

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

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## To Whom It May Concern:

This memorandum addresses D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3, Requirements for the Bar of the Court, and petitions for relief from the rule of good standing under D.C.COLO.LAttyR (3)(d).

D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3(a) requires an applicant for admission to the bar of the court to be licensed in a qualifying jurisdiction, on active status, "and a member of the bar in good standing in all courts or jurisdictions where the applicant has been admitted." D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3(a). D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3(c), Member in Good Standing, defines "good standing" as "not suspended or disbarred by any court for any reason." "An attorney who is not in good standing shall not practice before the bar of this court." *Id*.

Under D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3(d), an attorney may seek relief from the rule of good standing, which may be granted if the attorney establishes by "clear and convincing evidence" that "application of the rule of good standing in Subdivision (c) would result in grave injustice." D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3(d)(2).

Absent exceptional circumstances constituting grave injustice, the Committee on Conduct does not grant relief from the rule of good standing where an attorney has been suspended or placed on inactive status for failing to comply with continuing legal education requirements or to pay required dues.

Sincerely, The Committee on Conduct Chair D.C.COLO.LAttvR 6