add and/or subtract from it as applicable in lines 10-23."

The unwary may accept the representation that they have no choice but to pay line 11 and may not go back and read that lines 10 and 11 are voluntary. The unwary may accept the representation that the lines 14-23 contain additions only and not read to find out that lines 21 and 22 allow deductions.

This wording leads to involuntary "voluntary" donations. It is misleading and deceptive. Members should be told that line 9 is the starting point, not line 11, and that the ensuing lines contain opportunities to subtract as well as to add.

Please take immediate action to notify the members that the correct instruction is:

"24. TOTAL PAYMENT Choose line 9 as subtotal and add and/or subtract from it as applicable in lines 10-23."

Respectfully submitted,

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