



The State Bar *of California*

Admissions Fees & Cost Reductions

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Options Previously Considered

- “Break even” approach
 - ✓ Strongly favored by CBE
- Lesser impact on fees affecting students / non-attorneys





Direction from Board of Trustees

- Guided by financial realities
- Break even approach, with minor exceptions



Program	Category	Current Fee	Last Increase	Proposed New Fee	% Increase	For Reference: Prior Option 1	For Reference: Prior Option 2
Registration	Student Registration	\$ 119	2016	\$ 150	26%	\$ 150	\$ 150
	Attorney Registration	\$ 214			40%	\$ 300	\$ 250
Bar Exam		\$ 677	2016		36%	\$ 878	\$ 745
	Test Center Change	\$ 15		\$ 60	300%	\$ 100	\$ 25
		\$ 624	2016	\$ 850	36%	\$ 1,850	\$ 685
	FYLSX writer/laptop change	\$ 15	2016	\$ 50	233%	\$ 50	\$ 50
Moral Character Determination		\$ 551			32%	\$ 795	\$ 575
		\$ 551	2016				
				\$ 290	9%	\$ 375	\$ 275
	Extension (attorney)	\$ 265			51%	\$ 500	\$ 375
Practical Training of Law Students	Application	\$ 55	2015	\$ 60	9%	\$ 60	\$ 60
	Request to Change	\$ 25	2015	\$ 30	20%	\$ 30	\$ 30
		\$ 158					
		\$ 105					

Program	Category	Current Fee	Last Increase	Proposed New Fee	% Increase	For Reference: Prior Option 1	For Reference: Prior Option 2
Multijurisdictional Practice	Application for Registered In-House Counsel	\$ 635	2016	\$ 1,075	69%	\$ 1,075	\$ 1,075
	Application for Legal Aid Attorney	\$ 635	2016	\$ 500	-21%	\$ 500	\$ 500
	Application for Military Spouse Attorney	\$ 635	2019	\$ 500	-21%	\$ 500	\$ 500
Out of State Attorney Arbitration Counsel	Application	\$ 50	pre-2014	\$ 500	900%	\$ 500	\$ 500
Pro Hac Vice	Application	\$ 50	pre-2014	\$ 500	900%	\$ 500	\$ 500
Foreign Legal Consultants	Application	\$ 370	pre-2014	\$ 1,000	170%	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Renewal	\$ 497	pre-2014	\$ 600	21%	\$ 600	\$ 600
	Late Renewal	\$ 100	pre-2014	\$ 150	50%	\$ 150	\$ 150



Program	Category	Current Fee	Last Increase	Proposed New Fee	Average Per Student Impact of Increase*	For Reference: Prior Option 1	For Reference: Prior Option 2	
California Accredited Law Schools		CALS Annual Report	\$ 2,170	2018	\$22,900	\$ 224	\$22,900	\$2,800
	CALS Inspection* (1/5 of 5 yr base)	\$ 4,400		\$8,000	\$ 39	\$8,000	\$6,000	
Registered Unaccredited Law Schools	Annual A (max 19 students)	\$ 725	2018	\$5,000		\$6,000	\$1,000	
	Annual B (max 199 students)	\$ 1,090		\$7,500	\$ 176	\$9,000	\$1,500	
	Annual C (> 200 students)	\$ 1,445		\$10,000		\$12,000	\$2,000	
	Inspection A (1/5 of 5 yr flat)	\$ 1,385		\$4,500		\$6,000	\$1,600	
	Inspection B (1/5 of 5 yr flat)	\$ 1,800		\$6,000	\$ 117	\$7,000	\$2,200	
	Inspection C (1/5 of 5 yr flat)	\$ 2,200		\$7,250		\$8,000	\$2,800	
	* Professional Services (hourly)	\$ 275		\$350		\$350	\$350	



End Result

- Projected expenditures still exceed projected revenue by more than \$1 million





Cost Reduction Models Considerations

- Bar Exam single largest expenditure
- Ripe for examination of more efficient ways to deliver
- Consideration of impact on applicants with testing accommodations
- Results of surveys and data related to administration of remote exams



Key Opportunities for Changes to Exam Administration



Consolidate
administration into
fewer sites



Essays and PT
delivered remotely



Use of State Bar offices for
testing accommodations
applicants



Cost Reduction Models

No Change "As Is"

All Components
Administered In-
person

Multiple Test Sites
Across the State

\$5,618,700

Six Sites

All Components
Administered In-
person

Six Test Sites: 3 TA & 3
Standard Sites

No sites in
Sacramento, Oakland,
or San Diego

Est annual savings:
\$855,500

Six Sites With One Remote Day

MBE Administered In-
person / Essays & PT
Administered
Remotely

Six Test Sites: 3 TA &
3 Standard Sites

No sites
in Sacramento,
Oakland, or San Diego

Est annual savings:
\$1,500,000

Four Sites With 1 Remote Day

MBE Administered In-
person & Essays &
PT Administered Remotely

Four Test
Sites: 3 Standard Sites & 1
TA Site, **SB Offices Used
for TA**

No sites in Sacramento,
Oakland, or San Diego

Est annual savings:
\$1,800,000



Questions?

