IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	
FEES FOR LEGAL PARAPROFESSIONALS)	Administrative Order No. 2020 - <u>198</u>

In accordance with this Court's decision and Order in Rule Petition R-20-0034, dated August 27, 2020, the Court authorized a new membership class of "affiliate member" (modified Rule 32(c)(3), Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, effective January 1, 2021). An annual membership fee, payable to the State Bar of Arizona, is authorized and payable in the same manner as annual fees are assessed to attorneys admitted to practice in Arizona (modified Rule 32(c)(8)).

Under Administrative Order No. 2018-67 (affecting Administrative Orders Nos. 2014-89 and 2016-52), annual membership fees for attorneys and judicial members have held to the rate established for 2017 until further Order of this Court. The rates and allocation of those fees are established in Administrative Order No. 2016-52 (July 6, 2016). In consideration of changes in circumstances, the addition of Legal Paraprofessionals as affiliate members, and the impact on the programs and responsibilities of the State Bar of Arizona, it is appropriate to adjust and adopt a new fee structure. Therefore,

In accordance with the administrative authority vested in the Supreme Court by current Rules 32(c)(7), 32(c)(9), and 32(c)(10) of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court (modified Rules 32(c)(8), 32(c)(10), and 32(c)(11), effective January 1, 2021), the Court has considered the annual fee for membership in the State Bar of Arizona.

IT IS ORDERED that the changes in annual membership fees, delinquency fees, and assessment of membership fees for Affiliate Members for the State Bar of Arizona be adopted and effective as follows:

1. Affiliate Members admitted three or more years:

	Effective
	January 1, 2021
State Bar Fee Client Protection Fund Assessment	\$485 \$ 20
Total State Bar Annual Fee	\$505

2. Affiliate Members admitted fewer than three years:

Effective January 1, 2021

State Bar Fee	\$325
Client Protection Fund Assessment	\$ 20
Total State Bar Annual Fee	\$345

3. Delinquency fees:

If membership f	ee paid	2/2 through 3/1	\$100
If membership f	ee paid	after 3/1	\$200

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the State Bar shall continue to appropriate and disburse funds collected from these fees in accordance with Rule 32, Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order modifies the membership fees portion of Administrative Order No. 2014-89 (membership and membership delinquency fees, and in-house counsel fees), as modified by Administrative Order 2016-52 (reallocation of client protection fund assessment), and Administrative Order 2018-67 (deferral of increases).

Dated this 9th day of December, 2020.

FOR THE COURT

ROBERT BRUTINEL Chief Justice