

# Supreme Court of the United States

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR

Attached is the form for your personal application statement, as required by Supreme Court Rule 5.2, including space for endorsement by two sponsors. The sponsors must be members of the Bar of this Court who know you personally and are **not** related to you by blood or marriage. **One of the sponsors or another member of the Bar, including a relative, may move your admission.**

You must obtain a **certificate of good standing from the presiding judge, clerk, or other authorized official of the highest court** of a State, Commonwealth, Territory or Possession, or of the District of Columbia, evidencing the fact that you have been a member of the Bar of such court for at least three years and are in good standing. An application will be considered current for one year from the date of the clerk's certificate. After that time the papers will be returned. Do not submit a Bar Association certificate in place of the clerk's certificate.

Supreme Court Rule 5 provides, in part:

1. To qualify for admission to the Bar of this Court, an applicant must have been admitted to practice in the highest court of a State, Commonwealth, Territory or Possession, or the District of Columbia for a period of at least three years immediately before the date of application; must not have been the subject of any adverse disciplinary action pronounced or in effect during that 3-year period; and must appear to the Court to be of good moral and professional character.

2. Each applicant shall file with the Clerk (1) a certificate from the presiding judge, clerk, or other authorized official of that court evidencing the applicant's admission to practice there and the applicant's current good standing, and (2) a completely executed copy of the form approved by this Court and furnished by the Clerk containing (a) the applicant's personal statement, and (b) the statement of two sponsors endorsing the correctness of the applicant's statement, stating that the applicant possesses all the qualifications required for admission, and affirming that the applicant is of good moral and professional character. Both sponsors must be members of the Bar of this Court who personally know, but are not related to, the applicant.

3. If the documents submitted demonstrate that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications, and if the applicant has signed the oath or affirmation and paid the required fee, the Clerk will notify the applicant of acceptance by the Court as a member of the Bar and issue a certificate of admission. An applicant who so wishes may be admitted in open court on oral motion by a member of the Bar of this Court, provided that all other requirements for admission have been satisfied.

4. Each applicant shall sign the following oath or affirmation: I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that as an attorney and as a counselor of this Court, I will conduct myself uprightly and according to law, and that I will support the Constitution of the United States.

**IF YOU ELECT TO BE ADMITTED ON WRITTEN MOTION**, without coming to the Court, please execute the oath (or affirmation) and have the attorney whose name you wish to appear on your certificate sign as the moving party. The attorney who moves your admission must be a member of the Bar of this Court and may be a relative. Return to the Clerk's Office, Attn: Admissions Office, the oath, your application, the required certificate, and your check for \$100 payable to "U. S. Supreme Court" to cover the admission fee.

**IF YOU ELECT TO BE ADMITTED IN OPEN COURT**, do not complete the written oath and motion. Return your application and the required certificate to this Office, and we will notify you whether the papers are in order and will provide instruction for being admitted in open Court. The \$100 fee is to be paid on the day of admission.

**BAR CERTIFICATE.** The Certificate evidencing admission to the Bar of this Court contains the following words: "... in the year of our Lord, two thousand." An alternate Certificate is available that omits the underlined words. If you want an alternate Certificate, check the block on the personal statement.

Admissions Office:  
202-479-3387

PLEASE RETURN TO:  
Clerk, Supreme Court of the United States  
Attn: Admissions Office  
One First Street, N. E.  
Washington, D. C. 20543-0001

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## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

**TYPEWRITER SHOULD BE USED**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Type name as you want shown on your Certificate.)**

Firm \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Office phone A/C \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_  Check this box if you want the alternate Certificate described in the instructions.

1. Indicate **city** and **state** you want shown on your Certificate:
2. Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_
5. Residence address \_\_\_\_\_
6. Names of parents: (a) Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Father's name \_\_\_\_\_
7. State court(s) of last resort to which you are admitted to practice, and date(s) of admission. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are you engaged in the practice of the law? \_\_\_\_\_ State the nature of your practice, whether by self, in partnership, or associated with or employed by others, giving the name of the firm or employer. \_\_\_\_\_
9. List firms or other entities with which you have been formerly associated, or by which you have been employed, as a lawyer. \_\_\_\_\_
10. State extent of undergraduate and legal education and when and where degrees received. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Have you ever changed your name or been known by any name or surname other than those appearing on this application? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, state and give details. \_\_\_\_\_
12. (a) Have you ever been disciplined, disbarred, or suspended from practice before any court, department, bureau, or commission of any State or the United States, or have you received any public or private reprimands from any such court, department, bureau, or commission pertaining to your conduct or fitness as a member of the bar? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, answer in detail on an attached separate statement.  
(b) Are there any such proceedings presently pending against you? \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE CERTIFICATE ON REVERSE**

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that I have read the foregoing questions and have answered them fully and frankly. The answers are complete and are true to my own knowledge.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of applicant)

**STATEMENT OF SPONSORS**

(Type or Print)

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ , being members of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States and not related to the applicant, state that the applicant is personally known to us, that the applicant possesses all the qualifications required for admission to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, and that we have examined the applicant's personal statement and believe it to be correct, and we affirm that the applicant's moral and professional character and standing are good.

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Office address)

(Office address)

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF ADMISSION IS ON WRITTEN MOTION**

**MOTION FOR ADMISSION**

(Movant's name is to be entered below as it appears on movant's Certificate of Admission to this Court.)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, hereby move the admission of \_\_\_\_\_ (Type or Print)

to the Bar of the Supreme Court. I am satisfied the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications.

(Signature)

**OATH OF ADMISSION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that as an attorney and as a counselor of this Court I will conduct myself uprightly and according to law, and that I will support the Constitution of the United States.

(Applicant's Signature)

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

(Notary Public)

(This oath shall be sworn to before a Notary Public, or any other person authorized to administer oaths, and the seal affixed).