



President

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State Board of Law Examiners
2100 Riverfront Drive, Suite 110
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202-1747

Re: Temporary Admissions

Dear Board Members:

Chief Justice Kemp has urged the Arkansas Bar Association to coordinate the development of a rule to address temporary admission to the practice of law in disaster emergencies. This effort led to the attached proposed rule addressing temporary admission following declaration of an emergency.

Arkansas Bar Association Past President Paul Keith shared the proposed rule with Civil Practice Committee Chair H. David Blair. The Civil Practice Committee met on October 10, 2020 but determined it was outside the committee's jurisdiction being a rule of practice and not procedure.

Chief Justice Kemp suggested the Arkansas Bar Association send this Proposed Rule addressing the practice of law in disaster emergencies to the State Board of Law Examiners for consideration, comments, and dispensation.

Thank you,

Bob Estes

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Karen Baker
Ms. Nancie Givens
Ms. Lisa C. Ballard

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING RULE XIV.2(c) TEMPORARY ADMISSION TO BAR FOLLOWING DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FORM

The Rule XIV.2(c) Temporary Admission to Bar Following Declaration of Emergency Form (the "Temporary Admission Form") and the information contained herein are intended for processing proof of temporary admission to the non-resident attorney requesting permission to provide legal services in the State of Arkansas. Completion of this form is required only of attorneys seeking temporary admission as a displaced attorney, under Rule XIV.2(c). Non-admitted attorneys seeking to provide pro bono services pursuant to Rule XIV.2(b) need not complete this form, but must register with a sponsoring legal aid services provider that represents Arkansas clients, namely Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc., Center for Arkansas Legal Services, Inc., Lone Star Legal Aid, Inc., or such other entity as may be approved by the Arkansas Supreme Court and comply with the requirements of Administrative Order 15.2.

REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

- Completed Temporary Admission Form; and
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of proof of temporary admission to the Bar.

The Temporary Admission Form must be completed and signed by the non-resident attorney seeking permission to provide legal services in the State of Arkansas following the declaration of an emergency. The completed Temporary Admission Form and self-addressed, stamped envelope must be sent to the Clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals at the following address:

Office of the Clerk
Justice Building
625 Marshall Street, Suite 130
Little Rock, AR 72201

The proof of temporary admission to the Bar will be sent to you. The proof of temporary admission to the Bar should be presented to those you are required to give notice of your limited authority to provide legal services.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS
ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS

Justice Building
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

RULE XIV.2 FORM

TEMPORARY ADMISSION TO BAR FOLLOWING DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

PLEASE PRINT

Date: _____ Name: _____

Information for Arkansas:

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Information for home state:

Name of law firm or other place of business from which attorney was practicing at the time of the declaration of emergency: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Jurisdictions (state and federal) in which the attorney is admitted to practice and Bar ID Nos.:

I certify that I:

have not been the subject of disciplinary action by the Bar or courts of any jurisdiction in which I am or have been licensed to practice.

have been the subject of disciplinary action by the Bar or courts of jurisdictions in which I am or have been licensed to practice and the following is a description of the disciplinary actions (attach additional pages if necessary):

I certify that I:

have not been denied admission, including admission *pro hac vice*, to any State or federal court.

have been denied admission, including admission *pro hac vice*, to State or federal courts. Explanation: _____

I certify that my home state, _____, offers comity for the practice of law, pursuant to _____ (cite rule or statute).

Statement regarding malpractice insurance: I certify I have malpractice insurance – state name and phone number of carrier and policy no.

I do not have malpractice insurance.

By signing this form, I verify that I have read Rule XIV.2 governing Temporary Admission to the Bar Following the Declaration of an Emergency; I am familiar with the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct governing the conduct of members of the Bar of Arkansas, and I will at all times abide and comply with the same so long as I am permitted to provide legal services under this Rule, and I will provide the Clerk with updated information within thirty (30) days of any change of the information required on this form.

Signature: _____

State of law license: _____

Bar No.: _____