

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DEL RIO DIVISION

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In the matter of:

ADMISSION TO PRACTICE  
THROUGH THE DEL RIO DIVISION

Misc. No.

STANDING ORDER REVISING THE POLICY FOR  
ADMISSION OF ATTORNEYS IN THE DEL RIO DIVISION

I. PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this revision of the current policy for admission of attorneys to the Western District of Texas who apply in the Del Rio Division to ensure that attorneys who are granted permission to practice in the Del Rio Division represent the highest level of competency and integrity while providing zealous and effective advocacy.

II. ADMISSION TO PRACTICE IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS THROUGH APPLICATION IN THE DEL RIO DIVISION

A. **Application.** Attorneys seeking to be admitted to practice in the Western District of Texas through the Del Rio Division must comply with all of the requirements of Rule AT-1 of the *Local Rules of the Western District of Texas*, including but not limited to, a written application supported by a certificate of good standing in the state bar where the applicant is currently admitted, together with two letters of recommendation from attorneys licensed and in good standing in the Del Rio Division. Within one year before applying, applicants must have completed the seminar requirement of Local Rule AT-1(b)(2) and provide proof thereof. Applicants in the Del Rio Division must

have at least five years of experience of which one year may have been served as a law clerk to a federal district or magistrate judge. Applicants in the Del Rio Division must also have served as first or second chair in at least three felony jury trials or be otherwise qualified as determined by the committee on admissions with the agreement of the senior resident district judge.

- B. Committee on Admissions.** Applications will be reviewed by a committee established in compliance with Local Rule AT-1(c). Members will be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the senior resident district judge. Upon review of an application, the committee will make a recommendation to the judges to accept or reject the applicant. An applicant who is rejected may seek review pursuant to the process described in Local Rule AT-1(d)(3).

### III. RETROACTIVITY

Attorneys who have previously been admitted to practice by applying through, and being sworn in the Del Rio Division, as well as attorneys who are regularly practicing in the Del Rio Division, are required to complete the seminar requirement of Local Rule AT-1(b)(2) and provide proof thereof by June 30, 2011. Alternatively, such attorneys may provide proof that the seminar requirement has been previously met. Absent good cause, "regularly practicing" will normally mean appearance in three cases within three months. The Court will ensure that at least one such seminar is offered in the Del Rio Division prior to June 30, 2011.

Adopted and approved by the Court on this 4th day of January, 2011.



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ALIA MOSES  
United States District Court Judge



3. Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

5. (a) Business Telephone : (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Business Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Business e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

6. State Bar I.D. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify state if other than Texas)

7. Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

8. Residence Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Social Security Number: <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

10. List states, federal possessions and territories in which you have been admitted to practice law by the highest court. Indicate the year admitted, status and areas of certified specialization.

<u>State</u>	<u>Year Admitted</u>	<u>Current Standing</u>	<u>Specialization</u>
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<sup>1</sup> Attorneys are requested to provide their Social Security Number in order to assist the court in maintaining the integrity of its records.

11. List federal courts to which you have been admitted. Indicate the year admitted and current status.

Court

Year Admitted

Current Standing

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12. List your law school, the date of graduation, and the degree received. If you did not graduate from a law school, please describe your law study in detail.

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13. List three felony jury trials wherein you served as first or second chair **OR** why you believe you are otherwise qualified.

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14. Indicate any grievances or involuntary removals filed against you as a lawyer. Describe the circumstances in detail.

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15. Describe in detail charges, arrests, or convictions for criminal offenses(s). Omit minor traffic offenses.

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ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS “YES” OR “NO” IN THE BLANK PROVIDED; IF “YES”, EXPLAIN FULLY ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

16. (a) Have you ever been denied admission to the bar of any State (including the District of Columbia) or any other federal court? \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Have you ever been disbarred, suspended from practice, reprimanded, censured or otherwise disciplined or disqualified as an attorney? \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Has any adverse action, formal or informal, been taken against you or your license to practice law by any grievance committee, court, or other disciplinary body or committee? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Have you ever held a bonded position in connection with which anyone has sought to recover on your bond, or made a claim for any alleged default? \_\_\_\_\_
18. In connection with questions 18(a) through ©) , the detailed explanation of any affirmative answers shall include dates, exact name and address of the court, if any, the case number, and disposition.
- (a) Have you ever been charged with any violation of any law, other than minor traffic violations? \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Have you ever been charged with fraud, formally or otherwise, in any civil, criminal, bankruptcy, or administrative case or proceeding? \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Have you ever been denied a discharge in bankruptcy, or had your discharge in bankruptcy revoked? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Are there any unsatisfied judgments against you, whether barred by limitation or not? \_\_\_\_\_

(If so, give names and addresses of creditors, amounts, dates and nature of judgments, courts, and reasons for non-payment.)

20. Please provide the date of completion of the Federal Court Practice Seminar, as required by Local Rule AT-1(b)(2):

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Course # \_\_\_\_\_

21. If approved, in which District/Division do you prefer to take the Oath?

\_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Division

I swear that the information provided in the foregoing application including attachments, if any, is true and correct. I acknowledge that by accepting admission to this Court I am subjecting myself to the discipline of this Court. I further certify that I have read and am familiar with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rules of this court and alternative dispute resolution procedures of the Western District of Texas and will advise clients in any actions pending in this court regarding alternative dispute resolution procedures. I further certify, if requested, I am willing to appear before this court or any Committee appointed to test the qualifications of applicants for admission to practice before this Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,  
at \_\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

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Notary Public or Deputy Clerk of this Court