## WHY AN INCREASE?

#### WE HAVEN'T HAD A LICENSE FEE INCREASE IN 18 YEARS.



IF ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION,
THE SBM PORTION OF THE LICENSE
FEE WOULD BE \$86 MORE TODAY.

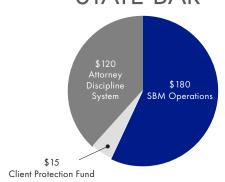
42% CUMULATIVE INFLATION SINCE THE LAST FEE INCREASE.

### MICHIGAN ATTORNEYS PAY LESS

THAN MOST OTHERS NATIONWIDE FOR THEIR ANNUAL LICENSE



# ONLY A **PORTION**OF YOUR LICENSE FEE GOES TO THE STATE BAR



### SBM WILL CONTINUE TO BE FRUGAL AND KEEP COSTS LOW.

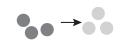
THE STATE BAR HAS ABSORBED RISING COSTS WITHOUT ANNUAL INFLATIONARY INCREASES.



CAREFUL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT



**AUTOMATION** 



DOWNSIZING WHERE APPROPRIATE



RESPONDING TO CHANGING MEMBER PRIORITIES

### HOW LICENSE FEES ARE SET

The Michigan Supreme Court sets attorney licensing fees. The Representative Assembly has the exclusive authority to make recommendations to the Michigan Supreme Court on the State Bar of Michigan's portion of the licensing fee. The RA overwhelmingly recommended an \$80 fee increase.