

Charles Houston Bar Association A Conversation with the State Bar of California

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Fee Increase Sought for 2025

Why?

What for?

How much?



Options for Structuring Fee Assessment

Why change from current pro rata model?

What are the options and what have we heard from attorneys so far?



Key 2024 Initiatives

California Justice Gap Study

Assessment of Racial Disparities in the Attorney Discipline System



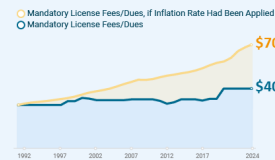
Other Areas of Interest

Rule 8.3 reporting: what does the data tell us?

Client Trust Account reporting: what we've learned and what's coming

Why a 2025 Fee Increase is Needed

The State Bar of California is seeking a large fee increase for 2025 and we want you to know why.



OUTPACED BY INFLATION

If California's mandatory fees/dues of \$404 had been adjusted for inflation over the last 20 years, they would now total \$709.



FUNDING CRITICAL OPERATIONS

The majority of the State Bar's General Fund, primarily sourced from licensing fees, supports core disciplinary functions.



HIGH WORKLOAD; WITH FUNDS SPREAD THIN

California deals with more complaints per attorney than other states, with 50% less funding than other large states.



FINANCIAL STRAIN

There has been only one fee increase in over 20 years.

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