

**IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU**

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IN RE RULES OF ADMISSION FOR  
ATTORNEYS AND TRIAL COUNSELORS

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**ORDER**  
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Pursuant to the rule-making authority vested in the Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau by Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution and 4 PNC § 101, the RULES OF ADMISSION FOR ATTORNEYS AND TRIAL COUNSELORS, promulgated on December 12, 2001, are hereby amended as follows:

Rule 3. (a) Any attorney who is a salaried employee of the Republic of Palau National Government, or any state or other governmental entity of the Republic of Palau, or of the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, and who has been in active practice of law at any time within the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of employment, may practice law in Palau without complying with Rule 2(d) of these rules for a single period of four (4) consecutive years, commencing on the first day of employment, so long as the attorney is acting within the scope of employment and maintains membership in good standing in the bar of any state, territory, or possession of the United States or other foreign country. For the purpose of this section, the active practice of law includes those periods in which the attorney was employed by a judicial officer as a law clerk or staff attorney.

Rule 5. An attorney actively licensed to practice law by the highest court of a country, state or territory, who is not a resident of Palau and not admitted to practice before the courts of the Republic of Palau may, on motion, be admitted for the special purpose of handling a particular case by the Justice before whom the case is pending. If the attorney is admitted, he or she can handle the matter at trial and on appeal. An attorney admitted pro hac vice shall associate himself or herself with a member of the Palau Bar who maintains an office in the Republic of Palau. Any attorney so admitted shall comply with Rule 4(b) of these rules. Any motion made under this rule must be accompanied by a ~~\$100~~ \$1,000 ~~special appearance fee~~ check made

payable to the Palau Bar Association. The check will be cashed or deposited only if the attorney is admitted.

Rule 7. In order to apply to take the bar examination, an applicant must submit to the Supreme Court the application form prescribed by the Supreme Court along with an application fee of ~~\$100~~ \$300. The admission fee shall be paid and the application filed at least forty-five (45) days before the scheduled date of the next bar examination.

Rule 8. If an applicant meets the requirements set forth in Rule 2 of these rules, ~~that applicant shall be notified by the Supreme Court of the date to appear before the Supreme Court to be sworn in to the Palau Bar.~~ the Supreme Court shall notify the applicant in writing that he or she is certified to be sworn in to the Palau Bar. The applicant shall have one (1) year after the date of the certification letter to take the Oath of Admission before a Justice or Judge of the courts of the Republic of Palau. or. upon approval of the Supreme Court of Palau. a justice or judge of a court of another jurisdiction. No applicant shall be admitted to the Palau Bar without taking the Oath of Admission. Any attorney who fails to take the Oath of Admission within the prescribed time period shall not be admitted to the Palau Bar without again satisfying the requirements set forth in Rule 2 of these rules.

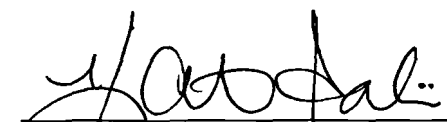
Rule 9. (b) ~~After the~~ The first year of admission, the annual fee for active members of the Bar is \$200. ~~After the~~ The first year of admission, the annual fee for inactive members of the Palau Bar is \$100. The annual fee shall be made payable to the Palau Bar Association. For each year after the first year of admission, the annual fee must be paid by January 20. ~~The failure~~ Failure of an active member to timely pay his or her annual fee shall ~~be~~ mean the immediate suspension of his or her privilege to practice law in the Republic of Palau. Any attorney who fails to pay his or her annual fee by January 20 must pay his or her annual fee and a ~~\$50~~ \$150 late charge by April 20. The late charge shall be made payable to the Clerk of Court. If an attorney fails to pay his or her annual fee and the late charge by April 20, the attorney shall be deemed to have automatically resigned ~~from~~ the Palau Bar.

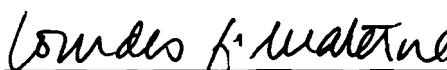
Any attorney seeking reinstatement to the Palau Bar after having automatically resigned from the Palau Bar under this rule shall file by January 20 of the following year a petition for reinstatement with the Supreme Court, along with a reinstatement fee of \$500, made payable to the Clerk of Court. and the avvlicable annual fee. made payable to the Palau Bar Association. The petition for reinstatement shall not be granted absent a showing of good cause.

These amendments shall take effect immediately upon the date of this Order.

SO ORDERED, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

  
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ARTHUR NGIRAKLSONG  
Chief Justice

  
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KATHLEEN M. SALIH  
Associate Justice

  
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Associate Justice

  
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ALEXANDRA F. FOSTER  
Associate Justice