

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

**NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULE 46(b)**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Court amends Local Rule 46(b) to incorporate the \$150 fee adopted by the United States Judicial Conference, effective January 1, 2005, for admission of an attorney to practice before a United States Court of Appeals. See Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, 28 U.S.C. *fol.* § 1913. The new \$150 fee is in addition to any fee imposed by local rule for admission to practice before a Court of Appeals. This Court's admission fee under Local Rule 46(b) is \$20, and the current amendment clarifies that the total fee for admission to this Court is now \$170--comprised of \$150 under the amended Miscellaneous Fee Schedule and \$20 by local rule.

The Court determines that there is an immediate need for this rule change and makes the change effective the date of this notice, subject to subsequent amendment in light of comments received. Interested parties may submit comments on or before March 31, 2005 to:

Patricia S. Connor, Clerk  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit  
1100 E. Main Street, Suite 501  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

February 15, 2005

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Date

/s/ Patricia S. Connor

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Clerk

**Local Rule 46(b). Admission to Practice.**

Only attorneys admitted to the bar of this Court may practice before the Court. An attorney may be named on a brief filed in this Court without being admitted to the bar of the Fourth Circuit, provided that at least one lawyer admitted to practice in this Court also appears on the brief. Any other document submitted by an attorney who is not a member of the bar of the Fourth Circuit will be accepted for filing conditioned on his or her qualifying for membership within a reasonable time.

Each applicant for admission to the bar of this Court shall file with the clerk an application on the form approved by the Court and furnished by the clerk. Thereafter, upon written or oral motion of a member of the bar of the Court, the Court will act upon the application. A qualified attorney may be admitted upon personal appearance in open court. It is not necessary that an applicant appear in open court for the purpose of being admitted unless the Court shall otherwise order.

The requisite \$20.00 **\$170** fee must accompany the application, but attorneys appointed by the Court to represent a party in forma pauperis, counsel for the United States and any agency thereof who has a case pending before this Court, and law clerks to the judges of the Court and to the district judges, magistrate judges, and bankruptcy judges within this Circuit shall be admitted to the bar of this Court without the payment of an admission fee. **The clerk shall credit \$150 of each \$170 fee to the Judiciary's fee account and designate the remaining \$20 for deposit to a fund maintained by the Court for the benefit of the bench and bar in the administration of justice.**

~~Fees collected by the clerk from applicants for admission shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Court and shall be used for the benefit of the bench and bar in the administration of justice.~~ A certificate indicating that an attorney has been admitted to practice before the Fourth Circuit will be sent to counsel by mail after admission.