

# ADOPTED November 1, 2011

## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULE 46(b)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Court intends to amend Local Rule 46(b) to reflect the increase in the attorney admission fee from \$150 to \$176 that takes effect November 1, 2011, under the Court of Appeals Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, 28 U.S.C. *fol.* § 1913.

In addition to the \$176 fee under the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, the Court imposes a local admission fee of \$20. Therefore, the total fee for admission to the Fourth Circuit will increase from \$170 to \$196.

The proposed amendment will take effect on November 1, 2011. Interested parties may submit comments on or before November 1, 2011, to:

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

The Fourth Circuit Rulebook is available [here](#)

October 17, 2011  
Date

/s/ Patricia S. Connor  
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 ~~\$170~~ \$196 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~~ \$176 of each ~~\$170~~ \$196 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.

A certificate indicating that an attorney has been admitted to practice before the Fourth Circuit will be sent to counsel by mail after admission.