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Chief Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler

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The State Bar is in receipt of the letter requesting comments for Petition 24-05, which would increase attorney assessments for the Public Interest Legal Services fund. Those comments are due October 7, 2024. The purpose of this letter is to request additional time to respond to the request for comments.

As the petition was filed on July 3, 2024, the Board of Governors has not had the opportunity to meet and discuss the implications of this proposal. The impact on individual attorneys and the commitment of additional attorney funds to the PILSF is a matter which the Board of Governors wish to consider fully. The Board will be discussing this petition at its regular fall meeting next week which will include a presentation by proponents of the petition. It will not, however, be able to make a formal determination on this matter at that time. The Board will meet again on December 6, 2024, after which time the State Bar will be able to provide its position to the Court.

In addition, we were able to discuss the concept with the petitioners a few days prior to their filing of the petition. However, it is important to make clear that the State Bar and its leaders have not taken any position to endorse or oppose the petition at this point.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request. If there are any questions regarding this request, please feel free to reach out to Executive Director Larry Martin or Director of Advocacy Lisa Roys.

Respectfully Submitted,

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