

Discipline Costs – 2020

Effective January 1, 2020.

Pursuant to action by the State Bar’s governing board in January 2011 and May 2012, the costs assessed for disciplinary matters are adjusted annually to account for changes in labor and other resource costs. The adjustment is calculated by combining 40% of the year-on-year percentage change in the Consumer Price Index¹ with 60% of the year-on-year percentage change in the Employment Cost Index for Management, Professional and Related Occupations². For 2020, the adjustment is an increase of 2.33%.

For matters filed on or after January 1, 2020, the costs assessed are as follows:

Original Proceedings (Stage at which the matter settles)	Cost Assessment
Matters that go in Default	\$5,064
Matters that Settle Prior to Filing of a Notice of Disciplinary Charges	\$3,489
Matters that Settle during first 120 days of proceeding	\$4,078
Matters that Settle before Pretrial Statement is filed	\$6,464
Matters that Settle before trial but after Pretrial Statement is filed	\$8,456
Matters that proceed to a One-day trial	\$8,456
Matters that proceed to a Multi-day trial	\$19,069
Matters that proceed to the Review Department	\$23,327

Conviction Referrals (Stage at which the matter settles)	Cost Assessment
Matters that go into Default	\$3,417
Matters that Settle during the first 120 days of proceeding	\$2,853
Matters that Settle before Pretrial Statement is filed	\$6,120
Matters that Settle before trial but after Pretrial Statement is filed	\$8,033
Matters that proceed to a One-day trial	\$8,033
Matters that proceed into a Multi-day trial	\$14,627
Matters that proceed to the Review Department	\$20,909

Other Matters	Cost Assessment
Probation Revocation Proceedings	\$2,733
Rule 9.20 Proceedings	\$2,875

Additional Costs (as appropriate)	Cost Assessment
Each investigation matter over one	\$1,113
Each resignation	\$156
Consolidation costs equal to the minimum cost for the consolidated case type	
Transcript costs incurred by the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel (Business and Professions Code 6086.10(b)(1))	
Taxable costs incurred by the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel (Business and Professions Code 6086.10(b)(2))	

¹ Specifically, the December-to-December change in U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics series CUURS49BSA0.

² Specifically, the Q4-to-Q4 change in U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics series CIU2010000100000I.