PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND DISCIPLINE

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STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1971

RECEIPTS:

Registration Fees

4588 lawyers paid \$25.00	\$	114,700	
1704 lawyers paid \$7.00		11,928	
Delinquent fees for years prior to 1971		1,145	
Total receipts for Registration Fees			\$ 127,773.00
Fees paid by applicants for admission to Bar			20,800.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES			148,573.00
5% charge of State Treasurer for administering funds			\$ 7,428.65
TOTAL NET RECEIPTS			\$ 141,144.35
Expenses of State Board of Law Examiners,			
exclusive of disciplinary proceedings			\$ 57,506.73
Amount available for disciplinary matters			\$ 83,637.62
DISBURSEMENTS FOR DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:			
Salaries			
Administrative Director	\$	25,000	
Assistant Administrative Director (8 mos.)	•	11,000	
Secretary (11 mos.)		7,700	
Total Salaries			\$ 43,700.00
State Retirement Fund			1,748.04
Rent (11 mos.)			3,757.24

Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment		6,799.77
Telephone		682.44
Expenses of Administrative Director in attending		
meetings, including mileage, hotel, meals, etc.	\$ 1,068.78	
Expenses of Assistant Administrative Director in		
investigations, including mileage, hotel, meals,		
etc. (8 mos.)	<u>641.05</u>	1,709.83
Stationery and printing	\$ 379.30	
Office supplies	413.97	
Postage	356.00	
Xeroxing	 265.88	1,415.15

NOTE: In connection with the financial statement for 1971, attention should be called to the fact that this does not reflect a full year's operation. The secretary went to work on February 1, and Mr. Meier went to work on May 1. Present offices were occupied February 12, 1971. Included in the disbursements are attorney's fees paid to Herbert C. Davis and George Ramier totaling \$15,000 which was for services performed by them prior to the present rules becoming effective. Also included are court reporter services in connection with matters which were handled by Mr. Davis. The financial statement for the current year will give a more realistic picture of our operations.

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Meetings and Panel Hearings		1,316.60
Meals and room charges for Board Meetings and		
Panel Hearings		557.95
Court Reporter Fees – Matters handled by		
Herbert C. Davis	1,646.04	
Court Reporter Fees – Panel Hearings	1,565.90	3,211.94
Attorney's fees paid to Herbert C. Davis		10,055.59
Attorney's fees paid to George Ramier		
(State Bar Association Attorney)		5,080.25
Miscellaneous:		
American Bar Association subscription to Ethics		
Committee Opinions	5.00	
Western Press Clipping Service	103.45	108.45
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 80,143.25
Total disbursements State Board of Law		
Examiners, not including disciplinary expenses:	\$ 57,506.73	
Total disbursements disciplinary matters	80,143.25	
Total Disbursements	<u>\$137,649.98</u>	
Net Income	\$141,144.35	

Expenses of Board members in attending Board

Total disbursements	_137,649.98
Balance	\$ 3,494.37

NOTE: At the May, 1971, Board Meeting, we furnished an estimated budget for 1971. In that budget, we estimated the expenses of the State Board of Law Examiners at \$35,000, and the expenses of the State Board of Professional Responsibility at \$84,829.89. Due to a misunderstanding, the estimated expenses of the State Board of Law Examiners were substantially underestimated.

NON-RECURRING EXPENSES

State Board of Law Examiners:

Carpeting	\$ 991.35	
Paneling	524.40	
Filing Cabinet	63.60	
McGill Control Forms (Registration)	875.97	
	\$ 2,455.32	\$ 2,455.32

(NOTE: Computer services in the sum of \$3,056.01 were charged to the Board during 1971. It is believed these charges will be substantially less for 1972, but this cannot presently be ascertained.)

State Board of Professional Responsibility:

Fees paid to Herbert C. Davis and George Ramier	\$ 15,135.84	
(NOTE: Some fees will be paid to Mr. Davis during		
1972.)		
Furniture and equipment	<u>6,799.77</u>	
	\$ 21,935.61	21,935.61

TOTAL NON-RECURRING EXPENSES: \$ 24,390.93