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THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPREME)
COURT'S REVIEW OF 2019 LICENSE FEES)
AND CLIENT PROTECTION FUND)
ASSESSMENTS FOR WSBA MEMBERS)
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NO. 25700-B- 587

ORDER

As provided in General Rule (GR) 12.2(b)(22), the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) may establish the amount of all license and other related fees, subject to review by the Supreme Court for reasonableness. The rule further provides that license fees established by the WSBA may be modified by order of the Court if the Court determines that a fee is not reasonable. In a letter dated August 28, 2018, from the Executive Director of the WSBA, the Court was advised that at its July 27, 2018, meeting, the WSBA Board of Governors approved the following license fees and Client Protection Fund assessments for 2019:

1. An increase for limited practice officers (LPOs) from \$110 to \$453, and an increase for Limited License Legal Technicians (LLLTs) from \$175 to \$453.
2. A license fee of \$100 for all inactive LPOs and LLLTs; and
3. A requirement that each active LPO and LLLT pay a \$30 assessment to the Client Protection Fund.

The Court considered the license fees as established by the Board of Governors and unanimously determined that the increase to the license fee for active LPOs and LLLTs is unreasonable and that a license fee of \$200 for both LPOs and LLLTs, as recommended by the

WSBA Budget and Audit Committee, is reasonable. In addition, pursuant to APR 15(c), the Court unanimously determined that the recommendation that LLLTs be required to pay a \$30 fee to the Client Fund Protection is approved, but the recommendation that LPOs also be required to pay a \$30 fee to the fund is rejected.

Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

The WSBA's 2019 license fees for LPOs and LLLTs are approved except that the 2019 license fee for active LPOs and active LLLTs shall be \$200 and active LPOs shall not be required to pay a Client Protection Fund assessment.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 6th day of September, 2018.

Fairhurst, C.J.
CHIEF JUSTICE