

1 **Rule 15-904. Funding.**

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3 (a) The Supreme Court shall provide for funding by licensed paralegal practitioners in  
4 amounts adequate for the proper payment of claims and costs of administering the Fund subject  
5 to paragraph (c).

6 (b) All determinations with regards to funding shall be within the discretion of the Board,  
7 subject to approval of the Supreme Court.

8 (c) The Bar shall have the authority to assess its members for purposes of maintaining the  
9 Fund at sufficient levels to pay eligible claims in accordance with these rules. The Committee  
10 shall report annually to the Commission on a timely basis as to known prospective claims as well  
11 as total claims paid to date so that an appropriate assessment can be made for the upcoming  
12 fiscal year. After the assessment at the beginning of the fiscal year is determined, the Fund  
13 balance shall be set in an amount of not less than \$\_\_\_\_\_. The Bar shall then report to the  
14 Supreme Court as to known prospective claims as well as total claims paid to date after which  
15 the final assessment and fund balance shall be set with the Court's approval.

16 (d) A licensed paralegal practitioner's failure to pay any fee assessed under paragraph (c)  
17 shall be cause for administrative suspension from practice until payment has been made.

18 (e) Any licensed paralegal practitioner whose actions have caused payment of funds to a  
19 claimant from the Fund shall reimburse the Fund for all monies paid out as a result of his or her  
20 conduct with interest at legal rate, in addition to payment of the assessment for the procedural  
21 costs of processing the claim and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Bar's Office of  
22 Professional Conduct or any other attorney or investigator engaged by the Committee to  
23 investigate and process the claim as a condition of continued practice.

24 (e)(1) In discipline cases where a licensed paralegal practitioner receives a public reprimand  
25 and the Fund pays an eligible claim, the licensed paralegal practitioner's license to practice shall  
26 be administratively suspended for non-payment until reimbursement to the Fund has been made  
27 by the licensed paralegal practitioner.