

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

FERNANDO GALINDO
CLERK OF COURT

MARK S. DAVIS
CHIEF JUDGE

**ATTORNEY ADMISSION PROCEDURES
DURING COVID RESTRICTIONS
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION**

Applicants are required to take the Oath of Admission in open court (or Zoom hearing) before any of the judges. An attorney previously admitted to practice in the Eastern District of Virginia must accompany the applicant and make an oral motion the applicant's admission.

Because of restrictions placed on the court due to COVID, all attorney admissions will be scheduled. Walk-in requests are not allowed at this time.

An applicant must submit to the clerk's office, by mail or clerk's office drop box, the following:

- The completed application with a notarized original signature
- Original signatures of 2 attorneys already admitted to practice in this court
- Oath page signed with original signature (the requirement of in person signing is waived)
- Copy of Virginia Bar Card
- \$188 admission fee (checks or money orders only)
- \$20 fee for Certificate of Good Standing if requested

All signatures must be original. Photocopied, stamped, or computer-generated signatures will not be accepted.

Once a complete admission packet has been received the applicant will be contacted to acknowledge receipt of the packet.

Admission proceedings take place on Tuesdays before the duty docket and are currently being held via Zoom. These proceedings are limited in the number allowed.

The applicant will be emailed an invitation for admission when a date opens.

An attorney welcome packet that includes the certificate of admission, certificate of good standing (if requested), payment receipt, EDVA Attorney Reference Handbook, and CM/ECF registration information, will be mailed to the address provided on the application.

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION**

**APPLICATION TO QUALIFY AS AN ATTORNEY OF THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

To: The Honorable Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

PERSONAL STATEMENT

FULL NAME (NO INITIALS PLEASE) _____
Virginia State Bar Identification Number _____
Firm Name _____
Firm Phone Number _____ Direct Dial Number _____
FAX Number _____
E-MAIL Address _____
Office **Mailing** Address _____
Date of Birth _____
I was born in (City, State, Country) _____
My mother's maiden name is (was) _____
I was naturalized at _____ (Place) on _____ (Date)
I have been a practitioner since _____

I have not been reprimanded in any court nor has there been any action in any court pertaining to my conduct or fitness as a member of the bar. I am qualified to practice in the Supreme Court of Virginia.

I hereby certify that within ninety (90) days prior to the submission of this application I have read (a) The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, (b) The Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, (c) The Local Rules of this Court and (d) The Federal Rules of Evidence.

I understand the Court's policy concerning Electronic Case Filing (ECF) and certify that I will be registered for ECF within 90 days, and will update my registration as directed.

(Applicant's Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Notary Public)

My commission expires: _____

We, the undersigned, do certify that we are members of the bar of this Court, not related to the applicant; that we know the applicant personally, that the said applicant possesses all of the qualifications required for admission to the bar of this Court; that we have examined the applicant's personal statement. We affirm that his/her personal and professional character and standing are good.

_____ (Signature)	_____ (Signature)
_____ (Typed or Printed Name)	_____ (Typed or Printed Name)
_____ (Virginia Bar Number)	_____ (Virginia Bar Number)

Do you request a Certificate of Good Standing so that you may apply for admission to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia? Yes _____ No _____ (An additional \$20.00 fee required)

OATH ON ADMISSION

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will demean myself as an attorney and counselor of this Court, uprightly and according to law; and that I will support the Constitution of the United States, so help me God.

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

Signature:

Sworn and subscribed before me,

_____, Deputy Clerk Date: _____

Admitted on motion of: _____

**A COPY OF YOUR VIRGINIA BAR CARD
MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION**