STATE OF MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT AMENDMENT TO THE MAINE RULES FOR LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION

2013 Me. Rules 04

Effective: June 11, 2013

All of the Justices concurring therein, the following amendment to the Maine Rules for Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection is adopted to be effective on the date indicated above. The specific amendment is stated below. To aid in understanding of the amendment, an Advisory Note appears after the text of the amendment. The Advisory Note states the reason for recommending the amendment, but the Advisory Note is not part of the amendment adopted by the Court.

1. Rule 13 of the Maine Rules for the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection is amended as follows:

RULE 13. PAYMENT OF REIMBURSEMENT

- (a) Maximum Payable. The maximum amount of reimbursement that is payable by the Fund shall be \$25,000 \$50,000 per claim and \$50,000 \$100,000 per lawyer.
- **(b) Determination of Amount.** Claimants shall be reimbursed for losses in amounts to be determined by the Board of Trustees. Reimbursement shall not include interest and other incidental and out-of-pocket expenses.
- (c) Manner of Payment. Payment of reimbursement shall be made in such amounts and at such times as the Board of Trustees deems appropriate and may be paid in lump sum or installment amounts.
- (d) Minor Claimants. If a claimant is a minor or a person adjudicated to be incompetent, the reimbursement shall be paid to the appointed representative of the estate.

Advisory Note - September 2013

This amendment changes the maximum amount of reimbursement that is payable by the Fund from \$25,000 per individual and \$50,000 per lawyer to \$50,000 per individual and \$100,000 per lawyer.

2. This amendment shall be effective June 11, 2013.

Dated: September 23, 2013

Nunc Pro Tunc: June 11, 2013

FOR THE COURT¹

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¹ This Rules Amendment Order is approved after conference of the Court, all Justices concurring therein.