



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604**

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**GENERAL BAR ADMISSION
ABBREVIATED PETITION FOR
FOR NEW ILLINOIS ATTORNEYS**

Admission Period: November 6, 2024, through January 10, 2025

Dear Counselor:

Congratulations on your law school graduation and admission to the bar of the Illinois Supreme Court. As a member of that bar, you may now be eligible for admission to the General Bar of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

At this time, the Northern District of Illinois invites attorneys admitted to the Illinois Supreme Court during the November 2024 swearing-in ceremony to join the Northern District of Illinois General Bar using an abbreviated petition. The petition is obtained by selecting [General Bar Admission](#) on the Court's Attorney web page and following the instructions for admission with the following exceptions:

The abbreviated petition calls for one, rather than two, sponsor affidavits and waives the requirement of a Letter/Certificate of Good Standing from the ARDC.

If you do not yet have a bar number from the State of Illinois, you may leave the section blank and provide the number to us upon receipt. The Oath of Office does not require notarization.

The U.S. District Court has a two-tiered bar -- the General Bar and the Trial Bar. Participants in the General Bar Admission for New Illinois Attorneys opportunity will be admitted to the General Bar, and as members of that bar, will be entitled to practice in this Court subject to the restrictions of the Court's local rules. For information about the Trial Bar, please refer to Local Rules [83.11](#) and [83.12](#).

[Local Rule 83.50 Rules of Professional Conduct](#), should be read prior to application.

Petitions for General Bar Admission for New Illinois Attorneys will be accepted electronically between November 6, 2024, through January 10, 2025. Once admitted, you will receive, via email, a login and password for electronic filing. A Certificate of Admission will be mailed to you.

If you wish to join the General Bar of this Court after the above-mentioned dates, please follow the instructions for admission to this Court, using the standard General Bar petition with a letter of good standing and a second affidavit of sponsor.

Questions about New Illinois Attorney Admission may be directed to [Attorney Questions_ILND@ilnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Attorney_Questions_ILND@ilnd.uscourts.gov).

Links:

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