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I am dually licensed, and the proposed increase in the annual registration fee brings Tennessee's fees closer to Alabama's (while still being lower). I support the increase because of the concomitant increase in the improvements that the allocations can make in all areas.

Thanks.

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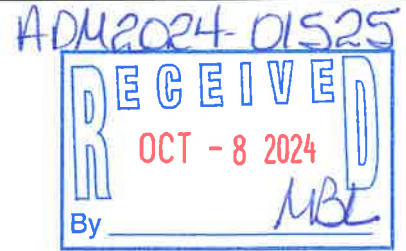
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Honorable Court:

I am opposed to the proposed increase of the annual registration fee.

As a rural, sole practitioner, who has spent over 30 years with half my case-load being appointed cases, this is another action that would burden rural practitioners, and urban practitioners who carry a heavy load of indigent clients, with yet another expense. Perhaps there are very well paid lawyers and judges for whom \$270/year would be a pittance. But there are many non-well-paid lawyers that are representing poor people across this state, whether indigent or not, and for whom this is another example that they are not valued.

When those who are representing indigent clients are paid a REAL reasonable rate for their work, perhaps it would be more reasonable. Or perhaps, raise the rate for those attorneys who feel incompetent to take an appointed case, and relieve those who take five or more cases per year of the additional fee. Me, I have semi-retired, and no longer accept appointed cases, though I have two still that are seeking permanency. But my financial situation will never recover from the 30 years I spent thinking I was doing important work, but was essentially working for free. And this proposal does not make me happy.

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"... think it possible that you may be mistaken." Oliver Cromwell

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An increase in fees from \$170 to \$270—a \$100 increase—is **almost 60%!!** It's not clear why this increase is justified and is going to be difficult for some to pay, given current economic conditions. Please reconsider increasing it incrementally.

Thank you!

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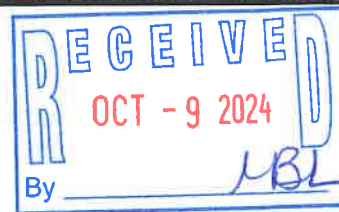


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To Whom It May Concern,

Simply, there should not be an increase in the annual registration fee. The idea of having more money for the Client Protection fund sounds good; however, it is not in the long run.

Being an attorney is not as profitable as it used to be, and the salary most newer attorneys get cannot take any more strain. Between insurmountable student loans, CLEs, our "privilege" tax, and the registration fee, we are being bled dry. The legal field is not a safe and financially fortuitous field any more. Please stop up charging us like it is.

Sincerely,

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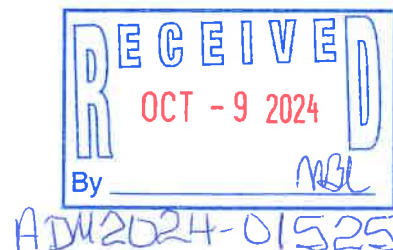
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Mr. Hivner:

I oppose the proposed increase in the Annual Registration Fees. The sum currently assessed is already steep and instead of looking to increase revenue, the board should be looking to cut its expenses to stay in line with its current level of revenue.

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