

27 NCAC 01D .1512 SOURCE OF FUNDS

(a) Funding for the program carried out by the board shall come from sponsor's fees and attendee's fees as provided below, as well as from duly assessed penalties for noncompliance and from reinstatement fees.

- (1) Registered sponsors located in North Carolina (for programs offered in or outside North Carolina), registered sponsors not located in North Carolina (for programs offered in North Carolina), and all other sponsors located in or outside of North Carolina (for programs offered in North Carolina) shall, as a condition of conducting an approved program, agree to remit a list of North Carolina attendees and to pay a fee for each active member of the North Carolina State Bar who attends the program for CLE credit. The sponsor's fee shall be based on each credit hour of attendance, with a proportional fee for portions of a program lasting less than an hour. The fee shall be set by the board upon approval of the council. Any sponsor, including a registered sponsor, that conducts an approved program which is offered without charge to attendees shall not be required to remit the fee under this section. Attendees who wish to receive credit for attending such an approved program shall comply with paragraph (a)(2) of this rule.
- (2) The board shall fix a reasonably comparable fee to be paid by individual attorneys who attend for CLE credit approved continuing legal education programs for which the sponsor does not submit a fee under Rule .1512(a)(1) above. Such fee shall accompany the member's annual affidavit. The fee shall be set by the board upon approval of the council.

(b) Funding for a law practice assistance program shall be from user fees set by the board upon approval of the council and from such other funds as the council may provide.

(c) No Refunds for Exemptions and Record Adjustments.

- (1) Exemption Claimed. If a credit hour of attendance is reported to the board, the fee for that credit hour is earned by the board regardless of an exemption subsequently claimed by the member pursuant to Rule .1517 of this subchapter. No paid fees will be refunded and the member shall pay the fee for any credit hour reported on the annual report form for which no fee has been paid at the time of submission of the member's annual report form.
- (2) Adjustment of Reported Credit Hours. When a sponsor is required to pay the sponsor's fee, there will be no refund to the sponsor or to the member upon the member's subsequent adjustment, pursuant to Rule .1522(a) of this subchapter, to credit hours reported on the annual report form. When the member is required to pay the attendee's fee, the member shall pay the fee for any credit hour reported after any adjustment by the member to credit hours reported on the annual report form.

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