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DATE: October 10, 2019

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Tammy Campbell, Program Manager, Office of Admissions

SUBJECT: June 2019 First-Year Law Students' Examination Cost-Analysis

BACKGROUND

This item summarizes the findings from the cost analysis of the June 2019 First-Year Law Students' Examination (FYLSX). Attached is a more detailed report on the various expenses associated with administering the examination.

DISCUSSION

The total cost for administering the June 2019 FYLSX was \$164,615 for 323 applicants. This compares to \$148,528 for 326 applicants for the June 2018 FYLSX. The decline in FYLSX applicants from October 2018 to October 2019 represents a 0.92% decrease.

Here are a few highlights from the cost analysis:

1. Approximately 59.8% of the facility capacity was used to administer this examination compared to 58.7% during the October 2018 examination.
2. In line with historical data, 72% of our total costs was comprised of costs related to facility rental, electrical, and proctors.
3. While the 18 applicants that took the examination at the Testing Accommodations test centers made up only 5.5% of the total number of applicants, the cost to administer the examination to those applicants was approximately 42% of the total exam cost.

4. It costs approximately \$279 to administer the FYLSX to an applicant taking the examination at a standard test center compared to approximately \$3842 for each applicant taking the examination at a Testing Accommodations test center.

Administering examinations at Testing Accommodations test centers involve higher costs because of the type of facility that must be used, i.e., hotel instead of a conference center in order to be able to provide semi-private/private rooms, additional proctor requirements, specialized equipment/software, etc. It's also important to note that these figures don't include 'soft' costs for staff time and actual costs for medical experts/consultants to review testing accommodations petitions. Both of which will also increase if the number of granted testing accommodations continues to grow.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this report be received and filed.

PROPOSED MOTION

If the Committee agrees, the following motion is suggested:

Move that the report on costs for administering the June 2019 First-Year Law Students' Examination be received and filed.

June 2019 First-Year Law Student's Exam Cost-Analysis

| Test Center | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|--------------|---------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Facility | Capacity | # of Testers | % of Capacity | Type | Facility Rental | Tables & Chairs | Electrical | Parking | Water | AV | Phones | Computers | Shipping | Staff Rooms | Proctors | Off-Duty | Grand Total | Cost/Tester |
| Northern California: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| S. San Francisco Conference Center (LW603) | 125 | 82 | 65.60% | Combo | \$15,500.00 | \$1,280.00 | \$5,585.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,339.41 | \$250.00 | \$292.35 | \$600.00 | \$1,581.45 | \$7,291.10 | \$1,534.50 | \$38,753.81 | \$472.61 |
| Holiday Inn SFO Airport (S620) | 10 | 5 | 50.00% | TA | \$12,109.38 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,189.73 | \$297.43 | \$476.89 | \$500.00 | \$1,815.85 | \$5,260.80 | \$2,326.50 | \$23,976.58 | \$4,795.32 |
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| Northern California Totals | 135 | 87 | 64.44% | | \$27,609.38 | \$1,280.00 | \$5,585.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$3,529.14 | \$547.43 | \$769.24 | \$1,100.00 | \$3,397.30 | \$12,551.90 | \$3,861.00 | \$62,730.39 | \$721.04 |
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| Southern California: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Pasadena Center (LW102) | 375 | 223 | 59.47% | Combo | \$17,287.50 | \$2,934.00 | \$8,987.50 | \$780.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,233.28 | \$248.06 | \$212.60 | \$650.00 | \$1,476.58 | \$10,110.03 | \$1,485.00 | \$46,404.55 | \$208.09 |
| Doubeltree Westside (S106) | 30 | 13 | 43.33% | TA | \$25,132.17 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,045.00 | \$0.00 | \$847.60 | \$546.84 | \$653.77 | \$850.00 | \$1,360.98 | \$12,390.79 | \$2,367.75 | \$45,194.90 | \$3,476.53 |
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| Southern California Totals | 405 | 236 | 58.27% | | \$42,419.67 | \$2,934.00 | \$8,987.50 | \$1,825.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,080.88 | \$794.90 | \$866.37 | \$1,500.00 | \$2,837.56 | \$22,500.82 | \$3,852.75 | \$91,599.45 | \$388.13 |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 9,890.00 | | | \$ 396.00 | | |
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| Non-TA Sites - Subtotal | 500 | 305 | 61.00% | Combo | \$32,787.50 | \$4,214.00 | \$14,572.50 | \$780.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$4,572.69 | \$498.06 | \$504.95 | \$1,250.00 | \$3,058.03 | \$17,401.13 | \$3,019.50 | \$85,158.36 | \$279.21 |
| TA Sites - Subtotal | 40 | 18 | 45.00% | TA | \$37,241.55 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,045.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,037.33 | \$844.27 | \$1,130.66 | \$1,350.00 | \$3,176.83 | \$17,651.59 | \$4,694.25 | \$69,171.48 | \$3,842.86 |
| EXAM TOTAL | 540 | 323 | 59.81% | | \$70,029.05 | \$4,214.00 | \$14,572.50 | \$1,825.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$6,610.02 | \$1,342.33 | \$1,635.61 | \$12,490.00 | \$6,234.86 | \$35,052.72 | \$8,109.75 | \$164,615.84 | \$509.65 |
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| % of Total | | | | | 42.5% | 2.6% | 8.9% | 1.1% | 1.5% | 4.0% | 0.8% | 1.0% | 7.6% | 3.8% | 21.3% | 4.9% | 100.0% | |