

AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE BAR OF GEORGIA

The Court having considered the motion to amend the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of Georgia, it is ordered that the State Bar's motion to amend Rule 1-202 (d) of Part I of the Rules of the State Bar of Georgia regarding Emeritus Members, is hereby approved to read as follows, effective January 7, 2009:

Rule 1-202. Classes of Members

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(d) Emeritus Members. Any member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia who shall have attained the age of 70 years and who shall have been admitted to the practice of law in the State of Georgia for 25 years, may retire from the State Bar upon petition to and approval by the Executive Committee. Such a retired member shall hold emeritus status. An emeritus member of the State Bar shall not be required to pay dues or annual fees. An emeritus member of the State Bar shall not be privileged to practice law except that an emeritus member may handle pro bono cases referred by either an organized pro bono program recognized by the Pro Bono Project of the State Bar or a non-profit corporation that delivers legal services to the poor. An emeritus member may be reinstated to active or inactive membership upon application to the Executive Director and payment of non-prorated dues for the year in which the emeritus member returns to active or inactive service.

It is furthered ordered that the State Bar's motion to amend Rule 1-502 of Chapter 5 of Part I of the Rules of the State Bar of Georgia regarding amount of license fees, by raising the cap on the annual license fee paid by attorneys from \$250.00 to \$350.00, is hereby approved. It is hereby ordered that the Rules and Regulations for the Organization and Government of the State Bar of Georgia be amended, effective January 7, 2009, to read as follows:

Rule 1-502. Amount of License Fees

The amount of such license fees for active members shall not exceed \$350.00, and shall annually be fixed by the Board of Governors for the ensuing year; provided, however, that except in the case of an emergency, such annual dues shall not be increased in any one year by more than \$25.00 over those set for the next preceding year. The annual license fee for inactive members shall be in an amount not to exceed one-half (1/2) of those set for active members. Subject to the above limitations, license fees may be fixed in differing amounts

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for different classifications of active and inactive membership, as may be established in the bylaws.

It is further ordered that the State Bar's motion to amend Rule 8-105 of Part VIII of the Rules of the State Bar of Georgia regarding continuing legal education requirements, is hereby approved. It is hereby ordered that the Rules and Regulations for the Organization and Government of the State Bar of Georgia be amended by deleting the current rule in its entirety and substituting a new rule to read as follows, effective January 7, 2009:

Rule 8-105. Annual Report

The Commission shall provide at the end of each year to all non-exempt active members an Annual Report of their CLE record in such form as the Commission shall prescribe.

A member whose record contains credit for unearned hours shall report corrections on or before January 31. A member whose record fails to include credit for earned hours may report corrections on or before January 31.