

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
UNIFORM LOCAL RULES**

Pursuant to Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, public notice is hereby given of proposed amendments to the Uniform Local Rules of the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana. The following rule is proposed to be amended with the parts to be deleted stricken and new revisions underlined as follows:

LR83.2.6W Visiting Attorneys

Any member in good standing of the bar of any court of the United States or of the highest court of any state and who is not a member of the bar of this court, may, upon written motion of counsel of record who is a member of the bar of this court, by ex parte order, be permitted to appear and participate as co-counsel in a particular case.

~~The motion must have attached to it a certificate of recent date from the presiding judge or clerk of the highest court of the state, or court of the United States, where the attorney has been so admitted to practice, showing that the applicant attorney has been so admitted in such court, and that the applicant is in good standing.~~ The motion must have attached to it a certificate of recent date from a court of the United States or the highest court or bar of the state where the attorney has been admitted showing that the applicant is in good standing. The applicant attorney shall state under oath whether any disciplinary proceedings or criminal charges have been instituted against the applicant, and if so, shall disclose full information about the proceeding or charges and the ultimate determination, if any.

The applicant attorney shall pay a \$25.00 fee to the clerk of court and shall take the same oath as members of the bar of this court.

An attorney permitted to appear may participate in a particular action or proceeding in all respects, except that all documents requiring signature of counsel for a party may not be signed solely by such attorney, but must also bear the signature ~~also~~ of local counsel admitted to practice in the Western District of Louisiana and with whom the visiting attorney is associated.

Local counsel shall be responsible to the court at all stages of the proceedings.

Designation of the visiting attorney as "Trial Attorney" pursuant to LR11.2 herein shall not relieve the local counsel of the responsibilities imposed by this rule.

The fee described in this rule is applicable in each case in which the visiting attorney seeks recognition as qualified counsel.

Comments may be made in writing addressed to the Clerk of Court, Tony R. Moore, 800 Lafayette Street, Suite 2100, Lafayette, LA 71101, before **February 28, 2011**. You may access this notice at the court's website (www.lawd.uscourts.gov).

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 25th day of January, 2011.



TONY R. MOORE
CLERK OF COURT