

## Attachment A

### Rules of the State Bar, Title 2, Division 2 (Annual Membership Fees and Penalties) (Proposed amendment for public comment, October 2013)

#### Rule 2.15 Scaling

(A) An active member who has a total gross annual individual income from all sources of less than \$40,000 may request a 25% reduction of annual membership fees. The request must be submitted by the date set forth in the Schedule of Charges and Deadlines and include

(1) the Active Member Fee Scaling Declaration signed under penalty of perjury; and

(2) payment of the reduced fee.

New members admitted after May 31 do not qualify for scaling.

(B) An employer that receives State Bar Legal Services Trust Fund grants and is a qualified legal services project or qualified support center as defined by statute<sup>1</sup> may request a reduction of annual membership fees by 25% for an active member employed on a continuous full-time basis or an active member employed on at least a half-time basis who has no income from other employment related to the practice of law.The request must be submitted by the date set forth in the Schedule of Charges and of Deadlines and include

(1) the Qualified Employer Fee Scaling Declaration signed under penalty of perjury that the employer is qualified and pays annual membership fees on the member's behalf; and

(2) payment of the reduced fee.

(C) Members who scale are subject to audit and upon request must provide the State Bar with past federal and state income tax returns or other acceptable documentation of financial condition.

(D) If the State Bar determines that a member is ineligible to scale, the member must pay full annual membership fees and any late payment penalties.

*Rule 2.15 adopted effective June 17, 2006; amended effective July 20, 2007.*

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<sup>1</sup> Business & Professions Code § 6210 et seq.