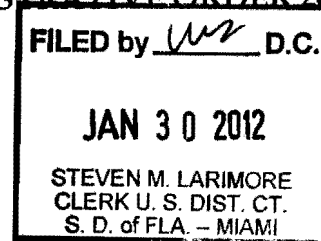


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2012-004

In Re: Attorney Admission Renewal
Fee for Retention of Membership in
the Bar of This Court



Title 28, United States Code, Section 1914(b) provides that the clerk “shall collect from the parties such additional fees only as are prescribed by the Judicial Conference of the United States,” and that the Judicial Conference of the United States, in a 1997 Report of the Proceedings, authorizes that “local courts may charge, at their option . . . for renewals of an attorney’s admission to practice. . . . [and that] revenues from local fees may be deposited into a district’s local non-appropriated funds account.” At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Judges of this District, by majority vote the Court has determined that it would be beneficial to the bench and bar of this District to adopt a renewal fee for retention of membership by attorneys admitted to the bar of this Court. Those renewal fees will be used to fund the ongoing operations of the Volunteer Lawyers Project, as established by Administrative Order 93-106 for the benefit of the bench, the bar and the public. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all existing members of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida’s Bar, from the effective date of this order, are required to pay to the Clerk a renewal fee of \$25.00 on or before March 15, 2012 and

every other year thereafter. If an attorney is admitted to this Court's Bar after January 1, 2012, payment of the fee will not be due until the next cycle, March 15, 2014, and then every other year thereafter. This fee is to be paid in addition to the fee paid upon admission to the bar of this Court.

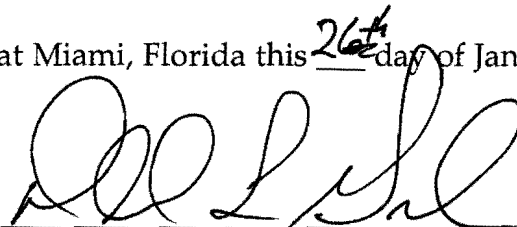
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that renewal fees must be paid online via CREDIT CARD through the Court's CM/ECF pay.gov service. Electronic filing through CM/ECF is mandatory for all attorneys admitted to practice in the Southern District of Florida. *See* S.D. Fla. L.R. 5.1(b); CM/ECF Admin. Pro. Sec. 2A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that non-resident attorneys specially admitted to practice under Rule 4(b) of the Special Rules Governing the Admission and Practice of Attorneys are not members of the USDC-SDFL Bar, so should not pay this renewal of membership fee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that government attorneys with a special bar number shall not be required to pay the renewal fee. Government attorneys with a regular bar membership will be required to pay the renewal fee in order to keep their regular membership active. As an alternative, the government attorney may place their regular bar membership in "inactive" status and obtain a special bar number for government attorneys. At such time as the government attorney leaves government service, the renewal fee for the cycle within which the status change takes effect must be paid to reactivate their regular bar membership. There is no inactive status available other than for government attorneys.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any attorney who fails to pay the renewal fee in a timely manner, after a thirty (30) day grace period, shall no longer be in good standing with this Court and as a result cannot practice before the court. See S.D. Fla. Att'y Admis. & Prac. R. 3. Those attorneys will no longer be able to file documents through the CMECF system (although they will continue to receive Notices of Electronic Filing (NEFs) on active cases) until such time as they comply with this renewal requirement by paying the renewal fee. Delinquent payment of the renewal fee after the thirty (30) day grace period will be assessed a one-time \$50.00 late fee in addition to the renewal fee. Only after payment of the renewal fee and late fee will an attorney's good standing be reinstated. Failure to pay the delinquent fee before the next cycle will require that attorney to reapply for admission pursuant to Rule 2 of the Special Rules Governing the Admission and Practice of Attorneys, retake the Southern District's attorney admissions exam, and to pay any initial admissions fee.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida this 26th day of January, 2012.



DONALD L. GRAHAM
ACTING CHIEF UNITED STATES
DISTRICT JUDGE

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