



United States District Court
Northern District of Illinois
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Northern District of Illinois Announces Online Attorney Admission

CHICAGO - APRIL 8, 2009 — The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois is pleased to announce that its online attorney admission and registration program is effective Wednesday, April 8, 2009. Attorneys may now move for admission to the court's general bar and trial bar, as well as register to be an e-filer, using the court's automated online system. This program is the first in the country to allow payment of attorney admission and registration fees online.

The procedure to be followed by an attorney seeking to become a member of either the court's general bar or the court's trial bar is first to scan the required documents, such as sponsor forms and letters of good standing. Second, the attorney seeking admission should submit those scanned documents online along with the attorney's online application form. Third, credit-card payment of the required admission fee should be made by the attorney by following prompts to the "pay.gov" payment address. Pay.gov accepts Visa®, MasterCard®, Discover®, American Express® and Diners Club®.

After the petition has been approved by the court, the attorney will receive from the Clerk's Office, via e-mail, a login code and a password for electronic filing of cases and documents with the court

The link to the attorney admission system is posted on the Attorney Information webpage. Questions regarding the online program may be directed to annette_panter@lnd.uscourts.gov.