IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON THE ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION ASSESSMENT FEE

WHEREAS, The Attorney Grievance Commission ("Commission") oversees and administers a Disciplinary Fund created to regulate the practice of law in Maryland and to implement and enforce the Maryland Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, As a condition precedent to the practice of law, Maryland attorneys must pay an annually assessed fee to the Commission, for Disciplinary Fund operations, through payments made to the Client Protection Fund of the Bar of Maryland ("Fund"), which includes an assessment for both the Fund and the Commission; and

WHEREAS, In Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 the Commission's annual assessment fee was \$110.00; and

WHEREAS, The Judiciary's Internal Audit Department, at the Court's request, has completed a comprehensive audit of the Commission and the Fund; and based on the most recent independent audit provided by HeimLantz Business and Accounting Services; and

WHEREAS, The Court has determined, based upon audit projections and the current financial status of the Commission, that it is appropriate to establish the assessment fee for Fiscal Year 2015 and successive years.

NOW, THEREFORE, It is this <u>2nd</u> day of <u>March</u> 2015, ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of

the Maryland Constitution, and as part of its inherent power under the Constitution to regulate the practice of law, that:

The Commission's assessment fee, for Fiscal Year 2015, and successive years, will remain at \$110.00, until such time as the Court deems it necessary to alter the fee.

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/s/ Bessie M. Decker

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