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Subject: REMINDER! U.S. District Court - District of Colorado Biennial / Renewal Fee for Attorneys BEGINS OCT. 1, 2022. YOU MAY PAY THE FEE NOW.

All U.S. District Court, Dist. of Colorado bar members: please be aware that the U.S. District Court's Biennial / Renewal Fee payment of \$60.00 will be due starting tomorrow, Oct. 1, 2022. The last day to pay the fee is Dec. 31. YOU MAY PAY THE FEE NOW.

The payment will be made through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing ("CM/ECF") system - payments must be made ONLY through CM/ECF (cash or checks sent to the clerk's office will not be accepted). Instructions are available on the court's Biennial / Renewal Fee Information page on the court's website, available here: <http://www.cod.uscourts.gov/AttorneyInformation/BiennialRenewalFeeInformation.aspx>. Find a link to the document with the title "Instructions for Payment of the 2022 Biennial Fee for Attorneys" on the Biennial / Renewal Fee page.

Please note the following:

-Attorneys must be in good standing with the U.S. District Court - District of Colorado. To determine whether you are in good standing, enter your name on the court's Attorney Status page:

<https://www.cod.uscourts.gov/CMECF/AttorneyStatus.aspx>. Attorneys who are not in good standing and pay the fee by mistake are not eligible for a refund.

-If you have not done so already, you must first upgrade your ECF account to NextGen ECF and link your PACER and CM/ECF accounts. If you have not done either, please submit an "Activate E-Filing Request" through PACER. Instructions are on the website under the Attorney Information tab -> Attorney Admission Information -> "New Attorney Admission Request Instructions" hyperlink.

-After you pay the Biennial Fee, you may check the Attorney Status page on the court's website to confirm payment. Your Attorney Status record will be manually changed by court staff from "Fees Due" to "Fees Paid" - please give at least one week from your payment to allow court staff to update your record.

-Attorneys admitted before October 1 of the biennial fee year will be required to pay the Biennial Renewal Fee during the collection period. Attorneys admitted to the U.S. District Court - Colorado bar after Oct. 1, 2022 do not have to pay the Biennial Fee until the next collection period in 2024.

-The fee is waived for federal agency attorneys ONLY, including attorneys employed by the office of the Federal Public Defender. Attorneys employed by the U.S. Government in a legal capacity do not need to take any action. Your Attorney Status will show "Fees waived" if you are a federal attorney.

-Attorneys who fail to pay the fee by December 31st will be subject to removal from the roll of the U.S. District Court bar.

-Attorneys removed from the from the roll will be subject to a docket entry notifying the court of their administrative removal in all active cases.

-Attorneys removed from the roll of attorneys after Dec. 31 for non-payment of the fee must reapply for bar membership and pay the full fee for bar admission if they wish to continue to practice.

-Law firms / legal offices cannot pay collectively for all attorneys in the firm or organization; attorneys must pay individually.

Authorization of the Biennial / Renewal Fee is described in Chief Judge Philip A. Brimmer's General Order 2022-7, "Establishment of a Biennial Fee to Assist the Funding of the Federal Pro Se Clinic Program."

(<http://www.cod.uscourts.gov/CourtOperations/OrdersandOpinions/CourtPlansandGeneralOrders.aspx>)

Thank you for your cooperation.