State Bar of Georgia

BOG BOARD BOOK

2026 Spring Meeting
Greensboro, GA

This book serves as the agenda and materials for the State Bar of Georgia's 2026 Spring Board of Governors Meeting.

State Bar of Georgia

311th BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee

Greensboro, Georgia

Dress: Business

AGENDA

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1) ADMINISTRATION		
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d) Recognition of Special Guests	Chris Twyman	
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• **Active Dues $294**		
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(2) Approval of Other Bar Dues Statement Items		20
a) Center, Division and Section Dues: $10 to $50 opt-in		

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b) Assessments Required by Bar Rules or Mandated by the Supreme Court
- Clients' Security Fund: $15 per member per Bar Rule 1-506
- Professionalism Fee: $11/year

c) Other Contributions
- Legislative and Public Education Fund Contribution: $100 optional contribution
- Georgia Legal Services Program: $400 suggested individual contribution/ $100 suggested contribution for YLD

(3) 2026-2027 State Bar Budget 24

(4) Financial Resolutions 55

a) Authorization for president to secure blanket position bonds for officers and staff.

b) Designation of depositories for general operations of the State Bar of Georgia.

c) Employment of independent auditing firm to audit the financial records of the State Bar for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

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c) Announcements ..... Chris Twyman

d) Executive Session ..... Chris Twyman

e) Remarks / Q&A / Comments / Suggestions

f) Adjournment

2026 Board of Governors
SPRING MEETING

MARCH 27-29

The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee
Greensboro, Georgia

Hotel cut-off | Thursday, March 5 // Registration cut-off | Friday, March 20

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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Registration

10 – 11:30 a.m.
ICLE Board Meeting

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
State Disciplinary Board Meeting
(By invitation only)

12 – 3 p.m.
State Disciplinary Review Board Meeting
(By invitation only)

2 – 4 p.m.
CLE | Elder Law 101: Everything You and Your Parents Need to Know

6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Board of Governors Dinner

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

7 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Registration

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Board of Governors Meeting

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Other Events

CLE | ELDER LAW 101: EVERYTHING YOU AND YOUR PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Friday, March 27 | 2 – 4 p.m.
Join the Elder Law Section for "Elder Law 101: Everything You and Your Parents Need to Know," an engaging CLE program providing 2 CLE hours, including 1 professionalism hour. Everyone is welcome.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS DINNER

Friday, March 27 | 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Please join us for Friday night's Board of Governors Dinner as you network with fellow Bar members. Everyone is welcome.

EXPERIENCES AT THE RITZ-CARLTON REYNOLDS, LAKE OCONEE

From boating to golf, the Falconry Encounter to the Aerial Adventure Course, mixology classes to the world-class spa, you can experience it all at the Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee. Visit www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/ahnrz-the-ritz-carlton-reynolds-lake-oconee/experiences/ for more information about the resort's unique recreation and destination options.

Hotel Accommodations

The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee
1 Lake Oconee Trail
Greensboro, GA 30642
706-467-0600

The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee, our host hotel, is currently sold out over Friday and has limited availability at our group rate over Saturday night. Visit https://bit.ly/4a7qatW to complete a form to be added to the waitlist. If you have an existing reservation and need to cancel, please contact State Bar Meetings Director Gakii Kassamba at gakiik@gabar.org.

OVERFLOW HOTEL

Tru by Hilton Greensboro Lake Oconee
1030 Hospitality Drive
Greensboro, GA 30642
706-453-1725

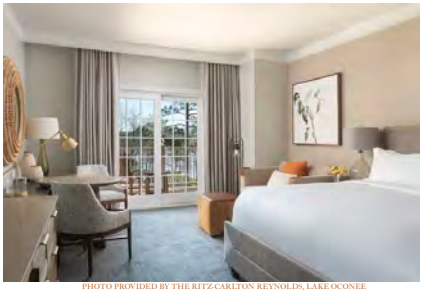
Tru by Hilton Greensboro Lake Oconee will serve as our overflow hotel. The room rate is $124 per night with availability beginning Thursday, March 26, through Sunday, March 29. Visit https://bit.ly/3NMvWJT to make your reservation online and receive our special room rate, or call 706-453-1725 and reference group code SBOG.

Hotel check-in | 3 p.m.

Hotel check-out | 12 p.m.

ATTIRE

Business casual attire is appropriate for all meetings and events.



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A discounted* daily resort fee of $35 per room/per night (reduced from $68) will be applied to your reservation at check-out. Amenities include:

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- Enhanced guest room internet access for multiple devices, not including meeting space.
- Local and long-distance, domestic phone calls.
- Access to his/her locker rooms featuring a whirlpool, steam room, dry sauna and cold plunge pool.
- 24-hour use of the Business Center.
- Reynolds tennis court usage (reservations required).
- Scheduled daily morning fitness class (i.e., yoga/Pilates).
- Use of specialized-brand bicycles.
- Non-motorized lake activities (kayaks and paddleboards).
- Dock and bank side fishing in Lake Oconee.
- Access to all Reynolds driving ranges and putting greens, including range balls and TaylorMade golf club rentals.

**Daily value of State Bar of Georgia concessions: $340.*

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2026 SPRING MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Please use this form to register by checking events you plan to attend. Registration is required for all events, including "no charge" (N/C) functions. You may also register online at www.gabar.org. The registration deadline is Friday, March 20.

Attendee Information

Bar Number

Name

Nickname

Spouse/Guest Name (if applicable)

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

Special Needs/Dietary Restrictions

ADA: If you qualify for protection under the Americans with Disabilities Act and need assistance, please email meetings@gabar.org.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cancellation of registration must be received in writing no later than Friday, March 20, in order to receive a full refund. Requests should be emailed to meetings@gabar.org or mailed to State Bar of Georgia, Attn: Meetings Department, 104 Marietta St. NW, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30303.

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Board Functions

- BOG Dinner — Friday.....$150 ____
- BOG Meeting — Saturday.....N/C ____

Committee Meetings

- ICLE Board.....N/C __

Section Functions

- CLE | Elder Law 101.....N/C ____

Total Enclosed $_____

Credit Card Information

Please bill my ○ Visa ○ MasterCard ○ AmEx

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date CSC Zip Code

Name as it appears on the card (Please print)

Signature

Credit card and "no charge" registrations may be faxed to 404-527-8717.

Registration and Payment Information

Registrations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. MasterCard, Visa and American Express are accepted. Please make checks payable to the State Bar of Georgia and mail them to: Meetings Department, 2026 Spring BOG Meeting, State Bar of Georgia, 104 Marietta St. NW, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Register online | www.gabar.org

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MB | MemberBenefits

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			Friday	Saturday			
	Savannah	Athens	Sawgrass	Sawgrass	Rising Fawn	Atlanta	
Jonathan Lang Adams	•ˇ	•	u	•	u	•	Jonathan Lang Adams
Keith E.Adams	•ˇ	u	u	u	•	u	Keith E. Adams
Mark W. Alexander	•	•	•	•	•	•	Mark W. Alexander
JaDawnya Cintelle Baker	•	•	•	•	•	•	JaDawnya Cintelle Baker
Nina M. Baker	•ˇ	e	e	e	•	•	Nina M. Baker
Eric A. Ballinger	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Eric A. Ballinger
Thua G. Barlay	•ˇ	e	•	•	e	u	Thua G. Barlay
Donna G. Barwick	•	•	•	•	•	•	Donna G. Barwick
John C. Bell Jr.	•	•	•	•	e	e	John C. Bell Jr.
Tracee R. Benzo	•ˇ	•	•	•	e	•	Tracee Ready Benzo
N. John Bey	•ˇ	u	u	•	u	e	N. John Bey
James D. Blitch IV	•ˇ	•	u	u	e	•	James D. Blitch IV
Sherry Boston	•ˇ	e	•	•	•	•	Sherry Boston
Charity Reneatha Bridgewater	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	e	Charity Reneatha Bridgewater
Ashley Mackin Brodie	•ˇ	u	•	•	•	u	Ashley Mackin Brodie
Stephanie D. Burton	•ˇ	•	•	•	e	e	Stephanie D. Burton
Ivy Neal Cadle	•	•	•	•	•	•	Ivy Neal Cadle
Jerry Neal Cadle	•	•	•	•	e	•	Jerry Neal Cadle
Neal Joseph Callahan	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	u	Neal Joseph Callahan
Stacey McSwine Cameron	•ˇ	•	u	•	e	•	Stacey McSwine Cameron
Richard D. Campbell	•	•	u	•	e	•	Richard D. Campbell
Tedra L. Cannella	•ˇ	u	u	•	u	u	Tedra L. Cannella
David L. Cannon	•ˇ	•	•	•	u	•	David L. Cannon
Carl S. Cansino	e	u	u	u	u	u	Carl S. Cansino
Chris M. Carr	e	u	u	u	u	u	Chris M. Carr
Kimberly A. Childs	•	•	•	•	•	•	Kimberly A. Childs
Amanda Rourk Clark Palmer	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	u	Amanda Rourk Clark Palmer
Daniel Jackson Connell III	u	u	e	e	u	e	Daniel Jackson Connell III
Susan P. Coppedge	•	•	•	•	e	•	Susan P. Coppedge
John Craig Cotton	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	u	John Craig Cotton
Martin L. Cowen III	•	•	•	•	e	•	Martin L. Cowen III

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Veronica Rogusky Cox	•	•	•	•	•	•	Veronica Rogusky Cox
Eric C. Crawford	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	Eric C. Crawford
Gerald Davidson Jr.	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Gerald Davidson Jr.
J. Anderson Davis	•ˇ	•	u	u	e	•	J. Anderson Davis
William T. Davis	u	•	•	•	u	•	William T. Davis
Howard Mark Delashmit	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Howard Mark Delashmit
Joseph W. Dent	•	•	•	•	•	•	Joseph W. Dent
Miguel Angel Dominguez	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Miguel Angel Dominguez
Thomas V. Duck III	n/a	•	•	•	•	u	Thomas V. Duck III
Susan E. Edlein	•ˇ	•	e	e	•	•	Susan E. Edlein
Otobong Ukpong "Oto" Ekpo	•ˇ	•	•	•	e	•	Otobong Ukpong "Oto" Ekpo
Ryan Welton English	•	•	•	•	u	•	Ryan Welton English
Archibald A. Farrar	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Archibald A. Farrar
Adam Ferrell	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	u	u	Adam Ferrell
Gillian Brooke Fierer	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Gillian Brooke Fierer
Amanda Renee Flora	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	e	Amanda Renee Flora
Harold Eugene Franklin Jr.	e	e	u	•	e	•	Harold Eugene Franklin Jr.
Keith E. Gammage	•ˇ	•	e	•	•	•	Keith E. Gammage
William C. Gentry	•	•	•	•	•	•	William C. Gentry
Patricia A. Gorham	•ˇ	e	e	e	•	e	Patricia A. Gorham
Rebecca Holmes Liles Grist	•	•	•	•	e	•	Rebecca Holmes Liles Grist
Paul William Hamilton	•	•	•	•	•	•	Paul William Hamilton
Thomas B. "Britt" Hammond	•	•	•	•	•	•	Thomas B. "Britt" Hammond
Roger Brent Hatcher Jr.	u	•	•	•	•	•	Roger Brent Hatcher Jr.
John Haubenreich	•ˇ	•	•	•	u	•	John Haubenreich
Patrick H. Head	•	•	u	u	e	•	Patrick H. Head
Render M. Heard Jr.	•	u	•	•	u	•	Render M. Heard Jr.
Amanda Nichole Heath	•ˇ	•	•	•	e	u	Amanda Nichole Heath
Catherine Harris Helms	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	e	•	Catherine Harris Helms
Matthew J. Hennesy	•	•	•	•	e	•	Matthew J. Hennesy
Thomas W. Herman	•ˇ	•	•	•	u	•	Thomas W. Herman

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R. Javoyne Hicks	•	•	•	•	•	u	R. Javoyne Hicks
Kimberly Wilkerson Higginbotham	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Kimberly Wilkerson Higginbotham
Norbert D. "Bert" Hummel IV	•	•	•	•	•	•	Norbert D. "Bert" Hummel IV
Stacey K. Hydrick	•ˇ	e	•	•	•	•	Stacey K. Hydrick
Shukura L. Ingram	•	•	u	u	•	•	Shukura L. Ingram
James T. Irvin	e	e	•	•	•	•	James T. Irvin
Christopher Ross Jackson	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Christopher Ross Jackson
Charles Michael Johnson	•ˇ	•	•	•	e	e	Charles Michael Johnson
Lester B. Johnson, III	•	e	e	e	e	•	Lester B. Johnson, III
Shiriki L. Cavitt Jones	•	•	•	•	•	•	Shiriki L. Cavitt Jones
Virginia C. Josey	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	Virginia C. Josey
Maria Christene Mekras Justus	•	•	e	•	e	•	Maria Christene Mekras Justus
Zahra S. Karinshak	e	•	•	•	•	•	Zahra S. Karinshak
John F. Kennedy	•ˇ	u	u	u	u	•	John F. Kennedy
Barry E. King	•	•	•	•	•	•	Barry E. King
Judy C. King	•	•	•	•	•	e	Judy C. King
Catherine Koura	•ˇ	u	e	e	e	•	Catherine Koura
Rachel R. Krause	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Rachel R. Krause
Rhonda Bender Kreuziger	•ˇ	•	•	•	e	•	Rhonda Bender Kreuziger
Edward B. Krugman	•ˇ	e	e	e	e	e	Edward B. Krugman
Jeffrey R. Kuester	•ˇ	e	•	•	•	•	Jeffrey R. Kuester
Anne Templeton LaMalva	•ˇ	•	u	•	•	•	Anne Templeton LaMalva
Allegra J. Lawrence	•ˇ	u	e	e	•	•	Allegra J. Lawrence
Nicole C. Leet	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Nicole C. Leet
Katie K. Leonard	•	•	•	•	•	•	Katie K. Leonard
Dawn Renee Levine	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Dawn Renee Levine
Joyce Gist Lewis	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Joyce Gist Lewis
Lisa Katsuko Liang	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	u	Lisa Katsuko Liang
Thomas Fredrick Lindsay	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Thomas Fredrick Lindsay
David S. Lipscomb	•	•	•	•	•	•	David S. Lipscomb
John R. B. Long	•	•	•	•	•	e	John R. B. Long

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Dax Eric Lopez	•ˇ	e	u	u	e	u	Dax Eric Lopez
Lindsey Stephens Macon	•	e	•	•	•	•	Lindsey Stephens Macon
John Bell Manly	•	u	e	e	•	•	John Bell Manly
Troy Windel Marsh Jr.	•ˇ	u	u	•	u	•	Troy Windel Marsh Jr.
Edward T. McAfee	•	e	u	•	•	•	Edward T. McAfee
Robert Charles McBurney	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	Robert Charles McBurney
Hugh J. McCullough	•ˇ	•	u	•	e	•	Hugh J. McCullough
Letitia A. McDonald	•ˇ	e	•	•	e	•	Letitia A. McDonald
Brad J. McFall	•ˇ	u	e	e	•	•	Brad J. McFall
Michael D. McRae	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	e	Michael D. McRae
Terry L. Miller	•	•	•	•	•	•	Terry L. Miller
Kenneth Mitchell Jr.	•	•	•	•	•	•	Kenneth Mitchell Jr.
William J. Monahan	e	•	•	•	•	e	William J. Monahan
Shondeana Crews Morris	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Shondeana Crews Morris
Stephen Russell Morris	•	•	•	•	•	•	Stephen Russell Morris
Joseph Kenneth Mulholland	e	•	u	•	e	u	Joseph Kenneth Mulholland
Samantha Marie Mullis	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	u	Samantha Marie Mullis
Katrell Nash	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Katrell Nash
Paul Wain Painter III	•	•	u	u	u	u	Paul Wain Painter III
Joy Renea Parks	•ˇ	u	•	•	•	u	Joy Renea Parks
David Jared Parrish	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	u	•	David Jared Parrish
Kathryn Drew Parrish Bennett	•ˇ	•	e	e	•	•	Kathryn Drew Parrish Bennett
Kevin Charles Patrick	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Kevin Charles Patrick
Tabitha Edwina Payne	•	u	e	•	u	•	Tabitha Edwina Payne
Brandon Lee Peak	•ˇ	•	•	•	u	•	Brandon Lee Peak
Edward Piasta	•ˇ	•	•	e	•	•	Edward Piasta
Michael Prieto	u	u	u	u	u	u	Michael Prieto
Philip Zachary Pritchard	•ˇ	u	u	u	u	•	Philip Zachary Pritchard
Jill Pryor	e	e	e	e	e	e	Jill Pryor
Elizabeth Dalia Racine	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Elizabeth Dalia Racine
William M. Ragland	•ˇ	•	•	•	e	•	William M. Ragland

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Tina S. Roddenbery	•	e	•	•	e	e	Tina S. Roddenberry
Carlos Javier Rodriguez	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	e	Carlos Javier Rodriguez
Kevin W. Roper	•ˇ	•	e	e	•	•	Kevin W. Roper
Joseph Roseborough	u	u	•	•	•	•	Joseph Roseborough
Wesley Charles Ross	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Wesley Charles Ross
Adam Joshua Rozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	Adam Joshua Rozen
Claudia S. Saari	•ˇ	•	•	•	e	•	Claudia S. Saari
Betrice A. Scott	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	•	•	Betrice A. Scott
Amanda Kay Seals	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	e	•	Amanda Kay Seals
Alex Musole Shalishali	e	•	u	u	•	•	Alex Musole Shalishali
H. Burke Sherwood	•	•	•	•	•	•	H. Burke Sherwood
William Murray Shingler	n/a	n/a	n/a	•	u	u	William Murray Shingler
Mitchell McKinley Shook	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	e	Mitchell McKinley Shook
Robert H. Smalley, III	•ˇ	•	u	u	•	•	Robert H. Smalley, III
Philip C. Smith	e	•	•	•	•	•	Philip C. Smith
R. Rucker Smith	•	•	•	•	•	•	R. Rucker Smith
Daniel B. Snipes	•ˇ	•	•	•	u	•	Daniel B. Snipes
R. Gary Spencer	•	e	•	•	e	•	R. Gary Spencer
H. Craig Stafford	•ˇ	•	u	u	•	u	H. Craig Stafford
Lawton E. Stephens	•ˇ	•	e	e	e	u	Lawton E. Stephens
Donna Coleman Stribling	•ˇ	•	•	•	e	•	Donna Coleman Stribling
Joseph C. Sumner, Jr.	u	u	e	e	•	•	Joseph C. Sumner, Jr.
Anita W. Thomas	u	•	u	•	•	•	Anita W. Thomas
Stephen Elliot Tillman	•	•	•	•	•	u	Stephen Elliot Tillman
Edward D. Tolley	e	•	u	u	e	u	Edward D. Tolley
Clayton Tomlinson	•ˇ	•	•	•	e	•	Clayton Tomlinson
Chris P. Twyman	•	•	•	•	•	•	Christopher Paul Twyman
Martin E. Valbuena	•ˇ	e	•	•	•	•	Martin E. Valbuena
J. Henry Walker	•ˇ	e	•	•	e	u	J. Henry Walker
Janice M. Wallace	•	•	•	•	•	•	Janice M. Wallace
Amy Carol Walters	•ˇ	•	e	e	•	•	Amy Carol Walters
Andrew Jackson Welch, III	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Andrew Jackson Welch, III

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Nancy J. Whaley	e	•	•	•	e	•	Nancy J. Whaley
Paige Reese Whitaker	•	•	•	•	•	e	Paige Reese Whitaker
Martha Wilson Williams	e	•	•	•	e	e	Martha Wilson Williams
Robert D. Wolf	•ˇ	•	•	•	•	•	Robert D. Wolf
Douglas Woodruff	e	e	•	•	•	•	Douglas Woodruff
• - attended meeting							
•ˇ - attended virtually							
e - excused absence							
u - unexcused absence							

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Future Meetings Schedule

Executive Committee

April 17, 2026	Executive Committee Meeting | Fri. Apr 17 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Local Affinity Bar Association Reception Thu. Apr. 16 | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The Inn at Serenbe, Chattahoochee Hills, GA
August 26 – 28, 2026	Supreme Court/Executive Committee Joint Meeting The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee, GA *(*Contract Pending)*
September 17, 2026	Executive Committee Meeting Thu. Sep. 17 | 12 – 4 p.m. Bar Center, Atlanta, GA
December 3, 2026	Executive Committee Meeting | 12 – 4 p.m. Local Affinity Bar Association Reception | 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The Westin Atlanta Gwinnett, Duluth, GA *(Sourcing Availability)*

Board of Governors

Annual 2026	June 11 – 14, 2026	Omni Amelia Island Resort Fernandina Beach, FL
Fall 2026	October 15 – 18, 2026	The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa Hilton Head Island, SC *(*Contract Tentative)*
Midyear 2027	January 14 – 17, 2027	Omni Hotel at The Battery Atlanta Atlanta, GA
Annual 2027	June 10 – 13, 2027	Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center Orlando, FL
Annual 2028	June 15 – 18, 2028	Omni Amelia Island Resort Fernandina Beach, FL

Young Lawyers Division

Spring 2026	April 23 – 25, 2026	Kimpton Hotel Arras Asheville, NC
Summer 2026	July 31 – August 2, 2026	YLD Officers & Directors Meeting The Westin Poinsett, Greenville, SC
Fall 2026	October 15 – 18, 2026	The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa In conjunction with the State Bar Fall BOG Meeting Hilton Head Island, SC *(*Contract Tentative)*

(Updated 2/23/26)

***Contract Tentative** – Tentative: Initial stage; terms and group concessions under negotiation | ***Pending** – Agreement in progress, awaiting final approvals or signatures*

State Bar of Georgia

Future Meetings Schedule

Young Lawyers Division

Annual 2026	June 11 – 14, 2026	Omni Amelia Island Resort In conjunction with the State Bar Annual Meeting Fernandina Beach, FL
Midyear 2027	January 14 – 17, 2027	Omni Hotel at the Battery Atlanta In conjunction with the State Bar Midyear Meeting Atlanta, GA
Annual 2028	June 15 – 18, 2028	Omni Amelia Island Resort In conjunction with the State Bar Annual Meeting Fernandina Beach, FL

American Bar Association

Midyear 2026	February 4 – 9, 2026	Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk | San Antonio, TX
Annual 2026	July 29 – August 4, 2026	Hotel TBD | Chicago, IL

Southern Conference of Bar Presidents

2026	Alabama	October 22 – 24, 2026	Grand Hotel, Point Clear, AL
2027	Maryland		

(Updated 2/23/26)

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STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, January 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
Omni Hotel at the Battery
Atlanta, Georgia

The 310th meeting of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia was held at the location, date and time shown above. President Christopher P. Twyman presided and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
Matt Caudell, YLD Board of Directors, led the pledge of allegiance.

Invocation
Hannah Couch Hostetler, YLD Board of Directors, gave the invocation.

Special Recognition
President Chris Twyman recognized the members of the judiciary, the past presidents of the State Bar, and other special guests in attendance.

Roll Call
Secretary Shiriki Jones circulated the roll for signature. The list of attendees is attached as Exhibit A.

Future Meetings Schedule
President Chris Twyman reviewed the Future Meetings Schedule.

President Chris Twyman adjourned the Board of Governors Meeting and called to order the Plenary Session of the Membership of the State Bar of Georgia.

Proposed Bylaw Change
Following a report by General Counsel Russ Willard, the members of the State Bar of Georgia took the following actions on the proposed bylaw change:

1. Proposed Changes to Article IV. Section 3. Misconduct and Removal.

   This bylaw provision modifies the version adopted at the 2025 Midyear meeting due to analysis of this bylaw's application to situations that have arisen since its adoption. The current Article IV, Section 3, sub-section (h) appears to limit the ability of the Executive Committee to ban or place restrictions on attendance solely to situations where a member (or the member's guest) was requested to leave an event.

   To deal with situations that may lie outside the current parameters of the bylaw, such as an event concluding before the incident is made known to appropriate State Bar personnel or law enforcement, the member who is subject to the complaint has left the event prior to any action being taken, or the misconduct occurs in interaction with Bar volunteers or staff outside of an event, it is requested that the bylaw be amended to enable the Executive Committee to take action upon the conclusion of an investigation by the Office of the General Counsel, even if no action was taken against that person at the event(s) in question.

   State Bar of Georgia members approved the proposed changes by majority vote.

President Chris Twyman adjourned the Plenary Session of the Membership of the State Bar of Georgia and reconvened the Board of Governors Meeting.

Minutes of the 309th Meeting of the Board of Governors
The minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held on October 11, 2025, were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

Proposed Rule Amendment
Following a report by General Counsel Russ Willard, the Board of Governors, by majority vote, took the following action on the proposed amendment to the following rule:

1. Bar Rule 10-103. Funding.

   Due to the current wording of Rule 10-103, the Trustees of the Clients' Security Fund are forbidden from spending down any surplus that has been built up in the fund, as they may not spend more than what is received, via the annual assessment, in a single year. This change allows them to spend up to the annual assessment plus any surplus funds from prior Bar years.

   The Board of Governors approved the proposed changes by majority vote.

Nominations of ABA Delegates
President Chris Twyman proposed the ABA delegate nominations listed below. The Board of Governors nominated the following attorneys to the Georgia ABA Delegate Posts as indicated. These positions are open to Georgia lawyers who are ABA members.

Post	Delegate
1	Alvin T. Wong (two-year appointment)
3	Christopher K. Middleton (two-year appointment)
7	V. Sharon Edenfield (two-year appointment)

Nominations of State Bar Officers
The Board of Governors received the following nominations for State Bar officers for the 2025-2026 Bar year:

Office	Nominator	Nominee
Secretary	William T. Davis Tracee R. Benzo (Seconding)	Bert Hummel
Treasurer	Darrell Sutton Zahra S. Karinshak (Seconding)	Shiriki C. Jones
President-elect	Hon. Shondeana Morris Dawn M. Jones (Seconding)	R. Javoyne Hicks

Per Article VII, Section 1 "Nominations and Elections" of the State Bar of Georgia Bylaws, nominations are open for 10 days after this meeting.

Advisory Committee on Legislation (ACL)/Legislative Proposals
Following a report by State Bar Lobbyist Rusty Sewell, the Board of Governors took the following action on proposed legislation:

Legislative Proposal	Germane to Purposes of the Bar	Support on Merits 2/3 Majority
Indigent Defense Committee		
1) Support for the Judicial Council's Budget Request for FY 2026 – Continued Funding for the Georgia Resource Center	Passed by majority vote	Passed by 2/3 majority
Real Property Law Section		
2) Expanding Legal Access to Qualified Special Masters - Bill to Amend O.C.G.A. § 23-3-63	Passed by majority vote	Passed by 2/3 majority

Legislative Update
Legislative Consultant Mark Middleton provided an update on the upcoming legislative session, noting significant turnover resulting from election-year activity and multiple special elections in both the House and Senate. He said several new legislators have been seated, with additional races still pending, resulting in temporary vacancies that could impact closely contested votes. Leadership priorities were discussed in light of the Governor's State of the State address and remarks from legislative leaders, including proposals related to higher education funding, homelessness initiatives, property tax relief, and income tax reform, all occurring alongside election-year messaging. Despite conventional expectations for limited productivity in an election year, it was noted that the session may prove more productive than anticipated.

YLD Director Jessica Oglesby provided an update on a new State Bar initiative developed in response to concerns about the declining number of attorneys serving in the Georgia Legislature. Following discussion at the Fall Meeting, the Governmental Affairs Department, Young Lawyers Division, and Law Practice Management Department collaborated to create "The Gold Dome Track: Answering the Call to the Capitol." The program is designed to educate and support lawyers interested in public service, particularly service in the Georgia General Assembly. The inaugural session will be held January 20 at the Bar Center, featuring discussions with former and current lawyer-legislators and including a networking reception, with a second session scheduled for February 24 focused on campaign planning and practice management. YLD Director Oglesby encouraged participation and noted the program reflects the Bar's commitment to supporting lawyer leadership and public service.

President's Report
President Chris Twyman's report highlighted progress on the Bar's four strategic pillars: improving Bar operations, strengthening committee engagement, advancing emerging technologies, and promoting the rule of law. Updates were provided on committee activity, including actions related to the Attorney-Client Solicitation Committee, noting that while concerns were raised publicly following a committee chair's resignation, the Office of the General Counsel continues its confidential enforcement work and will receive additional resources, with the committee reconstituted to focus on public education. He said the Access to Justice Committee reported that it has completed a statewide pro bono survey, with analysis underway and recommendations anticipated for Executive Committee consideration, and that the Seeking Equal Justice Committee is developing policy recommendations to address racial bias in the administration of justice.

President Twyman also noted recent Supreme Court–approved changes to CLE requirements, the creation of the new Senior Lawyers Division, and ongoing education efforts related to those updates. The report concluded with recognition of the Military and Veterans Law Committee's work supporting veterans' benefits, appreciation for Bar leadership, staff, and court partners, and reaffirmation of the Bar's commitment to protecting the public and strengthening the profession.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Javoyne Hicks reported on the Bar's finances through October 2025. Financial performance remains in line with the approved budget, with expenses tracking as expected and no material issues to report. She highlighted ongoing work on the electrical panels, tenant improvements, additional audio and visual capabilities, and the behind-the-scenes tasks involved in building ownership. She concluded her report, stating that the Bar's 2024-2025 financial audit was completed successfully, with no adjustments or issues identified, and was posted on the Bar's website.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Damon Elmore reported that at the midpoint of the Bar year, the Bar remains stable and operates from a position of strength. He said committees, sections, and affiliated groups have met and engaged in substantive work consistent with the President's initiative to participate actively. He added that Bar Center leasing efforts continue, including active proposals and letters of intent, despite ongoing market and facility-related challenges. Executive Director Elmore said preparations for the upcoming budget cycle were underway, with recommendations forthcoming to the Finance and Executive Committees, and legislative developments continuing to be monitored. He said additional reporting will be provided at the Spring and Annual meetings.

Young Lawyers Division Report

YLD President Veronica Cox reported that the Young Lawyers Division has hosted more than 20 events to date this Bar year, including CLE programs, service projects, and networking events, with additional activity anticipated in the spring. Highlights included community service initiatives, the annual Leadership Academy holiday luncheon, and continued engagement through social media outreach. Upcoming events include the return of the annual YLD kickball tournaments in Savannah and Atlanta, the relaunch of the YLD Podcast as a limited six-episode series, and the YLD Signature Fundraiser scheduled for February 28 in Macon, benefiting Middle Georgia Justice. The fundraiser will also include the presentation of the YLD Lifetime Achievement Award and the Signature Service Award. Additional updates included plans for the YLD Spring Meeting in Asheville and recognition of the YLD Review editors and contributors for their high-quality publication.

Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism Report

President Chris Twyman announced that the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism (CJCP) has become part of the State Bar, effective January 1, at the request of the Supreme Court. He then called on Chief Justice Nels Peterson to speak more on the vision of the alignment, who emphasized that professionalism has long been a shared priority of the Court and the Bar, noting that while ethics represent the minimum standards required of attorneys, professionalism encompasses broader expectations, including how lawyers treat one another and engage with the community. He further stated that a renewed focus is needed on protecting and defending the Rule of Law, which he described as a core responsibility of the legal profession. The Chief Justice noted concerns about a declining societal commitment to the Rule of Law and stressed that no individual is above its requirements or below its protections. He encouraged a coordinated, Bar-wide effort to defend the integrity of the Rule of Law, particularly as the Commission's work expands across the Bar during the transition period.

Executive Director Karlise Grier reported on recent activities of the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism and thanked Chair Chief Justice Nels Peterson for his leadership. She announced details for the 26th Annual Benham Awards, to be held April 14, with the program scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. She recognized the committee chairs for their assistance in selecting recipients and planning the event. She also noted that the February 2025 live webinar, *Thoughts on Living and Practicing with Professionalism*, is available for video replay through March 31 for a $4 fee. Access information is available on the website, and registration is not required. She reminded members that she is available to assist with panels or CLE programs as needed. Additional updates included Law Day 2026, themed *The Rule of Law and the American Dream*, and the upcoming Connect with a Colleague Contest, scheduled for March 1 through April 30, 2026.

Administrative Office of the Courts Content Management System Demo
Chief Technology Officer of the Administrative Office of the Courts Ben Luke gave a demonstration of their new content management system, along with Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, Sean Golden, and Bharath Parthasarathy.

Law Practice Management Program
The Board of Governors received a written report on the activities of the Law Practice Management Program.

ICLE Report
The Board of Governors received a written report on the activities of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education of the State Bar of Georgia.

Media Report
The Board of Governors received a media report from the Communications Department.

Old Business
President-Elect Bill Gentry reported that the Supreme Court of Georgia approved the Senior Lawyers Division. He was presented with a plaque in recognition of his efforts.

New Business
Board Member Mark Alexander reported that after 30 years in civil and private practice, he has transitioned to serve as a Circuit Public Defender. He noted a strong culture of excellence within indigent defense; however, the office is currently operating at approximately 50% capacity, with nine attorney vacancies. Recruitment efforts are ongoing, with a particular need for experienced trial lawyers. He said to contact him if there is any interest.

Announcements
There were no announcements.

Executive Session
There was no executive session.

Remarks / Q&A / Comments / Suggestions
President Chris Twyman opened the floor to remarks, questions, comments and suggestions.

Adjournment
There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Shiriki C. Jones, Secretary

Approved:

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Christoper P. Twyman, President

State Bar of Georgia

PROPOSED LICENSE FEE AND BUDGET FOR THE BAR YEAR 2026 - 2027

2026-2027 Dues Recommendation and Other Items

Motion: To approve the following recommendation:

1. Dues at $294 for active members and $147 for inactive and provisional members

2. Center for Lawyer Wellbeing, Senior Lawyers Division, and Section dues to be reflected on the dues statement ranging from $10-$50; and

3. In accordance with Bar Rule 1-506 regarding the Clients' Security Fund, each member is assessed a fee of $15. This assessment shall be used only to fund the Clients' Security Fund; and

4. Professionalism Fee ($11) mandated by the Supreme Court; and

5. Continuation of a $100 opt-out contribution for the Legislative and Public Education Fund; and

6. A suggested $400 opt-in provision for individual contributions ($100 for younger lawyers) for the Georgia Legal Services Program.

State Bar of Georgia Dues and Revenue History

Dues History:		Year End 6-30	Active & Inactive Members (Includes Nonpaying students)
$75	8 Years	1976-1983	6/30/83 = 15,000
$90	4 Years	1984-1987	6/30/87 = 19,425
$110	2 Years	1988-1989	6/30/89 = 20,193
$135	6 Years	1990-1995	6/30/95 = 26,320
$150	5 years	1996-2000	6/30/00 = 30,694
$175	3 years	2001-2003	6/30/03 = 33,706
$190	1 year	2004	6/30/04 = 34,717
$208	1 year	2005	6/30/05 = 35,704
$218	1 year	2006	6/30/06 = 36,694
$230	2 years	2008	6/30/08 = 38,852
$236**	3 years	2009-2011	6/30/11 = 42,334
$238	1 year	2011-2012	6/30/12 = 42,957
$240	1 year	2012-2013	6/30/13 = 44,184
$246***	1 year	2013-2014	6/30/14 = 45,143
$248	3 years	2014-2017	6/30/17 = 47,967
$250	1 year	2017-2018	6/30/18 = 48,046
$252	1 year	2018-2019	6/30/19 = 48,324
$254	3 years	2019-2022	6/30/22 = 49,943
$260	2 years	2022-2024	6/30/24 = 50,773
$264	1 year	2024-2025	6/30/25 = 51,148
$270	1 year	2025-2026	6/30/26 = 51,927 - Budgeted

**One time dues credit of $20 per active member ($10 inactive) approved by Board of Governors, reducing net active dues to $216 ($108 inactive) for 2008-09 only.

***One time dues credit of $2 per active member ($1 inactive) approved by Board of Governors, reducing net active dues to $244 ($122 inactive) for 2013-14 only.

State Bar of Georgia

BAR NUMBER:
STATUS:

2026–2027 LICENSE FEE AND ASSESSMENTS NOTICE DUE JULY 1, 2026

PAY ONLINE AT WWW.GABAR.ORG
Or mail to P.O. Box 102054, Atlanta, GA 30368-2054
TAX ID NUMBER: 58-0939623

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL: membership@gabar.org
WEB: www.gabar.org

SEE MANDATORY ASSESSMENTS/ FEES AND OTHER IMPORTANT RULES ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

SUMMARY

A. $420 (+) Your Amount Includes:

License Fee: Active $294 or Inactive $147
***Mandatory** Clients' Security Fund of *$15 (Active and Inactive)*
***Mandatory** Professionalism Fee of $11 (Active <70 only)**
Optional Legislative & Public Education Fund of $100
**see notes on back*

B. $____ (+) or (-) Legislative & Public Education Fund Contribution

The State Bar's legislative efforts are not funded by Bar license fees. Your voluntary contribution is the only support this important Bar program receives. The Bar's legislative program helps ensure that the profession is represented in supporting or opposing issues related to the practice of law. Line A includes a $100 contribution.

C. $____ (+) Center, Division and/or Section Dues

D. $____ (+) GLSP Contribution

Georgia Legal Services Program is a nonprofit law firm that provides civil legal services for low income persons, creating equal access to justice and opportunities out of poverty. Suggested contributions are $400 per year; $100 for younger lawyers.

E. $____ (+) Late Fee (After August 1)

$____ **TOTAL PAYMENT**

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

JUL 1	Fees due for 2026-27 Bar year (July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027)
AUG 1	$175 late fee if postmark is after 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on August 1
SEPT 1	Ineligible to practice

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The State Bar of Georgia is unable to accept faxed or emailed license fee notices for credit card charges. Credit card payments using Visa, Mastercard and American Express can be made at www.gabar.org.

CENTER FOR LAWYER WELLBEING DUES (C)

The purpose of the Center is to advocate for the physical and mental health of lawyers through increased awareness, programming, policy development and research.

__$40 Center for Lawyer Wellbeing (70)

SENIOR LAWYERS DIVISION DUES (C)

The Senior Lawyers Division includes members age 55 and older. Paying the voluntary fee supports the SLD's goals and makes you a voting member. Only dues-paying members aged 55+ may vote; dues from those under 55 are treated as donations.

__$25 Senior Lawyers Division (71)

SECTION DUES (C)

Section memberships from last year are marked with an "X." Please check all desired sections for this year and place the total on Line C in the summary. For section descriptions, visit www.gabar.org/sections.
**Numbers in parenthesis are for administrative use only.*

__$25 Administrative	(02)	__$20 Equine	(49)
__$20 Agriculture	(31)	__$40 Family	(09)
__$20 Alt. Dispute Resolution	(38)	__$40 Fiduciary	(10)
__$20 Animal	(51)	__$20 Franchise & Distribution	(50)
__$20 Antitrust	(03)	__$50 General Practice & Trial	(11)
__$15 Appellate Practice	(42)	__$10 Government Attorneys	(44)
__$15 Aviation	(04)	__$25 Health	(36)
__$35 Bankruptcy	(05)	__$15 Immigration	(46)
__$20 Bike	(59)	__$25 Insurance Law	(13)
__$20 Business	(06)	__$35 Intellectual Property	(18)
__$35 Cannabis & Hemp	(62)	__$25 International	(14)
__$20 Child Protection & Advocacy	(55)	__$20 Judicial	(47)
__$25 Class Action	(61)	__$20 Labor & Employment	(15)
__$35 Constitutional	(56)	__$10 Local Government	(16)
__$25 Construction	(60)	__$15 Military/Veterans	(17)
__$25 Consumer	(48)	__$25 Nonprofit	(53)
__$30 Corporate Counsel	(28)	__$30 Privacy & Technology	(27)
__$20 Creditors' Rights	(39)	__$25 Product Liability	(33)
__$20 Criminal	(07)	__$15 Professional Liability	(54)
__$25 E-Discovery	(57)	__$35 Real Property	(19)
__$20 Elder	(40)	__$25 Religious Liberty	(63)
__$35 Eminent Domain	(43)	__$15 School & College	(30)
__$20 Employee Benefits	(52)	__$20 Taxation	(20)
__$25 Energy	(64)	__$25 White Collar	(65)
__$25 Entertainment & Sports	(25)	__$25 Workers' Compensation	(21)
__$25 Environmental	(08)		

[To add or nominate a designated attorney, please log in to your member account at www.gabar.org.]

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- Free Parking at the Bar Center in Atlanta
- Free Legal Research with Fastcase
- Robust Bar website at www.gabar.org:
  - Change Your Address
  - Check CLE Status
  - Order Letters of Good Standing
  - Search the Member Directory
  - Pay Bar License Fees
  - Online Vendor Directory
- Insurance Offerings
- Conference Center
- ReliaGuide (Enhanced Online Directory)
- Resource Library
- Satellite Offices (Savannah and Tifton)
- Access to Multiple Bar Programs:
  - Center for Lawyer Wellbeing
  - Law Practice Management Program
  - Lawyer Assistance Program

+ MORE

RULE 1-202. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Membership in the State Bar of Georgia shall consist of six categories: active, inactive, foreign law consultant, emeritus, members unable to practice law due to a disability, and retired status members. The bylaws shall make provision for the registration of each active member and the location of his or her principal office for the practice of law, the registration of each foreign law consultant and the location of his or her principal office, and the registration of emeritus and inactive members and their mailing addresses. Only Active Status members and Emeritus Status members may vote on any State Bar of Georgia matter or election or nominate an active member for office. Emeritus Status members can vote only in person or electronically.

(a) **Inactive Status Members**. Any member of the State Bar of Georgia may contact the Membership Department and elect to be transferred to Inactive Status membership provided that the member:
  (1) is not engaged in the practice of law;
  (2) does not hold himself or herself out as a practicing lawyer or attorney;
  (3) does not occupy any public or private position in which the member may be called upon to give legal advice or counsel; and
  (4) does not examine the law or pass upon the legal effect of any act, document, or law for the benefit of another person, company, or corporation.

  Members who are in active military service may choose inactive status if they so elect.

(b) **Active Status Members.** Active Status members shall be all other lawyers, including judges but excluding foreign law consultants. Only Active Status members of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing may hold office in the State Bar of Georgia.

(c) **Foreign Law Consultant Status.** Foreign Law Consultants shall be those persons who are licensed under the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law as adopted by the Supreme Court of Georgia.

(d) **Emeritus Status Members.** Any member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia who will attain the age of 70 years in a Bar year and who shall have been admitted to the practice of law for at least 25 years, five years of which must be as a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia, may request Emeritus Status from the State Bar of Georgia upon petition to and approval by the Membership Department. When approved, the member shall be transferred to Emeritus Status. An Emeritus Status member of the State Bar of Georgia shall not be required to pay license fees or other fees and may not hold office in the State Bar of Georgia. An Emeritus Status member of the State Bar of Georgia shall not be privileged to practice law except that an Emeritus Status member may handle pro bono cases referred by either an organized pro bono program recognized by the Pro Bono Project of the State Bar of Georgia or a non-profit corporation that delivers legal services to the poor. An Emeritus Status member may be reinstated to active or inactive membership upon application to the Membership Department and payment of non-prorated license fees for the year in which the Emeritus Status member returns to Active Status or Inactive Status membership.

(e) **Members Unable to Practice Law Due to a Disability.** Any member of the State Bar of Georgia who is temporarily or permanently disabled may submit to the Executive Committee of the State Bar of Georgia a written request to be transferred to Disabled Status. Members who elect this status must submit adequate medical and/or psychological documentation of their disability with the written request. Adequate documentation includes:
  (1) documentation from the Social Security Administration of approval of disability;
  (2) documentation from an insurance company of receipt of benefits based upon disability; or
  (3) documentation from a medical doctor that the member is disabled.
  the member has a signed statement from a medical doctor that the member is permanently disabled, or disabled for a period in excess of one year, and unable to practice law.

  Any request by a member to be transferred to Disabled Status must comply with all of the provisions contained in Article I, Section 10 of the Bylaws of the State Bar of Georgia.

(f) Retired Status Members.
  (1) Any member of the State Bar of Georgia who is not engaged in the active practice of law in any state, district, or territory of the United States may transfer to Retired Status by submitting a request in writing to the Executive Director and General Counsel of the State Bar of Georgia. Upon approval by the Executive Director and General Counsel, the Membership Department shall transfer the member to Retired Status. A member in Retired Status shall not be entitled to practice law in this state and may not practice law in any other jurisdiction. Further, such member shall not be eligible to vote or hold office in the State Bar of Georgia. Any member transferred to Retired Status shall be relieved of his or her membership fees and CLE obligations.
  (2) A request for Retired Status must be unqualified, is irrevocable, and permanent. A member in Retired Status will appear in the State Bar of Georgia member directory as "Retired."
  (3) A member of the State Bar of Georgia with a pending disciplinary matter may transfer to Retired Status with the consent of the Office of the General Counsel. Grievances received after a member has transferred to Retired Status may be investigated and prosecuted through the disciplinary process at the option of the Office of the General Counsel.
  (4) A member suspended from the practice of law because of failure to meet CLE requirements or failure to pay Bar membership fees is not eligible for Retired Status.

RULE 1-208. RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP

(a) Resignation while in good standing. A member of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing may, under oath, petition the Executive Committee for leave to resign from the State Bar of Georgia. Upon acceptance of such petition by the Executive Committee by majority vote, such person shall not practice law in this state nor be entitled to any privileges and benefits accorded to active members of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing unless such person complies with part (f) or part (g) of this Rule. See www.gabar.org/rules for the complete Rule.

RULE 1-506. CLIENTS' SECURITY FUND ASSESSMENT

(a) The State Bar of Georgia is authorized to assess each member an annual fee of $15. This assessment shall be used only to fund the Clients' Security Fund and shall be in addition to the annual license fee as provided in Bar Rule 1-501 through Bar Rule 1-502.
(b) The failure of a dues-paying member to pay the assessment shall subject the member to the same penalty provisions, including late fees and suspension of membership, as apply to the failure to pay the annual license fee as set forth in Bar Rules 1-501 and 1-501.1.
(c) A member who is admitted as a Foreign Law Consultant or who joins without taking the Georgia Bar Examination shall be responsible for the annual assessment upon registration with the State Bar of Georgia.

PROFESSIONALISM FEE

The Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism (CJCP) was created in 1989 by the Supreme Court of Georgia. From 1998-2018, a $15 per hour professionalism fee was charged. In 2018, the CJCP changed the professionalism fee from a $15 per hour fee to a $15 per year fee to encourage lawyers to take more professionalism courses. In 2020, the CJCP reduced the Court-mandated surcharge to $11 per year. The surcharge shall be assessed annually on the license fee notice for all active members less than 70 years old.

DESIGNATED ATTORNEY

You may nominate a designated attorney to return client files, IOLTA and escrow funds, and other client property if you are unable to practice law. To nominate one or more State Bar of Georgia members in good standing to help your office and family in these circumstances, please log in to your member portal at www.gabar.org and update your choice in your personal preferences. By submitting a nomination, you confirm that you have spoken with the attorney(s) and that they have agreed to serve in this role.

DEDUCTIBILITY

Pursuant to Sections 162(e) and 6033(e) of the Internal Revenue code, certain lobbying and political expenses are not deductible and information concerning their non-deductibility must be communicated by tax-exempt organizations to their members. In compliance with these requirements, the voluntary contribution to the Legislative & Public Education Fund is not tax deductible.

APPLICABILITY OF RULES

See www.gabar.org/rules for a complete set of all State Bar of Georgia Rules.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Disabled members needing printed materials in alternative format can email membership@gabar.org.

2026 - 2027 Budget Assumptions

1. Dues increase to $294. The number of members was estimated based upon December 31, 2025, members and estimated additional members based upon the historical passing rate of the Bar exams along with estimated dates of joining the Bar, as well as expected attrition.
2. Investment (interest) income, bond amortization premium and investment expenses are based upon the annualization of available actual results. Since investments are generally not sold but are held until maturity, no gains or losses are budgeted. However, accounting rules dictate that all gains and losses whether realized or not must be recorded.
3. As of November 2025, the rate of inflation for the 12-month period ended September 30, 2025, was reported at 2.70% based upon the Annual CPI—BLS South Region. With the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, salary increases are included at 5% on average. This represents a 3% COLA increase for all employees and a potential additional merit increase of 2% for high performers.
4. Vendor quotes or actual contracted amounts used whenever information was available.
5. The Bar does not pay rent to any independent company or organization for the Bar Center in Atlanta.
6. For building rental income, assumed all tenants in building as of January 1, 2026, will continue to be in building for the 2026 - 2027 year and that the amount of leased space would be the same.
7. The parking deck has been used more for special events parking and less for monthly and daily parking. Assumed that this same type of parking operation will continue for 2026 - 2027.
8. Includes Programs and Personnel information.
9. Includes estimated income of $4.00 per transaction credit card convenience fee associated with the payment of the annual dues. This fee is only charged if the member pays by the use of a credit card.

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Membership Numbers						
Active Members	41,628	42,194	42,777	42,695	43,700	44,280
Inactive Members	8,169	8,017	7,827	7,845	7,740	7,565
Provisional Members	26	18	21	20	50	50
Associates/Affiliates	11	14	20	10	13	20
Foreign Legal Consultants	9	10	12	9	9	12
Students	453	520	491	470	415	471
Emeritus	4,189	4,617	5,095	4,585	5,025	5,489
Total Membership Numbers	**54,485**	**55,390**	**56,243**	**55,634**	**56,952**	**57,887**
Revenue						
Dues Active	10,798,285	10,957,918	11,283,972	11,271,480	11,799,000	13,018,320
Dues Inactive	1,085,384	1,067,188	1,061,172	1,035,540	1,044,900	1,112,055
Dues Provisional	18,524	16,932	9,900	11,880	6,750	7,350
Dues Associates	1,050	1,750	850	1,000	900	2,000
Dues Foreign Legal Consultant	1,429	2,448	2,508	2,376	2,430	3,528
Dues Late Fees	252,825	256,000	244,825	265,000	260,000	250,000
Dues NSF Check Fee	220	120	140	200	140	140
Dues Prior Years	5,655	5,705	11,847	6,000	7,500	7,500
Total License and Dues	12,163,372	12,308,061	12,615,214	12,593,476	13,121,620	14,400,893
Program Registration Income	4,882,064	4,790,586	4,742,679	4,400,000	4,800,000	2,706,000
Section Expense Reimbursement	301,403	301,039	320,694	320,694	335,385	351,724
CSF Expense Reimbursement	73,000	73,000	73,000	73,000	190,000	190,000
Advertising and Sales	48,045	45,389	53,362	26,225	27,340	51,100
Membership Income	174,181	165,617	215,977	176,800	175,350	186,100
Credit Card Processing Fees	119,502	107,601	131,682	107,000	115,000	156,000
Interest Income	(33,332)	454,907	704,444	275,000	330,000	390,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	186,223	21,581	34,896	22,000	22,000	32,000
Total Bar Revenue	17,914,458	18,267,781	18,891,948	17,994,195	19,116,695	18,463,817
Total Bar Expenses	16,229,190	17,723,696	18,710,206	19,282,420	20,164,543	21,175,821
SBG Net Gain (Loss)	**$ 1,685,268**	**$ 544,085**	**$ 181,742**	**$ (1,288,225)**	**$ (1,047,848)**	**$ (2,712,004)**

Note: Non-Cash depreciation expenses are excluded from this schedule.
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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Total Bar Center Operations Revenue	2,972,797	3,314,107	3,409,662	2,822,960	2,904,940	2,934,556
Total Bar Center Operations Expenses	2,601,174	3,454,316	3,984,407	2,675,204	2,931,965	3,056,264
Total Bar Center Operations Net Gain (Loss)	**$ 371,623**	**$ (140,209)**	**$ (574,745)**	**$ 147,756**	**$ (27,025)**	**$ (121,708)**
Combined Revenue	20,887,255	21,581,888	22,301,610	20,817,155	22,021,635	21,398,373
Combined Expenses	18,830,364	21,178,012	22,694,613	21,957,624	23,096,508	24,232,085
Total Combined Net Income (Loss)	**$ 2,056,891**	**$ 403,876**	**$ (393,003)**	**$ (1,140,469)**	**$ (1,074,873)**	**$ (2,833,712)**

Note: Non-Cash depreciation expenses are excluded from this schedule.

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Bar Center Income and Cash Receipts						
EV Charging Stations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bar Center Assessments	165	0	0	200	0	0
Gain/Loss Investment Interest Allocation	55,035	263,476	146,317	0	0	0
CCLC Contributions to Bar Center	1,400,630	1,393,988	1,358,389	1,375,000	1,390,000	1,355,000
Interest and Dividend Income	115,247	132,667	183,425	102,000	138,000	200,000
Bar Center Income and Cash Receipts	**$ 1,571,077**	**$ 1,790,131**	**$ 1,688,131**	**$ 1,477,200**	**$ 1,528,000**	**$ 1,555,000**
Bar Center Expenses and Cash Disbursements						
Credit Card Discount and Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bond Premium Amortization	15,712	17,366	11,053	17,000	12,000	10,000
Investment Service Fees	26,697	24,138	27,376	22,000	24,000	26,000
Parking Deck Construction	850	0	0	0	0	0
Conference Center Renovations	0	0	0	0	9,500	0
Museum and 1st Floor Exhibit	0	6,453	0	0	0	0
Audio Video, Furniture and Equipment	18,990	219,552	64,498	5,700	34,000	0
Building Rehabilitation	47,347	726,161	1,275,625	8,400	0	0
2nd Floor Buildout	30,025	0	0	0	0	0
President's Boardroom	0	0	1,109	0	0	0
Bar Center Expenses and Cash Disbursements	**139,621**	**993,670**	**1,379,661**	**53,100**	**79,500**	**36,000**
Bar Center Combined Net Cash Flow	**$ 1,431,456**	**$ 796,462**	**$ 308,470**	**$ 1,424,100**	**$ 1,448,500**	**$ 1,519,000**
Conference Center Income and Expenses						
Room Rentals and Various Charges	**12,683**	**13,817**	**16,415**	**12,500**	**13,500**	**13,200**
Conference Center Operating Expenses	**444,934**	**477,025**	**469,343**	**490,349**	**492,708**	**531,599**
Conference Center Combined Net Cash Flow	**$ (432,251)**	**$ (463,208)**	**$ (452,929)**	**$ (477,849)**	**$ (479,208)**	**$ (518,399)**
Rental Income and Expenses						
Rental Income	**919,520**	**926,110**	**983,600**	**760,000**	**752,000**	**714,436**
Building Operating Expenses	**1,683,844**	**1,692,176**	**1,792,395**	**1,781,945**	**1,989,330**	**2,076,775**
Rental Combined Net Cash Flow	**$ (764,324)**	**$ (766,066)**	**$ (808,795)**	**$ (1,021,945)**	**$ (1,237,330)**	**$ (1,362,339)**
Parking Income and Expenses						

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Parking Income	469,518	584,050	721,517	573,260	611,440	651,920
Parking Deck Operating Expenses	332,775	291,446	343,008	349,810	370,427	411,890
Parking Combined Net Cash Flow	$ 136,743	$ 292,603	$ 378,509	$ 223,450	$ 241,013	$ 240,030
Total Bar Center Operations Net Gain (Loss)	$ 371,623	$ (140,209)	$ (574,745)	$ 147,756	$ (27,025)	$ (121,708)

Administration

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	2022-2023 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Personnel Services						
Salaries	$ 1,198,492	$ 1,234,436	$ 1,271,379	$ 1,317,620	$ 1,370,129	$ 1,440,080
Overtime	3,992	2,540	5,991	4,730	4,919	5,165
Taxes and Benefits	323,243	384,921	379,708	415,905	430,807	440,004
Pension	93,904	89,593	90,168	99,832	97,171	109,017
Total Personnel Services	**1,619,631**	**1,711,490**	**1,747,246**	**1,838,087**	**1,903,026**	**1,994,266**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	503,989	528,259	541,791	541,791	519,812	512,918
Postage and Freight	4,235	4,754	3,475	5,200	5,750	5,400
Printing	108	149	827	2,600	2,600	1,000
Supplies	2,727	2,324	2,761	2,700	2,600	3,400
Telephone	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Subscriptions and Books	2,097	4,674	4,392	2,710	3,270	4,460
Dues and Memberships	1,565	2,417	1,961	2,360	3,010	2,710
Licenses and Certifications	0	90	0	0	0	0
Seminars and Training	4,409	4,798	3,244	5,400	5,900	5,900
Miscellaneous	8,057	9,404	42,995	11,750	10,250	10,250
Attorney and Staff Travel	29,357	38,462	38,672	44,910	55,800	54,690
Executive Director Travel	16,690	23,476	28,788	22,000	26,200	28,000
Luncheons	2,065	1,161	1,531	3,000	2,650	2,700
Bank Fees	11,369	2,789	171	14,000	3,500	500
Credit Card Discount and Fees	311,946	303,678	303,875	295,000	307,000	307,000
Computer Hardware	0	0	4,064	1,600	800	1,200
Computer Software	1,938	0	1,588	1,800	2,400	2,200
Membership Software License	71,539	117,490	114,710	120,000	123,500	142,000
Contract Programming	4,569	11,919	0	5,500	5,500	5,500
Total Operating Expenses	**981,160**	**1,060,344**	**1,099,345**	**1,086,821**	**1,085,042**	**1,094,328**
Furniture/Equipment	**0**	**904**	**0**	**0**	**500**	**1,500**
Total Expenses	**$ 2,600,791**	**$ 2,772,738**	**$ 2,846,591**	**$ 2,924,908**	**$ 2,988,568**	**$ 3,090,094**

OGC & CAP Income Statement Combined

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Personnel Services						
Salaries	$ 2,695,722	$ 2,792,696	$ 3,009,566	$ 3,018,850	$ 3,240,066	$ 3,824,627
Salaries-Hourly PT	23,837	24,178	26,764	40,961	42,399	44,269
Overtime	1,771	2,962	1,024	2,800	2,812	2,966
Taxes and Benefits	645,290	748,392	816,417	876,739	1,020,146	1,215,636
Pension	195,326	187,255	183,526	193,011	214,759	247,801
Total Personnel Services	**3,561,946**	**3,755,483**	**4,037,297**	**4,132,361**	**4,520,182**	**5,335,299**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	562,142	623,340	639,310	639,310	693,083	780,062
Postage and Freight	14,032	13,972	16,140	16,000	17,600	17,600
Printing	56	2,364	945	5,500	10,500	8,000
Supplies	19,789	17,515	14,697	22,000	27,000	27,000
Telephone	3,934	2,580	2,952	4,500	4,800	4,500
Subscriptions and Books	20,075	23,482	20,661	21,000	24,200	29,200
Dues and Memberships	8,893	10,918	18,014	14,000	17,500	19,500
Seminars and Training	8,927	9,515	14,928	12,500	19,500	22,500
Miscellaneous	979	2,468	1,512	2,000	2,500	2,500
Recruitment Costs	0	0	147	2,000	3,000	3,000
Attorney and Staff Travel	38,045	62,685	83,262	78,500	109,865	129,066
Investigator Travel	3,402	6,999	4,423	6,000	7,200	10,775
Luncheons	578	3,338	4,052	2,000	6,600	7,500
Computer Hardware	2,795	2,746	7,028	0	8,025	15,700
Computer Software	5,043	8,306	9,056	10,600	11,600	14,780
Contract Labor	0	0	61,415	0	0	0
Contract Programming	14,625	28,575	69,600	20,000	26,000	35,000
Receiverships	7,545	4,206	6,738	7,500	7,500	9,000
State Disciplinary Board Panel	64,686	82,616	96,156	70,000	82,000	98,000
Contract Special Master	124,628	0	0	0	0	0
Lexis Online	21,005	25,568	21,167	24,150	29,700	35,000
Total Operating Expenses	**921,179**	**931,193**	**1,092,203**	**957,560**	**1,108,173**	**1,268,683**
Furniture/Equipment	**1,110**	**1,594**	**3,657**	**5,000**	**5,000**	**9,200**
Total Expenses	**$ 4,484,235**	**$ 4,688,270**	**$ 5,133,157**	**$ 5,094,921**	**$ 5,633,355**	**$ 6,613,182**

Communications

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Personnel Services						
Salaries	276,098	288,693	303,254	302,374	313,343	332,422
Overtime	535	472	1,089	1,000	1,040	1,092
Taxes and Benefits	94,660	104,073	114,894	104,364	110,722	115,936
Pension	18,447	17,865	19,110	19,337	20,026	21,242
Total Personnel Services	**389,740**	**411,103**	**438,347**	**427,075**	**445,131**	**470,692**
Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	77,537	84,520	86,687	86,687	86,635	85,486
Postage and Freight	1,891	1,426	980	2,000	2,000	2,000
Supplies	80	607	681	1,000	1,000	1,000
Telephone	900	900	900	900	900	900
Subscriptions and Books	4,192	3,604	5,189	6,335	7,890	10,122
Dues and Memberships	405	405	405	405	405	660
Seminars and Training	1,185	3,098	1,230	4,500	5,200	5,200
Miscellaneous	352	84	593	1,000	1,000	650
Attorney and Staff Travel	11,669	12,651	17,622	16,500	22,650	21,150
Luncheons	0	0	50	100	100	100
Credit Card Discount and Fees	292	321	884	300	300	885
Computer Hardware	1,104	0	0	0	2,500	0
Computer Software	1,458	1,458	1,458	1,600	1,600	1,600
Media Consultants	28,759	30,436	30,365	33,000	33,000	35,000
Website Maintenance	55,660	65,263	67,242	68,000	87,400	112,970
Website Redesign	0	275,105	168,909	0	0	0
Membership Certificates	1,845	2,574	2,185	2,000	2,000	2,000
Subtotal	**187,329**	**482,452**	**385,380**	**224,327**	**254,580**	**279,723**
Subtotal	**577,068**	**893,556**	**823,726**	**651,402**	**699,711**	**750,415**
Publications						
Bar Journal	359,790	273,976	227,778	256,500	246,100	243,199
Supplemental Directory	8,451	9,130	9,347	10,500	11,250	11,500
Special Publications and Printing	937	0	270	2,000	1,000	1,000
Total Publications	**369,178**	**283,106**	**237,395**	**269,000**	**258,350**	**255,699**
Total Communications	**946,247**	**1,176,662**	**1,061,121**	**920,402**	**958,061**	**1,006,114**

Fee Arbitration

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	2022-2023 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Personnel Services						
Salaries	$ 271,077	$ 248,357	$ 252,470	$ 263,660	$ 274,206	$ 287,480
Overtime	0	22	12	1,000	1,040	1,092
Taxes and Benefits	77,095	108,623	130,525	121,994	142,541	137,757
Pension	20,085	11,941	15,508	16,480	17,124	17,962
Total Personnel Services	**368,257**	**368,943**	**398,515**	**403,134**	**434,911**	**444,291**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	77,537	84,520	86,687	86,687	86,635	85,486
Postage and Freight	5,408	4,404	3,304	8,300	7,000	5,000
Printing	2,444	1,706	0	4,200	4,200	4,200
Supplies	1,796	1,856	835	2,000	3,250	2,650
Subscriptions and Books	977	1,415	1,240	1,900	800	1,200
Dues and Memberships	305	310	300	450	500	500
Seminars and Training	0	0	380	1,000	2,400	1,400
Miscellaneous	71	740	1,245	1,300	1,000	1,000
Attorney and Staff Travel	0	3,145	2,331	2,500	4,000	4,000
Luncheons	1,317	1,928	669	2,500	3,500	3,000
Computer Hardware	680	680	0	0	0	0
Computer Software	0	0	0	0	800	1,200
Contract Labor	72,000	72,000	72,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Contract Programming	963	3,000	4,163	6,000	3,000	0
Total Operating Expenses	**163,498**	**175,704**	**173,154**	**191,837**	**192,085**	**184,636**
Total Expenses	**$ 531,755**	**$ 544,647**	**$ 571,669**	**$ 594,971**	**$ 626,996**	**$ 628,927**

Wellness Department

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	2022-2023 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Personnel Services						
Salaries	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 100,000
Taxes and Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	51,233
Total Personnel Services	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**151,233**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	0	0	0	0	0	21,372
Postage and Freight	0	0	0	0	0	200
Printing	0	0	0	0	0	300
Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
Subscriptions and Books	0	0	0	0	0	500
Dues and Memberships	0	0	0	0	0	500
Seminars and Training	0	0	0	0	0	750
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	500
Attorney and Staff Travel	0	0	0	0	0	3,000
Luncheons	0	0	0	0	0	200
Credit Card Discount and Fees	0	0	0	0	0	200
Computer Software	0	0	0	0	0	2,000
Total Operating Expenses	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**30,522**
Total Expenses	**$ 0**	**$ 0**	**$ 0**	**$ 0**	**$ 0**	**$ 181,755**

Law Practice Management

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Revenues						
Consultation	$ 1,619	$ 2,171	$ 5,400	$ 1,500	$ 3,000	$ 4,000
Publications	110	50	65	100	75	75
Vendor Directory	350	11,170	7,261	8,000	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous Income	1,413	1,580	1,583	750	1,200	1,200
Total Revenues	**3,492**	**14,971**	**14,309**	**10,350**	**14,275**	**15,275**
Personnel Services						
Salaries	261,104	265,614	240,648	286,349	297,802	317,623
Overtime	1,921	1,772	2,627	2,500	2,600	2,730
Taxes and Benefits	82,615	90,307	95,732	113,588	146,754	154,632
Pension	14,931	14,321	15,469	18,476	16,235	17,055
Total Personnel Services	**360,571**	**372,014**	**354,476**	**420,913**	**463,391**	**492,040**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	77,537	84,520	86,687	86,687	86,635	85,486
Postage and Freight	1,069	1,122	1,039	2,000	1,500	1,500
Printing	372	200	77	1,000	800	800
Supplies	797	290	480	1,000	800	1,000
Telephone	0	900	900	900	900	900
Subscriptions and Books	3,872	2,798	4,343	6,900	4,500	5,400
Dues and Memberships	324	720	943	1,800	1,800	1,200
Seminars and Training	211	1,339	2,269	1,500	1,500	1,500
Miscellaneous	909	200	750	350	350	350
Attorney and Staff Travel	8,133	5,961	11,144	9,950	18,000	20,000
Luncheons	75	310	100	200	300	300
Credit Card Discount and Fees	116	345	153	350	400	400
Computer Hardware	0	0	0	0	0	650
Computer Software	4,899	4,706	5,496	7,034	8,766	11,100
Total Operating Expenses	**98,314**	**103,411**	**114,381**	**119,671**	**126,251**	**130,586**
Total Expenses	**458,885**	**475,425**	**468,857**	**540,584**	**589,642**	**622,626**
Solo and Small Firm	**10,306**	**4,900**	**(4,022)**	**2,000**	**2,000**	**13,000**
Showcase Programs	**(2,763)**	**(10)**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net Income	**$ (447,850)**	**$ (455,563)**	**$ (458,570)**	**$ (528,234)**	**$ (573,367)**	**$ (594,351)**

Law Related Education

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	2022-2023 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Personnel Services						
Salaries	$ 210,153	$ 226,032	$ 239,048	$ 236,860	$ 246,700	$ 0
Overtime	0	0	0	350	364	0
Taxes and Benefits	96,057	111,763	115,730	121,224	129,154	0
Pension	15,469	14,900	15,999	16,128	16,779	0
Total Personnel Services	**321,679**	**352,695**	**370,777**	**374,562**	**392,997**	**0**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	58,153	63,390	65,015	65,015	64,977	0
Postage and Freight	45	0	17	50	60	0
Printing	1,527	0	0	1,000	500	0
Supplies	1,244	1,343	768	1,000	1,500	0
Subscriptions and Books	387	385	180	250	300	0
Dues and Memberships	0	0	153	0	0	0
Seminars and Training	0	300	0	1,000	200	0
Miscellaneous	185	377	310	500	500	0
Attorney and Staff Travel	3,163	2,037	1,517	4,608	3,860	0
Luncheons	0	0	0	100	100	0
Total Operating Expenses	**64,704**	**67,832**	**67,960**	**73,523**	**71,997**	**0**
Furniture/Equipment	**772**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Expenses	**$ 387,156**	**$ 420,527**	**$ 438,737**	**$ 448,085**	**$ 464,994**	**$ 0**

Young Lawyers Division

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	2022-2023 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Personnel Services						
Salaries	$ 110,778	$ 127,061	$ 136,474	$ 132,400	$ 140,400	$ 202,420
Overtime	419	488	922	500	520	546
Taxes and Benefits	52,227	57,579	60,790	62,660	66,917	117,447
Pension	6,902	7,404	8,127	7,987	8,469	8,893
Total Personnel Services	**170,326**	**192,532**	**206,313**	**203,547**	**216,306**	**329,306**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	38,768	42,261	43,343	43,343	43,318	64,115
Postage and Freight	0	0	29	0	0	0
Printing	341	0	257	0	0	0
Supplies	49	322	209	400	400	400
Telephone	900	900	900	900	900	900
Subscriptions and Books	1,984	1,856	3,950	2,500	2,200	3,500
Dues and Memberships	90	135	135	150	150	150
Seminars and Training	0	850	613	750	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	0	0	472	0	0	0
Attorney and Staff Travel	9,838	13,536	19,065	14,250	18,350	24,550
Credit Card Discount and Fees	25	29	35	0	0	50
Computer Software	729	729	729	800	800	800
Committee Brochures	8,987	0	202	7,500	1,200	1,200
President	10,544	14,446	15,133	20,000	18,000	17,000
President Elect	10,621	7,151	8,031	13,500	12,150	11,150
Immediate Past President	3,385	9,595	8,047	11,000	10,000	9,500
Treasurer	1,300	1,300	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Secretary	1,300	1,300	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Meetings	47,500	47,500	47,500	47,500	47,500	47,500
Total Operating Expenses	**136,361**	**141,910**	**153,650**	**167,593**	**160,968**	**186,815**
Committees Activities						
Committees Income	(4,365)	(6,905)	(8,450)	(4,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Committees Expense	58,561	92,478	83,519	81,950	93,950	105,150
Total Committees Activities	**54,196**	**85,573**	**75,069**	**77,950**	**92,950**	**104,150**
Total Expenses	**$ 360,884**	**$ 420,015**	**$ 435,031**	**$ 449,090**	**$ 470,224**	**$ 620,271**

Unauthorized Practice of Law

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	2022-2023 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Personnel Services						
Salaries	$ 541,658	$ 566,639	$ 544,646	$ 593,865	$ 519,941	$ 477,685
Overtime	0	0	0	250	260	273
Taxes and Benefits	173,957	202,982	175,413	216,233	194,377	171,088
Pension	39,161	37,397	36,560	40,436	25,056	27,563
Total Personnel Services	**754,776**	**807,018**	**756,619**	**850,784**	**739,634**	**676,609**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	116,305	126,781	130,030	130,030	108,294	106,858
Postage and Freight	729	679	768	900	900	900
Printing	96	0	0	100	100	100
Supplies	760	1,457	1,493	1,000	1,000	1,500
Subscriptions and Books	546	669	832	800	725	1,250
Dues and Memberships	530	610	1,202	700	840	1,350
Seminars and Training	0	0	0	500	500	1,500
Miscellaneous	125	0	423	1,000	1,000	1,000
Attorney and Staff Travel	0	87	119	800	800	4,160
Investigator Travel	851	890	1,114	3,000	3,000	9,850
Luncheons	0	0	58	1,000	1,000	1,000
Computer Hardware	0	0	0	0	0	4,800
Computer Software	0	0	0	0	0	760
Contract Programming	0	0	7,650	0	0	10,000
Lexis Online	4,171	4,259	4,278	4,250	4,475	5,400
Total Operating Expenses	**124,113**	**135,432**	**147,967**	**144,080**	**122,634**	**150,428**
Furniture/Equipment	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,400**
Total Expenses	**$ 878,889**	**$ 942,450**	**$ 904,586**	**$ 994,864**	**$ 862,268**	**$ 828,437**

Savannah Office

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	2022-2023 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Personnel Services						
Salaries	$ 94,481	$ 113,667	$ 119,120	$ 118,545	$ 123,287	$ 129,451
Overtime	0	0	173	250	260	273
Taxes and Benefits	51,917	59,331	58,162	61,423	65,392	68,571
Pension	5,855	6,588	7,061	7,139	7,426	7,796
Total Personnel Services	**152,253**	**179,586**	**184,516**	**187,357**	**196,365**	**206,091**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	19,384	21,130	21,672	21,672	21,659	21,372
Postage and Freight	17	5	41	150	150	150
Printing	445	0	0	100	100	100
Supplies	982	409	560	1,200	1,200	1,200
Telephone	8,179	6,989	6,794	7,500	7,500	7,500
Subscriptions and Books	174	192	181	200	200	200
Seminars and Training	0	0	0	0	0	200
Miscellaneous	4,679	10	0	4,000	2,000	1,000
Attorney and Staff Travel	2,471	3,990	1,151	1,000	1,000	1,600
Parking Savannah	1,110	0	0	0	0	0
Luncheons	0	0	38	100	100	100
Computer Hardware	0	1,922	0	0	0	0
Computer Software	0	0	0	100	100	200
Equipment Maintenance and Rental	1,459	1,328	984	2,300	1,800	1,500
Rent and Utilities	98,423	83,951	93,848	87,550	89,550	95,000
Facilities Maintenance	1,416	3,015	709	3,500	3,500	2,500
Total Operating Expenses	**138,739**	**122,941**	**125,978**	**129,372**	**128,859**	**132,622**
Furniture/Equipment	**18,331**	**4,444**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**33,000**
Total Expenses	**$ 309,323**	**$ 306,971**	**$ 310,494**	**$ 316,729**	**$ 325,224**	**$ 371,713**

Tifton

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	2022-2023 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Personnel Services						
Salaries	$ 60,707	$ 63,510	$ 66,942	$ 66,564	$ 69,227	$ 72,688
Salaries-Hourly PT	11,699	20,837	21,370	30,030	31,231	32,760
Taxes and Benefits	18,355	19,960	19,755	21,810	23,175	23,925
Pension	3,762	3,698	3,962	5,805	6,038	6,338
Total Personnel Services	**94,523**	**108,005**	**112,029**	**124,209**	**129,671**	**135,711**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	14,538	15,847	16,254	16,254	16,244	16,029
Postage and Freight	495	490	596	650	700	700
Printing	0	0	17	100	100	100
Supplies	2,025	2,111	2,607	2,500	2,500	2,500
Telephone	7,074	6,385	6,363	7,000	7,000	7,000
Subscriptions and Books	340	358	345	400	400	400
Seminars and Training	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	0	0	17	200	200	4,700
Attorney and Staff Travel	2,423	3,395	1,249	1,000	1,500	1,800
Luncheons	0	24	71	100	100	100
Computer Hardware	0	504	0	0	0	0
Computer Software	0	0	0	200	1,900	1,900
Equipment Maintenance and Rental	1,461	1,328	992	2,000	2,000	1,500
Rent and Utilities	19,928	20,622	21,602	23,000	23,500	24,000
Facilities Maintenance	785	4,188	5,730	6,400	5,700	6,300
Total Operating Expenses	**49,069**	**55,252**	**55,843**	**60,804**	**62,844**	**68,029**
Furniture/Equipment	**2,760**	**1,402**	**42,027**	**0**	**11,000**	**750**
Total Expenses	**$ 146,352**	**$ 164,659**	**$ 209,899**	**$ 185,013**	**$ 203,515**	**$ 204,490**

High School Mock Trial

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Revenues						
Miscellaneous Income	$ 505	$ 337	$ 36	$ 5,500	$ 200	$ 250
Total Revenues	**505**	**337**	**36**	**5,500**	**200**	**250**
Personnel Services						
Salaries	71,086	71,531	75,396	74,970	77,969	285,000
Overtime	0	0	0	0	0	525
Taxes and Benefits	36,898	33,990	30,740	30,469	32,441	179,308
Pension	0	4,165	4,463	4,506	4,686	11,278
Total Personnel Services	**107,984**	**109,686**	**110,599**	**109,945**	**115,096**	**476,111**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	19,384	21,130	21,672	21,672	21,659	85,486
Postage and Freight	66	115	31	500	300	300
Printing	56	0	0	0	0	750
Supplies	674	234	93	800	700	2,000
Subscriptions and Books	593	1,304	635	900	1,300	1,000
Dues and Memberships	200	0	296	200	200	200
Seminars and Training	0	0	0	0	0	200
Miscellaneous	58	768	0	200	300	700
Attorney and Staff Travel	2,003	2,485	3,631	3,150	3,000	9,140
Luncheons	0	589	333	500	600	600
Credit Card Discount and Fees	14	6	2	100	100	100
Computer Hardware	0	0	3,235	3,000	0	0
Computer Software	364	0	364	400	600	600
Total Operating Expenses	**23,412**	**26,631**	**30,292**	**31,422**	**28,759**	**101,076**
HSMT Events						
Sponsorships	0	(10,000)	0	0	(5,000)	(5,000)
Law Academy	2,284	6,203	4,740	5,500	5,500	10,000
Regional Competition	(239)	(7,458)	(4,069)	(3,300)	(4,000)	(3,000)
State Competition	6,481	16,754	15,457	17,000	18,000	17,600
National Competition	14,442	17,087	18,296	17,000	18,000	20,000
District Competition	7,220	8,938	11,745	10,000	9,000	12,000
2019 NHSMTC-Athens	0	(19)	0	0	0	0
Total HSMT Events	**30,188**	**31,505**	**46,169**	**46,200**	**41,500**	**51,600**

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Total Expenses	161,585	167,822	187,059	187,567	185,355	628,787
Net Income	(161,081)	(167,485)	(187,023)	(182,067)	(185,155)	(628,537)

Institute of Continuing Legal Education

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Program Revenue						
Registration Revenue	$ 4,890,539	$ 4,827,097	$ 4,744,145	$ 4,500,000	$ 4,850,000	$ 2,731,000
Sponsorship	1,000	0	0	0	0	0
Program Discounts	(15,585)	(33,421)	(21,544)	(100,000)	(50,000)	(25,000)
Other	6,110	(3,090)	20,078	0	0	0
Total Program Revenue	**4,882,064**	**4,790,586**	**4,742,679**	**4,400,000**	**4,800,000**	**2,706,000**
Total Program Expenditures	**1,619,046**	**1,773,059**	**1,700,923**	**1,601,500**	**1,784,000**	**1,335,000**
Net Margin on Programs	**3,263,018**	**3,017,527**	**3,041,755**	**2,798,500**	**3,016,000**	**1,371,000**
Personnel Services						
Salaries Full Time	908,053	1,060,131	1,122,077	1,376,679	1,335,312	1,391,598
Salaries Part Time	21,463	22,894	23,694	31,500	32,760	34,398
Overtime Pay	9,895	16,447	14,563	21,000	26,000	27,300
Taxes and Benefits	245,924	267,900	307,427	502,927	489,964	471,728
Pension	42,570	50,293	49,322	73,811	80,016	91,475
Total Personnel Services	**1,227,905**	**1,417,665**	**1,517,083**	**2,005,917**	**1,964,052**	**2,016,499**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	348,916	380,343	433,433	433,433	433,177	427,431
Board and Committee Meetings	237	1,108	1,888	4,000	2,000	2,000
Dues and Memberships	3,411	4,705	6,641	7,000	6,000	7,000
Licenses and Certification	750	611	610	3,000	1,500	1,500
Seminars and Training	5,027	8,822	4,997	22,000	12,000	12,000
Attorney and Staff Travel	30,411	18,333	14,123	20,000	27,000	20,000
Supplies	6,456	19,568	10,040	10,000	20,000	13,000
Printing	444	0	0	1,500	1,500	750
Subscriptions and Books	89,505	77,830	79,711	95,000	93,000	105,180
Postage and Freight	174	30	64	250	250	250
Telephone	5,400	5,475	5,400	8,100	8,100	6,300
Internet Services	213	231	2,329	4,500	7,200	4,500
Computer Software	660	0	1	1,000	1,000	4,000
Contract Programming	1,037	0	0	3,000	3,000	3,000
Computer Hardware	14,078	11,670	14,848	0	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	1,180	3,594	3,903	5,000	4,000	4,000
Professional Fees	4,800	0	0	5,000	8,000	8,000

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Equipment Maintenance and Rental	0	0	0	0	1,000	0
Credit Card Discount and Fees	115,005	105,783	102,002	120,000	110,000	64,000
Banking Fees	0	0	1	200	100	100
Luncheons	4,136	4,058	4,112	4,000	5,000	5,000
Contract Labor	0	0	1,020	1,000	1,000	1,000
Volunteer Recognition	0	2,865	6,841	5,000	8,000	8,000
Marketing Materials	0	335	14,736	15,000	8,000	15,000
Total Operating Expenses	**631,840**	**645,361**	**706,700**	**767,983**	**765,827**	**717,011**
Furniture and Equipment						
Furniture and Equipment	0	2,505	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total Expenses	**1,859,745**	**2,065,531**	**2,223,783**	**2,776,400**	**2,732,379**	**2,736,010**
Net Income Before Other Inc and Exp	**1,403,273**	**951,996**	**817,972**	**22,100**	**283,621**	**(1,365,010)**
Other Income and Expenses						
Interest Income	86,605	132,063	159,653	100,000	130,000	190,000
Bond Premium Amortization	(4,868)	(588)	(763)	(6,000)	(4,000)	(7,000)
Investment Service Fees	(9,431)	(9,817)	(10,234)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(11,000)
Total Other Income and Expenses	**72,306**	**121,658**	**148,656**	**84,000**	**116,000**	**172,000**
Net Income	**$ 1,475,579**	**$ 1,073,654**	**$ 966,629**	**$ 106,100**	**$ 399,621**	**$ (1,193,010)**

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Other Activities						
SBG President	19,437	22,075	31,625	36,000	36,000	35,000
SBG President Elect	6,447	22,000	10,875	22,000	20,000	19,000
SBG President Elect Elect	1,015	0	0	1,350	1,350	1,300
SBG Treasurer	3,800	3,758	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
SBG Secretary	1,995	4,000	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
SBG Immediate Past President	9,233	11,912	6,179	14,500	13,500	12,500
SBG Past Past President	1,800	1,620	0	1,620	1,620	1,600
Exec. Comm. - Bert Hummel	0	2,478	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Exec. Comm. - R. Gary Spencer	0	2,259	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Exec. Comm. - Thua G. Barlay	0	2,551	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Exec. Comm. - David S. Lipscomb	0	2,305	1,568	3,000	3,000	3,000
Exec. Comm. - Martin E. Valbuena	0	1,066	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Exec. Comm. - Joyce Gist Lewis	0	3,000	2,610	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total Officer's Expenses	**43,727**	**79,024**	**73,857**	**102,470**	**99,470**	**96,400**
Miscellaneous						
BOG and Member Meetings	400,237	530,767	651,918	588,200	597,500	625,000
Supreme Court Meetings	46,661	79,023	81,230	75,000	79,000	82,000
Executive Committee Meetings	33,891	7,681	56,444	42,000	62,000	65,000
Court of Appeals Meetings	0	0	24,814	20,000	20,000	30,000
Lawyer's Assistance Program	125,000	125,000	154,674	155,000	155,000	155,000
Sections	249,356	306,746	323,193	320,694	335,385	351,724
State Disciplinary Board Lawyers	30,000	30,000	31,500	31,500	34,000	34,000
Elections	23,411	17,674	16,646	20,000	18,000	18,000
Dues Notice	34,805	34,148	32,984	45,990	38,000	38,000
Letters of Good Standing	2,211	1,713	2,033	2,500	2,400	2,400
Bar Membership Cards	10,671	9,727	12,442	11,000	12,500	13,000
50 Year Certificates	3,823	4,671	4,823	6,000	6,300	4,000
Fastcase	281,418	297,471	462,428	455,000	480,000	505,000
Membership Database Project	0	57,911	110,713	0	0	0
State Bar Committees	18,705	16,070	16,486	20,000	20,000	20,000
Georgia Diversity Program	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Equal Justice & Addressing Racism and Racial Bias Committee	0	0	0	0	0	3,200
ABA Delegate Breakfast	2,134	2,117	2,413	2,500	3,000	3,000
1st Floor Painting	2,600	0	0	0	6,000	0
Commitment to Equality Awards	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	7,500	0
Resource Center Contribution	55,166	55,166	55,166	55,166	55,166	0

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Bond Premium Amortization	9,750	22,811	11,688	29,000	23,000	13,000
Investment Service Fees	14,524	29,957	28,407	35,000	36,000	38,000
Access to Justice/Pro Bono	2,500	602	7,500	7,500	30,000	0
Total Miscellaneous	**1,359,363**	**1,641,755**	**2,100,002**	**1,934,550**	**2,030,751**	**2,010,324**
Pro Bono	**212,216**	**212,216**	**212,216**	**212,216**	**212,216**	**212,216**
Total Other Activities	**1,615,306**	**1,932,995**	**2,386,075**	**2,249,236**	**2,342,437**	**2,318,940**
Unallocated Services	**(133,549)**	**(118,053)**	**(168,187)**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Grand Total	**16,229,190**	**17,723,696**	**18,710,206**	**19,282,420**	**20,164,543**	**21,175,821**

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Shared Office Overhead						
Rubbish Removal	0	0	2,724	0	3,000	3,000
Telephone	95,780	52,326	49,263	54,000	54,200	54,000
Computer Software	5,126	6,854	6,369	5,300	6,800	7,100
Internet Services	0	24,868	22,708	25,200	26,100	20,400
Equipment Rental	54,525	55,738	55,396	57,500	57,000	63,000
Kitchen	22,320	21,953	24,026	27,000	25,500	25,500
Facilities Maintenance	12,007	13,423	14,652	15,000	20,050	14,200
Payroll Service	16,189	16,538	16,974	17,500	18,000	18,500
Audit	37,892	27,023	31,252	32,500	34,500	36,100
Building and Other Insurance (Not Group)	209,576	237,469	220,548	250,000	228,800	219,000
Furniture/Equipment	0	4,668	5,615	0	0	0
Supplies and Printing	47,880	47,494	24,343	48,000	44,000	42,400
Subtotal	**501,295**	**508,354**	**473,870**	**532,000**	**517,950**	**503,200**
Other Services						
Accounting	513,676	546,817	577,542	577,214	573,797	613,434
Human Resources	253,755	273,786	291,976	288,433	310,298	324,248
Mailroom	82,009	84,164	63,444	89,715	75,190	78,794
Receptionist	65,882	46,838	61,206	69,604	82,914	87,142
Information Technology	673,616	768,833	859,682	938,940	946,195	969,292
Subtotal Other Services	**1,588,938**	**1,720,438**	**1,853,850**	**1,963,906**	**1,988,394**	**2,072,910**
Total Shared Office Overhead	**2,090,233**	**2,228,792**	**2,327,720**	**2,495,906**	**2,506,344**	**2,576,110**
Total Allocated Services	**(2,223,782)**	**(2,346,845)**	**(2,495,906)**	**(2,495,906)**	**(2,506,344)**	**(2,576,110)**
Unallocated Services	**(133,549)**	**(118,053)**	**(168,187)**	**0**	**0**	**0**

State Bar of Georgia
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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Related Organizations Shared Office Allocations						
Georgia Bar Foundation	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$ 4,240	$ 4,240	$ 4,400	$ 4,620
Continuing Legal Education	67,845	63,390	86,687	86,687	86,635	85,486
TILPP	29,075	0	0	0	0	0
Pro Bono	49,598	51,503	54,784	54,784	55,510	18,310
Professionalism	4,000	4,000	4,240	4,240	4,400	4,620
Sections	58,153	63,391	65,015	65,015	64,977	64,115
Subtotal	**212,671**	**186,284**	**214,966**	**214,966**	**215,922**	**177,151**
State Bar Departments - Shared Office Allocations						
Membership	96,921	105,651	108,358	108,358	108,294	106,858
Meetings	38,768	42,261	43,343	43,343	43,318	42,743
Executives	368,300	380,347	390,090	390,090	368,200	363,317
General Counsel	562,142	623,340	639,310	639,310	693,083	780,062
Communications	77,537	84,520	86,687	86,687	86,635	85,486
Fee Arbitration	77,537	84,520	86,687	86,687	86,635	85,486
Wellness Department	0	0	0	0	0	21,372
Law Practice Management	77,537	84,520	86,687	86,687	86,635	85,486
Savannah Office	19,384	21,130	21,672	21,672	21,659	21,372
Tifton Office	14,538	15,847	16,254	16,254	16,244	16,029
Younger Lawyers	38,768	42,261	43,343	43,343	43,318	64,115
Unauthorized Practice of Law	116,305	126,781	130,030	130,030	108,294	106,858
Law Related Education	58,153	63,390	65,015	65,015	64,977	0
High School Mock Trial	19,384	21,130	21,672	21,672	21,659	85,486
ICLE	348,916	380,343	433,433	433,433	433,177	427,431
Conference Center	77,537	84,520	86,687	86,687	86,635	85,486
Legislative Program	19,384	0	21,672	21,672	21,659	21,372
Subtotal	**2,011,111**	**2,160,561**	**2,280,940**	**2,280,940**	**2,290,422**	**2,398,959**
Total Allocated Services	**$ 2,223,782**	**$ 2,346,845**	**$ 2,495,906**	**$ 2,495,906**	**$ 2,506,344**	**$ 2,576,110**

2026-2027 State Bar of Georgia Budget
Percentage of Shared Office Overhead Expense

State Bar of Georgia

	26-27 Emp	%26-27 Emp.	%26-27 Emp.
Exec	17	13.52%	14.26%
Mtgs	2	1.59%	1.68%
Memb	5	3.98%	4.19%
OGC	36.5	29.03%	30.61%
CAP	0	0.00%	0.00%
COM	4	3.18%	3.35%
F.A.	4	3.18%	3.35%
LPM	4	3.18%	3.35%
TIF	0.75	0.60%	0.63%
SAV	1	0.80%	0.84%
YLD	3	2.39%	2.52%
HSMT/LRE	4	3.18%	3.35%
UPL	5	3.98%	4.19%
TILPP	0	0.00%	0.00%
CONF	4	3.18%	3.35%
WELL	1	0.80%	0.84%
LEG	1	0.80%	0.84%
CLE	4	3.18%	3.35%
SEC	3	2.39%	2.52%
ICLE	20	15.90%	16.77%
BAR:			
GBF	3	2.39%	
PB	1	0.80%	
PROF	2.5	1.99%	

Total	125.8
BAR	119.3

Conference Center

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Revenues						
After Hours Fees	$ 8,415	$ 9,633	$ 14,563	$ 8,500	$ 9,500	$ 9,500
Beverage Service	518	524	1,272	1,000	1,000	2,000
Cleaning Fees	1,725	1,432	280	1,000	1,000	500
Audio Video Support	2,025	2,228	300	2,000	2,000	1,200
Total Revenues	**12,683**	**13,817**	**16,415**	**12,500**	**13,500**	**13,200**
Personnel Services						
Salaries	231,413	240,245	236,407	247,995	241,449	253,522
Overtime	5,881	4,257	3,177	7,500	4,500	4,725
Taxes and Benefits	81,281	91,014	95,640	98,111	102,643	120,946
Pension	14,797	14,456	10,496	15,356	14,781	15,520
Total Personnel Services	**333,372**	**349,972**	**345,720**	**368,962**	**363,373**	**394,713**
Operating Expenses						
Shared Office Allocation	77,537	84,520	86,687	86,687	86,635	85,486
Postage and Freight	0	2	0	0	0	0
Supplies	2,477	3,108	2,054	2,500	3,200	3,000
Subscriptions and Books	5,935	5,969	5,837	7,000	6,200	7,450
Miscellaneous	120	118	51	500	500	500
Attorney and Staff Travel	363	0	206	500	500	0
Luncheons	0	66	0	0	0	150
Credit Card Discount and Fees	138	114	131	200	200	200
Computer Software	0	1,338	0	0	0	0
After Hours Security	0	0	0	500	500	0
Contract Programming	312	0	0	500	1,500	6,300
Equipment Maintenance and Rental	4,606	4,043	4,468	5,000	5,000	5,000
Furniture Repairs and Maintenance	13,050	12,441	9,028	10,000	14,000	14,000
Kitchen	7,024	5,894	7,643	8,000	10,000	8,300
Total Operating Expenses	**111,562**	**117,613**	**116,105**	**121,387**	**128,235**	**130,386**
Total Expenses	**444,934**	**467,585**	**461,825**	**490,349**	**491,608**	**525,099**
Furniture/Equipment	**0**	**9,440**	**7,518**	**0**	**1,100**	**6,500**
Net Income	**$ (432,251)**	**$ (463,208)**	**$ (452,929)**	**$ (477,849)**	**$ (479,208)**	**$ (518,399)**

Other Bar Center Operations

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Revenues						
Interest and Dividend Income	$ 115,246	$ 132,667	$ 183,424	$ 102,000	$ 138,000	$ 200,000
Gain/Loss Investment Interest Allocation	55,035	263,476	146,317	0	0	0
Bar Center Assessments	165	0	0	200	0	0
CCLC Contributions to Bar Center	1,400,631	1,393,988	1,358,390	1,375,000	1,390,000	1,355,000
Total Revenues	**1,571,077**	**1,790,131**	**1,688,131**	**1,477,200**	**1,528,000**	**1,555,000**
Operating Expenses						
Bond Premium Amortization	15,712	17,366	11,053	17,000	12,000	10,000
Investment Service Fees	26,697	24,138	27,376	22,000	24,000	26,000
Parking Deck Construction	850	0	0	0	0	0
Conference Center Renovations	0	0	0	0	9,500	0
Museum and 1st Floor Exhibit	0	6,453	0	0	0	0
Audio Video, Furniture and Equipment	18,990	219,552	64,498	5,700	34,000	0
Building Rehabilitation	47,347	726,161	1,275,625	8,400	0	0
2nd Floor Buildout	30,025	0	0	0	0	0
President's Boardroom	0	0	1,109	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses	**139,621**	**993,670**	**1,379,661**	**53,100**	**79,500**	**36,000**
Total Expenses	**139,621**	**993,670**	**1,379,661**	**53,100**	**79,500**	**36,000**
Net Income	**$ 1,431,456**	**$ 796,462**	**$ 308,470**	**$ 1,424,100**	**$ 1,448,500**	**$ 1,519,000**

Rental

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Revenues						
Income Rental Operations	$ 919,520	$ 926,110	$ 983,600	$ 760,000	$ 752,000	$ 714,436
Total Revenues	**919,520**	**926,110**	**983,600**	**760,000**	**752,000**	**714,436**
Operating Expenses						
Equipment and Supplies	841	0	0	0	0	0
Personnel Management Salary	12,945	39,288	41,605	60,000	65,000	65,000
Administrative Taxes and Benefits	1,190	14,793	17,335	16,800	25,200	25,200
Travel	185	0	672	100	100	100
Supplies	0	322	121	100	100	100
Telephone Expense	5,894	2,491	1,648	2,040	1,900	1,560
Management Fees	63,569	65,476	67,440	69,000	70,000	71,547
Bank Fees	1,350	1,474	1,261	1,800	1,800	1,320
R&M Salaries	190,698	197,748	203,870	225,100	225,100	240,100
R&M Taxes and Benefits	64,992	69,992	67,871	96,800	96,800	98,792
R&M HVAC	77,878	54,904	107,427	66,600	68,640	78,435
R&M Plumbing	101,417	17,354	14,246	9,000	9,000	28,705
R&M Fire/Life Prevention	10,753	19,135	11,495	13,925	15,425	15,000
R&M Electrical/Lamps	15,156	8,132	12,548	17,000	17,000	16,883
R&M Water Treatment	10,673	11,846	11,768	12,300	12,300	12,000
R&M Life Safety Contract	7,567	23,922	14,925	12,000	64,715	64,715
R&M Tools/Radios	0	791	2,116	2,500	3,000	3,000
R&M Elevators	24,966	33,577	26,351	31,200	32,500	30,090
R&M Pest Control	3,480	3,720	3,948	3,780	4,000	4,056
R&M Rubbish Removal	13,269	15,125	18,926	14,000	13,000	20,400
R&M Other: Locks and Keys	0	0	230	300	300	1,000
R&M Painting	6,555	5,379	0	9,000	9,000	15,000
R&M Other: General Building	51,959	7,673	7,828	3,400	41,400	31,400
R&M Lobby	0	1,701	0	3,000	3,000	0
Uniforms	696	1,167	2,228	1,500	1,500	1,500
Electric	327,738	402,894	439,199	350,000	418,000	500,000
Water	68,345	45,652	30,722	65,000	65,000	36,336
Gas	30,932	23,277	24,044	32,000	32,000	32,000
Security Contract	340,602	367,294	408,092	388,000	400,000	429,437
Cleaning	176,181	175,964	179,429	188,700	188,700	164,647
Grounds Supplies and Maintenance	6,574	5,578	6,954	7,000	24,000	7,602
Insurance	67,439	75,507	68,096	80,000	80,850	80,850
Total Operating Expenses	**1,683,844**	**1,692,176**	**1,792,395**	**1,781,945**	**1,989,330**	**2,076,775**

Rental

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Total Expenses	1,683,844	1,692,176	1,792,395	1,781,945	1,989,330	2,076,775
Net Income	$ (764,324)	$ (766,066)	$ (808,795)	$ (1,021,945)	$ (1,237,330)	$ (1,362,339)

Parking

State Bar of Georgia
Budget Report
For the Bar Year 2026 - 2027

	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Revenues						
Monthly Parking Operations	$ 70,196	$ 115,838	$ 125,262	$ 113,220	$ 117,540	$ 123,540
Daily Parking Operations	31,934	54,862	75,696	10,040	53,900	83,080
Special Events Parking Operations	367,388	413,350	516,673	450,000	440,000	438,800
EV Charging Stations	0	0	3,886	0	0	6,500
Total Revenues	**469,518**	**584,050**	**721,517**	**573,260**	**611,440**	**651,920**
Operating Expenses						
Credit Card Fee - EV Charging Stations	0	0	277	0	0	500
Salaries	110,937	98,946	119,424	130,000	131,867	145,420
Payroll Taxes	15,467	13,856	16,771	18,200	18,600	20,500
Workers' Compensation	14,341	12,855	15,563	18,000	17,300	19,000
Medical Ins/Benefits	19,762	17,677	21,374	24,780	23,700	26,100
Signs	549	0	0	0	0	0
Uniforms	638	91	372	240	400	340
Repairs and Maintenance	27,667	24,913	35,321	26,000	35,000	23,500
Tickets	0	0	0	600	600	600
Cell Phone/Beeper	611	666	384	840	840	6,540
Office Expenses	26,939	10,290	10,742	10,290	10,490	10,790
Invoicing Expenses	4,721	5,344	5,811	5,200	5,600	5,900
Bank Charges	4,394	4,770	6,099	4,600	5,100	7,200
Credit Card Fees	8,722	7,836	8,412	9,500	10,000	11,300
Garage Insurance	10,367	12,110	13,780	11,000	14,500	14,700
Business License	1,004	873	833	1,410	1,000	1,000
Management Fee	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	6,000
Security	71,455	63,210	66,237	68,000	74,000	67,000
Payroll Processing	3,082	3,080	3,646	3,500	3,800	4,700
Equipment and Supplies	0	943	3,966	850	650	1,000
Miscellaneous	395	186	496	500	500	500
Cleaning	900	3,600	3,300	3,600	3,780	3,900
Fire Safety	1,633	0	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
Equipment Purchases	0	0	0	0	0	21,900
Handheld Rental	0	0	0	0	0	6,000
Incentive Management Fees	4,991	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	5,000
Total Operating Expenses	**332,775**	**291,446**	**343,008**	**349,810**	**370,427**	**411,890**
Total Expenses	**332,775**	**291,446**	**343,008**	**349,810**	**370,427**	**411,890**

Parking

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	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Actual	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Annual Budget	2025-2026 Annual Budget	2026-2027 Annual Budget
Net Income	$ 136,743	$ 292,603	$ 378,509	$ 223,450	$ 241,013	$ 240,030

MOTION

1. That the President be authorized to secure a blanket fidelity bond to cover all officers, employees and other persons handling State Bar funds as is required by Article V, Section 8 of the Bylaws.

2. That the State Bar of Georgia and related entities open appropriate accounts with such banks in Georgia, but excluding any bank that does not participate in the IOLTA Program, and other such depositories as may be recommended by the Finance Committee and/or Investment Committee, and designated by the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia, and that the persons whose titles are listed below are authorized to sign an agreement to be provided by such banks and customary signature cards, and that the said banks are hereby authorized to pay or otherwise honor any check drafts, or other orders issued from time to time for debit to said accounts when signed by two of the following: the Treasurer, the President, the President Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Executive Director, the Office Manager and the General Counsel, provided either the President or the Treasurer shall sign all checks or vouchers and that said accounts can be reconciled from time to time by said persons or their designees. The authority herein given is to remain irrevocable so as said banks are concerned until they are notified in writing of such revocation of authority and in writing, acknowledge receipt thereof.

3. That Mauldin & Jenkins be designated as the independent auditing firm to audit the financial records of the State Bar of Georgia for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Governors

From: Russell Willard, General Counsel
Bill NeSmith, Deputy General Counsel

Date: February 17, 2026

Re: Proposed Rules Changes

Below is a short explanation of the proposed rule changes on the agenda for the Spring 2026 Meeting of the Board of Governors:

1. Rule 4-221. Hearing Procedures.

The proposed revisions to Rule 4-221 refine hearing procedures by improving the management of disciplinary proceedings while preserving due process.

A key addition expressly recognizes the Special Master's authority to address disruptive conduct. The proposed rule changes would authorize the Special Master to issue warnings, adjourn or terminate a disrupted hearing, and keep the record open for written submissions, including affidavits. These changes provide practical tools to maintain order and continue proceedings to provide a record for the Court's disposition of the disciplinary matter.

The proposed amendments also update venue provisions. The changes would make venue at the State Bar headquarters mandatory, rather than discretionary, when a nonresident respondent's alleged misconduct occurs outside of Georgia. For a nonresident, and for conduct occurring in Georgia, the venue shall be in the county where the conduct occurred or Fulton County.

A new provision addresses respondents who are incarcerated or otherwise subject to judicial restrictions, allowing the Special Master to select a practical venue based on custody location, the federal judicial district, or the Bar's headquarters, while considering the availability and proximity of the respondent and any witnesses. These changes ensure that hearings can proceed even when traditional venue rules are impracticable.

In addition, the proposed rule changes now expressly permit hearings before the Special Master that are not final evidentiary hearings to be held by video or telephone conference, reflecting modern practice and promoting efficiency.

2. Rule 4-227. Petitions for Voluntary Discipline.

The proposed revisions to Rule 4-227 clarify and streamline the procedures for Petitions for Voluntary Discipline by requiring that petitions for voluntary surrender of a bar license be filed directly with the Supreme Court of Georgia, rather than with a special master, after a formal complaint has been filed.

For petitions for voluntary discipline submitted before the issuance of a formal complaint, the procedures remain unchanged. For petitions for voluntary discipline, other than disbarment or voluntary surrender, submitted after the issuance of a formal complaint, the procedures likewise remain unchanged.

For petitions seeking disbarment or voluntary surrender after the issuance of a formal complaint, the proposed revisions require filing of such petitions directly with the Supreme Court rather than with the Special Master. The Office of the General Counsel has 30 days to respond, and proceedings before the Special Master are expressly stayed and tolled while the petition is pending.

Rule 4-221. Hearing Procedures

(a) Oaths. Before entering upon his duties as herein provided, each member of the State Disciplinary Board, each member of the State Disciplinary Review Board, and each Special Master shall swear or affirm to the following oath by signing a copy and returning it to the Clerk of the Boards or to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia, as appropriate.

"I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all of the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the State Disciplinary Board of the State Bar of Georgia/member of the State Disciplinary Review Board of the State Bar of Georgia/Special Master according to the best of my ability and understanding and agreeable to the laws and Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States."

The Clerk of the Boards shall maintain the completed Oaths of Board members, and the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia shall file the completed Oaths of Special Masters.

(b) Pleadings and Copies. Original pleadings shall be filed with the Clerk of the Boards at the headquarters of the State Bar of Georgia,

20 and the parties shall serve copies upon the Special Master and the
21 opposing party pursuant to the Georgia Civil Practice Act. Depositions
22 and other original discovery shall be retained by counsel and shall not
23 be filed except as permitted under the Uniform Superior Court Rules.
24 (c) Witnesses and Evidence; Contempt.
25 (1) The Respondent and the State Bar of Georgia shall have the
26 right to require the issuance of subpoenas for the attendance of
27 witnesses to testify or to produce books and papers. The Special
28 Master shall have the power to compel the attendance of
29 witnesses and the production of books, papers, and documents
30 relevant to the matter under investigation, by subpoena, and as
31 further provided by law in civil cases under the laws of Georgia.
32 (2) The following shall subject a person to rule for contempt of
33 the Special Master or State Disciplinary Board:
34 (i) disregard, in any manner whatsoever, of a subpoena
35 issued pursuant to Rules 4-203 (9), 4-210 (h), or 4-221 (c) (1);
36 (ii) refusal to answer any pertinent or proper question of a
37 Special Master; or

(iii) willful or flagrant violation of a lawful directive of a Special Master.

It shall be the duty of the Chair of the State Disciplinary Board or Special Master to report the facts supporting contempt to the Chief Judge of the Superior Court in and for the county in which the investigation, trial or hearing is being held. The Superior Court shall have jurisdiction of the matter and shall follow the procedures for contempt as are applicable in the case of a witness subpoenaed to appear and give evidence on the trial of a civil case before the Superior Court under the laws in Georgia.

(3) Any Special Master shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations and to issue any subpoena herein provided for.

(4) Depositions may be taken by the Respondent or the State Bar of Georgia in the same manner and under the same provisions as may be done in civil cases under the laws of Georgia, and such depositions may be used upon the trial or an investigation or hearing in the same manner as such depositions may be used in civil cases under the laws of Georgia.

56 (5) All witnesses attending any hearing provided for under
57 these Rules shall be entitled to the same fees as now are allowed
58 by law to witnesses attending trials in civil cases in the Superior
59 Courts of this State under subpoena.
60 (6) Special Masters have the inherent authority and
61 responsibility to maintain order in the tribunal. This power
62 extends to addressing disruptive conduct that interferes with the
63 proceedings. In situations involving disruptive conduct during a
64 hearing before the Special Master, the Special Master may take
65 various actions to maintain order, including, but not limited to:
66 (i) Issuing a warning to individuals engaging in disruptive
67 behavior, informing them that if they persist, further action
68 may be taken; or
69 (ii) Adjourning or terminating a hearing upon a finding that
70 a party, non-party, or their counsel has engaged in
71 disruptive conduct that interferes with the proceeding; and
72 (iii) Keeping the record open upon termination of a hearing
73 and directing the parties to submit evidence and argument

via written submissions including, but not limited to, testimony by affidavit.

(d) Venue of Hearings.

(1) The final evidentiary hearing~~s~~ on all complaints and charges against a Respondent shall be held in the county of the Respondent's main office or the county of residence of the Respondent unless the Respondent otherwise agrees.

(2) Where the Respondent is a nonresident of the State of Georgia and the complaint arose in the State of Georgia, the final evidentiary hearing shall be held in the county where the complaint arose or in the county of the State Bar of Georgia headquarters.

(3) When the Respondent is a nonresident of the State of Georgia and the offense occurs outside the State, the final evidentiary hearing ~~may~~ shall be held in the county of the State Bar of Georgia headquarters.

(4) When the Respondent is incarcerated or is otherwise under sentence or judicial order that makes it impracticable to conduct a hearing in the county of the Respondent's main office or the

93 county of residence of the Respondent, such hearing shall be held
94 in any county where the Respondent is then-incarcerated, in a
95 county in the same federal judicial district as any of the counties
96 where a hearing would have otherwise been proper under (d)(1), or
97 in the county of the State Bar of Georgia headquarters, with the
98 appropriate county selected by the Special Master taking into
99 account the availability and proximity of the Respondent and any
100 necessary witnesses.
101 (5) The Special Master is permitted to conduct any hearing that
102 is not the final evidentiary hearing via live video conferencing, live
103 telephonic conferencing, or in-person in the county of residence of
104 the Respondent, in the county where the complaint arose, or in the
105 county of the State Bar of Georgia headquarters.

Rule 4-221. Hearing Procedures

(a) Oaths. Before entering upon his duties as herein provided, each member of the State Disciplinary Board, each member of the State Disciplinary Review Board, and each Special Master shall swear or affirm to the following oath by signing a copy and returning it to the Clerk of the Boards or to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia, as appropriate.

"I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all of the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the State Disciplinary Board of the State Bar of Georgia/member of the State Disciplinary Review Board of the State Bar of Georgia/Special Master according to the best of my ability and understanding and agreeable to the laws and Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States."

The Clerk of the Boards shall maintain the completed Oaths of Board members, and the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia shall file the completed Oaths of Special Masters.

(b) Pleadings and Copies. Original pleadings shall be filed with the Clerk of the Boards at the headquarters of the State Bar of Georgia,

20 and the parties shall serve copies upon the Special Master and the
21 opposing party pursuant to the Georgia Civil Practice Act. Depositions
22 and other original discovery shall be retained by counsel and shall not
23 be filed except as permitted under the Uniform Superior Court Rules.
24 (c) Witnesses and Evidence; Contempt.
25 (1) The Respondent and the State Bar of Georgia shall have the
26 right to require the issuance of subpoenas for the attendance of
27 witnesses to testify or to produce books and papers. The Special
28 Master shall have the power to compel the attendance of
29 witnesses and the production of books, papers, and documents
30 relevant to the matter under investigation, by subpoena, and as
31 further provided by law in civil cases under the laws of Georgia.
32 (2) The following shall subject a person to rule for contempt of
33 the Special Master or State Disciplinary Board:
34 (i) disregard, in any manner whatsoever, of a subpoena
35 issued pursuant to Rules 4-203 (9), 4-210 (h), or 4-221 (c) (1);
36 (ii) refusal to answer any pertinent or proper question of a
37 Special Master; or

(iii) willful or flagrant violation of a lawful directive of a Special Master.

It shall be the duty of the Chair of the State Disciplinary Board or Special Master to report the facts supporting contempt to the Chief Judge of the Superior Court in and for the county in which the investigation, trial or hearing is being held. The Superior Court shall have jurisdiction of the matter and shall follow the procedures for contempt as are applicable in the case of a witness subpoenaed to appear and give evidence on the trial of a civil case before the Superior Court under the laws in Georgia.

(3) Any Special Master shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations and to issue any subpoena herein provided for.

(4) Depositions may be taken by the Respondent or the State Bar of Georgia in the same manner and under the same provisions as may be done in civil cases under the laws of Georgia, and such depositions may be used upon the trial or an investigation or hearing in the same manner as such depositions may be used in civil cases under the laws of Georgia.

(5) All witnesses attending any hearing provided for under these Rules shall be entitled to the same fees as now are allowed by law to witnesses attending trials in civil cases in the Superior Courts of this State under subpoena.

(6) Special Masters have the inherent authority and responsibility to maintain order in the tribunal. This power extends to addressing disruptive conduct that interferes with the proceedings. In situations involving disruptive conduct during a hearing before the Special Master, the Special Master may take various actions to maintain order, including, but not limited to:

(i) Issuing a warning to individuals engaging in disruptive behavior, informing them that if they persist, further action may be taken; or

(ii) Adjourning or terminating a hearing upon a finding that a party, non-party, or their counsel has engaged in disruptive conduct that interferes with the proceeding; and

(iii) Keeping the record open upon termination of a hearing and directing the parties to submit evidence and argument

via written submissions including, but not limited to, testimony by affidavit.

(d) Venue of Hearings.

(1) The final evidentiary hearing on all complaints and charges against a Respondent shall be held in the county of the Respondent's main office or the county of residence of the Respondent unless the Respondent otherwise agrees.

(2) Where the Respondent is a nonresident of the State of Georgia and the complaint arose in the State of Georgia, the final evidentiary hearing shall be held in the county where the complaint arose or in the county of the State Bar of Georgia headquarters.

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(5) The Special Master is permitted to conduct any hearing that is not the final evidentiary hearing via live video conferencing, live telephonic conferencing, or in-person in the county of residence of the Respondent, in the county where the complaint arose, or in the county of the State Bar of Georgia headquarters.

Rule 4-227. Petitions for Voluntary Discipline

(a) A Petition for Voluntary Discipline shall contain admissions of fact and admissions of conduct in violation of Part IV, Chapter 1 of these Rules sufficient to authorize the imposition of discipline.

(b) Prior to the issuance of a formal complaint, a respondent may submit a Petition for Voluntary Discipline seeking any level of discipline authorized under these Rules.

(1) Those petitions seeking confidential discipline shall be served on the Office of the General Counsel and assigned to a member of the State Disciplinary Board. The State Disciplinary Board shall conduct an investigation and determine whether to accept or reject the petition as outlined at Rule 4-203 (7).

(2) Those petitions seeking public discipline shall be filed directly with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia. The Office of the General Counsel shall have 30 days within which to file a response. The Supreme Court shall issue an appropriate order.

(c) After the issuance of a formal complaint a respondent may submit a Petition for Voluntary Discipline seeking any level of discipline authorized under these Rules.

~~(c)~~(1) For petitions seeking a level of discipline other than disbarment or voluntary surrender of the respondent's license to practice law submitted after issuance of a formal complaint, the procedure shall be as follows:

~~(1)~~(i) The petition shall be filed with the Clerk of the State Disciplinary Boards at the headquarters of the State Bar of Georgia and copies served upon the Special Master and all parties to the disciplinary proceeding. The Special Master shall allow ~~Bar counsel~~ the Office of the General Counsel 30 days within which to respond. The Office of the General Counsel may assent to the petition or may file a response, stating objections and giving the reasons therefor. The Office of the General Counsel shall serve a copy of its response upon the respondent.

~~(2)~~(ii) The Special Master shall consider the petition, the State Bar of Georgia's response, and the record as it then

exists and may accept or reject the Petition for Voluntary Discipline.

~~(3)~~(iii) The Special Master may reject a petition for such cause or causes as seem appropriate to the Special Master. Such causes may include but are not limited to a finding that:

~~(i)~~(A) the petition fails to contain admissions of fact and admissions of conduct in violation of Part IV, Chapter 1 of these Rules sufficient to authorize the imposition of discipline;

~~(ii)~~(B) the petition fails to request appropriate discipline;

~~(iii)~~(C) the petition fails to contain sufficient information concerning the admissions of fact and the admissions of conduct;

~~(iv)~~(D) the record in the proceeding does not contain sufficient information upon which to base a decision to accept or reject.

55 ~~(4)~~(iv) The Special Master's decision to reject a Petition
56 for Voluntary Discipline does not preclude the filing of a
57 subsequent petition and is not subject to review by the
58 Supreme Court of Georgia. If the Special Master rejects a
59 Petition for Voluntary Discipline, the disciplinary case shall
60 proceed as provided by these Rules.
61 ~~(5)~~(v) The Special Master may accept the Petition for
62 Voluntary Discipline by entering a report making findings of
63 fact and conclusions of law and delivering same to the Clerk
64 of the State Disciplinary Boards. The Clerk of the State
65 Disciplinary Boards shall file the report and the complete
66 record in the disciplinary proceeding with the Clerk of the
67 Supreme Court of Georgia. A copy of the Special Master's
68 report shall be served upon the respondent. The Court shall
69 issue an appropriate order.
70 (2) For petitions seeking disbarment or voluntary surrender of
71 the respondent's license to practice law submitted after issuance
72 of a formal complaint, those petitions shall be filed directly with
73 the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia, with copies served on

the Clerk of the State Disciplinary Boards, the Special Master, and all parties to the proceeding. The Office of the General Counsel shall have 30 days within which to file an appropriate response. The Supreme Court shall issue an appropriate order. All matters pending before the Special Master shall be stayed and tolled during the time that the petition is pending before the Supreme Court of Georgia.

(~~6~~3) Pursuant to Rule 4-210 (e), the Special Master may, in his discretion, extend any of the time limits in these Rules in order to adequately consider a Petition for Voluntary Discipline.

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(iv) The Special Master's decision to reject a Petition for Voluntary Discipline does not preclude the filing of a

subsequent petition and is not subject to review by the Supreme Court of Georgia. If the Special Master rejects a Petition for Voluntary Discipline, the disciplinary case shall proceed as provided by these Rules.

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State Bar of Georgia

To: Bar Officers/Finance Committee

From: Ron Turner RWT

Date: February 17, 2026

Re: January 2026 Financial Statements-Bar Operations and Bar Center

Attached please find the January 2026 financial statements. These financial statements are presented at a summary level for clarity and to convey overall trends. Full departmental details are attached at year-end (6/30) and upon request.

Line-item variance explanations follow. Department managers are expected to specify savings elsewhere in their budgets when exceeding a line item, unless there was a budgeting error. Line-item variances < **$2,500** are not explained to conserve your time.

New and revised items are highlighted in bold. **Savings may be realized in each department to offset these overages. In many instances unbudgeted items will be covered as part of the use of unallocated cash.**

Administration
Membership software license is over budget primarily due to the cost of iMIS membership licenses. While we factored in an increase in the budget for this item, the actual increase was greater than the budgeted increase. In addition, due to the transition of the iMIS database to the cloud there were certain unanticipated costs.

Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE)
Professional fees for ICLE are over budget due to the purchase of Asana, a project management reporting software system. This amount was partially budgeted for in the prior fiscal year and partially in the current fiscal year. No costs were incurred in the prior year and the project did not start until the current fiscal year.

Fastcase
Fastcase costs have exceeded the budget due to an increase in the costs from the vendor that was greater than the budgeted increase.

Other Bar Center Operations
The Bar Center incurred unbudgeted costs of approximately $144,100 associated with the audio/video system for both the Presidents' Boardroom and the YLD Presidents' Boardroom. These costs are being incurred to overhaul both boardrooms to allow for better meeting functionality whether the meetings are in-person or hybrid.

Other Bar Center Operations (Continued)
The Bar incurred unbudgeted building rehab costs of approximately $681,400 for the following items: (1) lease buildout costs of approximately $218,400 for a tenant to enter into a lease renewal for space on the 4th floor and (2) approximately $21,700 for the replacement of hoist ropes associated with one of the elevators (3) approximately $46,600 in costs paid for work done on electrical panels in order to replace the old electrical panels (4) approximately $151,900 for pre-cooling and heating coils associated with the building (5) approximately $18,600 associated with other building costs (6) approximately $22,600 associated with architect costs for potential bathroom upgrades and (7) approximately $200,000 for a generator replacement.

In addition, the Bar incurred unbudgeted tenant improvement costs of approximately $11,800 for the replacement of an air handler motor in one of the tenant's suites that was found to be defective and not repairable.

Rental
Costs for computer hardware were incurred that were not originally budgeted. These hardware costs were incurred to upgrade the security system associated with the State Bar headquarters building in Atlanta.

Equipment and Supplies
Equipment and supplies are over budget due to an under budget by our outside parking management company.

Shared Office Overhead
Actual shared office expenses incurred exceed the allocation of these expenses to various departments and organizations by approximately **$61,200**. Various expenses were incurred during the first portion of the fiscal year that are not incurred throughout the entire fiscal year. This number will fluctuate.

Please give me a call at (404) 527-8748 or my cell number at 678-761-5889 if you have any questions regarding the attached financial statements.

cc: Damon Elmore
Russ Willard
Sarah Coole

State Bar of Georgia
Consolidated Revenues and Expenditures
Operations and Bar Center Combined
For the Year To Date Period Ending January 31, 2026

	Year Ending 06/30/2025 Actual	Year To Date January 31, 2026 Actual	% of Budget	Year Ending 06/30/2026 Annual Budget
Membership Numbers				
Active Members	42,777	43,427	99.38 %	43,700
Inactive Members	7,827	7,668	99.07 %	7,740
Provisional Members	21	12	24.00 %	50
Associates/Affiliates	20	21	161.54 %	13
Foreign Legal Consultants	12	12	133.33 %	9
Students	491	486	117.11 %	415
Emeritus	5,095	5,198	103.44 %	5,025
Total Membership Numbers	**56,243**	**56,824**	**99.78 %**	**56,952**
Revenue				
Dues Active	11,283,972	11,678,437	98.98 %	11,799,000
Dues Inactive	1,061,172	1,047,313	100.23 %	1,044,900
Dues Provisional	9,900	15,522	229.96 %	6,750
Dues Associates	850	1,700	188.89 %	900
Dues Foreign Legal Consultant	2,508	3,240	133.33 %	2,430
Dues Late Fees	244,825	223,425	85.93 %	260,000
Dues NSF Check Fee	140	60	42.86 %	140
Dues Prior Years	11,847	3,714	49.52 %	7,500
Total License and Dues	12,615,214	12,973,411	98.87 %	13,121,620
Program Registration Income	4,742,679	2,402,885	50.06 %	4,800,000
Section Expense Reimbursement	320,694	335,385	100.00 %	335,385
CSF Expense Reimbursement	73,000	110,834	58.33 %	190,000
Advertising and Sales	53,362	27,611	100.99 %	27,340
Membership Income	215,977	136,418	77.80 %	175,350
Credit Card Processing Fees	131,682	32,778	28.50 %	115,000
Interest Income	704,444	630,281	190.99 %	330,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	34,896	1,175	5.34 %	22,000
Total Bar Revenue	18,891,948	16,650,778	87.10 %	19,116,695
Total Bar Expenses	18,710,206	11,230,159	55.69 %	20,164,543
SBG Net Gain (Loss)	**$ 181,742**	**$ 5,420,619**	**(517.31) %**	**$ (1,047,848)**

Note: Non-Cash depreciation expenses are excluded from this schedule.

State Bar of Georgia
Consolidated Revenues and Expenditures
Operations and Bar Center Combined
For the Year To Date Period Ending January 31, 2026

	Year Ending 06/30/2025 Actual	Year To Date January 31, 2026 Actual	% of Budget	Year Ending 06/30/2026 Annual Budget
Total Bar Center Operations Revenue	3,409,662	1,625,419	55.95 %	2,904,940
Total Bar Center Operations Expenses	3,984,407	2,400,207	81.86 %	2,931,965
Total Bar Center Operations Net Gain (Loss)	**$ (574,745)**	**$ (774,788)**	**2,866.93 %**	**$ (27,025)**
Combined Revenue	22,301,610	18,276,197	82.99 %	22,021,635
Combined Expenses	22,694,613	13,630,367	59.01 %	23,096,508
Total Combined Net Income (Loss)	**$ (393,003)**	**$ 4,645,830**	**(432.22) %**	**$ (1,074,873)**

Note: Non-Cash depreciation expenses are excluded from this schedule.

State Bar of Georgia
Total Bar Center Operations
Revenues and Expenditures - Executive Summary
For the Year To Date Period Ending January 31, 2026

	Current Month Actual	Month % of Budget	Year to Date Actual	YTD % of Budget	Budget	Remaining Balance of Budget	Prior Year
Bar Center Income and Cash Receipts							
Gain/Loss Investment Interest Allocation	0	0.00 %	56,548	0.00 %	0	(56,548)	146,317
CCLC Contributions to Bar Center	0	0.00 %	500,000	35.97 %	1,390,000	890,000	1,358,389
Interest and Dividend Income	0	0.00 %	117,880	85.42 %	138,000	20,120	183,425
Bar Center Income and Cash Receipts	**$ 0**	**0.00 %**	**$ 674,428**	**44.14 %**	**$ 1,528,000**	**$ 853,572**	**$ 1,688,131**
Bar Center Expenses and Cash Disbursements							
Bond Premium Amortization	0	0.00 %	4,094	34.12 %	12,000	7,906	11,053
Investment Service Fees	0	0.00 %	13,652	56.88 %	24,000	10,348	27,376
Conference Center Renovations	0	0.00 %	0	0.00 %	9,500	9,500	0
Audio Video, Furniture and Equipment	26,299	77.35 %	171,144	503.36 %	34,000	(137,144)	64,498
Building Rehabilitation	0	0.00 %	681,384	0.00 %	0	(681,384)	1,275,625
Tenant Improvements	0	0.00 %	11,813	0.00 %	0	(11,813)	0
President's Boardroom	0	0.00 %	0	0.00 %	0	0	1,109
Bar Center Expenses and Cash Disbursements	**26,299**	**33.08 %**	**882,087**	**1,109.54 %**	**79,500**	**(802,587)**	**1,379,661**
Bar Center Combined Net Cash Flow	**$ (26,299)**	**(1.82) %**	**$ (207,659)**	**(14.34) %**	**$ 1,448,500**	**$ 1,656,159**	**$ 308,470**
Conference Center Income and Expenses							
Room Rentals and Various Charges	**465**	**3.44 %**	**7,497**	**55.54 %**	**13,500**	**6,003**	**16,415**
Conference Center Operating Expenses	**40,874**	**8.30 %**	**290,861**	**59.03 %**	**492,708**	**201,847**	**469,343**
Conference Center Combined Net Cash Flow	**$ (40,409)**	**8.43 %**	**$ (283,363)**	**59.13 %**	**$ (479,208)**	**$ (195,845)**	**$ (452,929)**
Rental Income and Expenses							
Rental Income	**63,956**	**8.50 %**	**506,520**	**67.36 %**	**752,000**	**245,480**	**983,600**
Building Operating Expenses	**131,085**	**6.59 %**	**1,022,931**	**51.42 %**	**1,989,330**	**966,399**	**1,792,395**
Rental Combined Net Cash Flow	**$ (67,129)**	**5.43 %**	**$ (516,412)**	**41.74 %**	**$ (1,237,330)**	**$ (720,918)**	**$ (808,795)**
Parking Income and Expenses							
Parking Income	**43,058**	**7.04 %**	**436,974**	**71.47 %**	**611,440**	**174,466**	**721,517**
Parking Deck Operating Expenses	**22,711**	**6.13 %**	**204,329**	**55.16 %**	**370,427**	**166,098**	**343,008**
Parking Combined Net Cash Flow	**$ 20,347**	**8.44 %**	**$ 232,645**	**96.53 %**	**$ 241,013**	**$ 8,368**	**$ 378,509**
Total Bar Center Operations Net Gain (Loss)	**$ (113,489)**	**419.94 %**	**$ (774,788)**	**2,866.93 %**	**$ (27,025)**	**$ 747,763**	**$ (574,745)**

Note: Non-Cash depreciation expense and gain/loss on disposal of fixed assets are excluded from this schedule.

State Bar of Georgia
Income Statement YTD - Operations
For the Year To Date Period Ending January 31, 2026

	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD % of Budget	Prior Year
Revenues				
Dues - Active	$ 11,678,437	$ 11,799,000	98.98 %	$ 11,283,972
Dues - Inactive	1,047,313	1,044,900	100.23 %	1,061,172
Dues - Provisional	15,522	6,750	229.96 %	9,900
Dues - Misc. Types	4,940	3,330	148.35 %	3,358
Dues - Late Fees	227,199	267,640	84.89 %	256,812
Total Dues & Licenses	12,973,411	13,121,620	98.87 %	12,615,214
Program Registration Income	2,402,885	4,800,000	50.06 %	4,742,679
Section Expense Reimbursement	335,385	335,385	100.00 %	320,694
CSF Expense Reimbursement	110,834	190,000	58.33 %	73,000
Advertising and Sales	27,611	27,340	100.99 %	53,362
Membership Income	55,093	84,150	65.47 %	94,477
Pro Hac Vice	436,925	480,000	91.03 %	535,200
Pro Hac Vice Contra	(355,600)	(388,800)	91.46 %	(413,700)
Credit Card Processing Fees	32,778	115,000	28.50 %	131,682
Interest Income	630,281	330,000	190.99 %	704,444
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,175	22,000	5.34 %	34,896
Total Revenues	16,650,778	19,116,695	87.10 %	18,891,948
Expenses				
Administration	1,688,204	2,988,568	56.49 %	2,846,592
General Counsel	3,111,780	5,633,355	55.24 %	5,133,157
Communications	513,929	958,061	53.64 %	1,061,121
Lawyer's Assistance Program	116,250	155,000	75.00 %	154,674
Fee Arbitration	325,096	626,996	51.85 %	571,668
Law Practice Management	244,506	573,367	42.64 %	458,571
Sections	193,708	335,385	57.76 %	323,193
Savannah Office	188,201	325,224	57.87 %	310,494
Tifton Office	108,903	203,515	53.51 %	209,899
Young Lawyers	263,508	470,224	56.04 %	435,031
Unauthorized Practice of Law	452,786	862,268	52.51 %	904,586
Law Related Education	270,035	464,994	58.07 %	438,473
High School Mock Trial	63,773	185,155	34.44 %	187,023
ICLE	2,384,865	4,530,379	52.64 %	3,935,703

Note: For Total Other Expenses, the details can be found on the next page.

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State Bar of Georgia
Income Statement YTD - Operations
For the Year To Date Period Ending January 31, 2026

	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD % of Budget	Prior Year
Pro Bono	123,792	212,216	58.33 %	212,216
Fastcase	486,539	480,000	101.36 %	462,428
Officers' Expenses	24,725	99,470	24.86 %	73,857
Resource Center Contribution	55,166	55,166	100.00 %	55,166
Total Other Expenses	553,195	1,005,200	55.03 %	1,104,541
Unallocated Services	61,199	0	0.00 %	(168,187)
Total Expenses	11,230,159	20,164,543	55.69 %	18,710,206
Net Income	**$ 5,420,619**	**$ (1,047,848)**	**(517.31) %**	**$ 181,742**

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State Bar of Georgia
Supporting Schedule of Other Expenses - YTD
For the Year To Date Period Ending January 31, 2026

	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD % of Budget	Prior Year
Other Expenses				
BOG and Member Meetings	$ 333,717	$ 597,500	55.85 %	$ 651,918
Supreme Court Meetings	58,475	79,000	74.02 %	81,230
Executive Committee Meetings	16,827	62,000	27.14 %	56,444
Court of Appeals Meetings	0	20,000	0.00 %	24,814
State Disciplinary Board Lawyers	19,833	34,000	58.33 %	31,500
Electronic Ballots	11,470	18,000	63.72 %	16,646
Dues Notice	5,347	38,000	14.07 %	32,984
Letters of Good Standing	810	2,400	33.74 %	2,033
Bar Membership Cards	8,840	12,500	70.72 %	12,442
50 Year Certificates	0	6,300	0.00 %	4,823
Membership Database Project	0	0	0.00 %	110,713
State Bar Committees	3,528	20,000	17.64 %	16,486
Georgia Diversity Program	10,000	10,000	100.00 %	10,000
ABA Delegate Breakfast	1,154	3,000	38.48 %	2,413
1st Floor Painting	0	6,000	0.00 %	0
Commitment to Equality Awards	7,500	7,500	100.00 %	2,500
Bond Premium Amortization	7,522	23,000	32.70 %	11,688
Investment Service Fees	38,171	36,000	106.03 %	28,407
Access to Justice/Pro Bono	30,000	30,000	100.00 %	7,500
Total Other Expenses	**$ 553,194**	**$ 1,005,200**	**55.03 %**	**$ 1,104,541**

State Bar of Georgia
Status and Use of Cash and Investments
For the Current Period Ending January 31, 2026

	Current Month (January 2026)	Ending of Prior Fiscal Year (June 2025)	Dollar Change	% Increase/ Decrease
Cash and Investments - Bar	**$ 38,519,301**			
Less:				
Georgia Bar Foundation Cash Included in Above Amount	(2,500)			
CCLC Cash and Investments Included in Above Amount	(6,414,010)			
Unrealized (Gain)/Loss in Investments	(1,106,227)			
Net Cash Available for State Bar	**30,996,564**			
Use of Cash:				
Less:				
Board Designated - See Separate Schedule Attached	(8,805,591)			
Donor Temporarily Restricted - See Separate Schedule Attached	(3,660,650)			
Total Board Designated and Temporarily Restricted	**(12,466,241)**			
Other - Cash Allocated:				
Collection of Outstanding Accounts Receivable	174,495			
Payment of Accounts Payable	(317,805)			
Payment of Accrued Vacation	(526,460)			
Deferred Income	(10)			
Payment of Credit Card Bill	(436,426)			
Payment of Accrued Salary	(570,657)			
Payment of Accrued Taxes	(43,655)			
Payment of Other Accrued Expenses (primarily pension)	(397,499)			
Payment to Client Security Fund	(3,331,002)			
Operational Expenses for Remaining Bar Year	(8,430,270)			
Additional Revenue for Bar Operations (Excluding Bar Center)	2,465,917			
Net Amount to be paid to Related Entities	(530,989)			
Total Other - Cash Allocated	**(11,944,361)**			
Anticipated Use of Unallocated Cash - Bar Operations	**0**			
Estimated Cash and Investments - June 30, 2026 - Bar	**6,585,962**	**8,379,251**	**(1,793,289)**	**-21%**
Cash and Investments - Bar Center	**127,605**			
Other Cash Allocated - Bar Center:				
Collection of Outstanding Accounts Receivable	81,622			
Payment of Accounts Payable	(43,129)			
Deferred Income	(25,200)			
Payment of Other Accrued Expenses	(67,047)			
Additional Expenses for Bar Center Operations	(88,932)			
Total Other - Cash Allocated - Bar Center	**(142,686)**			
Anticipated Use of Unallocated Cash - Bar Center Operations	**(2,477,258)**	**(683,890)**	**(1,793,368)**	**-262%**
Estimated Cash and Investments June 30, 2026 - Bar Center	**(2,492,339)**	**$ 7,695,361**	**(10,187,700)**	**-132%**
Total Estimated Cash Balance at June 30, 2026	**$ 4,093,623**			

Note: The above schedule reflects the status of cash and investments as of the month end indicated above. There are no other State Bar funds or investments held in any institution that are not included on this schedule. Also included in the above are the following assumptions: (1) Actual expenses for 2025 - 2026 would be 97.5% of budget. This is for Bar operations only and not Bar Center. (2) Additional revenue for Bar operations is based upon the assumption of achieving additional revenue through June 30, 2026 to equal 100% of the total budgeted revenue. (3) Bar Center would contribute additional cash flow or pay additional expenses through June 30, 2026 to equal their budget.

SBG Unallocated Cash

State Bar of Georgia
Board-Designated and Donor Temporarily Restricted Net Assets
For the Year To Date Period Ending January 31, 2026

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2025	January 31, 2026
Board Designated				
Board Designated - General Operations - Bar	$ 2,750,000	$ 2,750,000	$ 2,750,000	$ 2,750,000
Board Designated - General Operations - Bar Center	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Litigation	300,000	300,000	300,000	184,049
Board Designated - Sections	3,664,312	3,745,183	3,608,573	3,887,102
YLD Meetings	77,999	49,795	5,091	(15,560)
Total Board-Designated excludes ICLE	**$ 8,792,311**	**$ 8,844,978**	**$ 8,663,664**	**$ 8,805,591**
Donor Temporarily Restricted				
Legislative	$ 1,806,483	$ 2,423,119	$ 2,825,925	$ 2,973,777
Law Related Education/Marshall fund	207,599	192,396	162,382	143,992
High School Mock Trial	15,299	17,481	27,719	24,244
Basics Program	116,951	121,963	125,851	152,851
Younger Lawyers	87,199	126,603	135,410	186,558
Lawyers Assistance	31,863	33,229	34,352	34,183
Georgia Diversity Program	13,555	6,374	165	280
Bar Media Conference	3,115	1,523	943	738
Law Day	6,212	6,317	5,610	5,698
Access to Justice	3,175	19,993	22,150	52,797
Promote Inclusion	8,701	5,924	12,649	20,423
State Bar of Georgia Foundation	0	0	0	8,500
Military Vet Pro Bono	14,481	15,101	15,582	15,826
Justice Portraits	1,022	1,066	1,100	1,118
Center for Lawyer Well-Being	0	0	1,195	39,665
Total Donor Temporarily Restricted	**$ 2,315,655**	**$ 2,971,089**	**$ 3,371,033**	**$ 3,660,650**
Net Board Designated and Donor Temporarily Restricted	**$ 11,107,967**	**$ 11,816,068**	**$ 12,034,697**	**$ 12,466,241**

State Bar of Georgia
Sections End of Period Balances
For the Year To Date Period Ending January 31, 2026

	2023 June 30	2024 June 30	2025 June 30	2026 January 31,
Administrative Law	5,415	3,650	1,033	(17)
Agricultural Law	15,245	15,081	16,199	17,349
Animal Law	6,859	7,960	8,417	8,971
Anti-Trust Law	13,595	13,768	12,615	13,115
Appellate Practice Law	28,338	31,423	18,675	21,511
Aviation Law	11,198	8,446	5,856	5,938
Bankruptcy Law	83,998	84,451	38,833	53,859
Bike Law	3,854	4,797	5,439	6,216
Business Law	241,256	266,886	293,867	314,988
Cannabis and Hemp Law	15,274	20,322	25,922	28,648
Child Protection and Advocacy Law	6,976	8,745	10,845	11,534
Class Action Law	4,734	4,058	4,992	7,483
Constitutional Law	27,877	29,732	35,359	40,543
Construction Law	26,054	29,142	33,089	37,281
Consumer Law	51,659	53,548	57,389	60,383
Corporate Counsel Law	127,444	94,180	102,052	119,355
Creditor's Rights Law	46,899	49,363	35,810	42,053
Criminal Law	174,486	188,475	180,029	196,473
Dispute Law	49,926	62,924	73,039	84,204
E-Discovery and Use of Technology Law	34,558	55,788	47,202	49,086
Elder Law	146,843	159,997	155,265	159,853
Eminent Domain Law	65,781	57,060	53,055	51,951
Employee Benefits Law	36,540	38,182	41,262	44,057
Energy Law	0	198	1,721	3,881
Entertainment and Sports Law	72,629	77,275	75,947	64,890
Environmental Law	96,921	101,910	104,838	105,531
Equine Law	6,868	7,141	7,394	8,212
Family Law	365,473	350,651	220,110	278,275
Fiduciary Law	224,980	248,744	244,240	260,608
Franchise and Distribution Law	8,242	9,729	9,446	10,561
General Practice and Trial Law	65,181	70,571	102,820	158,260
Government Attorney Law	32,990	35,038	36,138	38,342
Health Law	37,353	42,765	27,631	40,628
Immigration Law	41,920	46,813	51,056	54,130
Intellectual Property Law	206,892	227,554	209,102	199,150
International Law	86,953	85,732	91,214	95,563
Judicial Law	18,222	18,212	18,149	23,091
Labor Law	102,539	104,105	93,255	101,861
Legal Economics Law	6,671	7,023	7,248	7,362

State Bar of Georgia
Sections End of Period Balances
For the Year To Date Period Ending January 31, 2026

	2023 June 30	2024 June 30	2025 June 30	2026 January 31,
Local Government Law	56,744	59,979	58,702	60,657
Military and Veterans Law	18,403	20,281	21,440	26,858
Nonprofit Law	21,472	26,782	28,142	32,852
Privacy and Technology Law	36,345	(6,082)	48,183	56,673
Product Liability Law	117,187	128,385	137,714	144,810
Professional Liability Law	17,313	20,063	19,469	20,192
Real Property Law	403,493	414,763	348,879	341,072
Religious Liberty Law	1,325	2,933	4,219	5,279
School and College Law	40,768	42,856	41,733	43,767
Senior Lawyers Law	12,024	12,702	8,635	1,830
Taxation Law	36,464	35,026	37,828	43,390
Tort and Insurance Law	104,254	77,521	131,488	139,539
White Collar Law	0	295	2,198	(1,971)
Worker's Compensation Law	199,877	188,240	163,390	146,975
Total	**$ 3,664,312**	**$ 3,745,183**	**$ 3,608,573**	**$ 3,887,102**

State Bar of Georgia
Summary of Members and Voluntary Legislative Contributions
With Contributions Paid Through January 31, 2026

Dues	2025-26 Dues Season	2024-25 Dues Season	2023-24 Dues Season
Total Number of Members at Apr 30 of Previous Bar year (active and inactive)	**50,592**	**50,114**	**49,695**
Active - Number Paid	44,654	43,317	42,632
Inactive - Number Paid	7,896	8,074	8,237
Total Number of Members With Dues Paid	**52,550**	**51,391**	**50,869**
Percent of Total Members With Dues Paid	**103.9%**	**102.5%**	**102.4%**
Number of Members Who Made A Contribution	4,468	8,649	9,091
Percent of Members Who Made A Contribution	8.5%	16.8%	17.9%
Total Contribution Amount	**$ 383,850**	**$ 820,248**	**$ 862,990**
Average Amount Paid	**$ 86**	**$ 95**	**$ 95**

Legislative Contribution Amounts by Dues Year

2025 - 2026	$ 383,850
2024 - 2025	$ 820,248
2023 - 2024	$ 862,990
2022 - 2023	$ 803,415
2021 - 2022	$ 760,350
2020 - 2021	$ 766,123
2019 - 2020	$ 322,708
2018 - 2019	$ 494,906
2017 - 2018	$ 546,905
2016 - 2017	$ 557,991

Purpose: The purpose of the above schedule is to reflect donations to the Legislative Fund for each period shown. The information reflects the total number of members who have made a contribution along with applicable percentages.
The number of members above reflect the members who paid during the dues season indicated above. The dues season does not correspond to the fiscal year but starts in advance of the fiscal year. In addition, if members change status (active, inactive, emeritus, etc), this change will be reflected in the membership counts at month end but will not be reflected in the above schedule.

State Bar of Georgia
Summary of Members and Voluntary Contributions to Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP)
With Contributions Paid Through January 31, 2026

Dues	2025-26 Dues Season	2024-25 Dues Season	2023-24 Dues Season
Total Number of Members at Apr 30 of Previous Bar year (active and inactive)	**50,592**	**50,114**	**49,695**
Active - Number Paid	44,654	43,317	42,632
Inactive - Number Paid	7,896	8,074	8,237
Total Number of Members With Dues Paid	**52,550**	**51,391**	**50,869**
Percent of Total Members With Dues Paid	**103.9%**	**102.5%**	**102.4%**
Number of Members Who Made A Contribution	2,058	3,460	3,575
Percent of Members Who Made A Contribution	3.9%	6.7%	7.0%
Total Contribution Amount	**$ 230,837**	**$ 485,947**	**$ 490,605**
Average Contribution Amount	**$ 112**	**$ 140**	**$ 137**

GLSP Contribution Amounts by Dues Year

2025 - 2026	$ 230,837
2024 - 2025	$ 485,947
2023 - 2024	$ 490,605
2022 - 2023	$ 483,850
2021 - 2022	$ 478,287
2020 - 2021	$ 436,815
2019 - 2020	$ 366,674
2018 - 2019	$ 295,454
2017 - 2018	$ 312,251
2016 - 2017	$ 276,487

Purpose: The purpose of the above schedule is to reflect donations to the Georgia Legal Services Program for each period shown. The information reflects the total number of members who have made a contribution along with applicable percentages.
The number of members shown above is not the same as the number of members at the end of the month. The number of members above reflect the members who paid during the dues season indicated above. The dues season does not correspond to the fiscal year but starts in advance of the fiscal year. In addition, if members change status (active, inactive, emeritus, etc), this change will be reflected in the membership counts at month end but will not be reflected in the above schedule.

State Bar of Georgia
Income Statement
For the Current Period Ending January 31, 2026

Beginning Balance	**$ 2,825,925**
Income:	
Interest and Dividend Income	35,344
Gain/Loss Investment Interest Allocation	16,675
Miscellaneous Income	383,250
Total Income	**435,269**
Expenditures:	
Staff and Contract Lobbyists	247,116
Grassroots Efforts	12,530
Travel	5,306
Shared Office Allocation	12,634
Computer Software	175
Miscellaneous	9,656
Total Expenditures	**287,417**
Net Donor Temporarily Restricted Balance	**$ 2,973,777**

State Bar of Georgia
Summary of Client Security Fund Activity
For the Year To Date Period Ending January 31, 2026

	2023 June 30	2024 June 30	2025 June 30	January 31, 2026
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	**$ 1,634,260**	**$ 2,212,202**	**$ 2,782,908**	**$ 2,715,520**
Income:				
Interest and Dividend Income	33,117	44,364	60,224	37,982
Gain/Loss Investment Interest Allocation	19,577	92,242	47,344	17,087
Client Security Fund Assessments	751,680	760,050	767,625	769,125
Restitution Income	18,445	821	13,207	341
Total Income	**$ 822,819**	**$ 897,477**	**$ 888,400**	**$ 824,535**
Expenses:				
Restricted Expenses	73,000	73,000	73,000	110,833
Client Security Fund Claims Payments	159,879	239,968	870,020	92,500
Bond Premium Amortization	4,288	5,737	3,704	1,323
Investment Service Fees	7,710	8,066	9,064	4,397
Total Expenses	**$ 244,877**	**$ 326,771**	**$ 955,788**	**$ 209,053**
Net Income	**$ 577,942**	**$ 570,706**	**$ (67,388)**	**$ 615,483**
Fund Balance, End of Period	**$ 2,212,202**	**$ 2,782,908**	**$ 2,715,520**	**$ 3,331,003**

March 28, 2026

Dear Board of Governors,

Since the Midyear Meeting, the Young Lawyers Division has continued to live up to our motto of serving the public and the profession. Our committees continue to hold meetings, CLEs, networking events, and service activities throughout the state.

We held our Signature Fundraiser benefitting Middle Georgia Justice on February 28 in Macon, Georgia. Rebecca Grist received the YLD Lifetime Achievement Award and James Banter received the YLD Signature Service Award. We are thankful for all of our sponsors who helped us raise funds for an organization dedicated to justice for all.

Leadership Academy held its first session at the Mid-Year meeting, its second session at the Capitol on February 10, and its third session in Savannah, GA on March 7. We are truly impressed by this year's talented class and their kickball skills.

The Georgia YLD Podcast hosted by Ron Daniels and Bert Hummel continues to release epic episodes. So far, the topics have been both informative and entertaining. As a reminder, this is a limited series, so we encourage you to take a listen while you can.

YLD election season is under way. The following individuals are running for YLD Secretary: Colin Adebayo, Chelsea Dease, and Kelsie Mattox. Caleb Ratliff is running unopposed for YLD Treasurer and Kindall Browning-Rickle is running unopposed for President-Elect.

Now we look forward to what promises to be another successful Legal Food Frenzy Competition. The dates of this year's competition are April 20-May 1. Please sign up to participate in the Competition and help us raise funds to feed food insecure families around the state.

Lastly, we are excited for our upcoming YLD stand-alone meeting April 23-25, at the Kimpton Hotel Arras in Asheville, North Carolina. The weekend is jam packed with activities, including our general session, a CLE, a hands-on service project, a Pro Bono Power Hour, a working lunch with local lawyer/mayor of Asheville, and a joint networking reception with the North Carolina YLD at Burial Brewing.

YLD COMMITTEES

The YLD has more than 30 committees serving the community and profession. Each committee works diligently to provide substantive programming in their respective focus areas. Below are some of the events, activities, and accomplishments of our YLD committees this year:

YLD Business Law Subcommittee
Nathan Miles, Chair

The YLD Business Law Subcommittee is coordinating with the YLD Workers' Compensation Committee and the State Bar's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section to prepare a CLE program on May 7, 2026, regarding the use of AI in litigation and ADR settings. The BLS is also working with the YLD Community Service Project committee to organize a food packing day at the Atlanta Community Food Bank.

YLD Child Protection and Advocacy Committee
Zipporah Tillman and Mary Kathryn Vasquez, Co-Chairs

The YLD Child Protection and Advocacy Committee will be partnering with the YLD Labor and Employment Law and Workers' Compensation committees for a networking event. The event is Briefs and Bites Networking Social Date: February 26, 2026, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Location: The Establishment 1197 Peachtree St NE Atlanta, GA.

YLD Community Service Projects Committee
Lyddy O'Brien and Nick Smith, Co-Chairs

YLD Community Service Projects Committee is currently planning a volunteer event at the Atlanta Community Food Bank with another commuter for late February. We have also reached out to Open Hand; for a potential event later this spring.

YLD Ethics and Professionalism Committee
Meagan Hurley and Meghan Pittman, Co-Chairs

The YLD Ethics and Professionalism Committee held regular monthly virtual meetings to conduct committee business, advance CLE planning and coordinate professionalism-focused initiatives aligned with YLD and State Bar priorities.

We are planning a Government lawyers CLE for the Summer with CJCP and the YLD Legislative Affairs Committee. We are also planning data privacy and professional responsibility CLE as well as a depositions etiquette CLE. Our committee has encouraged participation in CJCP mentorship initiative and CJCP AI Ethics CLE.

We are also co-sponsoring networking social in Savannah with Leadership Academy Alumni and planning in-person engagement at the YLD Spring Meeting to strengthen committee visibility and member connections. YLD Judicial Law Clerk Committee.

YLD Family Law Committee
Emily Long and Sarah Trahan, Co-Chairs

The YLD Family Law Committee is hosting a virtual CLE on February 13 with the YLD Estate and Elder Law Committee titled, Cupid's Complications: When 'I Do' Becomes 'I'm Done' in the Golden Years.

YLD Leadership Academy
James Banter, Matt Caudell and Kelsie Mattox, Co-Chairs

The 2026 Leadership Academy completed Session 1 at the State Bar Mid-Year meeting. Session 1 involved an esteemed legal panel who provided insight on becoming a leader in the YLD and State Bar. There are five more sessions throughout the remaining Bar year. Session 2 will be on February 10th at the Georgia State Capitol "Learning from Leaders in State Government and Judiciary." Session 3 will be in Savannah on March 6th - 8th "Community Leadership: Leading Together". Session 4 will be in Asheville, North Carolina "Networking Across State Lines". Session 5 will be in Gainesville on May 15th - 16th "From the Bench and Beyond". Session 6 will be our last session and graduation in Fernandina Beach, Florida, on June 11th - 14th "Moving Forward in Leadership" in conjunction with the State Bar's Annual Meeting.

YLD Leadership Academy Alumni
Alex Cark, Chair

The YLD Leadership Academy Alumni Committee's upcoming events include two kickball games co-hosted by the YLD Sports Law Committee on March 7 and 21 in Savannah and Decatur and a networking reception with the YLD Leadership Academy.

YLD Legal Food Frenzy Committee
Alexa Dato-Caudell and Jack Wareham, Co-Chairs

The dates for the Legal Food Frenzy Competition will be April 20-May 1, 2026. The state-wide goal is to raise $1 million, with the Attorney General's support. Early registration runs from March 20 to April 20, with bonus points available during this period. Feeding Georgia is working to update the competition website with graphics, email templates, and registration instructions to share with your firms and local bar organizations.

YLD Real Estate Law Committee
Angelik Holloway, Chair

The YLD Real Estate Committee plans to offer a CLE presentation titled, "Torts in Real Estate" at the annual meeting featuring the incoming YLD President as a panelist alongside other real estate litigation attorneys.

YLD Solo Practice and Small Firm Committee
Morgan Boulineau and Angelik Holloway, Co-Chairs

The YLD Solo Practice and Small Firm Committee hosted the Hustle to Hands-On: Workshop at the Bar Center. Three speakers helped with marketing, automations, and finances for 20 small law firm owners.

YLD Sports Law Committee
Joy Bonner, Chair

The YLD Sports Law Committee has had a blast. In January we hosted a CLE at the Midyear meeting; on February 20 we are hosting YLD Night with the Atlanta Hawks; and in March we are assisting the Leadership Academy with the YLD Kickball games in Savannah and Atlanta.

YLD Women in the Profession Committee
Cayton Chrisman and Olivia Mercer, Co-Chairs

The YLD Women in the Profession Committee completed a service night at the Ronald McDonald House helping prepare a meal for the families staying there. We also purchased tickets for our annual networking event at an Atlanta United match, which will take place on March 14th this year. We are also planning a virtual lunch and learn and/or a wellness walk outdoors when the weather warms up.

YLD AFFILIATES

The YLD currently has seven recognized active affiliates around the state: Young Lawyers of Augusta, Cobb County Younger Lawyers Division, Columbus YLD, Gate City YLD, Glynn County YLD, Houston County YLD, Macon YLD and Savannah YLD. If you know anyone interested in joining the affiliates, please let us know.

YLD MEETINGS

Spring Meeting | April 23-25
Kimpton Hotel Arras
Asheville, North Carolina

Annual Meeting | Jun. 11-14
Omni Amelia Island Resort
Fernandina Beach, Florida
Held in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors.

As always, our events are not limited to YLD members only. All are invited to join us in fellowship.

Sincerely,

Veronica R. Cox
YLD President

DRAFT
STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
December 5, 2025, 10 a.m.
Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta
Atlanta, GA

Members Participating
Christopher Twyman, President; William "Bill" Gentry, President-Elect; Javoyne Hicks, Treasurer; Shiriki Jones, Secretary; Ivy Cadle, Immediate Past President; Veronica Cox, YLD President; Virginia Josey, YLD President-Elect; Thua Barlay; Bert Hummel; Joyce Gist Lewis; David Lipscomb; Gary Spencer; and Martin Valbuena.

Members Absent
Kenneth Mitchell Jr., YLD Immediate Past President.

Staff Participating
Sarah Coole, Chief Operating Officer; Damon Elmore, Executive Director; Jenn McNeely, Director of Governmental Affairs; Bill NeSmith, Deputy General Counsel; Ron Turner, Chief Financial Officer; and Russ Willard, General Counsel.

Call to Order
President Chris Twyman called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. The members of the Executive Committee in attendance are indicated above.

Future Meetings Schedule
President Chris Twyman reviewed the Future Meetings Schedule, including the upcoming meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors.

Executive Committee Minutes
Secretary Shiriki Jones presented for approval the minutes of August 21, 2025, and September 9, 2025, Executive Committee meetings, which were passed, as amended, by unanimous vote.

Members Requesting Resignation
Pursuant to State Bar Rule 1-208, the Executive Committee approved the following resignation requests by unanimous vote: Daniel Ragon Barnett-039162, Lawton Joseph Bearden-297330, James Cory Benenati-367758, Jeanette Hait Blanco-316360, Jeanna Ann Brannon-077675, Todd Michael Campbell-107025, Lesley G. Carroll-296264, Phillip G. Conrad-182417, Christopher John Culp-200740, Robert L. Daily-195901, Megan Smith Demicco-100636, Lori Lynne Doran-225880, Jennifer Duck-231456, Julianna Theall Earp-703970, Victoria Margaret Endriss-248522, William James Haynes II-340730, LaCretia Lynn Head-311095, Kaanji L. Irby-356142, Shonah Patrice Jefferson-390024, Stanley Andrew Maciejczyk,III-412905, Daniel I. MacIntyre IV-463400, Christopher William Madel-641270, Susan Anne Meredith-002332, Christopher E. Penna-571327, Katrina Michelle Phillip-982775, Sangeetha Rao-592806, Matthew Eston Rone-586489, Terri Lyn Rosen-614444, Johnathan Carlton Ryan-223712, Ellen Davis Salm-208275, Timothy P. Sceviour-628524, Shameka Nicole Smith-130118, Nathalie Pinero Smith-163893, Richard H. Taylor-701115, Amberly Warner Wait-737897, Amanda Schlager Wick-109711, Teresa Gonzalez Wilkinson-001027, Robert Douglas Wilson-768891, Maha Saleh Zaki-784223.

Members Requesting Disability
Pursuant to State Bar Rule 1-202, the Executive Committee approved four requests for disabled status by unanimous vote.

Appeal to Waive Late Fees
The Executive Committee, by unanimous vote, approved a request to waive late fees.

Proposed Changes to the State Bar Conference Center Internal Policy
The Executive Committee, by unanimous vote, approved the proposed changes to the State Bar Conference Center Internal Policy and requested that Bar staff keep a record of all waivers and decisions that are granted.

Proposed Rule Change

Article IV, Section 3. Misconduct

The Office of the General Counsel recommends that the Bylaw provision that was adopted during this past Bar year be modified due to situations that have arisen since the adoption of this bylaw by the membership. Specifically, at least one situation has arisen, and likely additional situations will arise in the future, where an investigation is conducted by the Office of the General Counsel which results in a finding that the Executive Committee should take action under subsection h, including the potential banning of a member from attendance at one or more future events or having their attendance restricted by certain conditions imposed by the Executive Committee. However, the current Article IV, Section 3, sub-section (h) appears to limit the ability of the Executive Committee to ban or place restrictions on attendance to situations where a member (or the member's guest) was requested to leave an event.

To deal with situations that may lie outside the current parameters of the bylaw, such as an event concluding before the incident is made known to appropriate State Bar personnel or law enforcement, the member who is subject to the complaint has left the event prior to any action being taken, or the misconduct occurs in interaction with Bar volunteers or staff outside of an event, it is requested that the bylaw be amended to enable the Executive Committee to take action upon the conclusion of an investigation by the Office of the General Counsel, even if no action was taken against that person at the event(s) in question.

By unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the proposed bylaw change as amended, removing the typographical error "of" in subsection (b).

Rule 10-103. Funding for the Clients' Security Fund

The Office of the General Counsel recommends that Rule 10-103 be amended because, due to the current wording of the Rule, the Trustees are forbidden from spending down any surplus that has been built up in the fund, as they may not spend more than what is received, via the annual assessment, in a single year. This change allows them to spend up to the annual assessment plus any surplus funds from prior Bar Years.

By unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the proposed rule change as presented.

Legislative Consultant Agreement
Executive Director Damon Elmore presented State Bar Lobbyist Roy Robinson's 2026 contract, which the Executive Committee approved unanimously.

YLD Report
YLD President Veronica Cox reported that the YLD has had a productive beginning to the Bar year, hosting 20 events including CLEs, social gatherings, and various programs. She said the upcoming spring season is expected to be even more robust, with plans to meet or exceed the number of events from the previous year. Key events include the Signature Fundraiser on February 28 in Macon, supporting Middle Georgia

Justice, with tickets and sponsorship opportunities now available. Additionally, the standalone YLD Spring Meeting is planned for April 23-25 in Asheville, with registration details to be announced in the coming months, including a Pro Bono Power Hour and a brewery social. YLD President Cox said a limited series YLD podcast featuring hosts Bert Hummel and Ron Daniels will be launched this month. She said *The YLD Review* will continue to provide quality articles and materials in its newsletter, and thanked President Chris Twyman for highlighting YLD members by having them deliver the pledge and invocation at Board of Governors meetings. She also noted that the annual holiday luncheon would be held today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Leadership Academy, followed by the holiday party scheduled for later in the evening.

President's Report

President Chris Twyman expressed heartfelt appreciation to the Executive Committee for their dedication to the Bar and the public. He acknowledged the ongoing challenges faced by various committees, particularly the Attorney-Client Solicitation Committee, which recently experienced leadership changes and dissatisfaction. He emphasized the importance of maintaining open lines of communication and encouraging committee members to address issues constructively. President Twyman said that efforts are underway to appoint new leadership for the committee, with plans to refocus its mission and initiatives. Additionally, the Access to Justice Committee launched a survey to assess pro bono participation.

President Twyman's report also highlighted the progress of the Rule of Law initiative, which includes scripts for high school mock trial coaches to use to help educate students and videos featuring distinguished attorneys discussing the importance of the rule of law for use in the Bar's Journey Through Justice Program. He provided an update on efforts to attract tenants to the Bar's property at 104 Marietta Street, aiming to turn it into an economic asset rather than a liability. He mentioned the release of the AI toolkit, alongside the recent approval of changes to the CLE rules by the Supreme Court. He concluded by thanking the Bar staff for their hard work and commitment to advancing the mission of the Bar.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Damon Elmore reported on the Bar's recent activities and initiatives. He highlighted ongoing efforts in economic development and operational improvements, including a potential overhaul of the Bar's parking vendor, which aims to reduce expenses and increase revenue. Additionally, he noted positive developments regarding potential tenants for the building, facilitated by the efforts of broker Juan Mendoza. With many commercial leases nearing expiration, he said there's increasing interest from both traditional and mission-aligned organizations, creating favorable conditions for securing new tenants.

Executive Director Elmore also addressed building operations, emphasizing the importance of plumbing and water pressure as key safety and operational concerns. He said there's a strong collaboration with Cushman that has improved the management of immediate needs and long-term projects, with productive weekly meetings enhancing transparency and accountability. His report further highlighted progress on strategic priorities, including the Rule of Law initiative and advancements in the Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology Committee. Regulatory updates included the official implementation of new CLE rules and a focus on refreshing the Fee Arbitration Program. Lastly, preparations for the Annual Meeting are progressing well, with renovations at Omni Amelia Island underway, promising improved experiences for all attendees.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Javoyne Hicks presented the financial report as of Sept. 30, 2025, highlighting that the current financials are detailed in the meeting materials. She reported there are no negative or significant surprises, with everything on track for the year. The Executive Committee was provided with a memo explaining budget expense variances of $2,500 or more. Treasurer Hicks reported that the Bar's audit has successfully been completed with no adjustments required, thanks to the diligence of Chief Financial Officer Ron Turner and his team.

Office of the General Counsel Report
Following a motion, second, and unanimous vote, the Executive Committee met in Executive Session to discuss the litigation report. Thereafter, the Executive Committee emerged from Executive Session by unanimous voice vote. They stated that they adopted and approved the recommendation of General Counsel Russ Willard to the voluntary agreement of a particular Bar member to not attend any in-person ICLE program or to contact a particular Bar employee. It was also noted that they had a robust discussion about the Attorney-Client Solicitation Committee. It is under the Executive Committee's assessment.

Committee Updates
Executive Committee liaisons to State Bar committees provided updates regarding the committees to which they are assigned.

Legislative Report
Director of Governmental Affairs Jennifer McNeely reported that the Advisory Committee on Legislation meeting will be held next week. The Board of Governors will then review the ACL's recommendations at the Midyear Meeting in January. She announced a new collaborative effort of the Governmental Affairs Department, the Young Lawyers Division, and the Law Practice Management Program that is designed to be nonpartisan and informational, with the goal of helping lawyers better understand the role attorneys play in the legislative process and encouraging thoughtful consideration of public service. The upcoming program will feature a moderated panel of current lawyer-legislators from diverse practice backgrounds, discussing the practical realities of legislative service; and a fireside chat with three former lawyer-legislators, offering candid reflections on public service, career impact, and lessons learned. She said there will be additional programs with more focused information later in the year.

Board of Governors Minutes
The minutes of the Fall Board of Governors meeting, held on October 11, 2025, were provided as informational material.

Old Business
There was no old business.

New Business
There was no new business.

Announcements
There were no announcements.

Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Shiriki C. Jones, Secretary

Approved:

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Christopher P. Twyman, President

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STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
February 6, 2026, 1 p.m.
The Partridge Inn
Augusta, GA

Members Participating
Christopher Twyman, President; William "Bill" Gentry, President-Elect; Javoyne Hicks, Treasurer; Shiriki Jones, Secretary; Ivy Cadle, Immediate Past President; Veronica Cox, YLD President; Kenneth Mitchell Jr., YLD Immediate Past President; Thua Barlay; Bert Hummel; Joyce Gist Lewis; David Lipscomb; and Gary Spencer.

Members Absent
Virginia Josey, YLD President-Elect; and Martin Valbuena.

Staff Participating
Sarah Coole, Chief Operating Officer; Damon Elmore, Executive Director; Jenn McNeely, Director of Governmental Affairs; Bill NeSmith, Deputy General Counsel; Ron Turner, Chief Financial Officer; and Russ Willard, General Counsel.

Call to Order
President Chris Twyman called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. The members of the Executive Committee in attendance are indicated above.

Future Meetings Schedule
President Chris Twyman reviewed the Future Meetings Schedule, including the upcoming meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors.

Executive Committee Minutes
Secretary Shiriki Jones presented for approval the minutes of the December 5, 2025, Executive Committee meeting, which passed by unanimous vote.

Members Requesting Resignation
Pursuant to State Bar Rule 1-208, the Executive Committee approved the following resignation requests by unanimous vote: Jeffrey Lucio Cimbalo-233224, Timothy Howard Courson-190614, Dale J. Jackson-386315, Valerie Paige Peugh-574875, Kyle Donnelly Sherman-644713, John C. Stathas-677058, David Stone-959939, John Derek Wales-730785, Michael A. Young-782552.

Request to Waive Late Fees
The Executive Committee, by unanimous vote, approved a request to waive late fees.

Members Requesting Disability
Pursuant to State Bar Rule 1-202, the Executive Committee approved one request for disabled status by unanimous vote.

Proposed Rules Change
General Counsel Russ Willard presented the following proposed rules changes:

Rule 4-221. Hearing Procedures.

> The proposed revisions to Rule 4-221 clarify and streamline disciplinary hearing procedures while preserving due process, including expressly recognizing the Special Master's authority to manage disruptive conduct through warnings, adjournment, or written submissions. The amendments also update venue provisions by requiring venue at State Bar headquarters for nonresident respondents

whose alleged misconduct occurred outside Georgia, while retaining existing options for in-state conduct. Additional provisions address practical venue selection for incarcerated or otherwise restricted respondents and authorize non-final hearings to be conducted by video or telephone, promoting efficiency while maintaining venue requirements for final evidentiary hearings.

By unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the proposed rule change as amended, by changing "final evidentiary hearing" to "such hearing" at line 93 on the provided redline version.

Rule 4-227. Petitions for Voluntary Discipline.

The proposed revisions to Rule 4-227 streamline procedures for Petitions for Voluntary Discipline by requiring petitions seeking disbarment or voluntary surrender, when filed after a formal complaint, to be submitted directly to the Supreme Court of Georgia rather than to a Special Master. Procedures for all other voluntary discipline petitions remain unchanged. The amendments also provide a 30-day response period for the Office of the General Counsel and stay proceedings before the Special Master while such petitions are pending.

By majority vote, the Executive Committee approved the proposed rule change as amended, by changing "licenses" to "license" at line 71 on the provided redline version.

Proposed Satellite Office Policy
Chief Operating Officer Sarah Coole presented the Satellite Office Policy intended to align the Coastal Georgia and South Georgia satellite offices with the existing Conference Center policy. The policy standardizes eligibility, permitted uses, approvals, and operational requirements for satellite office use and reflects collaboration among staff to ensure consistency across facilities. The policy was brought forward for Executive Committee adoption consistent with prior practice for Conference Center governance.
By unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the proposed policy as amended, removing the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism as an excluded group. The Executive Committee took the opportunity to approve the same change in the existing Conference Center Policy.

2026-2027 License Fee Recommendation to the Board of Governors and Other License Fee Items
President Chris Twyman presented the 2026-2027 license fee recommendation and other license fee items. The motion to submit the following recommendation to the Board of Governors for approval passed by unanimous vote:

1. License fee at $294 for active members and $147 for inactive and provisional members (an increase of $24 for active members and $12 for inactive members).
2. Center, Division and Section Dues ($10 to $50).
3. Clients' Security Fund ($15 per member per Rule 1-506).
4. Professionalism Fee ($11/year).
5. Legislative and Public Education Fund Contribution ($100 optional contribution).
6. Georgia Legal Services Program ($400 suggested individual contribution/$100 suggested contribution for young lawyers).

Executive Committee member Bert Hummel suggested adding a voluntary line item to the license fee notice for contributions for lawyers who are concerned about those who illegally solicit accident victims. This would ensure there are funds in the Office of the General Counsel's budget to help protect the public against that type of solicitation.

Approval of the 2026-2027 Proposed State Bar Budget
The Executive Committee unanimously approved the 2026-2027 State Bar budget as proposed.

Senior Lawyers Division Dues Recommendation
President Chris Twyman proposed a recommended Senior Lawyers Division membership dues amount of $25 to serve as a placeholder should the SLD Executive Committee be unable to convene prior to the Spring Board of Governors meeting, with the understanding that the Board of Governors may consider a different recommendation if one is provided by the SLD Executive Committee at the Spring Meeting. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the $25 dues amount for the Senior Lawyers Division for the 2026-2027 license fee notice.

President's Report
President Chris Twyman reported on recent developments related to the Bar Center, noting progress toward positioning the facility as a long-term economic engine for the State Bar through strategic leasing opportunities. He emphasized the importance of attracting tenants to increase productivity and offset operating expenses. President Twyman advised that several leasing opportunities are in progress, including negotiations with the Latino Community Foundation and the Georgia Innocence Project, and that additional prospective tenants have expressed interest, though space requirements may present challenges. He also provided an update on the transition to a new parking operator, Universal Parking, with operations expected to begin in the near term and potential revenue impacts becoming clearer later in the year. President Twyman further noted that staff continues to work diligently on these initiatives and expressed appreciation for their efforts. He concluded by indicating that these developments align with broader financial and operational planning goals for the Bar Center.

Treasurer's Report
Treasurer Javoyne Hicks reported on the Bar's finances through November 2025. Financial performance remains in line with the approved budget, with expenses tracking as expected and no material issues to report. She highlighted ongoing work on the electrical panels, tenant improvements, additional audio and visual capabilities, and the behind-the-scenes tasks involved in building ownership.

YLD Report
YLD President Veronica Cox reported on recent and upcoming Young Lawyers Division activities, including the rescheduling of High School Mock Trial rounds, which still require judges, and updates on the Leadership Academy sessions in Atlanta and Savannah. She also highlighted upcoming events, including kickball tournaments, the Signature Fundraiser in Macon on February 28, and Legal Food Frenzy, scheduled for April 20 through May 1. YLD President Cox noted that three podcast episodes have been released and additional programming is underway.

Executive Director's Report
Executive Director Damon Elmore thanked the Executive Committee for its discussion and support regarding the budget and license fee level for the 2026-2027 Bar year. He noted ongoing challenges in securing smaller hotels for meetings due to market demand, as well as the logistical and financial complexities of hybrid meeting models. To help alleviate some of those challenges, he discussed potential adjustments to meeting scheduling, including revising the meeting pattern to Tuesday-Friday, hosting the Spring BOG Meeting at the Bar Center, and transitioning the Fall BOG Meeting to a fully virtual format via Zoom. He concluded his report by noting that a more comprehensive report would be provided at the Spring Meeting on the status of unallocated cash and the proposed 2026-2027 budget.

Office of the General Counsel Report
General Counsel Russ Willard advised the Executive Committee to notify him of any communications from media or concerns related to disciplinary matters and reported that he is reviewing the Bar's policies governing public commentary on discipline, including responses to the media and to members.

Legislative Report
Director of Governmental Affairs Jenn McNeely reported on the Bar's legislative agenda, along with other items of interest to the Bar. She said that the State Bar's legislative agenda for the current session includes

a single bill, House Bill 1042, which is being carried by Representative Matt Reeves and combines proposals previously approved by the Board of Governors with judicial security and foreclosure-related provisions. She also provided an update on the launch of the Bar's *Gold Dome Track: Answering the Call to the Capitol* initiative, noting strong participation in the inaugural program and an upcoming virtual session focused on campaign finance and election law compliance. She concluded with an overview of emerging legislative priorities for the session, including ongoing discussions among state leaders on income and property tax policy.

Committee Updates
Executive Committee liaisons to State Bar committees gave updates regarding their assigned committees.

Old Business
There was no old business.

New Business
There was no new business.

Announcements
There were no announcements.

Adjournment
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Shiriki C. Jones, Secretary

Approved:

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Christopher P. Twyman, President

CHIEF JUSTICE'S COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONALISM

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Staff
Ms. Karlise Y. Grier
Executive Director

TO: Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia

FROM: Karlise Yvette Grier
Executive Director, Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

DATE: March 28, 2026

RE: Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism

The Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism (Commission), the first body of its kind in the nation, was created in 1989 by the Supreme Court of Georgia with the primary charge to enhance professionalism among Georgia's lawyers and judges. **Chief Justice Nels S.D. Peterson** serves as the current Chair of the Commission. Other judges who serve on the Commission are as follows: **Judge Elizabeth Gobeil** for the Court of Appeals of Georgia; **Judge Benjamin S. Richardson** (Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit) for the Council of Superior Court Judges; and **Chief Judge Jeffrey B. Hanson** (State Court of Bibb County) for the Council of State Court Judges. **Judge Steven D. Grimberg** serves on the Commission for the federal judiciary. **Justice Shawn Ellen LaGrua** is the Supreme Court of Georgia advisor to the Commission. You may find a complete list of Commission members, advisors, and liaisons at the Commission's website at https://cjcpga.org/commission-members-2025-2026/. A brief update of some of the Commission's activities as of February 17, 2026, is as follows.

VIDEO REPLAY OF THOUGHTS ON LIVING AND PRACTICING WITH PROFESSIONALISM: AN INTERVIEW WITH ATTORNEY THOMAS G. SAMPSON

Now Through March 31, 2026, the Commission is offering a ***No Registration Fee Self Report Video Reply of 02-27-25 Thoughts on Living and Practicing with Professionalism: An Interview with Attorney Thomas G. Sampson*** by Hon. Herbert E. Phipps (Retired).

For more information about the video replay, visit:
https://cjcpga.org/sampson_video_cle/

THE 26TH ANNUAL JUSTICE ROBERT BENHAM AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Commission, in partnership with the Georgia Legal History Foundation (GLHF), will host the 26th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service (CSA26). **Attorney LaToya Simone Williams** and **Mr. David M. "Dave" Paule**, Principal and Managing Director, Our Fundraising Search, co-chair the Benham Awards Planning Committee. **The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Nathan Deal Judicial Center on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., with a reception to follow.**

The Commission's Benham Awards Selection Committee, chaired by **Attorney Michael D. Hobbs, Jr.,** Partner, Troutman, Pepper, Locke, met on November 20, 2025, and selected award recipients as follows.

DISTRICT AWARD RECIPIENTS

JUDICIAL DISTRICT 1

Mr. Frank W. "Sonny" Seiler
(Posthumously)
Savannah, GA

JUDICIAL DISTRICT 2

Hon. Willie E. Lockette
Senior Judge
Superior Courts of Georgia
Albany, GA

JUDICIAL DISTRICT 4

Ms. Alyssa Baskam
Trial Lawyer
Cross Kincaid Baskam
Decatur, GA

JUDICIAL DISTRICT 5

Mr. Joseph Bruce Alonso
Founding and Managing Partner
Alonso & Wirth
Atlanta, GA

Ms. Alina Lee
Founding Partner
Aspire Law
Atlanta, GA

JUDICIAL DISTRICT 9

Ms. Dorothy "Dodie" Sachs
Sachs Family Law, P.C.
Buford, GA

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

Mr. Virgil L. Adams
Partner
Adams, Jordan & Herrington, P.C.
Macon, GA
(Judicial District 3)

For more information regarding the 26th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service, visit: https://cjcpga.org/benhamcsa26/

CLE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS BY THE STATE BAR OF GEORGIA COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONALISM AND STAFFED BY THE COMMISSION

The Commission staffs the State Bar of Georgia Committee on Professionalism (Committee), currently chaired by **Mr. Carlos R. Vilela. Ms. J. Maria Waters** serves as the Committee's Vice-Chair. Some of the Committee's projects during the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Bar years are summarized below.

CONNECT WITH A COLLEAGUE CONTEST

The Committee's Connect With A Colleague Sub-Committee is co-chaired by **Ms. Cathy Hampton** and **Ms. Samantha M. Mullis** with staff support from the Commission. In 2023, 2024, and 2025, the Connect With A Colleague Sub-Committee received gubernatorial proclamations declaring April as Legal Professionalism Month. The Commission anticipates receiving a similar proclamation again in 2026. The original idea to seek a proclamation for a Legal Professionalism Month was that of Mr. Carlos Vilela, the current Chair of the Bar's Committee on Professionalism. The Connect With A Colleague Sub-Committee also anticipates holding its 3rd Connect With A Colleague Contest March 1, 2026, through April 30, 2026.

For more information about the Connect With A Colleague contest, visit the Commission's website at https://cjcpga.org/cwac/.

LAW DAY 2026

As you plan your May 2026 calendars, please consider scheduling time for a 2026 Law Day activity on a date and at a time and place of your choosing. Each year, the State Bar, along with many other bar associations and legal organizations, partner with the American Bar Association to promote Law Day. The 2026 Law Day Theme is ***The Rule of Law and the American Dream***. The leaders for the State Bar's 2026 Law Day initiative are **the Honorable Ashley Palmer,** Judge, State Court of Cobb County; **Attorney Denise Warner**, Senior Staff Attorney to the Honorable Brian E. Lake, Superior Court of DeKalb County; and **Attorney Marlan J. Eller**, Staff Attorney to Judge Howard C. Kaufold, Jr., Oconee Judicial Circuit. The State Bar's Law Day sub-committee will send suggested talking points to volunteers regarding the 2026 Law Day Theme by May 1st.

For more information and to sign-up to organize and give a presentation for Law Day 2026, visit: https://www.gabar.org/law-day

SPEAKERS AND WRITERS BUREAU

The Speakers and Writers Bureau sub-committee of the State Bar of Georgia's Committee on Professionalism is currently co-chaired by **Mr. Kevin Patrick** and **Mr. Michael Perez.** A report regarding a Speakers and Writers Bureau CLE staffed by the Commission follows.

Report On ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: INNOVATION WITHOUT REGULATION CLE

On February 11, 2026, from **2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**, the Commission held a CLE entitled *"Artificial Intelligence: Innovation Without Regulation."* The planning team for the CLE included the Speakers and Writers Bureau Sub-Committee co-chairs, **Mr. Kevin Patrick** and **Mr. Michael Pérez,** along with **Mr. Taewoo Paul Nam**, and Ms. Karlise Y. Grier. The speakers for the CLE were **Ms. Stephanie Driggers** (Deputy General Counsel, UPS); **Mr. Angus M. Haig** (General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer, JAS) and **Mr. Jonathan Lippert** (General Counsel, Porsche Financial Services). Mr. Nam served as the moderator for the panel. During this CLE, the panel discussed professionalism considerations that arise when attorneys navigate AI technology in an environment that values innovation, but which has little regulation in place. **The CLE was approved for 1 hour of professionalism CLE credit.** According to the Zoom report generated for the CLE, the CLE was attended by 707 "Unique Viewers." The Commission will report attendance for Georgia attorneys by March 31, 2026. To view the evaluations from the CLE, please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-vI2gqnid0RPIq6l8RyXrOg_3D_3D/.

To view the written materials and speaker biographies for the CLE, please visit: https://cjcpga.org/artificial_intelligence_sbg_cop_cle/

HISTORIC GRANT AWARDS FOR PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS THAT PROMOTE LEGAL PROFESSIONALISM

Historically, as the Commission has continued its mission to enhance professionalism among Georgia's lawyers and judges, the Commission has offered a grants program to promote legal professionalism across Georgia. To read a May 2025 Georgia Bar Journal Article about the Commission's grants program, see: https://cjcpga.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Cover-and-Article-Only-May-2025-GBJ-re-Grants-Call-to-Action.pdf. To read a February 2024 Georgia Bar Journal Article about the Commission's grants program, see: https://cjcpga.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/02-February-2024-GBJ-Cover-and-Article-from-Georgia-Bar-Journal-Grants-to-Promote-Legal-Professionalism.pdf. ***The Supreme Court of Georgia can suspend the Commission's grant-making activities at any time for any reason; therefore, the Commission has created no vested rights in grants.***

For more information regarding the Commission's Grants program, visit the Commission's website at: http://cjcpga.org/grants/

PROFESSIONALISM PAGE ARTICLES

The Commission communicates with lawyers and judges through the Professionalism Page that appears in each issue of the Georgia Bar Journal, which is published four times per year. Many of the Commission's Professionalism Page articles are available on the Commission's website at the link here: https://cjcpga.org/georgia-bar-journal-articles/.

COMMISSION ASSISTANCE WITH BAR ASSOCIATION AND SECTION PROFESSIONALISM CLE PROGRAMS

The Commission's Executive Director is available to assist State Bar of Georgia sections, local and voluntary Bar associations, and other law-related organizations with their professionalism CLE programming to ensure the programming is in compliance with the Commission's *Revised Professionalism CLE Guidelines*, which became effective July 1, 2019. You may find the *Revised Professionalism CLE Guidelines* on the Commission's website at the link here: https://cjcpga.org/professionalism-cle-guidelines/. Please contact the Commission's Executive Director, Karlise Y. Grier, via e-mail at kygrier@cjcpga.org if you would like assistance.

COMMISSION WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Commission enjoys communicating with lawyers and judges about professionalism on the Commission's social media platforms and via its website. Tell us what #professionalism means to you and why it matters. Connect with us!

Professionalism 2U: http://cjcpga.org/2u/

Twitter (now known as X): https://x.com/CJCPGA

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/cjcpga/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/CJCPGA/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/cjcpga2/

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/cjcpga/videos

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Law Practice Management Program

(Abbreviated report for the 2025-2026 Bar Year)
Total Number of Members Served – 282
July 1, 2025 – February 13, 2026

The program has successfully engaged a total of 282 members and their staff from July 1, 2025, to February 13, 2026. During this period, we made contact with 106 existing members, 170 new members, and 6 law firm staff.

Resource Requests

Members have contacted our program to discuss or request the following:

- **Starting a Law Practice** – 84 copies of the *Starting a Georgia Law Practice Guide* were distributed to our members by request, including 22 via email, 58 through web store orders, and 4 during office visits to the Bar Center. Additionally, we received 6 inquiries by phone regarding resources for opening a law practice.

- **Software Recommendation/Technology Advice –** We received 2 inquiries from members seeking law office software recommendations via email and/or phone.

- **LPM Resources Assistance –** The program has responded to 319 phone and email inquiries, assisting members with resources on opening a law practice, program events, bar member services, library resources, form requests, and more. Of these, 48 inquiries specifically focused on best practices for various practice management topics, including effective client communication, streamlined workflow efficiency, optimized billing practices, secure and organized document management, sound financial management, proper trust account management, leveraging technology for practice improvement, and strategic succession planning.

Consultations

A total of 23 virtual consultations were completed during this period. Our program had 14 scheduled general consultations and 9 corrective action consultations to address law firm practice management matters.

Resource Library

The LPM Lending Library offers 1,445 books, CDs, and DVDs available for checkout by members and their staff, with convenient options for on-site pickup at the Bar Center or mailing. During this reporting period, 53 members registered for library access. The library also recorded 16 in-office visits from 15 members, with 13 members checking out a total of 55 materials. In addition, the Resource Library handled 78 email inquiries and 5 phone calls for library assistance and resource requests during this period.

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Social Media Outreach

Members can stay connected with LPM by following the GA Law Practice Advisor on LinkedIn and Instagram and subscribing to our newsletter, *The LPM Insider*, for practice tips and the latest updates on LPM events and programming. Since launching our social media channels, we have gained 232 Instagram followers, 115 LinkedIn followers, and 546 *LPM Insider* subscribers, totaling 893 followers—and growing.

Speaking Engagements and LPM Seminars

A total of 14 programs were completed and scheduled during this period. The Program's staff have given 7 continuing legal education and special presentations to Georgia lawyers and other related groups nationally and locally. 7 programs are scheduled for a future date. See list of events below:

Date	Event Name	Presentation(s)
July 16, 2025 September 19, 2025 November 19, 2025	vLex Fastcase Training CLE, State Bar of Georgia Conference Center, Atlanta, GA	*How to Effectively Use and Navigate vLex Fastcase*, Speaker: T.J. Diggins and Sheila Baldwin
September 18-19, 2025	Take Charge! Conference CLE, State Bar of Georgia Conference Center, Atlanta, GA	Program Chair: Nkoyo-Ene Effiong Lewis, Sponsored by the State Bar's Law Practice Management Program

November 6, 2025	Women of The Cobb County Bar Section Meeting, Piastra Restaurant, Marietta, GA	*Law Practice Management Program Resources*, Speaker: Sheila Baldwin
January 6, 2026	Georgia General Assembly Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Atlanta, GA	*AI for Government Lawyers,* Speaker: Nkoyo-Ene Effiong Lewis
January 20, 2026	The Gold Dome Track: Answering the Call to Capital, State Bar of Georgia Conference Center, Atlanta, GA	Sponsored by the State Bar's Governmental Affairs, Law Practice Management Program and Young Lawyers Division
February 18, 2026	Georgia State School of Law Seminar, Atlanta, GA	*How to Start Your Legal Career on a Solid Foundation* | Speaker: Nkoyo-Ene Effiong Lewis
February 23, 2026	GAWL's The Leader Within CLE: Lifestages of a Solo Practice, State Bar of Georgia Conference Center, Atlanta, GA	*Launching a Solo Practice*, Speakers: Nkoyo-Ene Effiong Lewis and JoAnna Smith
February 24, 2026	2026 Beginning Lawyers Program, State Bar of Georgia Conference Center, Atlanta, GA	*Law Practice Management and Ethics: Starting Your Career on a Strong Foundation,* Speakers: Nkoyo-Ene Effiong Lewis and Russ Williard
February 24, 2026	The Gold Dome Track: Part II - A Virtual Workshop, Online	*Sustaining Your Law Practice While Running for Office***,** Speaker: Nkoyo-Ene Effiong, Sponsored by the State Bar's Governmental Affairs, Law Practice Management Program and Young Lawyers Division
February 26, 2026	One-Hour Financial Management Lunch & Learn Virtual CLE, Online	*From First Case to Final Hoorah: Financial Planning for Attorneys,* Speaker: Price Wheeler, Sponsored by the State Bar's Law Practice Management Program
April 16, 2026	Take Charge! Solo & Small Firm Summit Roadshow CLE | *Law in Motion: AI, Security & Client Growth*, Middle Georgia State University, Macon, GA	Program Chair: Nkoyo-Ene Effiong Lewis, Sponsored by the State Bar's Law Practice Management Program
September 17-18, 2026	Take Charge! Conference CLE, State Bar of Georgia Conference Center, Atlanta, GA	Program Chair: Nkoyo-Ene Effiong Lewis, Sponsored by the State Bar's Law Practice Management Program

vLex Fastcase Platform Report

Fastcase, offered to State Bar of Georgia members, has undergone several rebranding's: initially Fastcase in 2010, then vLex Fastcase after acquisition by vLex, and soon Clio Library with Vincent AI. Clio Marketing will update the name to Clio Library, but members' access and platform experience will remain unchanged. Despite these changes, most members still refer to it as Fastcase, which remains one of the Bar's top benefits, with over half of our 50,000+ members logging in annually.

As AI becomes more accessible within law-related software, Clio is making improvements to Fastcase with Vincent AI running within the platform as it improves the research experience for all users. Bar association members benefit from AI-generated case summaries and headnotes, concept-based "similar document" recommendations, an AI-supported Cert citator, and improved natural-language search—all working seamlessly in the background without a Vincent AI upgrade.

Vincent AI, available for $299/month or $269/year for annual subscribers, acts as an AI legal assistant that analyzes questions, searches current legal databases, and provides relevant case law and statutes for U.S. federal and other jurisdictions. Use AI tools as a starting point, not definitive sources. The system includes a guided tutorial.

Docket Alarm has been added to our bar members since July 1st, 2024, as an upgrade. Docket Alarm in vLex Fastcase delivers real-time access to court dockets, filings, and litigation analytics within the vLex Fastcase

platform. Search and track federal, state, and agency court activity, receive alerts on new filings, and pair live docket intelligence with trusted Fastcase legal research.

Fastcase Reported Issues and Usage Report

Partner Usage Report for State Bar of Georgia
July 1, 2025-January 30, 2026

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Total
First Time Logins	66	58	46	38	25	35	31	299
Total Logins	9,554	10,382	6,001	8,695	7,070	5,820	6,686	54,208
Total Users Who Logged In	2,580	2,662	2,087	2,108	1,835	1,808	1,870	14,950
Searches Conducted	34,453	36,840	21,447	12,613	3,610	3,854	3,619	116,436
Documents Viewed	125,030	123,216	72,683	40,295	13,007	17,668	16,545	408,444
Documents Printed	27,966	59,940	19,020	21,713	2,634	3,872	2,875	138,020
Total Transactions	**199,649**	**233,098**	**121,284**	**85,462**	**28,181**	**33,057**	**31,626**	**732,357**

vLex Fastcase Reported Issues/Problems (July 2025-February 2026)

vLex Fastcase Reported Issues / Problems	
Issue Reported to Member Benefits Coordinator (MBC)	**Response**
MBC Access to site. (07/01/25-08/31/25) Members were unable to access vLex Fastcase due to their computers holding old data.	**Fastcase (Bar Staff) Responses** Staff assisted 9 members access members access vLex Fastcase by various methods, most often helping them clear old data.
MBC General Assistance Request with access and navigation help. (07/01/2025-08/31/25) Members called needing help with logging in, navigating the system, locating specific data, etc.	**Fastcase (Bar Staff) Responses** Staff were able to assist 13 with their needs.
MBC: Request related to User Experience (07/01/25-08/31/25) Members requested assistance finding content, understanding Vincent AI, researching historic data, and formatting queries.	**Fastcase (Bar Staff) Responses** Staff or T.J. Diggins assisted 4 members with these tasks or questions.
MBC: Request related to User Experience 09/01/25- 02/10/26) Members requested assistance finding content, understanding Vincent AI, and researching historic data.	**Fastcase (Bar Staff) Responses (09/01/25- 02/10/26)** Staff were able to assist 8 members with their need
MBC: Member unable to Access FC Account (11-21-25-11-26-25) Member had gotten 403 Error.	**Fastcase (Bar Staff) Responses** FC support and the Bar's IT Director resolved the issue after much research. The problem was on the user side due to a flagged IP address. Member will resolve the issue.
MBC: Request for assistance on Vincent AI (12/12/25) Member was trying to sign up for a Vincent AI account but the payment link didn't work	**Fastcase (Bar Staff) Responses (12/13/25)** Staff was able to put her in touch with someone at Fastcase who assisted her. She loves it!)
MBC: Request for assistance with his login experience. (12/13-19/25) A member had an issue on his end with an IP address that was blocked	**Fastcase (Bar Staff) Responses (12/13-19/25)** Staff was able to work with the member to identify and direct him to address the issue.

CloudLawyer/ReliaGuide Report

The ReliaGuide digital solutions continue to strengthen member and community engagement. The Find a Lawyer directory has seen consistent growth in all areas. Site searches have increased leading to a two hundred percent increase this month over last in completed contact requests and a twenty percent increase in total interactions. The start of the new year also brought increased engagement from members with a thirty three percent increase in profile editing.

In addition to the Find a Lawyer directory, the Lawyer Referral Network has officially launched in Georgia. The Bar's communication team sent out the first email detailing how to sign in, refer cases or create ads to receive referrals. The network now connects lawyers across Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, Michigan. Nebraska joined the network in February with more bar associations coming in 2026!

Our analytics found out that nearly 50% of all site traffic is now organic! This is exciting because it means that lawyer profiles are well represented in google searches.

Statistic Updates Through January 1st-January 31st

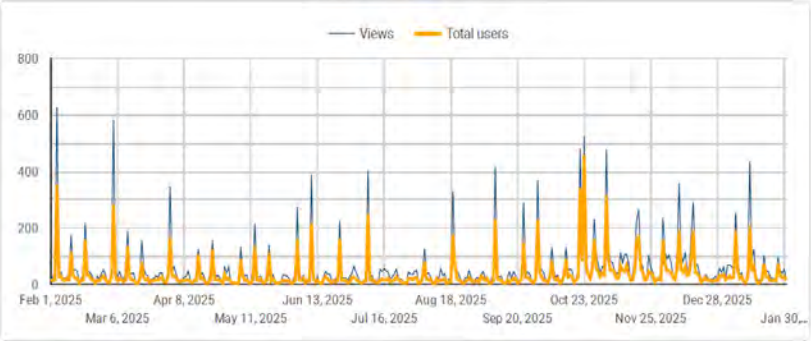
- 49,197 interactions with member profiles (views, clicks, and contact requests)
- 7,457 profile views
- 643 completed contact form requests
- 1,044 clicks on lawyer's email
- 1,476 clicks on lawyer's phone number
- 673 total sign ins
- 427 Profile Plus subscriptions
- 18 analytics products purchased
- 11 website products purchased
- 12 Lawyer Referral Network subscriptions

Member Benefits

Website Analytics Report: State Bar of Georgia

Jan 25, 2026 - Jan 31, 2026

PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS



Views	Total users
22,306	11,047

MB | MemberBenefits

State Bar of Georgia
Private Health Insurance Exchange
February 12, 2026

INDIVIDUAL ENROLLMENTS	
Total Enrollments	**8,990**
• Medical	2,909
• Medicare	56
• Dental	1,301
• Vision	600
• Telehealth	573
• ID Theft Protection	50
• Life / AD&D	3,119
• Disability	301
• Critical Illness	11
• Long-Term Care Enrollments	70
EMPLOYER ENROLLMENTS	
Total Enrollments	**4,397**
• Medical	1,721
• Ancillary	2,258
• Professional Liability	416
• Cyber Security	2

State Bar of Georgia

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MEMORANDUM

To: ICLE Advisory Board Members

From: Julia Neighbors, ICLE Director

Date: February 17, 2026

Re: Institute of Continuing Legal Education

I am pleased to present the following report for your review of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education's activities.

ICLE cannot do its work without the support of volunteers who serve as Program Chairs and speakers, and we are indebted to them and to every Georgia lawyer who volunteers his or her time in service to the legal profession.

ICLE Programs (December 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026)

- Institutes and Off-Site Programs
  - Corporate Counsel Institute – December 11-12, 2025 – Atlanta, GA
  - Update on Georgia Law (Ski LE) – February 2-5, 2026 – Avon, CO
  - Estate Planning Institute - February 5-6, 2026 - Athens, GA
  - Health Care Fraud Institute –February 11-12, 2026 - Jekyll Island, GA
  - Ancient Foundations & Modern Equivalents – February 12, 2026 – Atlanta, GA

- On Demand Programs
  - 5,596 on demand products purchased by 3,933 customers (July 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026)
  - 13,732 on demand products purchased by 8,905 customers (February 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026)

Upcoming Off-Site Programs and Institutes

- General Practice & Trial Institute – March 12-14, 2026 –Hilton Head, SC
- Basic Fiduciary Law 101 – March 18, 2026 – Macon, GA
- Agriculture Law – March 20, 2026 – Macon, GA

- Law Practice Management Roadshow – April 16, 2026 – Macon, GA

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- Real Property Law Institute – May 7-9, 2026 – Fernandina Beach, FL
- Family Law Institute – May 29-31, 2026 – Fernandina Beach, FL

Writing Series Webinars
ICLE is partnering with Ryan Standill, Founder of Write to Excite, to deliver three one-hour sessions on March 3, March 10, and March 24

- Clarity in Legal Writing
- Email Best Practices for Legal Professionals
- Using AI to Accelerate Your Writing

Members can register for individual sessions or all three for a discount.

Spring 2026 Complimentary CLE for Members

- Six credit hours including 1 professionalism hour and 2 ethics hours
- April 30, 2026 –In-person at the Atlanta Bar Center and live-stream
- Rebroadcast dates
    - Wednesday, May 20, 2026
    - Wednesday, July 29, 2026
    - Wednesday, August 19, 2026
    - Wednesday, September 23, 2026
    - Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Program Chair Support and Training
ICLE conducted a comprehensive Program Chair Orientation in August 2025, designed to provide essential support and guidance to both new and returning program chairs. This orientation ensures our volunteer leaders have the tools and knowledge necessary to deliver high-quality educational programming. We also continue to offer one-on one meetings with new and returning chairs who want a deeper dive into program planning.

On-Demand Learning Expansion (One Hour Spotlight Programs)
We are continuing to build the catalog of one-credit hour on-demand programs which now includes 10 programs primarily focusing on ethics and professionalism from the Real Property Institute, Georgia Auto Insurance Claims Law, Agriculture Law, Defense of Drinking Drivers Institute, Corporate Counsel Institute, Fiduciary Law Institute, VA Accreditation and Update on Georgia Law. We will continue to expand the on-demand catalog by extracting key content from our full-length programs, providing members with flexible, targeted learning opportunities.

Innovation in Program Delivery
Beyond our established lecture and panel discussion formats, we are witnessing increased adoption of interactive methodologies, including breakout sessions and audience engagement activities. ICLE actively encourages program chairs to incorporate these dynamic formats while we continue exploring innovative approaches to enhance educational content delivery and member engagement.

Media Report

PUBLISHED ARTICLES 2025-2026			
Date	**Newspaper**	**Headline**	**Circulation**
6/10/2025	Rome News-Tribune	Twyman Installed as 63rd President of State Bar of Georgia	6,515
6/15/2025	Marietta Daily Journal	William C. Gentry Installed as President-Elect of State Bar of Georgia	9,821
6/19/2025	Americus Times-Recorder	Judge Rucker Smith reelected to Board of Governors of State Bar of Georg	1,252
6/19/2025	Coastal Courier, Hinesville	McCullough reelected to Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia	3,100
6/23/2025	Albany Herald	Thomas Duck elected to State Bar's Board of Governors	3,763
6/25/2025	Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth	Adams reelected to Georgia Bar Board of Governors	3,788
6/30/2025	Jackson Herald, Jefferson	King reelected to State Bar of Georgia board	3,307
7/1/2025	Metter Advertiser	Cadle Re-elected to Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia	1,347
7/2/2025	Fayette County News, Fayetteville	Kreuziger Reelected to State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors	1,694
7/2/2025	Cordele Dispatch	Craig Cotton reelected to Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia	1,590
7/2/2025	Forest-Blade, Swainsboro	Jerry Cadle Re-Elected to Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia	3,963
7/2/2025	Times, Gainesville	Opinion: Georgia legal community mourns loss of John Cromartie	26,000
7/3/2025	Clayton Tribune	Judge Irvin re-elected to Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia	4,306
7/8/2025	Waycross Journal-Herald	Former Chief Justice Boggs receives award	4,940
7/10/2025	Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville	State Bar of Georgia honors Ashley Stinson with Hines Child Advocacy Awa	63,740
7/10/2025	Rome News-Tribune	Jackson reelected to State Bar of Georgia board	6,515
7/16/2025	Miller County Liberal, Colquitt	William Shingler Elected to Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia	1,500
7/16/2025	Statesboro Herald	Troy Marsh re-elected to Board of Governors of State Bar of Georgia	4,429
8/1/2025	Champion, Decatur	Local attorneys elected to bar board	413
9/17/2025	Barrow News-Journal, Winder	Congratulations to new Barrow County Solicitor General Kyle Thompson	2,038
9/19/2025	Times-Georgian, Carrollton	Congratulations to new State Court Judge Kevin Drummond	2,176
10/9/2025	Clayton News, Jonesboro	Georgia legal community mourns loss of Judge Michael Baird	643
11/26/2025	Coastal Courier, Hinesville	State Bar congratulates Jones on honor	3,100
12/17/2025	Jackson Herald, Jefferson	Congratulations to GEFA Executive Director Trey Bennett	3,169
2/7/2026	Times, Gainesville	State Bar remembers Weymon Forrester, influential Gainesville attorney	17,906
2/11/2026	Augusta Chronicle	Letter: Kristi Connell named Superior Court judge for Augusta circuit	5,966
		TOTAL CIRCULATION	**186,981**