

Large Bars Program Areas

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Voluntary or Unified	Unified	Unified	Unified	Unified	Voluntary	Unified	Voluntary	Voluntary	Voluntary	Voluntary	Unified	Unified
Management of Client Security Fund	Bar: \$40 of annual membership fee	Bar: Budget appropriation, no annual assessment	Bar: \$25 of annual membership fee	Bar: one-time assessment of \$100 per attorney; if fund falls below \$1M, Bar can assess additional fees.	Court: \$25 of annual registration fee	Bar: \$15 of annual membership fee	Court: annual assessment	Court: \$60 of biennial registration fee	Court: budget appropriation, no annual assessment	Court: \$45 annual assessment	Bar: budget appropriation, no annual assessment	Bar: \$25 of annual membership fee
Mandatory Fee Arbitration	Bar	Bar	Bar has fee arbitration program; not mandatory	Bar has fee arbitration program; not mandatory	Bar has fee arbitration program; not mandatory	Court, through Attorney Grievance Commission; not mandatory.	Supreme Court, through the Office of Attorney Ethics. Mandatory	Supreme Court manages statewide mandatory program	No fee arbitration program at State Bar; some local bars have programs, but mandatory status has been challenged and is unresolved.	None	None	None
MCLE Enforcement	Bar	None	Bar	Bar	Court	None	Court	Court	Court	Court	Bar	Bar
CLE Programming	Bar offers CLE programs and certifies providers	Bar offers CLE programs	Bar offers CLE programs and certifies providers	Bar certifies providers	Court certifies providers	Bar provides link to ICLE	Court certifies providers	Court certifies providers	Court certifies providers	Court certifies providers	Bar offers CLE programs and certifies providers	Bar certifies providers
Maximum Mandatory Annual Fee	430	280	265	261	382	285	212	187.5	175	200	235	275
Opt-Out Fees	Legal Services (\$40) Lobbying (\$5) Diversity (\$5)	None	None	None	N/A	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	None	None
How are Mandatory Fees Established?	Bar proposes, but Legislature sets fee annually by statute	Bar; cap set by Court	Bar; must be approved by Court	Bar; must be approved by Court	Court	Court	Court	Court	Court	Court	Bar; must be approved by Court	Court
Malpractice Insurance Required?	No; required to provide written notice to clients if not insured.	No	No	No	No; required to report whether insured to Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission	No; required to report whether insured to Bar	No	No	No; required to inform clients if not insured	No; required to report whether insured; information is public on Disciplinary Board website.	No	No; required to report whether insured; information is public on Bar website.
Legal Specialization	Bar certifies specialists and accredits other organizations to provide certification	None	Bar certifies specialists and accredits other organizations to provide certification	None	None	None	Court certifies specialists, and works with CLE providers and law schools to develop certification	None	Court has accredited three national organizations and the Ohio State Bar to provide certification	Court has accredited two national organizations and the State Bar's Worker's Comp Section to provide certification.	Texas Board of Legal Specialization certifies specialists	None
Pro Hac Vice	Bar; registration required	Court; registration required	Court; registration required	Court; registration required	Court; registration required	Bar; registration required	Court; registration required	Court; registration required	Court; registration required	Court; registration required	Court; registration required	Court; registration required
Foreign Legal Consultants	Bar certifies	Court certifies	Bar certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies

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Training Law Students	Bar certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies	None	Court certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies	Court certifies	Bar certifies	Bar certifies
Regulation of Advertising	Bar; Rule 1-400	Rule 7.1 of Rules of Professional Conduct	Required to file advertisements with Bar for review in advance of publication	Rule 7.2 of Rules of Professional Conduct	Rule 7.2 of Rules of Professional Conduct	Rule 7.2 of Rules of Professional Conduct	Rule 7.2 of Rules of Professional Conduct; Supreme Court Committee on Attorney Advertising enforces rules	Rule 7.1 of Rules of Professional Conduct	Rule 7.2 of Rules of Professional Conduct	Rule 7.2 of Rules of Professional Conduct	Required to file advertisements for review with Bar's Advertising Review Department in advance of publication	Rule 7.1 of Rules of Professional Conduct; Bar's Legal Ethics Dept monitors legal advertising, alerts lawyers of violations, and offers prescreening of advertising.
IOLTA	Bar: Legal Services Trust Fund Commission manages IOLTA	Bar Foundation administers the IOLTA program	Bar Foundation administers IOTA program	Bar Foundation administers IOLTA program	Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois administers IOLTA program	Bar Foundation administers IOLTA program	Court-created IOLTA Fund of the Bar of NJ manages IOLTA program	IOLA Fund administers IOLA program	Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation manages IOLTA program	Court's IOLTA Board manages IOLTA program	Texas Access to Justice Foundation manages IOLTA program	Legal Services Corporation of VA administers IOLTA program
Lawyer Assistance Program	Bar; \$10 of annual membership fee	Bar	Independent non-profit	Bar	Independent non-profit funded from annual registration fee	Bar	Independent non-profit funded by assessment of attorneys	Bar	Independent non-profit funded by Supreme Court and Bar.	Independent nonprofit.	Bar	Independent non-stock corporation funded by Bar and other contributors.
Judicial Nominees Evaluation	Bar Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission	Bar: Judicial Evaluation Committee	Bar: Judicial Administration and Evaluation	Bar: Statewide Judicial Evaluation Committee	Bar conducts judicial advisory poll of members, as well as interviews of candidates	Bar: Judicial Qualifications Committee	Bar: Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee	Bar: Committee to Review Judicial Nominations	Bar: Commission on Judicial Candidates rates Supreme Court candidates	Bar Judicial Evaluation Commission rates appellate judicial candidates	Bar conducts poll of members for appellate and supreme court judicial races.	Bar: Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee
Supervision of Probation	Bar Probation Department	Disciplinary Board may appoint monitor to supervise probation	Probation is monitored by Bar	Discipline rules do not provide for probation	Supervision provided by Administrator of Disciplinary Commission	Supervision not specified	Supervision not specified	Discipline rules do not provide for probation	Office of Disciplinary Council appoints attorneys to monitor and report on probation	Supervision provided by Disciplinary Board	Supervision provided by Chief Disciplinary Counsel	Supervision not specified
Ethics Hotline	Bar	Bar	Bar	Bar	Bar	Bar	Court	Bar	Court	Bar	Bar	Bar
Maintenance of Member Records	Bar	Bar	Bar	Bar	Court	Bar	Court	Court	Court	Court	Bar	Bar
Reciprocity	No reciprocity; attorney exam required	Admission on motion from any jurisdiction	No reciprocity; no attorney exam	Admission on motion based on reciprocity	Admission on motion from any jurisdiction	Admission on motion from any jurisdiction	No reciprocity; no attorney exam	Admission on motion based on reciprocity	Admission on motion from any jurisdiction	Admission on motion based on reciprocity	Admission on motion from any jurisdiction	Admission on motion based on reciprocity
Law School Accreditation	Bar accredits non-ABA-accredited law schools	Bar does not accredit law schools	Bar does not accredit law schools	Bar does not accredit law schools	Court does not accredit law schools	Court may approve non-ABA accredited schools as reputable and qualified.	Court does not accredit law schools	Court does not accredit law schools	Court does not accredit law schools	Court does not accredit law schools	Court does not accredit law schools	Court does not accredit law schools