

UPDATE OF U.S. DISTRICT COURT'S ROLL OF ATTORNEYS EFF. NOV. 1, 2015

This announcement is to notify all existing U.S. District Court bar members that by November 1, 2015, unless counsel have paid the 2013 One-Time Bar Renewal Fee and registered for Electronic Case Filing, counsel will be “Administratively Removed” from the court's Roll of Attorneys.

In June 2013 the U.S. District Court approved the imposition of a one-time attorney bar membership fee in the amount of \$50, as part of the Pilot Project to Implement a Civil Pro Bono Panel. The \$50 fee was to be paid by August 15, 2013 or “within 30 days of entry of appearance in a case.” The Pilot Project also provided that “continued entries of appearance in the district court, without ... payment of fee, will lead to placement in “Not in Good Standing” status or may lead to other sanctions, including removal from the Court’s Roll of Attorneys.” The Pilot Program was permanently and substantially adopted as District of Colorado Local Attorney Rule 15 - Civil Pro Bono Representation, D.C.COLO.LAttyR 15, and the one-time renewal fee is included in the District of Colorado's Schedule of Fees:
<http://www.cod.uscourts.gov/CourtOperations/FeeSchedule.aspx>.

The court also implemented in 2013 the Attorney Services Portal on this website, that allowed attorneys to pay their renewal fee, complete the mandatory registration for Electronic Case Filing (D.C.COLO.LCivR 5.1 and D.C.COLO.LCrR 49.1) and update bar membership records on-line. The portal also allows new attorneys to apply for admission to our bar and pay their admission fee and other members to submit address changes and retrieve certificates of good standing. Bar records updated through the portal provides the court an effective means to communicate via email with all registered attorneys. As over 10,000 attorneys have effectively registered through the Attorney Services Portal, the District Court has decided that all unregistered attorneys, who have not paid the one-time bar renewal fee and accordingly have not updated their bar records through the Attorney Services Portal, shall be administratively removed from the Roll of Attorneys effective November 1, 2015.

All REMAINING, UNREGISTERED bar members who wish to be on the court's Roll of Attorneys must pay the 2013 One-Time Bar Renewal Fee of \$50.00, register for Electronic Case Filing, and update their records through the Attorney Services Portal by November 1, 2015. Effective that date, the Bar Renewal Fee will no longer be collected, but all existing bar membership records with an unpaid fee will be removed from the roll. All attorneys who are removed from the roll, and who later wish to practice in the U.S. District Court, will be required to complete a new bar membership application through the Attorney Services Portal. The Portal is available at <https://www.cod.uscourts.gov/CMECF/Register/Login.aspx>.

For step-by-step instructions about the use of the Portal, please see the Attorney Services Portal User Guide available on that page. To determine fee payment and ECF registration status, counsel should check their portal account, or visit the Attorney Status page on the court’s website: <https://www.cod.uscourts.gov/CMECF/AttorneyStatus.aspx>. Please be aware that even if you are listed as “in good standing,” the only means to determine whether the fee was paid -- or exemption claimed -- is if and only if “2013 Fee Paid” appears on the bottom line of your contact information.

Thank you.