

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL RULE CHANGE
AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

Pursuant to Local Civil rule 1.1(b) and Local Criminal Rule 1.1, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia is publishing for comment a proposed change to one Local Rule.

The proposed rule change, which is set forth below, will be adopted and become effective unless modified or withdrawn by the Court after receiving comments from organized bar associations, members of the bar, or the public. Such comments must be made in writing within 45 days of the publication of this Notice and should be addressed to Kevin M. Hodges, Esq., Chairman, Advisory Committee on Local Rules, Williams & Connolly LLP, 725 Twelfth St., N.W. Washington, DC 20005.

Angela D. Caesar, Clerk

[New language is underlined, old language stricken]

LCvR 83.2

PRACTICE BY ATTORNEYS

(d) ATTORNEYS EMPLOYED BY THE UNITED STATES

An attorney who is employed or retained by the United States or one of its agencies may appear, file papers and practice in this Court on behalf of the United States or that agency, irrespective of (c) and (d) above. A government attorney must register and certify personal familiarity with the Local Rules of this Court and, as appropriate, other materials set forth in LCvR 83.8(b) and 83.9(a), prior to the initial appearance by the attorney pursuant to this subsection. ~~A government attorney must submit an updated registration and certification every three years, as requested by the Clerk's Office.~~ A government attorney must notify the Court within 30 days of leaving government service.

(e) ATTORNEYS EMPLOYED BY A STATE.

A State Attorney General or that official's designee, who is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court in any State or of any United States Court, may appear and represent the State or any agency thereof, irrespective of (c) and (d) above. A state attorney must register and certify personal familiarity with the Local Rules of this Court and, as appropriate, other materials set forth in LCvR 83.8(b) and 83.9(a), prior to the initial appearance by the attorney pursuant to this subsection. ~~A state attorney must~~

~~submit an updated registration and certification every three years, as requested by the Clerk's Office. A state attorney must notify the Court within 30 days of leaving government service.~~

LCvR 83.9

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

~~(a) RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP EVERY THREE YEARS.~~

~~Each member of the Bar of this Court shall renew his or her membership every three years by filing with the Clerk of the Court, on or before July 1st of every third year, a certificate in a form prescribed by the Clerk that the member is familiar with the then-current version of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence, the Local Rules of this Court, Rules of Professional Conduct and the D.C. Bar Voluntary Standards for Civility in Professional Conduct. If the attorney appears in criminal cases, he or she must also certify familiarity with the then-current version of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Sentencing Guidelines. (See LCrR 44.5(b)). Members of the Bar of this Court on the effective date of this Rule shall file certificates by March 1, 1990, and by July 1 of every third calendar year thereafter. Subsequently admitted members shall file certificates by July 1st of every third calendar year after the year in which they were admitted. The Clerk shall notify members of this certification requirement at least 60 days before the date for filing such certificates and renewals.~~

~~(b) RENEWAL FEE.~~

~~Each certificate required by (a) above shall be accompanied by a payment of \$25 in a form determined by the Clerk. The fee shall be \$10 for the initial certificate filed by any person admitted to the Bar of this Court after July 1, 1986. The Clerk shall deposit the fees received to the credit of the fund described in LCvR 83.8(f) to be used for the purposes specified in that Rule, including the defraying of expenses of maintaining a current register of members in good standing and to administer the counseling program outlined in LCvR 83.21.~~

~~(c) FAILURE TO RENEW.~~

~~An attorney who fails to file the required certifications and pay the renewal fee shall be provisionally removed from the list of members in good standing and pursuant to LCrR44.1(a) shall not be permitted to practice before this Court until restored as a member in good standing. The name of the attorney shall be restored to the list of members in good standing upon filing of the required certificates and payment of the delinquent fee within five years after the due date. At the end of five years from the due~~

date, the name will be permanently removed from the roll, without prejudice to an application for admission as a new member.

COMMENT TO LCvR 83.9(a): This amendment brings the rule in compliance with LCvR 83.8(b)(6)(v).

LCrR 57.21.1

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

~~(a) — RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP EVERY THREE YEARS.~~

~~(b) —~~

~~(c) — Each member of the Bar of this Court shall renew his or her membership every three years by filing with the Clerk of the Court, on or before July 1st of every third year, a certificate in a form prescribed by the Clerk that the member is familiar with the then current version of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence, the Local Rules of this Court, Rules of Professional Conduct and the D.C. Bar Voluntary Standards for Civility in Professional Conduct. If the attorney appears in criminal cases, he or she must also certify familiarity with the then current version of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Sentencing Guidelines. (See LCrR 44.5(b)). Members of the Bar of this Court on the effective date of this Rule shall file certificates by March 1, 1990, and by July 1 of every third calendar year thereafter. Subsequently admitted members shall file certificates by July 1st of every third calendar year after the year in which they were admitted. The Clerk shall notify members of this certification requirement at least 60 days before the date for filing such certificates and renewals.~~

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~~(e) — RENEWAL FEE.~~

~~(f) —~~

~~(g) — Each certificate required by (a) above shall be accompanied by a payment of \$25 in a form determined by the Clerk. The fee shall be \$10 for the initial certificate filed by any person admitted to the Bar of this Court after July 1, 1986. The Clerk shall deposit the fees received to the credit of the fund described in LCvR 83.8(f) to be used for the purposes specified in that Rule, including the defraying of expenses of maintaining a current register of members in good standing and to administer the counseling program outlined in LCrR 57.31.~~

~~(h) —~~

~~(i) — FAILURE TO RENEW.~~

~~(j) —~~

~~(k) — An attorney who fails to file the required certifications and pay the renewal fee shall be provisionally removed from the list of members in good standing and pursuant to LCrR44.1(a) shall not be permitted to practice before this Court until restored as a member in good standing. The name of the attorney shall be restored to the list of members in good standing upon filing of the required certificates and payment of the delinquent fee within five years after the due date. At the end of five years from the due date, the name will be permanently removed from the roll, without prejudice to an application for admission as a new member.~~

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~~(m) — **COMMENT TO LCrR 57.21.1(a):** *This amendment brings the rule in compliance with LCrR57.21(b)(6)(v).*~~

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