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COMMITTEE: Ethics Committee

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5. CHAPTER 9: SURCHARGES ON DISBURSEMENT

The Committee was asked by the Discipline Committee for its view on the propriety of surcharges being added to certain disbursements. The Committee's view is that surcharges are proper if they:

- reasonably reflect actual costs incurred by the lawyer on behalf of the client, and
- are disclosed in the statement of account to the client in accordance with Chapter 9, Rule 7 of the *Professional Conduct Handbook*.

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