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

2019 Me. Rules 02

Effective: April 22, 2019

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 the 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(a) of the Maine Rules for Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection is amended to read as follows:

RULE 13. PAYMENT OF REIMBURSEMENT

(a) Maximum Payable. The maximum amount of reimbursement that is payable by the Fund shall be \$50,000 per claim and \$100,000 \$200,000 per lawyer.

Advisory Note - April 2019

In order for the Trustees of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection to more fully carry out their mission of promoting public confidence in the administration of justice and the integrity of the legal profession by reimbursing clients who suffer losses caused by an attorney's dishonest conduct, and recognizing that some lawyers cause losses to multiple clients, this amendment increases the maximum amount of reimbursement that is payable by the Fund from \$100,000 to \$200,000 per lawyer. The maximum amount payable by the Fund per individual shall remain at \$50,000 per individual.

Dated: April 22, 2019 FOR TH	E COURT,*
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LEIGH I. SAUFLEY Chief Justice

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 $^{^{}st}$ This Rule Amendment Order was approved after conference of the Court, all Justices concurring therein.