

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

219 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE GENERAL BAR

1. All petitioners for admission to the General Bar of the Court must be members in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any state of the United States or of the District of Columbia.

(Rule 83. 10(a))

2. All petitions for admission to the general bar are to be filed on-line at www.ilnd.uscourts.gov and signed/certified electronically.

3. All petitions for admission to the general bar must be accompanied by a current (less than 30 days old) letter - or certificate - of good standing from the highest court, or an agency thereof, of any state of the United States or of the District of Columbia certifying that the petitioner is a member in good standing of the bar of that court. (Rule 83.10(c)) For Illinois attorneys, this letter may be obtained from the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois [Registration Department - Letters of Good Standing](#).

4. For attorneys admitted in other states or the District of Columbia, the Clerk of the court to which petitioner is admitted should be contacted to obtain such letters.

5. The petition for admission shall include the affidavits of two attorneys who are currently and for at least two years have been members in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any state of the United States or of the District of Columbia and who have known the applicant for at least one year. Click [here](#) for affidavit of sponsor form

6. Once completed, the petition and accompanying documents shall be scanned and uploaded on the Admission to the General Bar registration page located on the Court's web site at www.ilnd.uscourts.gov. Upon receipt of the petition, the petition will be screened. Where the requirements for admission are met, the petitioner will be notified via email, a certificate of admission will be issued, the petitioner's name will be added to the roll of attorneys and an electronic e-filing account will be issued. Where the requirements are not met, the petitioner will be contacted with appropriate instructions. (Rule 83. 10(d))

7. Upon filing of the petition, the petitioner shall pay an admission fee online, using a credit card

via pay.gov. In the event the petitioner is not admitted, the fee will be refunded.

Form Links:

[Affidavit of Sponsor form](#)