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STATE BAR OF GEORGIA**

SUBMITTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

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COMES NOW the State Bar of Georgia, pursuant to the authorization and direction of its Board of Governors, respectfully moves that the Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of Georgia be amended¹ as follows:

Preface

The Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia met at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 17, 2026. It approved the proposed rule changes by deleting the struck-through sections and inserting the underlined sections as follows:

¹ See the order of this Court providing for such amendments dated December 6, 1963 (219 Ga. 873), and amended by subsequent Orders, and published online in the State Bar of Georgia Handbook (<https://www.gabar.org/handbook/>).

Rule 10-103. Funding.

(1) The State Bar of Georgia shall provide funding for the payment of claims and the costs of administering the Fund. Funding shall be through an annual assessment of \$15 per dues-paying lawyer. The Trustees shall not spend more than received through the annual assessment in a single year as well as any funds carried over as unspent from assessments of prior years. The Board of Governors may from time to time adjust the Fund's maximum annual assessment to advance the purposes of the Fund or to preserve the fiscal integrity of the Fund.

(2) All monies or other assets of the Fund shall constitute a trust and shall be held in the name of the Fund, subject to the direction of the Board.

(3) Only the Board of Trustees may authorize the payment of money from the Fund.

If the proposed amendments to the rule are approved, the amended rule will read as it appears under Appendix "A."

SO MOVED, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

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APPENDIX “A”
Clean Version of Bar Rule Amendments

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