

General Rules of the District Court of Guam

GNLR 17.1 Attorneys - Admission to the Bar of this Court - Duties.

(a) Admission to Practice. Admission to and continuing membership in the bar of this Court is limited to attorneys of good moral character who are active members in good standing of the Territorial Bar of Guam. ~~All members admitted to practice before this Court must file an "Attorney Registration Statement" in a form attached hereto as Attachment "GNLR 17.1A."~~

(b) Procedure for Admission. Each applicant for admission is required to file a petition for admission in electronic form and pay the required fee through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system at www.pacer.gov. This one application will be utilized both to admit and then to provide the applicant to the bar of this Court with electronic filing privileges for use on the Court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system. ~~Each applicant for admission shall present to the clerk a written petition for admission stating the applicant's full name, residence address, office address, the names of the courts before which the applicant is admitted to practice, and the respective dates of admission to those courts.~~

(1) The petition shall be accompanied by:

- (A)** a certificate from the Supreme Court of Guam evidencing the fact that the applicant is an active member in good standing of the Territorial Bar,
- (B)** a certificate of a member of the bar of this Court, stating that he knows the applicant and can affirm that he is of good moral character, and
- (C)** an order for admission to be signed by the judge. (Copies of the petition for admission and order of admission shall be supplied by the clerk upon request.)

(2) Upon qualification, the Clerk or his authorized deputy shall administer the following oath of admission to the applicant:

"I solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Organic Act of Guam, the applicable statutes of the United States and the laws of the territory of Guam; That I will maintain the respect due to the Courts of Justice and Judicial Officers and that I will demean myself uprightly as an attorney at law; And to abide by the American Bar Association Model Rules of Professional Conduct."

(3) Before the clerk is authorized to issue a certificate of admission to the applicant, the applicant must:

- (A) sign the prescribed oath;
- (B) sign the roll of attorneys; and

(C) pay an attorney admission fee ~~of \$250.00~~ fixed by the Judicial Conference of the United States, together with an assessment in an amount to be set by the Court, made payable to Clerk, District Court of Guam.

(4) Any attorney so admitted and any attorney previously admitted who would now be eligible for admission under subsection (a) of this Rule shall be deemed to be an active member of the Bar of this Court.

(c) Attorneys for the United States. Any full-time United States Attorney, Assistant United States Attorney, Federal Public Defender and Assistant Federal Public Defender and any attorney who is employed or retained by the United States or its agencies and is representing the United States or any of its officers or agencies, who is a member in good standing of, and eligible to practice before, the bar of any United States Court or of the highest court of any State, or of any Territory or Insular Possession of the United States and who is of good moral character, may practice in this Court in any matter on behalf of the attorney's employer in the attorney's official capacity, without petition for admission pursuant to 17.1 (a) and (b). Attorneys so permitted to practice in this Court are subject to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to their conduct to the same extent as members of the bar of this Court.

(d) Pro Hac Vice. An attorney who is not eligible for admission under paragraph (b) hereof, but who is a member in good standing of, and eligible to practice before, the bar of any United States Court or of the highest court of any State or of any Territory or Insular Possession of the United States, who is of good moral character, and who has been retained to appear in this Court, may, upon written application and in the discretion of the Court, be ~~permitted to appear and participate~~ temporarily admitted to practice in a particular case, subject to subsection (4) of this rule.

(1) Unless authorized by the Constitution of the United States or Acts of Congress, an attorney is not eligible to practice pursuant to this paragraph (d) if any one or more of the following apply to him:

(A) he resides in Guam,

(B) he is regularly employed in Guam, or

(C) he is regularly engaged in business, professional or other activities in Guam.

(2) The pro hac vice application shall be presented to the clerk and shall state under penalty of perjury;

(A) the attorney's residence and office addresses,

(B) by what court he has been admitted to practice and the date of admission,

(C) that he is in good standing and eligible to practice in said court,

(D) that he is not currently suspended or disbarred in any other court, and

(E) if he has concurrently or within the year preceding his current application made any pro hac vice applications to this Court, the title and the number of each matter wherein he made application, the date of application, and whether or not his application was granted. He shall also designate in his application an active member in good standing of the bar of this Court as required by subsection (e) of this Rule, with whom the Court and opposing counsel may readily communicate regarding the conduct of the case and upon whom papers shall be served.

(3) The pro hac vice application shall also be accompanied by payment to the clerk of a ~~\$250.00~~ fee, fixed by the Judicial Conference of the United States, together with an assessment in an amount to be set by the Court, made ~~(payable to Clerk, District Court of Guam)~~. If the pro hac vice application is denied, the Court may refund any or all of the fee or assessment paid by the attorney. If the application is granted, the attorney is subject to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his conduct to the same extent as a member of the bar of this Court.

(4) An attorney admitted or previously admitted to practice before this Court under subsection (d) of this Rule shall be subject to an annual renewal fee in an amount to be set by the Court, and due on or before January 1 payable to Clerk, District Court of Guam. Upon failure to pay the renewal fee, a pro hac vice attorney will be given thirty (30) days' notice by the Court that the renewal fee has not been received. If the attorney fails to pay the fees within thirty (30) days after the notice is sent, the Court will enter an order into each applicable case removing his or her name from that case.

(e) Designation of Local Counsel. An attorney applying to practice before this Court under subsection (d) of this Rule, shall designate an attorney who is an active member in good standing of the Bar of this Court, who resides in and has an office in this District, as co-counsel. He shall file with such designation the address, telephone number, and written consent of such designee. The associated local attorney shall at all times meaningfully participate in the preparation and trial of the case with the authority and responsibility to act as attorney of record for all purposes. Any document required or authorized to be served on counsel by all Federal Rules or by these Rules, shall be served upon the associated local counsel. Service upon associated local counsel shall be deemed proper and effective service unless excused by the judge. Local counsel shall attend all proceedings related to the case before this Court for which counsel is associated unless excused by this court.

(f) Government of Guam Attorneys. Any attorney employed as a full time employee of the Government of Guam or Guam Legal Services Corporation, who is not eligible under paragraph (b) hereof, may be temporarily admitted to practice in the District Court of Guam. Each applicant for temporary admission shall present to the clerk a written petition for temporary admission, stating the applicant's full name, residence address, office address, the names of the courts before which the applicant is admitted to practice, and the respective dates of admission to those courts.

(1) The petition for temporary admission shall be accompanied by:

(A) a certified copy of the applicant's order for temporary admission to practice law in the Territory of Guam;

(B) a certificate of a member of the bar of this Court, stating that he knows the applicant and can affirm that he is of good moral character, and

(C) an order for temporary admission to be signed by the judge.

(2) Upon qualification, the applicant must pay the Attorney Admission Fee ~~of~~ fixed by the [Judicial Conference of the United States, together with an assessment in an amount to be set by the Court, \\$250.00](#) (payable to the Clerk, District Court of Guam) and the clerk or his authorized deputy shall administer the oath of admission set forth in paragraph (b)(2) hereof, and have the applicant sign the prescribed oath.

(3) Government of Guam Attorneys temporarily admitted to practice in this Court are subject to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to their conduct to the same extent as members of the bar of this Court. Upon termination of employment with the Government of Guam or Guam Legal Services Corporation, the government attorney so temporarily admitted shall notify, in writing, the clerk of the District Court of Guam of such termination. Once notified, the clerk shall strike the temporarily admitted government attorney from the roll of attorneys. If the temporarily admitted attorney meets the requirements for full admission while still employed as an attorney for the Government of Guam or Guam Legal Services Corporation, and complies with all of the requirements set forth in subsection (b) herein, the ~~\$250.00~~ permanent admission fee will be waived.

(Attachment GNL 17.1A)
DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM
TERRITORY OF GUAM
ATTORNEY REGISTRATION STATEMENT

I, _____, am a member of the bar of this Court.

I have been admitted to practice before the following State, Territorial and Federal courts, in the years shown below:

Executed on _____, 20__.

{Signature}

{Full name typed or printed}

{Address of Record}