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Re: Bar's Petition as to Consumer Price Indexing of Bar Licensing Fees

Dear George:

I am writing as a follow-up to our discussion of the CPI petition when we met on April 22, 2005. As we discussed, while the Court is not opposed in principle to the Bar's use of the CPI as a benchmark for calculating proposed dues increases, we believe such increases should be specifically requested and approved, and not automatic. There are numerous factors affecting the amount of increases and their timing, and we are not comfortable with any form of automatic "escalator." Based upon the foregoing, the court will deem the Bar's petition to be withdrawn.

It is our understanding that the Bar Commission has determined that no fee increase is necessary for the upcoming year. However, Bar leadership should feel free in the future to submit a proposed increase based on the CPI or any other factors to the Court when they believe it is warranted.

Sincerely,



Christine M. Durham
Chief Justice