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August 3, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members of the Guam Bar Association
From: GBA Board of Governors
Re: Promulgation Order No. 23-002-01 (Increase in GBA Annual Dues Effective 2024)

Håfa Adai,

On July 26, 2023, the Supreme Court of Guam e-Filed Promulgation Order No. 23-002-01 confirming the request by the GBA Board of Governors to increase the annual membership dues as a necessary move to maintain the operations of the GBA and improve the services to its members. Therefore, please note the following rate increase in membership dues, effective this upcoming 2024 membership renewal period:

Active and Temporary Active Members:	\$450.00
Inactive Members:	\$125.00

Senseramente,


JACQUELINE TAITANO TERLAJE
President

Attachment



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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

RE:	}	SUPREME COURT CASE NO. PRM23-002
INCREASE IN GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES BEGINNING 2024	}	
	}	PROMULGATION ORDER NO. 23-002-01

This matter comes before the court on the Guam Bar Association (GBA) Board of Governors’ request for an order confirming the approval of the Board of Governors to increase the annual membership dues beginning the registration year 2024. In a letter from GBA President Jacqueline T. Terlaje, the court was advised that under GBA Rule 9 Finance, Section 2, the Board of Governors authorized an increase to the annual dues as follows: for Active and Temporary Active Members, increase from \$300.00 to \$450.00; for Inactive Members, increase from \$75.00 to \$225.00.

There has not been an increase in GBA membership dues in two decades. *See* Supreme Court Case No. PRM03-009 (Nov. 19, 2003) (setting the current dues rate at \$300.00 for active members and \$75.00 for inactive members). The court finds that an increase in GBA membership dues is justified for the reasons set forth in the GBA President’s letter and supports the Board of Governors’ assessment that an increase is necessary for the GBA to operate its administration and improve the services to its members. However, the court also finds that the 200% increase of



1 inactive dues is disproportionately high, when compared to the 50% increase of active dues.
2 While the court supports the Board of Governors’ approved increase for active membership, we
3 find that a more proportional increase for inactive dues is appropriate. Therefore, effective
4 registration year 2024, the GBA annual dues shall be as follows:

- 5 Active and Temporary Active Members: \$450.00
- 6 Inactive Members: \$125.00
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9 **SO ORDERED** this 26th day of July, 2023.

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12 /s/
13 **F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO**
14 Associate Justice

12 /s/
13 **KATHERINE A. MARAMAN**
14 Associate Justice

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16 **ROBERT J. TORRES**
17 Chief Justice
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