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In the Supreme Court of Iowa

**Adoption of Fee and Registration)
Rule for Admission Pro Hac Vice)
Before Iowa Courts and)
Administrative Agencies)**

Order

CLERK SUPREME COURT

The Iowa Supreme Court adopts amendments to rule 31.14 of the Iowa Court Rules setting forth a fee and registration requirement for admission pro hac vice. The director of the office of professional regulation (OPR) proposed the amendments, which the court considered and submitted for public comment. The court appreciates the comments it received. After full consideration of the public comments and further consideration of the proposed fee and registration rule, the court finds that the fee and registration rule is appropriate for applications for admission to practice pro hac vice before Iowa courts and administrative agencies.

The key provisions of rule 31.14(11), which will take effect January 1, 2017, include the following:

- Applicants for admission pro hac vice before Iowa courts and administrative agencies will be required to register and pay a \$250 pro hac vice fee at the OPR web site.
- The registration and fee payment will allow the applicant to file applications for admission pro hac vice in Iowa courts and administrative agencies for a period of five years from the date of registration without further fee payment.
- Applicants for pro hac vice admission who have paid the \$250 fee will appear in the OPR attorney database as “Pro Hac Vice” attorneys.
- The pro hac vice fees collected will be deposited in the Client Security Trust Fund (CSTF).
- Applicants for admission pro hac vice before Iowa courts and administrative agencies will be required to allege in their applications that they have registered and paid the pro hac vice fee.

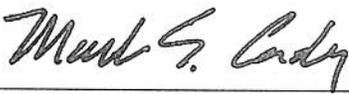
- Clerks of court and administrative agency staff will confirm that each applicant for admission pro hac vice has registered and paid the fee by checking the public OPR database.
- Upon expiration of the five-year period following registration and fee payment, the registration will lapse. A new registration and fee payment will be required to support pro hac vice applications by the attorney after a registration lapses.

The court adopts the amendments to rule 31.14 of the Iowa Court Rules as provided with this order.

The amendments will be effective January 1, 2017.

Dated this 19th day of February, 2016.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By 
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice

Chapter 31 Admission to the Bar

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31.14(5) *Required information for application.* An application filed by the out-of-state lawyer ~~shall~~must contain all of the following information:

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r. A statement that the out-of-state lawyer has registered with the office of professional regulation and paid the fee as required by rule 31.14(11).

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31.14(11) *Periodic fee.* An applicant for admission to appear pro hac vice in any Iowa court or before any Iowa agency must first register with the office of professional regulation and pay a fee of \$250 to the client security trust fund. The office of professional regulation may prescribe an electronic format for the registration and require submission of the registration and payment in that form.

a. Registration and payment of the fee required by this rule qualifies the out-of-state lawyer to file applications for admission pro hac vice in any Iowa court or before any Iowa agency for a period of five years commencing with the date of registration. Upon expiration of the five-year period, the out-of-state lawyer becomes ineligible to file an application for admission pro hac vice in any Iowa court or before any Iowa agency without first registering and paying another fee as required by this rule.

b. An out-of-state lawyer admitted pro hac vice after registration and payment of the fee as required by this rule who later is fully admitted to the bar of Iowa must pay initial, special, and regular assessments to the client security trust fund as required by rule 39.6.