

RULE 83.5 ADMISSION TO PRACTICE

(A) Qualifications for Admission to Practice.

Any attorney licensed to practice law in any state or in the District of Columbia must be admitted to practice generally in this court on written motion of a member in good standing of the bar of this court, or upon the attorney's own motion accompanied by certification of good standing from the state in which the attorney is licensed, and upon payment of the fees required by law and by Local Rule 83.5(E). On motion made at the time of the written motion for admission to practice, the presiding judge may waive the admission fees for any attorney employed full time by the United States, any state, or county.

Students of accredited law schools or law school graduates awaiting bar results may, upon written motion of a member in good standing of the bar of this court, be provisionally admitted to practice and may appear in this court under the supervision and direction of the sponsoring attorney. There will be no fee for provisional admission.

(B) Oath.

All attorneys must, at the time of their admission to practice before this court, take an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States, faithfully to discharge their duties as attorneys and counselors, and to demean themselves uprightly and according to law and the recognized standards of ethics of the profession, and they must, under the direction of the clerk of this court, sign the oath of attorneys and pay the fees required by law and by Local Rule 83.5(E).

(C) Admission to Practice in All Divisions.

Admission to practice generally in this court includes all divisions.

(D) Reciprocal Admission.

Any attorney admitted to practice in District Courts of the Northern or Southern Districts of Illinois must be admitted to practice generally in this court upon the attorney's own motion accompanied by a copy of his/her admission certificate from the district in which the attorney is admitted, the attorney's certification that he/she is in good standing generally and upon payment of the fees required by law and Local Rule 83.5(E). Upon motion for reciprocal admission being allowed by the Court, movant will be summarily admitted to the CDIL bar.

(E) Fees Assessed Upon Admission.

Each petitioner shall pay an admission fee upon the filing of the motion for admission, provided that in the event the petitioner is not admitted, the petitioner may request that the fee be refunded. The amount of the fee shall be established by the

court, in conjunction with the fee prescribed by the Judicial Conference of the United States pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1914.

(F) Admission Pro Hac Vice.

The court does not permit pro hac vice admissions generally. At the discretion of the presiding judge, an attorney who is duly licensed to practice in any state or the District of Columbia may file a motion seeking leave to participate in a case while his or her application for admission to practice in the Central District of Illinois is pending. The application for admission must be submitted contemporaneously with the motion for leave.

(G) Unauthorized Practice.

All attorneys who appear in person or by filing pleadings in this court must be admitted to practice in this court in accordance with this Rule. Only attorneys so admitted may practice or file pleadings in this court. Except as provided in Local Rule 83.5(F), upon entry of appearance as an attorney of record, the entry of appearance must include a certification that the attorney is a member in good standing of the bar of this court.

Any person who, before his or her admission to the bar of this court, or during his or her suspension or disbarment, exercises in this district any of the privileges of a member of the bar in any action or proceedings pending in this court, or who pretends to be entitled to do so, may be adjudged guilty of contempt of court and appropriately sanctioned.

(H) Changes Reported to the Clerk of This Court.

If at any time after admission any relevant circumstances change for an attorney (e.g., name, address, phone number, e-mail address, disciplinary status), he or she must notify the clerk of this court in writing of such change within 14 days.

(I) Admission.

Admission may be in person, by mail, or electronically. Procedures for admission will be prescribed by the clerk of this court. Admission is deemed to be as of the date the oath card is received by the clerk.

(J) Pro Bono Panel.

The Pro Bono Panel of this court consists of all attorneys admitted to practice in this court whose place of business is in the Central District of Illinois. Attorneys employed full time by the United States, the State of Illinois or a county are exempt from service on the panel. Attorneys appointed pro bono to represent litigants may not enter into any contingent fee arrangement with their clients concerning the subject

case. Statutory fees and expenses may be awarded to a pro bono attorney as provided by law.

Any attorney appointed to represent an indigent party in a civil proceeding before this Court may petition the Court for reimbursement of expenses incurred in preparation and presentation of the proceeding, subject to the procedures and regulations contained in the plan of this Court adopted June 1, 2000, governing reimbursement of expenses from the District Court Fund.