

RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY

ADMISSION OF PERSONS TO PRACTICE LAW

SCR 2.112 Attorney participants in defender or legal services programs

(a) **Scope.** This rule applies to an attorney who is not a member of the Bar of this Commonwealth but who, after having completed the study of law in a law school approved by the American Bar Association or by the Association of American Law Schools and having been admitted to practice in the highest Court of another state, wishes to become an employee of an organized public defender program or an organized legal services program in this Commonwealth providing legal assistance to indigent persons.

(b) **General Rule.** An attorney to whom this rule applies shall be admitted to practice before the Courts of this Commonwealth in all matters in which the attorney is associated with an organized public defender program or an organized legal services program which program is sponsored, approved or recognized by the Kentucky Bar Association. Admission to practice under this rule shall be limited to the matters specified in the preceding sentence. An application for admission to practice under this rule shall include or be accompanied by:

(1) A certificate of the highest Court or agency of any other state having jurisdiction over admission to the bar and the practice of law stating that the applicant is in good standing at the bar of such Court or in such state.

(2) A statement signed by a representative of an organized public defender program showing compliance with paragraph (a) of this rule. Any such statement shall also contain an undertaking by the program to notify the Clerk of the Supreme Court immediately whenever the attorney ceases to be an employee of such program.

(3) Such other affidavits or materials as shall be deemed necessary by the Character and Fitness Committee in order to satisfy the Committee of the applicant's moral character and fitness to practice before the Courts of this Commonwealth.

(4) Payment of a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) made payable to the Kentucky Office of Bar Admissions (cashier's or certified check or money order).

(c) **Subscription and Action.** The application for admission shall be subscribed to by a member of the bar of this Commonwealth in good standing. If the application and related documents are in proper order and if the Character and Fitness Committee finds that the applicant has the moral character and fitness to practice before the Courts of this Commonwealth, the Clerk of the Supreme Court shall enter the name of the applicant upon the docket of persons specially admitted to the bar of this Commonwealth subject to the restrictions of this rule and shall issue an appropriate certificate in evidence thereof.

(d) **Expiration of Admission.** When an attorney admitted under this rule ceases to be associated in a program as set forth in the motion previously filed, a written statement to that effect shall be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court by a representative of the public defender program or legal services program. Admission to practice under this rule shall expire after eighteen months, or when the attorney ceases to be an employee of the program, whichever shall first occur.

(e) **Rules Governing the Practice of Law.** Except for Rules 2.110 and 3.030(2), the Rules governing the practice of law shall be applicable to an attorney admitted under this rule.

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