

Fees for Admission
to Federal Court Bars

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FEES FOR ADMISSION TO FEDERAL COURT BARS

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This is a report on fees charged for admission to the attorney bars of federal courts of appeals and federal district courts. It was prepared for a subcommittee on attorney admissions created by the Judicial Conference's standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.¹

Fees for admission to the bars of the courts of appeals range from \$214 to \$300. For the district courts, fees range from \$199 to \$350. State and territory bars charge from no fee to \$50 for certificates of good standing.

The fee for original admission to a federal bar is \$199 plus any additional fee that the local court charges.² The national fee was increased from \$188 to \$199, and the fee for a certificate of good standing from a federal bar was increased from \$20 to \$21, on December 1, 2023.³

The federal government and federal agencies or programs that are funded from judiciary appropriations are exempt from the national fee.⁴ Requirements for practice by federal government attorneys are also constrained by statute:

The Solicitor General, or any officer of the Department of Justice, may be sent by the Attorney General to any State or district in the United States to attend to the interests of the United States in a suit pending in a court of the United States, or in a court of a State, or to attend to any other interest of the United States.

28 U.S.C. § 517.

Some federal-court bars charge periodic renewal fees.

Certificates of Good Standing from State and Territory Bars

Membership in a district court's bar requires proof of membership in another bar, as specified by the court's local rules. Certificates of good standing are proof of bar membership, and the fees charged for them in the states and territories range from no fee to \$50.

1. This report and its appendix, "Compilation of Rules and Fees," are available at www.fjc.gov/content/385023/fees-admission-federal-court-bars.

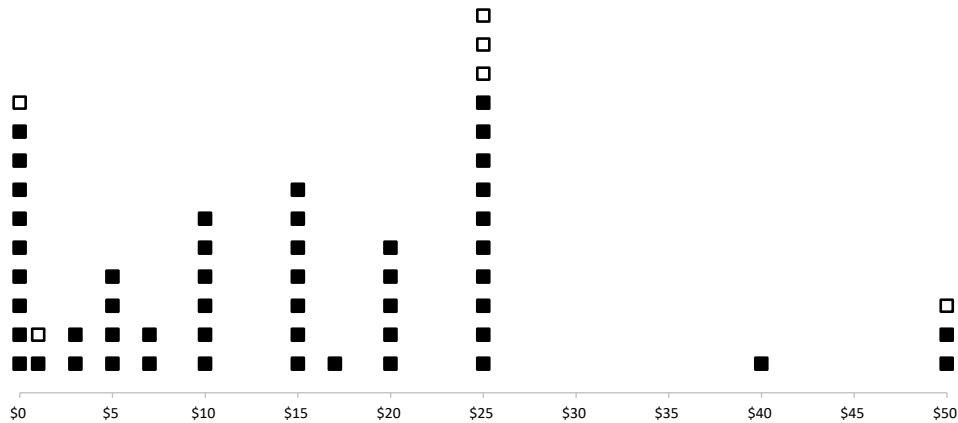
2. Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/fees/court-appeals-miscellaneous-fee-schedule (item 13); District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/fees/district-court-miscellaneous-fee-schedule (item 10); 28 U.S.C. §§ 1913–1914.

3. Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States 10–14 (Mar. 14, 2023), www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/jcus_mar_2023_proceedings_final_7-5-23_0.pdf; *see also, e.g.*, Inflationary Increases to Miscellaneous Fee Schedules Effective December 1, 2023, www.ca6.uscourts.gov/sites/ca6/files/OCP-CSO-23-035%20Court%20of%20Appeals%20Miscellaneous%20Fee%20Schedule.pdf.

4. Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, *supra* note 2; District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, *supra* note 2.

Ten jurisdictions (including American Samoa) charge no fee (18%). Another ten jurisdictions (including Puerto Rico) charge a fee that is less than \$10 (18%). Nineteen jurisdictions charge from \$10 to \$20 (34%), and thirteen jurisdictions (including the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands) charge the most common fee of \$25 (23%). The remaining four jurisdictions (including the Northern Mariana Islands) charge \$40 or \$50 (7%).

Fees for State and Territory Certificates of Good Standing
(states designated with solid markers)



The Federal Courts of Appeals

According to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 46(a)(1), attorneys licensed to practice law in the United States are generally eligible for admission to each circuit’s appellate bar:

An attorney is eligible for admission to the bar of a court of appeals if that attorney is of good moral and professional character and is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, the highest court of a state, another United States court of appeals, or a United States district court (including the district courts for Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands).

Admission requires (1) submission of an application, (2) motion by a current bar member, and (3) payment of a fee.⁵

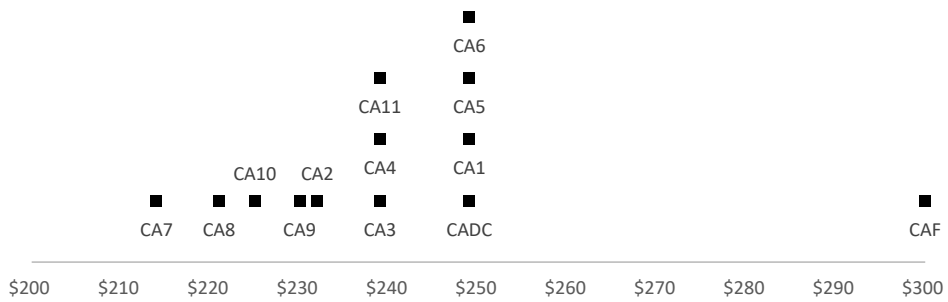
The median bar admission fee is \$239, and the range is from \$214 to \$300.

Bar admission in the Second, Fifth, and Eleventh Circuits is for a term of five years. Renewal fees are \$25, \$50, and \$20, respectively.

Only the Eleventh Circuit’s court of appeals posts a pro hac vice fee (\$50). Only the rules for the District of Columbia, Second, and Fourth Circuits appear to mention pro hac vice appearance.

5. Fed. R. App. P. 46(a)(2)–(3).

Federal Appellate Bar Fees



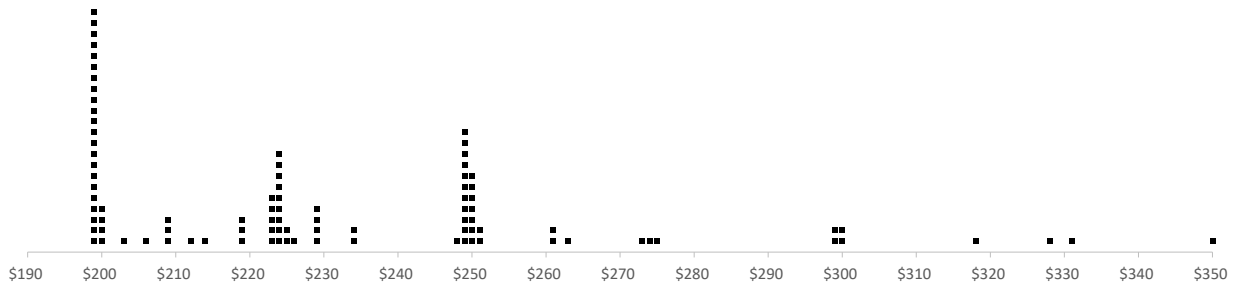
The Federal District Courts

In the district courts, admission fees range from the national minimum of \$199 to \$350. Some districts charge renewal fees up to \$75 per year. Pro hac vice fees range from no fee to \$550.

Admission Fees for New Membership

Admission fees for membership in federal district-court bars range from the national minimum of \$199 (twenty-two districts, or 23%) to \$350 (the District of Guam). Nearly two-fifths of the districts add from \$1 to \$35 to the national fee (thirty-seven districts, or 39%). A little over one-fifth charge about \$250 total (twenty-one districts, or 22%). Six districts charge from \$261 to \$275 (6%), and four charge about \$300 (4%). The four districts with the highest fees charge from \$318 to \$350 (4%).

Federal District-Court Bar Fees



Renewal Fees

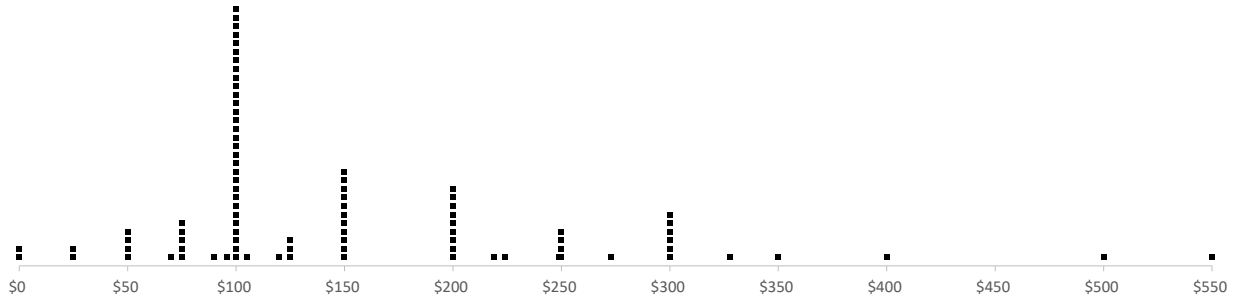
Twenty-five districts (27%) charge dues, often referred to as renewal fees. Renewal periods range from one to six years, and annualized dues range from \$3 to \$75.⁶

6. Alabama Middle (\$10), Alabama Northern (\$10), Alabama Southern (\$10), California Central (\$25), Colorado (\$30), Delaware (\$25), District of Columbia (\$8.33), Florida Middle (\$3), Illinois Southern (\$50), Iowa Northern (\$25), Iowa Southern (\$25), Louisiana Eastern (\$15), Louisiana Middle (\$5), Louisiana Western (\$15), Maryland (\$12.50), Missouri Eastern

Appearance Pro Hac Vice

Thirty districts (32%) charge the most common pro hac vice fee of \$100. Sixteen districts (17%) charge less than that, including two districts with no fee (the Western District of Michigan and the Eastern District of North Carolina). Five districts charge more than \$300.⁷ Three districts charge pro hac vice renewal fees.⁸ Four districts do not permit pro hac vice appearance; their bars are open to members of any state bar.⁹

Federal District-Court Pro Hac Vice Fees



Local-Counsel Requirements

Fifty districts (53%) at least sometimes require participation by local counsel for admission to the district court’s bar, such as by acting as a sponsor.¹⁰

Fourteen districts (15%) at least sometimes require litigation participation by local counsel for some members of the district court’s bar.¹¹

(\$18.75), New Mexico (\$12.50), New York Northern (\$25), North Carolina Eastern (\$9), Northern Mariana Islands (\$15), Puerto Rico (\$75), Texas Southern (\$25), Texas Western (\$8.33), Utah (\$30), and Virgin Islands (\$45).

7. California Central (\$500), California Northern (\$328), Guam (\$400), South Carolina (\$350), and West Virginia Northern (\$550).

8. Guam (\$100 annually), Kentucky Western (\$150 annually), and Louisiana Eastern (\$45 triennially).

9. Colorado (the bar is open to members of a state or territory bar), Illinois Central (the bar is open to members of a state or District of Columbia bar), Michigan Eastern (the bar is open to members of a federal, state, or territory bar), and Wisconsin Eastern (the bar is open to members of a federal, state, or District of Columbia bar).

In addition, the Western District of Michigan allows, but disfavors pro hac vice appearance.

10. Alabama Middle, Alabama Northern, Alabama Southern, Arizona, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia Southern, Guam, Indiana Southern, Kansas, Kentucky Eastern, Kentucky Western, Louisiana Eastern, Louisiana Middle, Louisiana Western, Maine, Maryland, Michigan Eastern, Minnesota, Mississippi Northern, Mississippi Southern, Missouri Western, Nevada, New York Eastern, New York Northern, New York Southern, New York Western, North Carolina Eastern, North Carolina Middle, North Carolina Western, Ohio Northern, Pennsylvania Eastern, Pennsylvania Middle, Pennsylvania Western, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee Eastern, Tennessee Middle, Texas Eastern, Texas Northern, Texas Western, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia Eastern, Virginia Western, Washington Eastern, Washington Western, West Virginia Northern, West Virginia Southern, and Wisconsin Eastern.

11. California Southern, Hawaii, Indiana Northern, Indiana Southern, Michigan Eastern,

A large majority of districts (seventy-two, or 77%) require members of the district court's bar to participate in applications for pro hac vice appearance, or to associate with the appearance itself, at least sometimes.¹² Eighteen districts (19%) do not require participation by local counsel in pro hac vice appearances.¹³ Four districts (4%) do not permit pro hac vice appearances.¹⁴

Government Attorneys

It is common for local rules to specify waiver of fees and mitigated admission requirements for government attorneys. Sometimes this includes state or local government attorneys as well as federal government attorneys. Sometimes this includes federal defender attorneys and sometimes also other attorneys compensated under the Criminal Justice Act. A few courts also specify mitigated requirements for public-interest attorneys. Textual specifications that appear similar may be interpreted differently, and textual specifications that appear different may be interpreted similarly.

Mississippi Northern, Mississippi Southern, Nebraska, Nevada, Northern Mariana Islands, Oklahoma Eastern, Oklahoma Northern, Oklahoma Western, and Tennessee Middle.

12. Alabama Northern, Alabama Southern, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas Eastern, Arkansas Western, California Central, California Eastern, California Northern, California Southern, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida Southern, Georgia Middle, Georgia Northern, Georgia Southern, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois Southern, Indiana Northern, Indiana Southern, Iowa Northern, Iowa Southern, Kansas, Louisiana Eastern, Louisiana Middle, Louisiana Western, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi Northern, Mississippi Southern, Missouri Western, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York Northern, New York Western, North Carolina Eastern, North Carolina Middle, North Carolina Western, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio Southern, Oklahoma Eastern, Oklahoma Northern, Oklahoma Western, Oregon, Pennsylvania Eastern, Pennsylvania Middle, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee Middle, Texas Northern, Texas Western, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia Eastern, Virginia Western, Washington Eastern, Washington Western, West Virginia Northern, West Virginia Southern, and Wyoming.

13. Alabama Middle, Florida Middle, Florida Northern, Illinois Northern, Kentucky Eastern, Kentucky Western, Michigan Western, Missouri Eastern, New York Eastern, New York Southern, North Dakota, Ohio Northern, Pennsylvania Western, Tennessee Eastern, Tennessee Western, Texas Eastern, Texas Southern, and Wisconsin Western.

14. *See supra* note 9.

APPENDIX COMPILATION OF RULES AND FEES

The following compilation of federal bar-admission rules simplifies and summarizes many rules for ease of comparison. References to federal court bars include summaries of rules more specifically referring to federal district-court bars. References to territory bars include bars for the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. Many, but not all, courts that specify membership in a bar in any state as a requirement for admission to the court's bar implicitly include membership in the District of Columbia's bar.

This compilation excludes provisions for student practice and excludes any special rules for bankruptcy courts. A 2015 compilation of rules for membership in the district courts' bars prepared by the District of Maryland focused on reciprocity rather than fees, and examples of possible reciprocity rule changes since then are noted.¹⁵

The rules compiled here do not apply to an attorney in a case transferred by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, who "may continue to represent his or her client in any district court of the United States to which such action is transferred. Parties are not required to obtain local counsel."¹⁶

District of Columbia Circuit

The admission fee is \$249: the national fee plus \$50. Fee Schedule, www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/home.nsf/Content/VL+-+RPP+-+Court+Fee+Schedule.

"[O]n motion for good cause shown, the court may allow argument to be presented in a case by an attorney who is not a member of the bar of this court." D.C. Cir. R. 46(a).

First Circuit

The admission fee is \$249: the national fee plus \$50. 1st Cir. R. 46.0(a)(1). No fee is required for the following (Notice for Application for Admission, www.ca1.uscourts.gov/sites/ca1/files/admission.pdf):

- an attorney representing the federal government
- an attorney appointed under the Criminal Justice Act

"At this time, members of the First Circuit bar are not required to apply for readmission or pay a renewal fee." Attorney Admissions, www.ca1.uscourts.gov/attorney-admissions.

Second Circuit

The admission fee is \$232. Fee Schedule, www.ca2.uscourts.gov/clerk/case_

15. See Survey of Admission Rules in Federal District Courts, cdn.laruta.io/app/uploads/sites/7/legacyFiles/uploadedFiles/MSBA/Member_Groups/Sections/Litigation/USDCTMDSurvey0115.pdf.

16. J.P.M.L. R. 2.1(c).

[filing/fee_schedule.html](#).

The term of admission is five years. 2d Cir. R. 46.1(a)(2). The renewal fee is \$25. Fee Schedule, *supra*.

Pro hac vice admission for a particular proceeding without payment of the admission fee is by motion in the following circumstances (2d Cir. R. 46.1(d)):

- an attorney for a criminal defendant who is a member of a district-court bar within the circuit
- an attorney representing a party in forma pauperis
- an attorney acting in exceptional circumstances justifying pro hac vice admission

Third Circuit

The admission fee is \$239. Third Circuit Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, www.ca3.uscourts.gov/sites/ca3/files/FeeSchedule.pdf.

Fourth Circuit

The admission fee is \$239: the national fee plus \$40. 4th Cir. R. 46(b). No fee is required for the following (*id.*):

- attorneys appointed by the court to represent a party in forma pauperis
- federal government attorneys
- law clerks for judges in the circuit

“An attorney may be named on a brief filed in this Court without being admitted to the bar of the Fourth Circuit, provided that at least one lawyer admitted to practice in this Court also appears on the brief.” 4th Cir. R. 46(b).

Fifth Circuit

The admission fee is \$249: the national fee plus \$50. Unites States Court of Appeals Fee Information, www.ca5.uscourts.gov/forms-fees/fees/fee-schedule. No fee is required for the following (5th Cir. R. 46.1):

- an attorney representing an appellant in forma pauperis
- an attorney representing the federal government
- an attorney newly graduated and licensed to practice in a Fifth Circuit state
- an attorney on orders for extended active duty in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps

A certificate of good standing is required, except for federal government and judiciary attorneys and attorneys admitted to the other bar within thirty days, in which latter case, admission documentation is required. Attorney Admissions, www.ca5.uscourts.gov/attorneys/membership/application-and-oath-for-admission-2.

The term of admission is five years. 5th Cir. R. 46.1. Only the \$50 local fee is required for renewed admission. Unites States Court of Appeals Fee Information, *supra*.

Sixth Circuit

The admission fee is \$249: the national fee plus \$50. Admission to the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, www.ca6.uscourts.gov/sites/ca6/files/documents/attorneys/AttyAppInstructions.pdf. No fee is required for the following (6th Cir. R. 46(a)(2)):

- an attorney appointed by the court representing a party in forma pauperis
- attorneys working for a federal defender
- attorneys employed by a U.S. court

Formal admission is not required for the following (6th Cir. R. 46(a)(1)):

- federal government attorneys
- federal defender attorneys
- attorneys for amici curiae

Seventh Circuit

According to the court's 2020 "Practitioner's Handbook for Appeals" (www.ca7.uscourts.gov/rules-procedures/Handbook.pdf, p.14), the admission fee is the national fee plus \$15, which is stated to be \$196. If the \$15 figure remains correct, the admission fee would be \$214. No fee is required for the following (7th Cir. R. 46(b)):

- an attorney representing the federal government
- an attorney appointed under the Criminal Justice Act

"Attorneys for any federal, state or local government office or agency may appear before this court in connection with their official duties without being formally admitted to practice before the court." 7th Cir. R. 46(c).

Eighth Circuit

The admission fee is \$221. 8th Cir. R. 46A.

Formal admission is not required for an attorney appointed to represent a party proceeding in forma pauperis. 8th Cir. R. 46A.

Ninth Circuit

The admission fee is \$230. Fee Schedule, www.ca9.uscourts.gov/general/fee-schedule/.

Tenth Circuit

The admission fee is \$225. Filing Fees, www.ca10.uscourts.gov/reference/filing-fees. No fee is required for the following (10th Cir. R. 46.2(B)):

- an attorney representing the federal government
- an attorney appointed to represent a party on appeal

Eleventh Circuit

The admission fee is \$239: the national fee plus \$40. Fee Schedules, www.ca11.

uscourts.gov/fee-schedules.

The term of admission is five years. 11th Cir. R. 46-2. The renewal fee is \$20. Fee Schedules, *supra*.

The pro hac vice fee is \$50. Fee Schedules, *supra*.

Federal Circuit

The admission fee is \$300: the national fee plus \$101. Fee Schedule, *cafc*.
uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/FeeSchedule.pdf.

Formal admission is not required for an attorney representing a federal, state, or local government office or agency. Fed. Cir. R. 46(d).

Admission may be by the attorney's own motion. Fed. Cir. R. 46(b)(3).

Alabama State Bar

There is no charge for a certificate of good standing. Members, www.alabar.org/members/.

Middle District of Alabama

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. M.D. Ala. R. 83.1(a)(1). The attorney must either present a certificate of good standing from the district court where the attorney lives or works, *id.* (1)(B), or have admission moved by the court or a current member of the district court's bar, *id.* (A). A federal government or defender attorney may appear without formal admission. *Id.* (c)–(d).

An attorney who is a member of the district court's bar where the attorney lives or works may be granted admission pro hac vice. *Id.* (b)(1).

Fees

- Admission: \$261. Fees, www.almd.uscourts.gov/fees.
- Renewal every five years: \$50. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice: \$75. *Id.*

Northern District of Alabama

Bar Admission

Attorneys who are members of the state bar and who live or work in Alabama are eligible. N.D. Ala. R. 83.1(a)(1). Admission is by motion of a current member of the district court's bar or by the court. *Id.* (1)(A).

Federal government and defender attorneys may appear specially without formal or general admission. *Id.* (c).

An attorney admitted to a federal or state bar where the attorney lives or works may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (b)(1). The attorney must designate local counsel, and “[e]xcept as otherwise ordered by a judge of the court in a particular case, the designated local counsel must at least review and sign all pleadings and other papers filed in the case by the attorney appearing pro hac vice.” *Id.* (2).

Fees

- Admission: \$250. Schedule of Fees, www.alnd.uscourts.gov/sites/alnd/files/Schedule%20of%20Fees%20Effective%2012-1-2023.pdf.
- Readmission every five years: \$50. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice: \$75. *Id.*

Southern District of Alabama

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. S.D. Ala. Gen. R. 83.3(b). In addition, the attorney must be a member of the district-court bar where the attorney lives or works. *Id.* (b)(2). Admission is by motion by a current member of the district court's bar or by the court. *Id.* (1). Membership must be renewed every five years. *Id.* (c). Federal government and defender attorneys may appear without formal admission to the court's bar. *Id.* (f)–(g).

The court may require the appearance of local counsel if an attorney appearing does not live in the district. *Id.* (e).

An attorney who is a member of a state or District of Columbia bar or a member of the bar of the district court where the attorney lives or works may move for pro hac vice admission. *Id.* (d)(1).

Fees

- Admission: \$250. Schedule of Fees, www.alsd.uscourts.gov/sites/alsd/files/forms/Fee_Schedule.pdf.
- Readmission every five years: \$50. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice: \$75. *Id.*

Alaska State Bar

There is no charge for a certificate of good standing. Certificates of Good Standing, alaskabar.org/for-lawyers/certificates-of-good-standing/.

District of Alaska

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D. Alaska Civ. R. 83.1(a).

A member of another jurisdiction's bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice and may be required to associate a member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (d)(1). Federal government and defender attorneys and attorneys representing persons appearing in forma pauperis may appear without pro hac vice fee if admitted to the bar of a state. *Id.* (e).

Fees

- Admission: \$299. Fees, www.akd.uscourts.gov/fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$250. *Id.*

American Samoa Territory Bar

There is no charge for a certificate of good standing. Telephone interview with High Court of American Samoa, Feb. 26, 2024.

Arizona State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$17. Certificates of Good Standing, www.azcourts.gov/attorneydiscipline/CertificatesofGoodStanding.

District of Arizona

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required, Ariz. Civ. R. 83.1(a), except for federal government and defender attorneys, for whom admission to another district-court bar is required, *id.* (b)(1). Admission is by motion by a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (a).

An attorney admitted to practice before another district court may be admitted pro hac vice unless the attorney lives or works in Arizona. *Id.* (b)(2).

Attorneys representing tribal governments may also apply to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (3).

"Nothing herein shall prevent any judicial officer from ordering that local counsel be associated in any case." *Id.* (d).

Fees

- Admission: \$229. United States District Court District of Arizona Fee Schedule, www.azd.uscourts.gov/sites/azd/files/Fee%20Schedule.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Arkansas State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Request for Certificate of Good Standing, www.arcourts.gov/sites/default/files/formatted-files/Form_Certificate_of_Good_Standing.pdf.

Eastern District of Arkansas

Bar Admission

Members of the bar for the Western District of Arkansas are also members of the bar for the Eastern District. E.D. & W.D. Ark. R. 83.5(a), (b)(3). Other attorneys are eligible for membership if licensed where they principally work and either residents of Arkansas or previously admitted to another district court's bar. *Id.* (b)(2).

Unless the court waives this requirement, a pro hac vice application "shall designate a member of the Bar of these Courts who maintains an office in Arkansas for the practice of law with whom the court and opposing counsel may readily communicate regarding the conduct of the case." *Id.* (d). "The Rule

shall not apply to any attorney for the United States appearing in his official capacity.” *Id.*

Fees

- Admission: \$223. Fee Schedule, www.ore.uscourts.gov/sites/ore/files/Fee%20Schedule_1.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Western District of Arkansas

Bar Admission

Members of the bar for the Eastern District of Arkansas are also members of the bar for the Western District. E.D. & W.D. Ark. R. 83.5(a), (b)(3). Other attorneys are eligible for membership if licensed where they principally work and either residents of Arkansas or previously admitted to another district court’s bar. *Id.* (b)(2).

A member of a federal, state, or territory bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (d). Unless the court waives this requirement, a pro hac vice application “shall designate a member of the Bar of these Courts who maintains an office in Arkansas for the practice of law with whom the court and opposing counsel may readily communicate regarding the conduct of the case.” *Id.* “The Rule shall not apply to any attorney for the United States appearing in his official capacity.” *Id.*

Fees

- Admission: \$223. Admission Information, www.arwd.uscourts.gov/admission-information.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

California State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$40. Certificates of Standing, www.calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/Compliance-Records/About-Your-State-Bar-Profile/Certificates-of-Standing.

Central District of California

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. C.D. Cal. R. 83-2.1.2.1. The court charges an annual renewal fee. *Id.* 83-2.1.2.3. The admission fee is waived for federal government attorneys who are members of the California bar. *Id.* 83-2.1.4.

A member of a federal, state, or territory bar who does not live or work in California may apply for pro hac vice appearance. *Id.* 83-2.1.3.1 to .2. The applicant must associate a member of the district court’s bar who works in the district. *Id.* 83-2.1.3.4.

Fees

- Admission: \$331 (\$281 for attorneys admitted to the California bar for less than three years). Schedule of Fees, www.cacd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/G-072/G-72.pdf.¹⁷
- Annual renewal: \$25. Gen. Order No. 21-5 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 2, 2021), www.cacd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/general-orders/GO%2021-05.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$500. Schedule of Fees, *supra*.

Eastern District of California

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. E.D. Cal. R. 180(a). A federal government attorney who is a member of a federal, state, or territory bar may appear. *Id.* (b)(1).

A member of a federal, state, or territory bar who does not live or work in California may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (2). The attorney must associate a member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (2)(ii).

Fees

- Admission: \$225. Fee Schedule, www.caed.uscourts.gov/caednew/index.cfm/attorney-info/fee-schedule/.
- Pro hac vice: \$300. *Id.*

Northern District of California

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required for new membership. N.D. Cal. Civ. R. 11-1(b). "For any attorney admitted to the bar of this court before September 1, 1995 based on membership in the bar of a jurisdiction other than California, continuing membership in the bar of that jurisdiction is an acceptable alternative basis for eligibility." *Id.* Admission to the district court's bar is not required for federal government attorneys. *Id.* Civ. R. 11-2.

A member of a federal, state, or District of Columbia bar who neither lives nor works in California may apply to appear pro hac vice as co-counsel with a member of the district court's bar. *Id.* Civ. R. 11-3(a), (c).

Fees

- Admission: \$328. Court Fee Schedule Summary, www.cand.uscourts.gov/about/clerks-office/court-fees/.
- Pro hac vice: \$328. *Id.*

Southern District of California

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. S.D. Cal. Civ. R. 83.3.c.1.a. A federal

¹⁷ The court did not increase the total fee when the national fee increased in December. Email correspondence with the district court, Feb. 2, 2024.

government attorney who is not a member of the state bar may appear if a member of another federal, state, or territory bar. *Id.* 83.3.c.2.

An attorney who is not a member of California's bar and who neither lives nor works in California but who is a member of another federal, state, or territory bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* 83.3.c.4.

For an attorney whose office is outside the district, a judge may require association with a member of the district court's bar whose office is within the district. *Id.* 83.3.c.5.

Fees

- Admission: \$224. Fees of the U.S. District Court, www.casd.uscourts.gov/_assets/pdf/attorney/CASD%20FEE%20SCHEDULE.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$224. *Id.*

Colorado State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$15. Document Requests, www.coloradosupremecourt.com/Current%20Lawyers/DocumentRequests.asp.

District of Colorado

Bar Admission

Members of state and territory bars are eligible. D. Colo. Att'y R. 3(a).

The court does not permit pro hac vice appearance. Attorney Admission Information, www.cod.uscourts.gov/AttorneyInformation/AttorneyAdmissionInformation.aspx.

Fees

- Admission: \$234. Fee Schedule, www.cod.uscourts.gov/CourtOperations/FeeSchedule.aspx.
- Biennial renewal: \$60. Attorney Admission Information, *supra*.

Connecticut State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$10. Certificate of Good Standing—Frequently Asked Questions, jud.ct.gov/sgc/faq_certgoodstand.htm.

District of Connecticut

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar or to a federal bar is required. D. Conn. R. 83.1(a).

A member of the district court's bar may move for appearance pro hac vice of an attorney who is a member of a federal or state bar. *Id.* (d)(1).

Fees

- Admission: \$151. Fee Information, www.ctd.uscourts.gov/fee-information-0.
- Pro hac vice: \$200. D. Conn. R. 83.1(d)(3); Fee Information, *supra*.

Delaware State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$10. Telephone interview with Delaware Supreme Court, Jan. 10, 2024.

District of Delaware

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D. Del. R. 83.5(b). Admission requires a motion by a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.*

Attorneys who are not members of Delaware's bar and who do not live or work in Delaware may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (c). Only members of Delaware's bar may file papers. *Id.* (d).

Association with Delaware counsel is not required for federal government attorneys. *Id.* (f)(1).

Fees

- Admission: \$203. Attorney Admissions, www.ded.uscourts.gov/attorney-admissions.
- Annual dues: \$25. Standing Order, *In re* District Court Fund (D. Del. July 23, 2009).
- Pro hac vice: \$25. *Id.*

District of Columbia Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Certificate of Good Standing, www.dcb.org/for-lawyers/membership/certificates-forms/certificate-of-good-standing.

District of the District of Columbia

Bar Admission

Members of the District of Columbia bar, attorneys admitted to the bar of the state where they principally work, and in-house attorneys admitted to the bar of a state and authorized to provide legal advice where they work are eligible. D.D.C. Civ. R. 83.8(a). The admission petition must include an affidavit or declaration from a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (c). Membership must be renewed every three years. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.9(a). Federal government attorneys may appear without being members of the district court's bar. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.2(f), Crim. R. 44.1(d).

A member of another federal or state bar may move for pro hac vice admission. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.2(e)(1), Crim. R. 44.1(c)(1). A sponsoring member of the district court's bar must sign the motion. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.2(e)(2), Crim. R. 44.1(c)(2).

Fees

- Admission: \$224. Application for Admission, www.dcd.uscourts.gov/sites/dcd/files/ApplicationForAdmission2023_FILL_withCeremonies_0.pdf.

- Renewal every three years: \$25. D.D.C. Civ. R. 83.9(b); Attorney Admissions, E-Filing Registration, and Renewal Information, www.dcd.uscourts.gov/attorney-renewal.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. D.D.C. Civ. R. 83.2(e)(2); Fee Schedule, www.dcd.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule.

Florida State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$7. Certificates of Good Standing, supremecourt.flcourts.gov/Certificates-of-Good-Standing.

Middle District of Florida

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. M.D. Fla. R. 2.01(b)(1)(A). “But neither membership nor special admission is required for a lawyer employed by the United States or a public entity established by federal law to practice within the course and scope of the lawyer’s employment.” *Id.* (a). Maintaining membership requires payment of a periodic fee. *Id.* (b)(2)(A).

An attorney who is neither a Florida resident nor a member of Florida’s bar may move for special admission if the attorney is a member of another federal district court’s bar. *Id.* (c)(1)–(2).¹⁸

Fees

- Admission: \$214. Fees, www.flmd.uscourts.gov/fees-for-filing-a-case.
- Renewal every five years: \$15. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice: \$150. *Id.*

Northern District of Florida

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. N.D. Fla. R. 11.1(A).¹⁹ Federal, state, and local government attorneys are not required to pay the admission fee. *Id.* (B). Federal government attorneys are not required to be admitted to the district court’s bar. *Id.* (D).

An attorney who is a member of a bar where the attorney lives or works may move for pro hac vice admission. *Id.* (C).

Fees

- Admission: \$219. Fee Schedule, www.flnd.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule.
- Pro hac vice: \$219. *Id.*

18. According to the 2015 District of Maryland’s report, association with local counsel was required.

19. According to the 2015 District of Maryland’s report, membership in Florida’s bar was not required.

Southern District of Florida

Bar Admission

Admission to the district court's bar is governed by the court's "Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys" (Admission Rules).

Admission to the state bar is required. S.D. Fla. Admis. R. 1. Federal government and defender attorneys and state government attorneys may appear without admission to the court's bar. *Id.* Admis. R. 4(d).

"Attorneys residing within this District and practicing before this Court are expected to be members of the bar of this Court." *Id.* (a). A member of the district court's bar may move for pro hac vice appearance as co-counsel by a member of a federal, state, or territory bar. *Id.* (b)(1). "If permission to appear pro hac vice is granted, such appearance shall not constitute formal admission or authorize the attorney to file documents via CM/ECF." *Id.*

Fees

- Admission: \$224. Court Fees, www.flsd.uscourts.gov/court-fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$200. *Id.*

Georgia State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$15. Frequently Asked Questions, www.gabar.org/aboutthebar/faq/faqs.cfm?filter=Membership.

Middle District of Georgia

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. M.D. Ga. R. 83.1.1.B.

An attorney who does not live or work in the district and who is a member of another district court's bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* 83.1.2.C. Association with a member of the district court's bar is required in civil cases. *Id.* 83.1.2.C(1). A federal government or defender attorney may appear if a member of a district court's bar. *Id.* 83.1.2.C(2).

Fees

- Admission: \$224. Attorney Admissions, www.gamd.uscourts.gov/attorney-admissions.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Northern District of Georgia

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. N.D. Ga. R. 83.1(A)(1). Federal government attorneys who reside in the district "will be allowed 18 months from the date of their appointment or commission within which to become members of the State Bar of Georgia, provided that they at all times are members in good standing of the bar of another United States district court." *Id.* (3). Federal

government attorneys who do not reside in the district do not need to be admitted to the district court's bar if admitted to another district court's bar. *Id.*

An attorney may be permitted to appear pro hac vice if not a member of the Georgia bar but a member of another state's bar or a federal bar or a member of the Georgia bar but living outside the district. *Id.* (B)(1). The attorney must designate local counsel. *Id.* (4). "Except as otherwise ordered by the presiding judge for good cause, the designated local counsel must maintain an office in this district and be a member in good standing of the bar of this Court and the State Bar of Georgia." *Id.*

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Admission to NDGA Bar, www.gand.uscourts.gov/admission-ndga-bar.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. Admission Pro Hac Vice, www.gand.uscourts.gov/admission-pro-hac-vice.

Southern District of Georgia

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. S.D. Ga. R. 83.2. The admission petition must be signed by two current members of the district court's bar. *Id.* R. 83.3(a).

Federal government attorneys do not need to be admitted to the district court's bar if admitted to another district court's bar. *Id.* R. 83.4(c). A local assistant U.S. attorney must attend all hearings and trials and must review and sign all pleadings. *Id.*

An attorney may be permitted to appear pro hac vice if not a member of the Georgia bar but a member of another federal bar or a member of the Georgia bar who lives and works outside the district. *Id.* (a)–(b). A member of the district court's bar must also make an appearance in the case. *Id.* (b)(1).

Fees

- Admission: \$274. Court Fees, www.gasd.uscourts.gov/sites/gasd/files/CourtFees_DistrictCourt_12_1_23%28rev-12_13_23%29.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$200. *Id.*

Guam Territory Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Request for Certificate of Good Standing, www.guamcourts.org/Board-of-Law-Examiners/images/Certificate_of_Good_Standing.pdf.

District of Guam

Bar Admission

Admission to the territorial bar is required. D. Guam Gen. R. 17.1(a). Application requires a certificate from a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (b)(1)(B). A federal government or defender attorney may appear without

admission if the attorney is a member of a federal, state, or territory bar. *Id.* (c). An attorney working for Guam’s government may be admitted temporarily. *Id.* (f).

An attorney who does not live or work in Guam and who is a member of a federal, state, or territory bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (d). Pro hac vice admission requires association with a member of the district court’s bar who lives in the district, *id.* (e), and an annual renewal fee, *id.* (d)(4). “Local counsel shall attend all proceedings related to the case before this Court for which counsel is associated unless excused by this court.” *Id.* (e).

Fees

- Admission: \$350. Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, www.gud.uscourts.gov/miscellaneous-fee-schedule.
- Pro hac vice: \$400. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice annual renewal: \$100. *Id.*

Hawaii State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$5. Telephone interview with Hawaii Supreme Court, Jan. 22, 2024.

District of Hawaii

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required for new members. D. Haw. R. 83.1(a)–(b), Crim. R. 83.1(a)–(b). Before October 1, 1997, members of a state or territory bar were eligible. *Id.* R. 83.1(a), Crim. R. 83.1(a). A federal government attorney may be permitted to appear if the attorney is a member of a state or territory bar. *Id.* R. 83.1(c)(1), Crim. R. 83.1(c)(1). If an attorney does not maintain an office in the district, the court may order association with an attorney with an office in the district who is a member of Hawaii’s bar and the district court’s bar. *Id.* R. 83.2, Crim. R. 83.2.

An attorney who does not live or work in Hawaii and is a member of a state or territory bar may apply to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* R. 83.1(c)(2)(A), Crim. R. 83.1(c)(2)(A). The applicant must designate as local counsel a member of Hawaii’s bar and the district court’s bar who maintains an office within the district. *Id.* R. 83.1(B)(vi), Crim. R. 83.1(B)(vi).

Fees

- Admission: \$275. Schedule of Fees & Online Payments, www.hid.uscourts.gov/court-resources/schedule-of-fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$300. *Id.*

Idaho State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$10. Certificates of Good Standing, isb.idaho.gov/licensing-mcle/certificates-of-good-standing/.

District of Idaho

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D. Idaho Civ. R. 83.4(a). A federal government or defender attorney may appear if the attorney is a member of a federal, state, or territory bar. *Id.* (c).

An attorney admitted to a federal, state, or territory bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (e). The attorney must designate a member of the district court's bar as counsel of record in the case, and local counsel must appear at all proceedings unless excused by the court. *Id.*

Federal government and defender attorneys are not required to pay admission fees. *Id.* (f)(4).

Fees

- Admission: \$250. Attorney Admissions, www.id.uscourts.gov/district/attorneys/Attorney_Admissions.cfm.
- Pro hac vice: \$250. *Id.*

Illinois State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$15. Certificate of Admission/Good Standing to the Roll of Attorneys Licensed to Practice Law in Illinois, www.illinoiscourts.gov/eservices/how-to-obtain-a-certificate-of-good-standing/.

Central District of Illinois

Bar Admission

An attorney admitted to a state or District of Columbia bar is eligible. C.D. Ill. R. 83.5(A). Also eligible are attorneys admitted to the bar of the Northern or Southern District. *Id.* (D). "An attorney employed full time by a state, a county, or the United States may request the Court waive the admission fee." *Id.* (A).

Pro hac vice admission generally is not permitted, but it may be for attorneys awaiting general admission. *Id.* (F).

Fees

- Admission: \$249. For Attorneys, www.ilcd.uscourts.gov/attorneys.

Northern District of Illinois

Bar Admission

A member of a state or District of Columbia bar is eligible. N.D. Ill. R. 83.10(a). The petition for admission must include affidavits from two members of state or District of Columbia bars. *Id.* (c)(2). For an attorney to appear alone in a testimonial or criminal proceeding, the attorney must additionally be a member of the district court's trial bar. *Id.* R. 83.12; *see id.* R. 83.11 (trial-bar provisions). Senior federal, state, and local attorneys may appear without admission to the trial bar. *Id.* R. 83.12(a).

A member of a state or federal district-court bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* R. 83.14.

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Fee Schedule, www.ilnd.uscourts.gov/Pages.aspx?VAOKCfUfUrENJEfltoKzJ1y8ME5cnOTZ.
- Trial-bar admission: \$50. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice: \$150. *Id.*

Southern District of Illinois

Bar Admission

“Any attorney licensed to practice law in any state in the United States or the District of Columbia shall be admitted to practice generally in this Court upon payment of an initial fee . . . and completion of the registration process” S.D. Ill. R. 83.1(a)(1). There is a biennial renewal fee. *Id.* (a)(4), (m).

An attorney licensed in a state or the District of Columbia may move to appear pro hac vice instead. S.D. Ill. R. 83.1(b)(1). The motion and fee are waived for federal, state, and municipal government attorneys. *Id.* (c).

Fees

- Admission: Fee Schedule, *supra*.
- Biennial renewal: \$100. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice: \$200. *Id.*

Indiana State Bar

There is no charge for a certificate of good standing. How Do I Obtain an Attorney Certificate of Good Standing?, courts-ingov.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/115005248968-How-do-I-obtain-an-attorney-Certificate-of-Good-Standing.

Northern District of Indiana

Bar Admission

“An attorney admitted to practice by the United States Supreme Court or the highest court in any state may become a member of the court’s bar on a member’s motion.” N.D. Ind. R. 83-5(c)(1). “The court may require an attorney residing outside the district to retain, as local counsel, a member of the court’s bar who resides in the district.” *Id.* (d). A federal government attorney may appear without being a member of the district court’s bar. *Id.* (a)(2)(B).

A member of another federal or state bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (C).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, www.innd.uscourts.gov/MiscellaneousFeeSchedule.
- Pro hac vice: \$96. *Id.*

Southern District of Indiana

Bar Admission

“An attorney admitted to practice by the United States Supreme Court or the highest court in any state may become a member of the court’s bar when sponsored by a current member of this court’s bar.” S.D. Ind. R. 83-5(c)(1). Admission fees are waived for federal government and defender attorneys. *Id.* (d). Government attorneys need not be admitted to the district court’s bar to appear. *Id.* (a)(2)(B). “The court may require an attorney residing outside the district to retain, as local counsel, a member of the court’s bar who resides in the district.” *Id.* (e), 83-6(e).

An attorney who is a member of a federal or state bar may seek admission pro hac vice. *Id.* R. 83-6(a), (d)(1).

Fees

- Admission: \$249. District Court Fee Schedule, www.insd.uscourts.gov/sites/insd/files/dc_fee_schedule%2012-1-23.final_.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Iowa State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$10. Certificate of Good Standing, www.iowacourts.gov/opr/attorneys/admissions/certificate-of-good-standing/.

Northern District of Iowa

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. N.D. & S.D. Iowa R. 83(b). A federal government or defender attorney may appear if the attorney is a member of a federal, state, or territory bar. *Id.*

Admission pro hac vice is by motion. *Id.* (d)(3)(A). An admission fee and association with local counsel are required in civil cases. *Id.* (2), (4).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Attorney Admission Information, www.iand.uscourts.gov/attorney-admission-information.
- Annual renewal: \$25. Annual Renewal Fee, www.iand.uscourts.gov/annual-renewal-fee.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. Pro Hac Vice Admission, www.iand.uscourts.gov/pro-hac-vice-admission.

Southern District of Iowa

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. N.D. & S.D. Iowa R. 83(b). A federal government or defender attorney may appear if the attorney is a member of a federal, state, or territory bar. *Id.*

Admission pro hac vice is by motion. *Id.* (d)(3)(A). An admission fee and association with local counsel are required in civil cases. *Id.* (2), (4).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Attorney Admissions, www.iasd.uscourts.gov/attorney-admissions.
- Annual renewal: \$25. Annual Renewal Fee, www.iasd.uscourts.gov/annual-renewal-fee.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. Attorney Admissions, *supra*; Schedule of Fees, www.iasd.uscourts.gov/schedule-fees.

Kansas State Bar

There is no charge for a certificate of good standing. Attorney Registration, www.kscourts.org/Attorneys/Registration.

District of Kansas

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar or the Western District of Missouri's bar is required. D. Kan. R. 83.5.2(a). Admission requires a motion by a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (b). A federal government or defender attorney who is a member of a state or territory bar may practice in this district. *Id.* R. 83.5.2.1.

Pro hac vice admission requires admission to the bar of another state or federal court, *id.* R. 83.5.4(a)(1), and association with a member of the district court's bar, who must sign all filings, *id.* (b).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Clerk's Office Fees, ksd.uscourts.gov/clerks-office-fees.
- Annual renewal: \$25. Annual Bar membership Renewal, www.ksd.uscourts.gov/annual-bar-membership-renewal; *see* D. Kan. R. 83.5.3(a)(4).
- Pro hac vice: \$50. D. Kan. R. 83.5.4(a)(5); Clerk's Office Fees, *supra*.

Kentucky State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Email correspondence with Kentucky Bar Association, Jan. 30, 2024.

Eastern District of Kentucky

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. E.D. & W.D. Ky. R. 83.1(a)(1), Crim. R. 57.1(a)(1). The application for admission must include an affidavit of sponsorship by a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* R. (b)(3), Crim. R. 57.1(b)(3).

A member of another federal or state bar may move to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* R. 83.2(a)(1), Crim. R. 57.2(b). Federal government attorneys and attorneys appointed under the Criminal Justice Act need not seek pro hac vice admission. *Id.* R. 83.2(b), Crim. R. 57.2(b).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Attorney Forms, www.kyed.uscourts.gov/atty-forms.
- Pro hac vice: \$125. *Id.*

Western District of Kentucky

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. E.D. & W.D. Ky. R. 83.1(a)(1), Crim. R. 57.1(a)(1). The application for admission must include an affidavit of sponsorship by a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* R. (b)(3), Crim. R. 57.1(b)(3).

A member of another federal or state bar may move to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* R. 83.2(a)(1), Crim. R. 57.2(b). Federal government attorneys and attorneys appointed under the Criminal Justice Act need not seek pro hac vice admission. *Id.* R. 83.2(b), Crim. R. 57.2(b).

Fees

- Admission: \$229. Court Fees, www.kywd.uscourts.gov/court-fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$150. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice annual renewal: \$150. *Id.*

Louisiana State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Certificate of Good Standing Request, cogs.lasc.org/COGSRequest/Create.

Eastern District of Louisiana

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. E.D. La. R. 83.2.1. The application must be endorsed by two current members of the district court's bar. *Id.* R. 83.2.2(A). In addition to the admission fee, the court charges a triennial registration fee. *Id.* (D)–(E).

A member of the district court's bar may move for pro hac vice appearance of co-counsel who is a member of a federal or state bar but who is ineligible for admission to the district court's bar. *Id.* R. 83.2.5.

“Attorneys admitted pro hac vice must pay a triennial or proportionate fee, unless a similar fee has been paid to another court of the United States and satisfactory evidence thereof has been submitted to the clerk.” *Id.* R. 83.2.2(D)(1).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Fee Schedule, www.laed.uscourts.gov/case-information/fee-schedule.
- Triennial fee: \$45. Admissions & E-Filing Privileges, www.laed.uscourts.gov/attorney-information/admissions-registration; *see* E.D. La. R. 83.2.2(D).
- Pro hac vice: \$100. Fee Schedule, *supra*.

Middle District of Louisiana

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. M.D. La. Civ. R. 83(b)(2). The petition for admission must be endorsed by two current members of the district court's bar. *Id.* (3)(A). Admission requires the payment of an annual fee paid triennially. *Id.* (5)(A). Federal government attorneys may appear "upon written request to the Clerk of Court and proper introduction to the Court by the United States Attorney for the District or one of the Assistant United States Attorneys." *Id.* (4).

A member of a federal or state bar may be permitted to appear as co-counsel pro hac vice. *Id.* (8)(A). The member of the district court's bar must sign all documents. *Id.* (E). The court may excuse the requirement of association with local counsel. *Id.* (9).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Fee Schedule, www.lamd.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule.
- Triennial fee: \$15. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Western District of Louisiana

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. W.D. La. R. 83.2.2. The application must be endorsed by a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* R. 83.2.3.A. Federal government attorneys may appear without admission to the district court's bar. *Id.* R. 83.2.3.D.

A member of the district court's bar may move for pro hac vice appearance by a member of a federal or state bar. *Id.* R. 83.2.6. The current member must sign all documents. *Id.* In suitable circumstances, the requirement of association with local counsel may be waived. *Id.* R. 83.2.7.

Fees

- Admission: \$224. Fees and Online Payments, www.lawd.uscourts.gov/fees-and-online-payments.
- Triennial renewal: \$45. W.D. La. R. 83.2.3.C; Renewals, www.lawd.uscourts.gov/renewals.
- Pro hac vice: \$105. W.D. La. R. 83.2.6; Fees and Online Payments, *supra*.

Maine State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Certificate of Good Standing, www.mebaroverseers.org/attorney_services/registration/certificate_good_standing.html.

District of Maine

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D. Me. R. 83.1(a). A motion by a current member of the district court's bar is required. *Id.* (b). Admission is not required for federal and state government attorneys, including federal defender attorneys. *Id.* (c)(2).

An attorney who is admitted to a federal or state bar may be permitted to appear as a visiting lawyer pro hac vice in association with a member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (1).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. How to Apply, www.med.uscourts.gov/how-apply-atty-adm.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. D. Me. R. 83.1(c)(1).

Maryland State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$7. Attorney Information, www.courts.state.md.us/coappeals/infoattorneys.

District of Maryland

Bar Admission

An attorney is eligible for admission if the attorney either is a member of Maryland's bar or is a member of another district court's bar and a member of a state or District of Columbia bar. D. Md. R. 701(1)(a). Admission is by motion by a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (2)(a). Membership in the district court's bar must be renewed periodically. *Id.* (b). "Although not required, an attorney admitted to the Bar of this Court who is not also a member of the Maryland Bar is strongly urged to consider retaining local counsel when appearing on matters involving Maryland law." *Id.* (1)(a). A federal government or defender attorney is eligible for admission to the district court's bar if the attorney is a member of a state or District of Columbia bar. *Id.* (b). "An attorney who is not a member of the Maryland Bar is not qualified for admission to the Bar of this District if the attorney maintains a law office in Maryland." *Id.* (c).

A member of a federal or state bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* R. 101(b)(i). The attorney must associate a member of the district court's bar, who must sign all documents and, unless excused by the court,

attend all proceedings. *Id.* “An attorney, who is an active member of the Maryland Bar or maintains any law office in Maryland, is ineligible for admission pro hac vice.” *Id.* (v).

Fees

- Admission: \$200. Schedule of Fees, www.mdd.uscourts.gov/sites/mdd/files/ScheduleofFees_0_1.pdf.
- Renewal every six years: \$75. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Massachusetts State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$15. Certificate of Admission and Good Standing (Attorneys), www.mass.gov/guides/certificate-of-admission-and-good-standing-attorneys.

District of Massachusetts

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D. Mass. R. 83.5.1(a)(1). Federal government and defender attorneys may appear without being members of the district court’s bar. *Id.* R. 83.5.3(c)–(d).

A member of the district court’s bar may move for pro hac vice appearance of an attorney who is a member of a federal or state bar. *Id.* (e)(1)–(2).

Fees

- Admission: \$261. Fees, Payments, and Interest Rates, www.mad.uscourts.gov/finance/fees.htm.
- Pro hac vice: \$125. *Id.*

Michigan State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$15. Certificates of Good Standing & Confirmation of Status, www.michbar.org/programs/cogs.

Eastern District of Michigan

Bar Admission

An attorneys admitted to a federal, state, or territory bar is eligible. E.D. Mich. R. 83.20(c)(1). An applicant without an office in the district may take the oath remotely, in which case a current member of the district court’s bar must act as sponsor. *Id.* (d)(3)–(4). A federal government attorney may practice without being a member of the district court’s bar. *Id.* (g).

Unless the court orders otherwise, an attorney not admitted to Michigan’s bar must associate local counsel, who must attend each scheduled appearance in the case. *Id.* (f).

“Pro hac vice admission is not permitted.” *Id.* (c)(1).

Fees

- Admission: \$318. Fee Schedule, www.mied.uscourts.gov/index.cfm?pageFunction=coFeeSchedule.

Western District of Michigan

Bar Admission

Attorneys admitted to a state bar are eligible. W.D. Mich. Gen. R. 2.1(a). The admission fee is waived for federal government and defender attorneys. *Id.* (c).

“This court disfavors pro hac vice admission and prefers that all lawyers appearing before it become full members of the bar of the court. Pro hac vice admission may nevertheless be allowed on a temporary basis pending full admission, or in unusual circumstances.” *Id.* Gen. R. 2.2(a).

Fees

- Admission: \$251. United States District Court Western District of Michigan Fee Schedule, www.miwd.uscourts.gov/sites/miwd/files/Fee%20Chart%202023-12.pdf.

Minnesota State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$50. Order Certificate of Good Standing, lro.mn.gov/for-lawyers/order-certificate-of-good-standing/.

District of Minnesota

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D. Minn. R. 83.5(b). A current member of the district court’s bar must move for admission. *Id.* (c)(3). The motion must include certificates from two current members of the district court’s bar. *Id.* (2)(B).

A member of the district court’s bar may move for pro hac vice appearance—in the current member’s case—by a member of another district court’s bar who is not a member of Minnesota’s bar, who does not reside in Minnesota, and who does not represent the federal government. *Id.* (d). A federal government attorney need associate an attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office only if not admitted to the bar of another federal court. *Id.* (e).

Fees

- Admission: \$212. Admission to Practice Procedure, www.mnd.uscourts.gov/sites/mnd/files/forms/Petition-for-Admission-Procedure.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. Attorney Admissions, www.mnd.uscourts.gov/sites/mnd/files/AttorneyAdmissionsInformation.pdf.

Mississippi State Bar

There apparently is no charge for a certificate of good standing. Letters of Good Standing, www.msbar.org/for-attorneys/membership-status-enrollment-

fees/letters-of-good-standing/.

Northern District of Mississippi

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. N.D. & S.D. Miss. Civ. R. 83.1(a)(1). The attorney must be sponsored by a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (1)(B). Federal government attorneys may appear without formal admission. *Id.* (d)(10).

Papers must be signed, and proceedings and depositions attended, by a member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (b)(1), (d)(3).

"A non-resident attorney seeking to appear pro hac vice . . . must submit a verified application . . . to associated counsel." *Id.* (d)(4). The court may waive this requirement in criminal cases. *Id.* Crim. R. 44.1. The application fee is waived for pro bono attorneys and attorneys representing indigent habeas corpus petitioners. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(d)(5).

Fees

- Admission: \$209. Fee Schedule, www.msnd.uscourts.gov/sites/msnd/files/forms/fee_schedule_12-01-2023.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$150. *Id.*

Southern District of Mississippi

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. N.D. & S.D. Miss. Civ. R. 83.1(a)(1). The attorney must be sponsored by a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (1)(B). Federal government attorneys may appear without formal admission. *Id.* (d)(10).

Papers must be signed, and proceedings and depositions attended, by a member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (b)(1), (d)(3).

"A non-resident attorney seeking to appear pro hac vice . . . must submit a verified application . . . to associated counsel." *Id.* (d)(4). The court may waive this requirement in criminal cases. *Id.* Crim. R. 44.1. The application fee is waived for pro bono attorneys and attorneys representing indigent habeas corpus petitioners. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(d)(5).

Fees

- Admission: \$209. Schedule of Fees, www.mssd.uscourts.gov/sites/mssd/files/Schedule%20of%20Fees_12%2001%202023.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Missouri State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$15. Attorney Membership Services, www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=2041.

Eastern District of Missouri

Bar Admission

A member of a state or District of Columbia bar is eligible. E.D. Mo. R. 12.01(B). Federal and state government attorneys may apply for “special Government Counsel limited admission,” supported by a letter from the employer. *Id.* (D). Bar membership is renewed quadrennially. *Id.* (E).

A member of a state or District of Columbia bar who does not live or work in the district, absent relief from the geographic requirement for good cause, may move for admission pro hac vice. *Id.* (F).

Fees

Admission: \$263. Fee Schedule, www.moed.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule.

Quadrennial renewal: \$75. Administrative Order, No. AORD-69 (Feb. 25, 2022), www.moed.uscourts.gov/sites/moed/files/documents/administrative-orders/arod-0069.pdf.

Pro hac vice: \$150. Fee Schedule, *supra*.

Western District of Missouri

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar or the District of Kansas’s bar is required. W.D. Mo. R. 83.5(b). Admission requires a motion by a current member of the district court’s bar and certificates from two members. *Id.* (c)(1)(B), (c)(3). A federal government or defender attorney may practice upon submission of a Petition for Admission of a Government Attorney. *Id.* (h).

An attorney who lives outside of the district and is a member of another federal district court’s bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (g)(1)(A)–(B). The pro hac vice attorney must associate a member of the Western District of Missouri’s bar. *Id.* (3)(A).

Fees

- Admission: \$206 (including reciprocity with the District of Kansas). District Court Fee Schedule, www.mow.uscourts.gov/sites/mow/files/dc_fees.pdf.
- Annual dues: \$20. *Id.*; W.D. Mo. R. 83.5(d)(1).
- Pro hac vice: \$100. District Court Fee Schedule, *supra*.

Montana State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$20. Products, www.montanabar.org/Store/Membership.

District of Montana

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D. Mont. Civ. R. 83.1(a)(2)(A), (b)(1). A federal government or defender attorney may appear without formal

admission if the attorney is a member of a federal, state, or territory bar. *Id.* (a)(2)(B), (c).

A member of a federal, state, or territory bar who does not live or work in Montana may move for pro hac vice appearance. *Id.* (d)(1)(A); *see id.* (a)(2)(C). The attorney must associate a member of the district court's bar who has an office in Montana, *id.* (d)(3), who must move for the pro hac vice attorney's temporary admission, *id.* (4), and who must participate actively in all phases of the case, *id.* (7).

Fees

Admission: \$273. Fee Schedule, www.mtd.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule.

Pro hac vice: \$273. *Id.*

Nebraska State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$5. Telephone interview with Nebraska Supreme Court, Jan. 18, 2024.

District of Nebraska

Bar Admission

A member of a state bar is eligible. D. Neb. Gen. R. 1.7(d). The fee is waived for federal government attorneys. *Id.* (d)(1). The court may require an attorney who does not live in Nebraska to associate a member of the district court's bar who does. *Id.* (h).

A member of a state bar may apply to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (f).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Fees, www.ned.uscourts.gov/fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*; *see* D. Neb. Gen. R. 1.7(h).

Nevada State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Certificate of Good Standing Request Form, www.nvbar.org/wp-content/uploads/Certificate-of-Good-Standing-Request-Form.pdf.

District of Nevada

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D. Nev. R. IA 11-1(a)(1). A motion by a current member of the district court's bar is required. *Id.* (2)(A). An attorney who does not have an office in Nevada must associate a Nevada attorney who does. *Id.* (b). A federal government or defender attorney may be admitted to the district court's bar if admitted to a state or territory bar. *Id.* R. IA 11-3.

An attorney who is not a member of the Nevada bar and does not live or work in Nevada but is licensed to practice elsewhere in the United States may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* R. IA 11-2(a). Unless the court orders

otherwise, the attorney admitted pro hac vice must associate a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (d).

Fees

- Admission: \$223. Attorney Admissions, www.nvd.uscourts.gov/attorney-admissions/; Fee Schedule, www.nvd.uscourts.gov/court-information/fee-schedule/.
- Pro hac vice: \$250. *Id.*

New Hampshire State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$10. Certificate of Good Standing, www.courts.nh.gov/lawyers/certificate-good-standing.

District of New Hampshire

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D.N.H. R. 83.1(a). Federal government and defender attorneys may practice without membership in the district court's bar. *Id.* R. 83.2(a).

A member of a federal or state bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice on motion by an associated member of the district court's bar, who must sign all filings and attend all proceedings unless excused by the court. *Id.* (b).

Fees

- Admission: \$229. Fee Schedule, www.nhd.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

New Jersey State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$20. Certificate of Good Standing Request Form, www.njbarexams.org/certificate-of-good-standing-form.

District of New Jersey

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D.N.J. Civ. R. 101.1(b). A federal government attorney may appear if the attorney is a member of a district court's bar; the attorney must associate the U.S. attorney if the attorney does not have an office in the district. *Id.* (f).

"This Rule does not govern the appearance of attorneys representing defendants in criminal cases." *Id.* (j). "If defense counsel is not a member of the bar of this Court, he or she shall . . . certify that he or she is a member in good standing of the bar of a court of the United States or of the highest court of a state . . ." *Id.* Crim. R. 44.1.

A member of a federal or state bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* Civ. R. 101.1(c)(1). The attorney must associate a member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (4).

Fees

- Admission: \$200. Schedule of Fees, www.njd.uscourts.gov/sites/njd/files/APPKRevised.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$150. D.N.J. Civ. R. 101.1(c)(3); Schedule of Fees, *supra*.

New Mexico State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$1. Certificates of Good Standing, supremecourt.nmcourts.gov/supreme-court/for-attorneys/certificates-of-good-standing/.

District of New Mexico

Bar Admission

An attorney admitted to a state or territory bar is eligible. D.N.M. R. 83.2(a).²⁰

A member of a state or territory bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice by associating a member of the district court's bar, who must sign the first pleading. *Id.* R. 83.3(a)(1).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Admissions, www.nmd.uscourts.gov/admissions.
- Dues every two years: \$25. *Id.*; see D.N.M. R. 83.2(h).
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.* R. 83.3(a)(2); Admissions, *supra*.

New York State Bar

There is no charge for a certificate of good standing. Bar Admissions, www.nycourts.gov/courts/ad4/Clerk/AttyMttrs/baradmin.html#Certificates.

Eastern District of New York

Bar Admission

“A member in good standing of the bar of the State of New York, or a member in good standing of the bar of the United States District Court in Connecticut or Vermont and of the bar of the State in which such district court is located, provided such district court by its rule extends a corresponding privilege to members of the bar of this Court, may be admitted to practice in this Court” E.D. & S.D. N.Y. Civ. R. 1.3(a). “The application shall . . . be accompanied by an affidavit of an attorney of this Court” *Id.* A member of the bar for the Southern District of New York may be admitted without another attorney's affidavit. *Id.* (b).

An attorney may move to appear pro hac vice if the attorney is a member of a federal or state bar. *Id.* (c). “Attorneys appearing for the Department of

20. According to the 2015 District of Maryland's report, membership in New Mexico's bar was required, citing Rule 83.2(a)(1), but Rule 83.2(a) does not now have parts.

Justice may appear before the Court without requesting pro hac vice admission. . . . Attorneys appearing for other federal agencies must move for pro hac vice admission but the fee requirement is waived” *Id.*

Fees

- Admission: \$219. Court Fees, www.nyed.uscourts.gov/court-fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$150. *Id.*

Northern District of New York

Bar Admission

A member of New York’s bar, a federal district court’s bar, or a state bar in the state where the attorney lives is eligible. N.D.N.Y. R. 83.1(a). The petition for admission must be sponsored by a current member of the district court’s bar, *id.* (a)(2), unless the attorney is a member of another federal district court’s bar in New York, *id.* (c).

A member of a federal district-court or state bar may be admitted pro hac vice. *Id.* (d). “In lieu of a written motion for admission, the sponsoring attorney may make an oral motion in open court on the record.” *Id.*

Fees

- Admission: \$249. Court Fees & Rates, www.nynd.uscourts.gov/court-fees-rates.
- Biennial registration: \$50. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Southern District of New York

Bar Admission

“A member in good standing of the bar of the State of New York, or a member in good standing of the bar of the United States District Court in Connecticut or Vermont and of the bar of the State in which such district court is located, provided such district court by its rule extends a corresponding privilege to members of the bar of this Court, may be admitted to practice in this Court” E.D. & S.D. N.Y. Civ. R. 1.3(a). “The application shall . . . be accompanied by an affidavit of an attorney of this Court” *Id.* A member of the bar for the Eastern District of New York may be admitted without another attorney’s affidavit. *Id.* (b).

An attorney may move to appear pro hac vice if the attorney is a member of a federal or state bar. *Id.* (c). “Attorneys appearing for the Department of Justice may appear before the Court without requesting pro hac vice admission. . . . Attorneys appearing for other federal agencies must move for pro hac vice admission but the fee requirement is waived” *Id.*

Fees

- Admission: \$226. District Court Fee Schedule and Related Information, www.nysd.uscourts.gov/programs/fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$200. *Id.*

Western District of New York

Bar Admission

To be eligible for admission to the district court's bar, an attorney must be admitted to New York's bar, the bar of another federal district court in New York, or the bar of another federal district court and the bar of the state that includes that district. W.D.N.Y. R. 83.1. An attorney who is not a member of another federal district court's bar must designate a current member of the Western District's bar as a sponsor, and a current member of the Western District's bar must move for admission. *Id.* (b). Federal government and defender attorneys may appear without formal bar admission. *Id.* (e).

In the court's discretion, an attorney may appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (d). "Pro hac vice attorneys who do not maintain an office in this District must obtain local counsel." *Id.* R. 83.2(a)(1).

Fees

- Admission: \$250. District Court Schedule of Fees, www.nywd.uscourts.gov/sites/nywd/files/district_court_fee_schedule_effective_122023.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$200. *Id.*

North Carolina State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$5. Certificate of Good Standing, www.nccourts.gov/courts/supreme-court/certificate-of-good-standing.

Eastern District of North Carolina

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. E.D.N.C. Civ. R. 83.1(b), Crim. R. 57.1(b). Admission requires a motion by a current member of the district court's bar and certifications from two current members. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(c), Crim. R. 57.1(c). The certifications are not required for members of the bar of either the Middle District or the Western District. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(j), Crim. R. 57.1(k). The admission fee is waived for law clerks. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(c)(3), Crim. R. 57.1(c)(3).

An attorney who is a member of a federal bar and a state or District of Columbia bar may make a special appearance in association with a member of the district court's bar, who must sign all filings. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(d)–(e), Crim. R. 57.1(d)–(e).

Fees

- Admission: \$229. Attorney Admission Information, www.nced.uscourts.gov/pdfs/forms/attorneyAdmissionApplicationMemo.pdf.
- There is no fee charged for a special admission.
- Pro hac vice: There is a \$100 fee to appear pro hac vice in the Camp Lejeune litigation. Order, *In re Camp Lejeune Water Litigation*, No. 7:23-cv-897 (E.D.N.C. Apr. 24, 2023), www.nced.uscourts.gov/pdfs/Order_CampLejeuneWL.pdf.

Middle District of North Carolina

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. M.D.N.C. R. 83.1(b). A motion by a current member of the district court's bar is required, except for members of the bar of either the Eastern or Western District. *Id.*

Local counsel is required for all parties except the U.S. government. *Id.* (c).

A member of a state or District of Columbia bar may appear pro hac vice in association with a member of the district court's bar, who must sign all filings and be present during pretrial conferences, potentially dispositive proceedings, and trial. *Id.* (c)–(d).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Court Fees, www.ncmd.uscourts.gov/court-fees.
- Special appearance: \$25. *Id.*

Western District of North Carolina

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. W.D.N.C. R. 83.1(a). A motion by a current member of the district court's bar is required, except for members of the bar of either the Eastern or Middle District. *Id.* Federal government and tribal attorneys who are members of a federal, state, or District of Columbia bar are not required to associate local counsel or pay an admission fee. *Id.*

Upon motion by local counsel, a member of a federal, state, or District of Columbia bar may be admitted pro hac vice for a particular case and must associate local counsel, who must attend all hearings, unless otherwise permitted by the court. *Id.* (b)(1), (c)(2)(A). "A special admission is defined as a conditional admission to the Bar of this Court in a particular case without association of local counsel." *Id.* (b)(2).

Fees

- Admission: \$300. Court Fees, www.ncwd.uscourts.gov/court-fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$300. *Id.*

North Dakota State Bar

There is no charge for a certificate of good standing. Request Certificate of Good Standing or Discipline History, www.ndcourts.gov/supreme-court/committees/board-of-law-examiners/certificate-of-good-standing.

District of North Dakota

Bar Admission

Attorneys admitted to a federal, state, or District of Columbia bar are eligible. D.N.D. Gen. R. 1.3(B). The admission fee is waived for federal government and defender attorneys. *Id.* (C)(2).

Federal government and defender attorneys may not appear pro hac vice; they must apply for full admission. *Id.* (D).

Fees

- Admission: \$249. Fee Schedule, www.ndd.uscourts.gov/atty/fee-schedule.
- Pro hac vice: \$150. *Id.*

Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$50. Request for Certificate of Good Standing, Disciplinary History, 71f2b595-b778-4335-9a05-c1d0b0abee08.usrfiles.com/ugd/71f2b5_18cf895135834eed928dd8801c91212f.pdf.

District of the Northern Mariana Islands

Bar Admission

Admission to the commonwealth bar is required for regular membership. D.N.M.I. R. 83.5(a). A federal government or commonwealth attorney who is a member of a state’s bar is eligible for temporary membership. *Id.* (d)(1). “Due to the remoteness of this district, any attorney admitted to practice before this Court who does not reside in and have a full-time, staffed office in the Northern Mariana Islands . . . must associate with [local counsel].” *Id.* (f); *see id.* (b)(6) (similar text). “This requirement may be waived for good cause, at the Court’s discretion, upon a showing that the attorney has made diligent efforts to associate with local counsel and has been unable to do so.” *Id.* (f).

A member of a federal, state, or territory bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice, *id.* (a), (e)(1), so long as the attorney does not live or work in the Northern Mariana Islands, *id.* (e)(2). The applicant must designate local counsel, who must attend all proceedings unless excused by the court. *Id.* (e)(4)(B), (f).

Fees

- Admission: \$299. Fees Schedule, www.nmid.uscourts.gov/fees.
- Biennial renewal: \$30. *Id.*; Attorney Admissions, www.nmid.uscourts.gov/admission; *see* D.N.M.I. R. 83.5(c).
- Pro hac vice: \$300. Fees Schedule, *supra*.

Ohio State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$20. Certificates of Good Standing, www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/attorneys/good-standing/.

Northern District of Ohio

Bar Admission

Members of federal, state, and territory bars are eligible. N.D. Ohio R. 83.5(b). The applicant’s personal statement must be endorsed by two current members of the district court’s bar, *id.* (d), or the applicant may be admitted by one

current member's motion to the court, *id.* (e). The endorsement requirement is waived for members of the Southern District's bar. *Id.* (l). The admission fee is waived for attorneys funded from judiciary appropriations and attorneys for the United States. *Id.* (k).

"The Court's strong preference is that attorneys seek permanent admission to the Bar of this Court," but a member of a federal or state bar may move for pro hac vice admission. *Id.* (h).

Fees

- Admission: \$248. Fee Schedule, www.ohnd.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule.
- Pro hac vice: \$120. *Id.*

Southern District of Ohio

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. S.D. Ohio R. 83.3(b). Federal government and defender attorneys also are permitted to appear. *Id.* (b)(3).

A member of a state or District of Columbia bar may move for pro hac vice appearance; a member of the district court's bar must sign the motion. *Id.* (e). "Unless otherwise ordered, an attorney admitted pro hac vice may not serve as the Trial Attorney for any party." *Id.* (f).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Court Fee Schedule and Payment Information, www.ohsd.uscourts.gov/court-fee-schedule-and-payment-information.
- Pro hac vice: \$200. *Id.*

Oklahoma State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Membership, www.okbar.org/governance/.

Eastern District of Oklahoma

Bar Admission

Attorneys admitted to a federal or state bar are eligible. E.D. Okla. Civ. R. 83.2(d). Federal government attorneys may practice without being members of the district court's bar. *Id.* (e).

An attorney who is not a member of the Oklahoma bar must associate an attorney who is and who is also a member of the district court's bar. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.3(a).

Local counsel may move for admission pro hac vice of an attorney eligible for membership in the district court's bar. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.2(f), 83.3(b). Absent a showing of good cause, "[t]he local attorney shall sign the first pleading filed and shall continue in the case unless other local counsel is substituted." *Id.* Civ. R. 83.3(b)–(c).

Fees

- Admission: \$250. Fee Schedule, www.oked.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Northern District of Oklahoma

Bar Admission

A member of a federal or state bar is eligible. N.D. Okla. Gen. R. 4-2(b). A member of the district court's bar who does not live and work in Oklahoma must associate a member of the district court's bar who does. *Id.* Gen. R. 4-3(a). Federal government attorneys may appear without formal admission to the district court's bar. *Id.* Gen. R. 4-2(f), 4-3(c). The federal defender may assign cases to out-of-district attorneys. *Id.* Gen. R. 4-2(g).

An attorney eligible for membership in the district court's bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice in association with local counsel. *Id.* Gen. R. 4-2(h), 4-3(b).

Fees

- Admission: \$250. Court Fees, www.oknd.uscourts.gov/Court%20Fees.
- Pro hac vice: 125. *Id.*

Western District of Oklahoma

Bar Admission

A member of a federal or state bar is eligible. W.D. Okla. Civ. R. 83.2(d), Crim. R. 57.2. An attorney who does not live and work in Oklahoma must associate a member of the district court's bar who does. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.3(a), Crim. R. 57.3(a). Local counsel must sign the first pleading. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.3(b), Crim. R. 57.3(b). Federal government attorneys may appear without formal admission to the district court's bar. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.3(f).

In civil cases, an attorney eligible for admission to the district court's bar may be granted temporary admission pro hac vice. *Id.* (g). "Limited or special appearances in criminal cases may be permitted by the judicial officer." *Id.* Crim. R. 57.4(c).

Fees

- Admission: \$200. Current Fee Schedule, www.okwd.uscourts.gov/current-fee-schedule/.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Oregon State Bar

There is no charge for a certificate of good standing. Attorney Certificates of Good Standing, www.courts.oregon.gov/forms/Pages/attorney-cert-standing.aspx.

District of Oregon

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D. Or. R. 83-2. Federal, state, and Indian government attorneys may appear without district-court bar membership. *Id.* R. 83-4.

A member of a federal, state, or territory bar may appear pro hac vice in association with a member of the district court's bar. *Id.* R. 83-3(a).

Fees

- Admission: \$225. Court Fees, www.ord.uscourts.gov/index.php/filing-and-forms/fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$300. *Id.*

Pennsylvania State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Obtaining a Certificate of Good Standing, www.pacourts.us/courts/supreme-court/obtaining-a-certificate-of-good-standing.

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. E.D. Pa. R. 83.5(a). Admission must be moved by a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* A federal government attorney may appear if the attorney is a member of a state or territory bar. *Id.* (e).

An attorney appearing pro hac vice must associate a member of the district court's bar. *Id.* R. 83.5.2.

Fees

- Admission: \$224. For Attorneys, www.paed.uscourts.gov/attorneys.
- Pro hac vice: \$75. *Id.*

Middle District of Pennsylvania

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. M.D. Pa. R. 83.8.1.2. A current member of the district court's bar must sponsor the admission. *Id.* R. 83.8.1.3. A federal government attorney may appear if the attorney is a member of a federal, state, or territory bar. *Id.* R. 83.8.2.2. A federal defender attorney may appear if the attorney is a member of a district court's bar. *Id.* R. 83.8.2.3. An attorney working for an organized legal-services program may appear if the attorney is a member of a state or territory bar. *Id.* R. 83.8.2.4.

An attorney admitted to both the bar of a state and the bar of a federal court may seek to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* R. 83.8.2.1. Association with a member of the district court's bar is required. *Id.* R. 83.9.

Fees

- Admission: \$224. District Court Miscellaneous Fees, www.pamd.uscourts.gov/district-court-miscellaneous-fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$50. *Id.*

Western District of Pennsylvania

Bar Admission

An attorney who is a member of Pennsylvania’s bar or eligible to become a member of Pennsylvania’s bar or a member of the United States Supreme Court’s bar or a federal district court’s bar is eligible. W.D. Pa. R. 83.2.A.2. An oral motion by a current member of the district court’s bar is required. *Id.* R. 83.2.A.3.

An attorney admitted to the bar of a state or a federal district court may move for pro hac vice admission. *Id.* R. 83.2.B, Crim. R. 83.2.

Fees

- Admission: \$209. Fee Schedule, www.pawd.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule.
- Pro hac vice: \$70. *Id.*

Puerto Rico Commonwealth Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$1. Certificado de Good Standing, poderjudicial.pr/servicios-a-la-comunidad/certificado-de-good-standing/.

District of Puerto Rico

Bar Admission

A member of “the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United State” is eligible after passing the district court’s bar exam or serving as a judge. D.P.R. R. 83A(a); *see id.* R. 83C (district bar-examination rules). Experienced law professors also are eligible if the district court did not have a bar exam when the professor entered the profession. *Id.* R. 83A(a)(4). Federal government and defender attorneys do not have to take the district court’s bar exam if admitted to a federal, state, or territory bar. *Id.* (e). The petition for admission must include three personal references, including two from current members of the district court’s bar. *Id.* (c)(1).

An attorney who does not live in Puerto Rico and who is “authorized to practice law before the bar of any United States court or of the highest court of any state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or the Virgin Islands of the United States” may move to appear pro hac vice in association with a member of the district court’s bar. *Id.* (f). “Both attorneys shall sign all filings submitted to the Court. The attendance of the member of

the bar of this court is required at all proceedings, unless excused by the court.”
Id.

Fees

- District bar examination: \$100 (credited toward admission). District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, www.prd.uscourts.gov/district-court-miscellaneous-fee-schedule.
- Admission: \$300 plus \$75 per year. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice: \$300. *Id.*

Rhode Island State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$15. Email correspondence with Rhode Island Supreme Court, Jan. 25, 2024.

District of Rhode Island

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D.R.I. Gen. R. 202(a)(1). Federal government attorneys and attorneys in transferred cases may appear without being members of the district court’s bar. *Id.* Gen. R. 201(b)(1), (3).

Each member of the district court’s bar must renew bar registration every fourth year beginning with the year 2010. *Id.* Gen. R. 203(c)(1). There was no fee for renewal during the 2022 renewal period. Bar Membership Renewal, www.rid.uscourts.gov/bar-membership-renewal.

An attorney may be admitted pro hac vice if the attorney is a member of another state’s bar and another district court’s bar. D.R.I. Gen. R. 204(b)(1), (e). “A motion for admission pro hac vice shall be signed both by the applicant and by local counsel affiliated with the applicant.” *Id.* (c). Local counsel must sign all documents filed or served and must, unless excused for good cause, attend all proceedings. *Id.* (d)(2)(A)–(B).

Fees

- Admission: \$200. Fee Schedule, www.rid.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

South Carolina State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Certificates of Good Standing, barapplication.sccourts.org/certsGoodStanding.cfm.

District of South Carolina

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D.S.C. R. 83.I.02. Application for membership requires certification by two current members of the district court’s bar. *Id.* R. 83.I.03. Bar membership is not required for federal government attorneys. *Id.* R. 83.I.04(B)(1).

All documents served or filed must be signed by a member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (A). A member of the district court's bar may move for pro hac vice appearance—in association with the current member—by an attorney who is a member of another district court's bar and a state or District of Columbia bar. *Id.* R. 83.I.05(A). “Unless excused by the court, the associated local counsel shall be present at all pretrial conferences, hearings, and trials . . .” *Id.* R. 83.I.06.

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Admission to Practice, www.scd.uscourts.gov/Attorney/admission.asp.
- Pro hac vice: \$350. *Id.*

South Dakota State Bar

There is no charge for a certificate of good standing. Telephone interview with South Dakota Supreme Court, Feb. 5, 2024.

District of South Dakota

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D.S.D. R. 44.1.B, 83.2.B. “At least two active judges in this district must approve the application before an applicant may be admitted. In the absence of two active district judges, a senior judge may be the second approving judge.” *Id.* R. 44.1.BC.4 83.2.C.4. Federal government and defender attorneys may be permitted to appear by motion. *Id.* R. 44.1.F.2, 83.2.F.2.

A member of another federal district court's bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice in association with a member of the District of South Dakota's bar, who must sign all documents and appear at all proceedings, unless otherwise ordered. R. 44.1.E, 83.2.*Id.* E.

Fees

- Admission: \$250. Fee Schedule, www.sdd.uscourts.gov/2017fees.
- Pro hac vice: 200. *Id.*

Tennessee State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$50. Request for Certificate of Good Standing for Attorneys, www.tncourts.gov/sites/default/files/docs/acc_requestforcertificateofgoodstandingform12-29-05.pdf.

Eastern District of Tennessee

Bar Admission

Attorneys admitted to a state or territory bar are eligible. E.D. Tenn. R. 83.5(a)(1). The application must include the endorsement of two current members of the district court's bar. *Id.* (2). A federal government or defender

attorney may appear without formal membership if the attorney is a member of another district court's bar or the bar of a state. *Id.* (c).

An attorney who does not live or work in the district and who is a member of another district court's bar and a member of the bar of a state or territory may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (b)(1)(A).

Fees

- Admission: \$223. Fees, www.tned.uscourts.gov/fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$90. E.D. Tenn. R. 83.5(b)(1)(C); Fees, *supra*.

Middle District of Tennessee

Bar Admission

Attorneys admitted to either Tennessee's bar or to a federal bar and a state or territory bar are eligible. M.D. Tenn. R. 83.01(a)(1).²¹ The application for admission must be signed by two current members of the district court's bar. *Id.* (2). Application must be made by motion before a judge by a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* (4). A federal government or defender attorney may be admitted without application or fee if the attorney is a member of a state or territory bar. *Id.* (7).

Association with local counsel is required for an attorney in a civil case who is not a federal government or defender attorney and who is not a member of Tennessee's bar. *Id.* (d)(1)–(2); *see id.* Crim. R. 57.01(b).

A member of another district court's bar who does not live or work in the district may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* R. 83.01(b).

Fees

- Admission: \$249. Fee Schedule, www.tnmd.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule-updated-12012023.
- Pro hac vice: \$150. *Id.*

Western District of Tennessee

Bar Admission

Eligible for admission is a member of Tennessee's bar or of another district court's bar and the bar of another state or the District of Columbia. W.D. Tenn. R. 83.4(b).

An attorney not licensed in Tennessee who is licensed in another state or the District of Columbia may move for special admission. *Id.* (d).

Fees

- Admission: \$249. Local Fees, www.tnwd.uscourts.gov/local-fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$150. *Id.*

21. According to the 2015 District of Maryland's report, membership in Tennessee's bar was required.

Texas State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Request a Certificate of Good Standing, www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Common_Lawyer_Requests1&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=28970.

Eastern District of Texas

Bar Admission

Attorneys admitted to a federal or state bar are eligible. E.D. Tex. R. AT-1(a). Admission is by motion of a member of the Texas bar or a federal district court's bar. *Id.* (b)(1). The admission fee is waived for federal government attorneys. *Id.* (e).

An attorney may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* (d).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. FAQs, www.txed.uscourts.gov/?q=faq/attorney.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. E.D. Tex. R. AT-1(d).

Northern District of Texas

Bar Admission

Attorneys admitted to a state or District of Columbia bar are eligible. N.D. Tex. R. 83.7(a), Crim. R. 57.7(a). Resident attorneys must be introduced by a current member of the district court's bar. *Id.* R. 83.7(b)–(c), Crim. R. 57.7(b)–(c).

An attorney admitted to a state or District of Columbia bar may apply for admission pro hac vice. *Id.* R. 83.9(a)–(b), Crim. R. 57.9(a)–(b). Application is not required for attorneys representing the United States or Texas. *Id.* R. 83.11, Crim. R. 57.11.

Unless excused by the court, an attorney not living or working in Texas must associate local counsel. *Id.* R. 83.10, Crim. R. 57.10. Attorneys representing the United States or Texas are excused from this requirement unless the court orders otherwise. *Id.* R. 83.11, Crim. R. 57.11.

Fees

- Admission: \$224. Fee & Payment Schedule, www.txnd.uscourts.gov/fee-payment-schedule.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Southern District of Texas

Bar Admission

Admission to the Texas bar or the bar of another district court and the bar of another state or territory is required. S.D. Tex. R. 83.1.A. An attorney employed by the Justice Department or a federal defender is eligible if the attorney is a member of the bar of a state or territory. *Id.*

The term of admission is five years. *Id.* R. 83.1.F.

Pro hac vice admission is by permission of the presiding judge. *Id.* R. 83.1.1.

Fees

- Bar admission: \$199. Schedule of Fees, www.txs.uscourts.gov/page/FeeSchedule.
- Annual renewal: \$25. Attorney Admissions Membership Renewal Instructions, www.txs.uscourts.gov/page/attorney-admissions-membership-renewal-instructions.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. Schedule of Fees, *supra*.

Western District of Texas

Bar Admission

An attorney admitted to a state's bar is eligible. W.D. Tex. R. AT-1(a)(1). The application must include two letters of recommendation: "For an applicant residing in this district, the letters must be from attorneys admitted to practice and in good standing in the bar of this court. For an applicant practicing in another federal judicial district, the letters must be from attorneys admitted to practice and in good standing in the bar of that court." *Id.* (b)(1). State and federal government or defender attorneys need only a letter of recommendation from a supervising attorney, and admission fees are waived. *Id.* (g).

Membership must be renewed every three years. *Id.* (h).

The court may order an attorney who lives outside the district to associate a member of the district court's bar who maintains an office in the district. *Id.* R. AT-2.

A member of a federal or state bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice. *Id.* AT-1(f)(1). "Unless excused by the judge presiding, an attorney is ordinarily required to apply for admission to the bar of this court." *Id.*

Fees

- Admission: \$219. Fee Schedule, www.txwd.uscourts.gov/court-information/fee-schedule/.
- Renewal every three years: \$25. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Utah State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$20. Certificates of Good Standing, www.utahbar.org/member-services/request-certificate-good-standing/.

District of Utah

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D. Utah Civ. R. 83-1.1(a)(1). Admission and annual renewal fees are not required for federal government and defender attorneys. *Id.* (b).

A member of the district court's bar who lives in Utah may move for admission pro hac vice of an attorney who is not a member of Utah's bar and does not maintain an office in Utah but is a member of a state or District of Columbia bar. *Id.* (c)(1)–(2). The attorney admitted pro hac vice must associate the moving attorney. *Id.* (2).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Fee Schedule, www.utd.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule; see D. Utah R. 83-1.1(a)(4).
- Annual registration: \$30. Fee Schedule, *supra*; see D. Utah R. 83-1.1(a)(5), 83-1.2(a).
- Pro hac vice: \$50. Fee Schedule, *supra*.

Vermont State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$3. Certificate of Good Standing Request, www.vermontjudiciary.org/sites/default/files/documents/900-00021%20Certificate%20of%20Good%20Standing%20Request.pdf.

District of Vermont

Bar Admission

Members of Vermont's bar and members of federal district-court bars in the First and Second Circuits are eligible. D. Vt. R. 83.1(a)(1). A current member of the district court's bar must support the admission application with an affidavit. *Id.* (2)(C). On motion by the U.S. attorney, a federal government attorney may be admitted without payment of an application fee if the attorney is a member of another federal district court's bar. *Id.* (c)–(d).

A member of a federal or state bar may apply for pro hac vice admission. *Id.* (b)(1). A current member of the district court's bar must move for the admission. *Id.* (2)(A). “An attorney admitted pro hac vice must remain associated in the action with a member of the Bar of this court at all times,” *id.* (4)(A), who, unless the court excuses this requirement for good cause, must sign all filings and attend all court proceedings, *id.* (B)–(C).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Schedule of Fees, www.vtd.uscourts.gov/sites/vtd/files/fees%202023.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$150. *Id.*

Virgin Islands Territory Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Fee Schedule, supreme.vicourts.org/offices_of_the_court/office_of_the_clerk/fee_schedule.

District of the Virgin Islands

Bar Admission

Admission to the Virgin Islands bar is ordinarily required. D.V.I. R. 83.1(b)(1). A motion by a current member of the district court's bar is required. *Id.* Attorneys representing the federal or territory government may be admitted if admitted to a federal, state, or territory bar. *Id.* (6)–(7). A patent attorney admitted to practice before the U.S. Patent Office may be admitted to the district court's bar to appear in patent cases if the attorney is admitted to a federal, state, or territory bar. *Id.* (5).

Special admission is permitted on a showing of good cause for an attorney representing the Virgin Islands, a public interest group, or a pro bono client if the attorney is admitted to a state or territory bar. *Id.* (3)(A).

An annual renewal fee is required. *Id.* (c)(2).

An attorney who is admitted to a federal, state, or territory bar may move for admission pro hac vice and must associate a member of the district court's bar, who must sign all filings. *Id.* (b)(2).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. District Court of Virgin Islands Schedule of Court Fees (June 14, 2021), www.vid.uscourts.gov/sites/vid/files/Fee%20Schedule%20Changes%20-%206-14-2021.pdf (assuming an increase from \$188 to \$199 as determined by the Judicial Conference).
- Annual renewal: \$45. *Id.*
- Pro hac vice: \$250. *Id.*

Virginia State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$20. Virginia State Bar Certificate of Good Standing Request, www.vsb.org/common/Uploaded%20files/docs/search/form-cert-standing.pdf.

Eastern District of Virginia

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. E.D. Va. Civ. R. 83.1(A), Crim. R. 57.4(A). Application requires the endorsement of two current members of the district court's bar. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(C), Crim. R. 57.4. A federal government or defender attorney may appear without admission if the attorney is admitted to a United States Supreme Court, state, or District of Columbia bar. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(D), Crim. R. 57.4(D). Federal government attorneys who do not work for the U.S. attorney or the federal defender must associate local counsel. *Id.* Civ. R. (D)(2), (G); *id.* Crim. R. (D)(2), (G). A member of Virginia's bar and the bar of the Western District may practice in the Eastern District. *Id.* Civ. R. (F), Crim. R. (F).

A member of the district court's bar may move for pro hac vice appearance by an attorney who is a member of the bar of a district court in another state

or the District of Columbia so long as “[t]he rules of the United States District Court of the district in which the practitioner maintains an office extend a similar privilege to members of the bar of this Court.” *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(E)(1)(a), Crim. R. 57.4(E)(1)(a). Attendance by a member of the district court’s bar is required at all appearances. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(E)(1)(b), (G); *id.* Crim. R. 57.4(E)(1)(b), (G).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Court Fees, www.vaed.uscourts.gov/court-fees; District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/fees/district-court-miscellaneous-fee-schedule.
- Pro hac vice: \$75. Court Fees, *supra*.

Western District of Virginia

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. W.D. Va. R. 6(a). Motions for admission must be accompanied by certificates from at least two current members of the district court’s bar. *Id.* (b). Members of the Eastern District’s bar are eligible to practice in the Western District. *Id.* (c). Federal government and defender attorneys may appear without admission to the district court’s bar if admitted to a federal, state, or District of Columbia bar. *Id.* (f).

A member of a federal, state, or District of Columbia bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice in association with, and on motion by, a member of the district court’s bar. *Id.* (d). All filings requiring an attorney’s signature must be signed by a member of the district court’s bar. *Id.* (e).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. Fee Schedule, www.vawd.uscourts.gov/court-information/fee-schedule/.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Washington State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$5. Supreme Court Clerk’s Office Certificates of Good Standing, www.courts.wa.gov/appellate_trial_courts/supreme/clerks/?fa=atc_supreme_clerks.display&fileID=CertificateGoodStanding.

Eastern District of Washington

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. E.D. Wash. Civ. R. 83.2(a)(1). Certificates from two current members of the district court’s bar must accompany the petition for admission. *Id.* (b)(1)(B). An attorney working for the U.S. attorney or the federal defender who is a member of a state bar is eligible for conditional membership in the district court’s bar. *Id.* (a)(2). Instead of two certificates from current members, the attorney must provide a verification

from an attorney in the attorney's federal office. *Id.* (b)(2)(B). A federal government attorney employed outside of the district may appear if the attorney is a member of a state bar. *Id.* (3).

A member of a federal, state, or territory bar who neither lives nor works in Washington may be permitted to appear pro hac vice in association with a member of the district court's bar, who must sign all filings and participate meaningfully in the case. *Id.* (c)(1).

Fees

- Admission: \$224. Fees and Rates, www.waed.uscourts.gov/fees-and-rates.
- Pro hac vice: \$200. *Id.*

Western District of Washington

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. W.D. Wash. Civ. R. 83.1(b), Crim. R. 62.1(b). A government attorney may be conditionally admitted if the attorney is a member of another state's bar. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(b), (c)(2); *id.* Crim. R. 62.1(b), (c)(2). A petition for admission must include certificates from two reputable members of the district court's bar who live or work in the district. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(c)(1), Crim. R. 62.1(c)(1).

An attorney who neither lives nor works in the district and who is a member of a federal, state, or territory bar may be permitted to appear pro hac vice in association with local counsel, who must sign all filings absent the court's waiver of this requirement. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(d), Crim. R. 62.1(d). "Attorneys who are admitted to the bar of this court but reside outside the district need not associate with local counsel." *Id.* Civ. R. 83.1(d)(1), Crim. R. 62.1(d)(1).

Fees

- Admission: \$249. United States District Court Schedule of Fees, www.wawd.uscourts.gov/sites/wawd/files/FeeSchedule.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$249. *Id.*

West Virginia State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$25. Fee Schedule, wybar.org/fee-schedule/.

Northern District of West Virginia

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. N.D. W. Va. Gen. R. 83.01(a). A motion by a current member of the district court's bar is required. *Id.*

Visiting attorneys licensed in another state or country or in the District of Columbia may appear pro hac vice in association with a member of the district court's bar and West Virginia's bar who primarily practices in West Virginia. *Id.* Gen. R. 83.02(a). In addition to the fee required by the district court, a pro hac vice fee is required by the state bar. *Id.* (a)(3). Local counsel must sign all

pleadings and filings and attend all hearings, trials, proceedings, and depositions. *Id.* (b). “With prior permission of the Court, local counsel will not be required to attend routine court hearings or proceedings.” *Id.*

“This section does not apply to properly licensed attorneys with the United States Department of Justice, those associated with federal executive branch agencies, and those appointed from outside the district pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3005A and § 3006A.” *Id.* (c)(4).

Fees

- Admission: \$223. Attorney Admission Fee Information, www.wvnd.uscourts.gov/attorney-admission-fee-information.
- Pro hac vice: \$200 to the district court and \$350 to the state bar. *Id.*; see also Fee Schedule, wvbar.org/fee-schedule/.

Southern District of West Virginia

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. S.D. W. Va. Civ. R. 83.1(a), Crim. R. 44.1(a). A motion by a current member of the district court’s bar is required. *Id.*

An attorney is entitled to appear pro hac vice if admitted to a United States Supreme Court, state, or District of Columbia bar and associated with a member of the district court’s bar who primarily practices in West Virginia, and who must sign all papers requiring an attorney’s signature. *Id.* Civ. R. 83.6(a), Crim. R. 44.6(a). The fee is waived for federal government attorneys, *id.* Civ. R. 83.6(d)(4), Crim. R. 44.6(d)(2), and for other attorneys on a showing of good cause, *id.* Civ. R. 83.6(e), Crim. R. 44.6(e).

Fees

- Admission: \$199. District Court Fees, www.wvwd.uscourts.gov/sites/wvwd/files/DISTRICT%20COURT%20FEES%20-%202012-01-2023%20FINAL.pdf.
- Pro hac vice: \$50. *Id.*

Wisconsin State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$3. Fees and Costs, www.wicourts.gov/services/payment/paymentsc.htm.

Eastern District of Wisconsin

Bar Admission

An attorney admitted to a federal, state, or District of Columbia bar is eligible. E.D. Wis. Gen. R. 83(c)(1). Admission requires an affidavit or an oral attestation from a current member of the district court’s bar. *Id.* (2)(A)(i). Federal government attorneys are deemed admitted. *Id.* (D). “At any time, upon its own motion, the Court may require that a nonresident attorney obtain local counsel to assist in the conduct of the action.” *Id.* (A)(3).

Pro hac vice admission is not permitted. *Id.* (E).

Fees

- Admission: \$234. District Court Fee Schedule, www.wied.uscourts.gov/district-court-fee-schedule.

Western District of Wisconsin

Bar Admission

“Any lawyer licensed to practice before the highest court of any state or the District of Columbia is eligible for admission to practice in this court.” W.D. Wis. R. 83.5.A.

“Non-resident lawyers need not retain local counsel to assist in the presentation of their cases unless specifically directed to do so by a judge or magistrate judge.” *Id.* 83.5.D.

“Any lawyer eligible for membership in the bar of this court may, upon payment of the prescribed fee, move the court to proceed in a particular matter without becoming a member of the bar of this court.” *Id.* 83.5.B.

Fees

- Admission: \$249. Fee Schedule, www.wiwd.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*

Wyoming State Bar

The fee for a certificate of good standing is \$10. Bar Admission, www.courts.state.wy.us/supreme-court/bar-admission/.

District of Wyoming

Bar Admission

Admission to the state bar is required. D. Wyo. R. 84.2(a).

Local counsel may move for admission pro hac vice of an attorney not admitted to the state bar. *Id.* (b). “Unless otherwise ordered by this Court, a motion to appear pro hac vice shall be granted only if the applicant associates with local counsel who shall participate in the preparation and trial of the case to the extent required by the Court.” *Id.* Federal government attorneys may appear if admitted to another state’s bar upon motion by an attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office, who must sign pleadings and appear in court, unless excused by the court. *Id.* (d).

Any attorney who is currently a member of good standing and admitted to practice in the highest court of any state or the District of Columbia, who is not otherwise qualified to practice in this Court, may appear, upon consent of the Court, in any criminal matter initiated within the boundary of Yellowstone National Park. Such attorneys need not be admitted pro hac vice or associate with local counsel.

Id. Crim. R. 61.1(b).

Fees

- Admission: \$249. Current Filing Fees, www.wyd.uscourts.gov/current-filing-fees.
- Pro hac vice: \$100. *Id.*