

## **RULE 83.1**

**(As amended September 18, 2006)**

### **ATTORNEYS-ADMISSION**

#### **(a) Eligibility for Admission**

Any attorney who is of good personal and professional character, who is an active member in good standing of the bar of the State of Maine and who is not then disbarred from or under a period of suspension in any court of record in the United States, is eligible for admission to the bar of this Court upon compliance with the provisions of subsection (b).

#### **(b) Procedure for Admission**

Each applicant for admission to the bar of this Court shall file with the Clerk an application, in duplicate, on a form to be furnished by the Clerk, who shall thereupon forward one copy to the United States Attorney. The application shall include a certification that the applicant has read and will comply with the Local Rules of this Court. The applicant shall provide the United States Attorney with letters from two members of the Bar of this Court attesting to the applicant's good personal and professional character. The United States Attorney shall cause to be made such investigation of the applicant's eligibility under subsection (a) as necessary.

If the United States Attorney is satisfied that the applicant is eligible under subsection (a), said United States Attorney, an Assistant United States Attorney, or a member of the bar of this Court designated by the Court, shall move the applicant's admission. If the United States Attorney is not so satisfied, any member of the bar of this Court may move such admission, and the United States Attorney, or an Assistant United States Attorney, may appear in opposition. The Court will grant the motion if it is satisfied that the applicant is eligible under subsection (a)(1) or (2), and the applicant shall take and subscribe to the following oath, or affirmation in lieu thereof:

"I solemnly swear that I will conduct and demean myself as an attorney and counselor of this the United States District Court for the District of Maine uprightly and according to law; that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Maine; that I will maintain the respect due to Courts of Justice and judicial officers; that I will never reject, for any personal

considerations, the cause of the defenseless or oppressed; and that I will strive at all times to uphold the honor and maintain the dignity of the legal profession, and to serve justice,  
SO HELP ME GOD."

The applicant shall sign the roll of attorneys of this Court and shall thenceforth be a member of the bar of this Court.

**(c) Attorneys Who Are Not Members of the Bar of this Court**

No person who is not a member in good standing of the bar of this Court shall appear or practice before this Court on behalf of another person except in accordance with the following:

(1) Visiting Lawyers. Leave of Court is granted to any attorney who is not a member of the bar of this Court to appear and practice in this Court provided that the attorney certifies that he/she is admitted to practice in any other United States federal court or the highest court of any State and is not currently under any order of disbarment, suspension or any other discipline. Any such attorney shall have at all times associated with him/her a member of the bar of this Court, upon whom all process, notices and other papers may be served and who shall sign all papers filed with the Court and whose attendance at any proceeding may be required by the Court. The Court may at any time for good cause and without hearing revoke the right of a visiting lawyer to practice.

(2) Government Attorneys and Federal Public Defenders. Any member in good standing of the bar of any court of the United States or of the highest court of any State, who is employed by the United States or by the State of Maine, or any department or agency thereof, and whose duties involve the representation of the United States or of the State of Maine, or any department or agency thereof, or indigent criminal defendants, in actions in courts of the United States, is permitted to practice before this court in any such action. The Court may at any time for good cause revoke such permission without hearing.