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2001 Louisiana Acts 208 created the Attorney Fee Review Board (AFRB). The Act allows for payment or reimbursement of legal fees and expenses incurred in the successful defense of state officials, officers, or employees who are charged with criminal conduct or made the target of a grand jury investigation due to conduct arising from acts allegedly undertaken in the performance of their duties.

The AFRB is charged with establishing hourly rates for legal fees for which the State may be liable pursuant to R.S. 13:5108.3. Pursuant to R.S. 13:5108.4, the rates “shall be sufficient to accommodate matters of varying complexity, as well as work of persons of varying professional qualifications.”

The AFRB met on October 6, 2025. As directed by statute, the Board set a minimum rate of \$150.00 per hour and a maximum rate of \$450.00 per hour. These rates will remain in effect through 2027.

Requests for payment or reimbursement of legal fees are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Attorneys who represent state officials and employees should be prepared to provide their clients and the AFRB with sufficient information to enable the Board to assess the reasonableness of attorney fees and expenses.

Any questions regarding the Attorney Fee Review Board should be addressed to Louisiana Supreme Court General Counsel Staff Attorney Jeigh Britton-Foil by mail, 400 Royal Street, Suite 1190, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, or by telephone, (504) 310-2621.