

## Local Rule 83-5 - Bar Admission

### (a) Authority to Practice Before the Court.

(1) *Rule.* Only members of the court's bar may represent parties before the court.

(2) *Exceptions.*

(A) *Pro Se.* A nonmember may represent him or herself in a case.

(B) *U.S. Government Attorneys.* A nonmember who is an attorney may represent the United States, or an officer or agency of the United States.

(C) *Pro Hac Vice.* Attorneys admitted *pro hac vice* pursuant to Local Rule 83-6 may represent parties in a case.

(3) *Foreign Legal Consultants.* Foreign legal consultants may not be admitted to practice in the court (despite the provisions of Rule 5 of the Indiana Rules for the Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys).

(b) **Bar Membership.** The bar consists of those persons who:

(1) have been admitted by the court to practice and have signed the roll of attorneys; and

(2) have not resigned or been disbarred or suspended from the bar.

(c) **Admission.**

(1) *Who May Be Admitted.* 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.

(2) *Character.* An applicant will be admitted to the bar if the court – after being assured by a member or by the report of a committee appointed by the court – is satisfied that the applicant:

(A) has good private and professional character; and

(B) is a member in good standing of the bar in every jurisdiction where the applicant is admitted to practice.

(3) *Entry on Court's Records.* The attorney's admission will be entered on the court's records and the court will issue a certificate to that effect only after the applicant:

(A) takes a prescribed oath or affirmation;

(B) certifies that he or she has read and will abide by the *Seventh Circuit Standards of Professional Conduct* and the *Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana*;

(C) pays the required fees (law clerks to the court's judges and attorneys representing the United States are exempt from these fees);

(D) signs the roll of attorneys;

(E) registers for electronic case filing;

(F) gives a current address; and

(G) agrees to notify the clerk promptly of any change in address.

**(d) Local Counsel.** 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.

**(e) Standards.** The Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct and the *Seventh Circuit Standards of Professional Conduct* (an appendix to these rules) govern the conduct of those practicing in the court.

**(f) Sanctions.** Attorneys may be disbarred or suspended from practicing in the court for good cause, but only after having an opportunity to be heard. They may also be reprimanded as provided for in the court's Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement.

Note: Amended December 1, 2018, to add a requirement that new admittees to the court's bar certify they will abide by the court's Local Rules.