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Re: Comments on the Proposed Disciplinary Budget

Dear Ms. Baker:

On behalf of the Officers and Trustees of the Bergen County Bar Association (BCBA), I am writing to express our support of the comments contained in the correspondence from Timothy F. McGoughran, President of the New Jersey State Bar Association dated November 17, 2023, regarding the 2024 Proposed Disciplinary Budget.

We join in President McGoughran's expression of appreciation of the Members of the Disciplinary Oversight Committee and their dedicated service to the Supreme Court and the legal community in monitoring the budget and operations of our disciplinary system. However, we share and emphasize our concerns regarding the increase in the annual assessment and the financial hardship that it may cause for many attorneys and law firms in these uncertain economic times.

Veryouly yours,

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