

1 **17A-003. Attorney assessment.**

2 A. **Duty of Court.** The Court shall provide for continuous funding for the fund in
3 amounts adequate for the proper payment of claims and the costs of administering the fund with
4 funds available for transfer under the provisions of [~~Subparagraph (1) of Paragraph C of Rule 18-~~
5 ~~102 NMRA]~~ Rule 18-102(C) NMRA and [~~pursuant to~~] Paragraph B of this rule.

6 B. **Assessment of attorneys.** Every lawyer admitted and licensed to practice law in
7 New Mexico shall, prior to January of each year, pay to the commission an annual client protection
8 fund fee in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00). The annual fee assessment shall be mailed to
9 the state bar at the time the registration statement required under Rule [~~17-202]~~ 24-102.1 NMRA
10 is submitted. Annual fee assessments collected by the state bar shall be deposited in an account in
11 a financial institution in the name of the commission.

12 C. **Suspension.** A lawyer's failure to pay any fee assessed shall be a cause for
13 suspension from practice until payment has been made.

14 [Approved by Supreme Court Order No.05-8300-025, effective December 13, 2005; as
15 amended by Supreme Court Order No. 09-8300-034, effective September 29, 2009; as amended
16 by Supreme Court Order No. 21-8300-030, effective December 31, 2021.]

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