

Important Information For Admission To The Bar

Supreme Court of the United States

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To qualify for admission to the Bar of this Court under Rule 5, 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 three-year period, and must appear to the Court to be of good moral and professional character.

Each applicant must have two sponsors and a movant. 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 may also move your admission. Alternatively, the movant may be another member of the Bar of this Court, and may be a relative. Please indicate the name you want shown on the certificate, which may or may not include a middle name and/or suffix.

When completing the application, please note the following:

- The first page should be filled out online, completed in its entirety, and printed. Do not use "all caps." The second page may be filled out online and printed or handwritten (if legible).
- All signatures must be original (wet) signatures from both sponsors and applicant on the same page. Certification and Oath of Admission sections must be complete.
- Attach a Certificate of Good Standing from your state supreme court or highest court. Do not submit a certificate from the state bar association or a federal court. The certificate must be 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, and must state that you have been a member of the bar of that court for at least three years and are in good standing. Only one state court certificate is required. A certificate will be accepted only if it was issued less than one year before the date the application is submitted.
- The admission certificate contains the words "in the year of our Lord, two thousand" If you would prefer an alternative form that omits these words, check the "alternative certificate" box on the application form.

If you elect to be admitted on written motion, please execute the Motion for Admission section on the application by having the Bar member whose name you wish to appear on your certificate sign as the moving party, and submit the admission package to the address noted below. An admission fee of \$200.00 must be submitted along with the application. The fee may be paid via cashier's check, money order or personal check made payable to "Supreme Court of the United States." If the documents submitted are complete and demonstrate that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications, the Clerk will notify the applicant of acceptance and issue a certificate of admission. An application received with errors will be returned to applicant for corrections.

If you elect to be admitted in open Court, do not complete the Motion for Admission section. Submit the completed application and Certificate of Good Standing to the address noted below, and you will receive a package that includes a calendar showing available dates for admission at argument and nonargument sessions. The \$200 fee is to be paid on the day of admission. (For fee requirements in connection with group admissions, please refer to group admission instructions.)

Please mail completed application to:
Clerk, Supreme Court of the U.S.
ATTN: Admissions Office
1 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

If you have any additional questions, or would like to check the status of your application, please contact our office at 202-479-3387 or email ptadmit@supremecourt.gov.

Application Form Page 1

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE

(Please do not submit attachments unless instructed to do so)

Fill out form online and print

Name as you want shown on your Certificate: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Middle Name: _____ Suffix: 0 _____

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: 0 _____ Zip Code: _____

Office Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____ ☐ Check this box if you want the alternate Certificate described in the instructions.

Email Address: _____

1. **City and state you want shown on your Certificate.** City: _____ State: 0 _____

2. Date of birth: _____ 3. Birth City: _____ 4. Birth State/Country: _____

5. Residence Address: _____

City: _____ State: 0 _____ Zip Code: _____

6. Name of parents: (a) _____
(b) _____

7. State court(s) of last resort to which you are admitted to practice, and date(s) of admission.

State Court	Date of Admission	State Court	Date of Admission
0		0	
0		0	

8. Are you engaged in the practice of the law? ☐ Yes ☐ No 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. Undergraduate and legal education and when and where degrees received.

School	Degree	Location	Date Received

11. Have you ever changed your name or been known by any name or surname other than those appearing on this application? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If so, state and give details. _____

12. (a) Have you ever been disciplined, disbarred, sanctioned, or suspended from practice before any court, department, bureau, or commission of the United States, or of any State, Commonwealth, Territory, Possession, or the District of Columbia, or have you received any public or private ☐ Yes ☐ No reprimands from any such entity pertaining to your conduct as a member of the bar?

(b) Are there any disciplinary proceedings presently pending against you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(c) Have you been denied admission to the bar of this Court or the bar of any entity described in (a) above? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(d) Have you been convicted of a crime? (other than a minor traffic violation) ☐ Yes ☐ No

(e) If you answered "yes" to any of the questions in this paragraph you must provide a detailed explanation on a separate sheet and attach any relevant documentation concerning your answer.

COMPLETE CERTIFICATION ON FOLLOWING PAGE

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First Name: Last Name:

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.

Date

(Applicant's Signature)

STATEMENT OF SPONSORS

We, and
Title First Name Last Name Middle Initial Suffix

, 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:

<input type="text"/>	
City: <input type="text"/>	Zip Code: <input type="text"/>
State: <input type="text"/>	

Office Address:

<input type="text"/>	
City: <input type="text"/>	Zip Code: <input type="text"/>
State: <input type="text"/>	

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 the law, and that I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Date

(Applicant's Signature)

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF ADMISSION IS ON WRITTEN MOTION (NOT IN OPEN COURT)

MOTION FOR ADMISSION

I, , a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of
(Movant's name is to be entered as it appears on movant's Certificate of Admission to this Court)

the United States, hereby move the admission of
to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. I am satisfied the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications.

Date

(Movant's Signature)

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