

**IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING**

**April Term, A.D. 2001**  
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STATE OF WYOMING  
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*In the Matter of Revisions to  
Article I, Section 4, of the Bylaws  
of the Wyoming State Bar*

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JUDY PACHECO, CLERK

**ORDER APPROVING REVISIONS TO ARTICLE I, SECTION 4, OF THE  
BYLAWS OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR TO PERMIT THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS TO DETERMINE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES AND LATE FEES  
AND  
APPROVING INCREASED ANNUAL LICENSE FEES AND  
THE ASSESSMENT OF A LATE FEE**

The Wyoming State Bar having recommended to the Board of Judicial Policy and Administration the approval of revisions to Article I, Section 4, of the Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar, attached hereto, to permit the Board of Commissioners to determine annual license fees and late fees; and having further recommended to the Board of Judicial Policy and Administration an increase in annual license fees of \$25.00 for all members of the Wyoming State Bar, the new fee for active members being \$250.00 per year, and \$137.50 per year for inactive members and new members who have been admitted to practice for less than five (5) years; and having further recommended the assessment of a late payment fee of \$50.00 for any member who has failed to pay the annual license fee by December 1 as required under Article I, Section 4, of the Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar;

And the Board of Judicial Policy and Administration having examined the recommended revisions to Article I, Section 4, of the Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar, attached hereto, and the recommended increase in annual license fees and the assessment of a late payment fee, and deeming the approval of such revisions, increase, and assessment to be advisable; it is therefore

**ORDERED** that the revisions to Article I, Section 4, of the Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar, attached hereto and approved by the Wyoming State Bar August 11, 2001, be, and hereby are, adopted to be effective September 1, 2001; and it is further

**ORDERED** that effective September 1, 2001, the annual license fees for all members of the Wyoming State Bar be, and are hereby, increased by \$25.00, the new fee for all active members being \$250.00 per year, and \$137.50 per year for inactive members and new members who have been admitted to practice for less than five (5) years; and it is further

**ORDERED** that effective September 1, 2001, the assessment of a \$50.00 late payment fee against any member who has failed to pay the annual license fee by December 1 as required under Article I, Section 4, of the Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar be, and is hereby, approved and adopted; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the revision of Article I, Section 4, of the Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar, attached hereto, and this Order shall be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter, the Wyoming Reporter, and in the Wyoming Court Rules; and that the revisions to Article I, Section 4, of the Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar and this Order shall thereupon be spread at length upon the journal of the Court.

**DATED** this 20 day of August, 2001.

**BY THE COURT:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry L. Lehman", is written over a set of horizontal lines. The signature is fluid and cursive.

**LARRY L. LEHMAN**  
**Chief Justice**  
**Chairman, Board of Judicial**  
**Policy and Administration**

#### Section 4. Annual license fee.

(a) ~~The annual license fee for each active member who has been admitted to practice in this state shall be \$225.00, except the annual license fee for a member who has not been admitted to practice of law in any state for more than five years shall be \$112.50. The annual license fee for those persons qualifying as inactive members prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the annual license fee is payable shall be \$112.50. There shall be no annual license fee for honorary or retired members. There shall be annual dues in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board of Commissioners. There shall be late fees in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board of Commissioners. Any changes in the annual dues or the late fees for the following fiscal year shall be fixed by the Board of Commissioners by no later than August 15, with notice to and approval by the supreme court by court order. The Board of Commissioners may reduce the annual dues of members who have been admitted to practice for less than five (5) years, or who do not actively engage in the practice of law in Wyoming. There shall be no annual license fee for honorary or retired members.~~

(b) ~~As soon as practicable after the second week in September of each year, the executive director shall send a written statement for the annual license fee to each member of the State Bar. The date for payment of the annual license fee is payable by shall be October 1 of each year except when a person is first admitted to practice law in Wyoming; then the date for payment of the annual license fee shall be 30 days after the date of the notice.~~

(c) ~~As soon as practicable after the second week in September of each year, the secretary-treasurer shall send a written statement for the annual license fee to each member of the State Bar. If any member is in default for the payment of the annual license fee on December 1 the first day of December of any year, the secretary-treasurer Executive Director shall send a notice of delinquency and notice of late fee to any each such member. If any member remains in default on December 15 the 15th day of December of any year, the secretary-treasurer Executive Director shall forthwith certify to the Supreme Court a judge of the district court of the judicial district wherein such delinquent member resides the name of such member, and the secretary-treasurer shall certify to the supreme court the names of delinquent non-resident members. The secretary-treasurer may delegate any of the above duties to the executive director. The district judge for delinquent resident members and the The chief justice of the supreme court for delinquent non-resident members shall, within 30 days of the notice by the State Bar, issue against such member an order returnable 20 days thereafter to show cause why membership in the Wyoming State Bar should not be suspended. The order should be mailed by regular mail and certified or registered mail, with return receipt requested, to the attorney's address on file with the State Bar. The order may be mailed by the office of the State Bar so long as it bears an appropriate date and signature of the chief justice and proper response is directed to the supreme court. a judge and proper response is directed to the district court wherein such delinquent member resides or the supreme court if such delinquent member resides out of state. If good cause is not shown in response to such order, an order of suspension from the practice of law for a period of up to three years shall issue forthwith from the supreme court; provided that if it is determined that the member in default is unable for good cause to pay the annual license fee, the payment of such annual license fee for that year may be remitted or suspended in whole or in part by order duly entered and when entered by a district judge certified to by the supreme court.~~

(d) The order of suspension from the practice of law for non-payment of annual license fee may be vacated at any time upon petition to the supreme court by the attorney which shows: (1) that all past annual license fees, the current year's annual license and any late charges ~~and the annual license fee for the current year~~ have been paid in full, in addition to all past and current annual fees for continuing legal education; (2) that the attorney is current on all mandatory continuing legal education requirements; and (3) that there have been no claims or awards made in regard to an attorney on the client's security fund for which the fund has not been reimbursed. In each case, petitions shall be referred to the State Board of Law Examiners which shall make investigation to determine character and fitness and provide a recommendation to the supreme court regarding reinstatement. The petition shall be accompanied by all appropriate fees for applicants for admission on motion.

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