

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

NOTICE REGARDING LOCAL RULES

Proposed revision to the following Local Rule has been posted on the USDC website:

Local Civil Rule 83.1(b) – Admission of Attorneys

(Proposal to increase the local fee for original admission of attorneys to practice in this Court from \$24.00 to \$44.00, effective December 1, 2016.)

The Rules can be reviewed in their entirety at:

www.ctd.uscourts.gov

Comments from members of the Bar are welcomed by the Court and should be directed to:

Robin D. Tabora, Clerk
141 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06510

or sent by email to:

commentstotheclerkofcourt@ctd.uscourts.gov

To be considered, comments must be received by November 21, 2016.

RULE 83.1

ADMISSION OF ATTORNEYS

~~(Amended February 11, 2011)~~
~~(Amended December 1, 2012)~~
~~(Amended November 7, 2014)~~
~~(Amended March 25, 2015)~~
(Amended ____, 2016)

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(b) Procedure for Admission

An attorney seeking admission to the Bar of this Court shall file with the Clerk of this Court a written Petition for Admission in the form prescribed by the Judges of this Court. A certificate of good standing from all of the petitioner's state bar(s) must be included with the Petition. Such petition shall also be accompanied by a sworn affidavit setting forth the following information:

(i) the petitioner's residence and office address, and office telephone number, fax number and email address;

(ii) a list of courts to which the petitioner has been admitted to practice;

(iii) the petitioner's legal training and experience at the bar;

(iv) the petitioner's representation that he or she has studied carefully the jurisdictional provisions of Title 28 U.S.C., the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and the Local Rules of this Court;

(v) the petitioner has never been convicted of any crime, other than minor traffic offenses;

(vi) the petitioner has no pending disciplinary complaint(s) as to which a finding has been made that such complaint(s) should proceed to a hearing; and

(vii) the petitioner has not been denied admission to, been disciplined by, resigned from, surrendered his license to practice before, or withdrawn an application for admission to practice while facing a disciplinary complaint before, this Court or any other court.

If the petitioner cannot so state as to (b)(v), (vi) and (vii), then the petitioner must describe in full the circumstances of any such conviction, complaint, denial, discipline, resignation, surrender, or withdrawal, including the reasons therefor, any penalty, sanction or other discipline imposed, whether such discipline was satisfied, and whether the attorney is currently in good standing in such jurisdiction(s). The Judges of this District or their designee shall make such inquiry as it deems appropriate. It shall take a majority vote of the Judges to admit such

petitioner to this Bar. For the purpose of this Rule, "minor traffic offenses" shall mean motor vehicle violations which are neither felonies nor misdemeanors.

The petition and affidavit of the petitioner shall be accompanied by the sworn affidavits of two sponsoring members of the Bar of this Court. The sponsoring attorney's affidavits must attest:

- (i) where and when the sponsor was admitted to practice in this Court,
- (ii) that the sponsor has known the petitioner in a professional legal capacity for at least six months,
- (iii) that the petitioner has good professional character,
- (iv) that the petitioner is experienced at the bar,
- (v) how long and under what circumstances the sponsor has known the petitioner's professional character and experience as an attorney, and
- (vi) that the sponsor knows of no fact which would call into question the integrity or character of the petitioner.

The Clerk will examine the petition and affidavits and, if found to be in compliance with this Rule, the petition for admission will be presented to the Court at a time and place selected by the Clerk.

When a hearing is held on a petition, a member of the Bar of this District shall move the admission of the petitioner. The petitioner shall take an oath in open Court to support the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, and to discharge faithfully his duties as an attorney according to the law and the recognized standards of ethics of the profession. Under the direction of the Clerk, the newly admitted attorney shall sign the Roll of Attorneys and pay the fee required by law. Additionally, he or she shall pay a fee of ~~\$24.00~~ \$44.00, which shall be placed by the Clerk in a fund to be used for expenses incurred pursuant to Rule 83.2 of these Local Rules of Civil Procedure.