PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND DISCIPLINE

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STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1974

Receipts -

5,082 lawyers paid \$25.00	\$127,050.00	
2,016 lawyers paid \$7.00	14,112.00	
Registration fees collected for delinquent		
years, duplicate license fees, and misc.	1,808.00	
Annual Fees from Professional Corporations	11,925.00	
Fees paid by applicants for admission to bar	51,385.00	
Total Receipts from all sources		\$206,280.00
5% Charge of State Treasurer		
for administering fund		10,257.04
Total Net Receipts		\$196,022.96
Expenses of State Board of Law Examiners,		
exclusive of disciplinary proceedings		68,862.13
AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR DISCIPLINARY		\$127,160.83
MATTERS		

(Note: The registration fees paid by all lawyers admitted to practice law in Minnesota are intended to cover the expenses of the Board of Law Examiners and the State Board of Professional Responsibility. The Court's rule provides that \$18 of the \$25 registration fee paid by lawyers shall be allocated to disciplinary proceedings. Therefore, in 1974, the minimum amount available for disciplinary proceedings was \$91,800.00. However,

the entire balance of the fund after payment of expenses of the Board of Law Examiners is available for disciplinary matters. This means that there will always be a minimum amount available for disciplinary procedures; there may or may not be additional funds available, depending upon the expenses of the State Board of Law Examiners.)

Disbursements for Disciplinary Matters -

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Salaries—		
Administrative Director, Retired	\$ 5,166.67	
Administrative Director	28,400.00	
Assistant Administrative Director	20,599.92	
Secretary	10,254.84	
Total Salaries		\$64,421.43
State Retirement Fund Employers Contribution		3,865.24
Social Security Employers Contribution		2,446.57
Minnesota Mutual Life Ins. Co. Employers		961.74
Contribution		
Prepaid Legal Services Committee		3,116.98*
Computer Services		809.52
Expenses of Administrative Director in attending		
meetings, including mileage, hotel, meals, etc.		958.21
Expenses of Assistant Administrative Director in		
investigations, including mileage, hotels, meals,		951.69
etc.		
Expenses of Board meetings		1,200.33
Expenses of Board members in attending Board		
meetings		
and Panel hearings		2,003.14
Expenses of Panel hearings, including court reporters,		
sheriff's fees, witness fees, etc.		3,912.53
Rent		6,215.84
Telephone		976.15
Furniture and Equipment (Dictaphone, postage meter,		
book cases)		2,135.73

Stationery and Supplies	751.89
Postage	922.69
Xerox Copies	433.45
Newspaper Clipping Service	180.50
Miscellaneous (ABA and NYSBA Opinion subscriptions)	104.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 1974	\$96,367.63
Estimated Budget for 1974	\$91,808.00
Actual Expenditures for 1974	\$96,367.63

^{*}Not anticipated when budget was prepared.