

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFORM LOCAL RULES

Amendments to Uniform Local Rule 83.2.3E Procedure for Admission and Local Rule 78.1E Motion Days are amended to read as follows, with the new language underlined and the old language lined through:

Local Rule 83.2.3.E Procedure for Admission

- A. Each applicant for admission to the bar of this court shall file with the clerk a written petition signed by him or her and endorsed by two members of the bar of this court listing the applicant's residence and office address, his or her general and legal education, the courts that have admitted him or her to practice, and stating that the applicant is qualified to practice before this court, is of good moral character, and is not subject to any pending disbarment or professional discipline procedure in any other court. If the applicant has previously been subject to any disciplinary proceedings, full information about the proceedings, the charges and the result will be given.
- B. The petitioner may then be admitted in open court, or in chambers or by mail, and upon taking an oath to conduct himself or herself as an attorney or counselor of this court uprightly and according to law and to support the Constitution of the United States. He or she shall then, under the direction of the clerk, pay the fee required by law and any other fee required by the court. Unless such a motion for admission is made within six months of the filing of the petition, the clerk may destroy the petition and a new petition will be necessary before the applicant can be admitted.
- C. If a personal appearance would present an undue hardship for the applicant or the applicant resides outside the boundaries of this district, upon written request and for good cause shown, the Court may grant the applicant's request for admission by mail without the necessity of a personal appearance. In such instance, the applicant shall take a written oath, on a form prescribed by the Clerk, to conduct himself or herself as an attorney or counselor of this Court uprightly and according to law and to support the Constitution of the United States, and submit this written oath with any fee required by law and any other fee required by the court. At the attorney's first physical appearance before the court, he/she shall sign the roll of attorneys in the Clerk's office.

Local Rule 78.1E Motion Days

Wednesday of each week, or such other day as the court may designate from time to time by order, is motion day. On this day priority will be given to the presentation of motions. Unless or until amendment of this rule by the court to provide otherwise, motions will be heard in the various sections of court on alternate Wednesdays. Motion days will be

arranged so that approximately half of the sections will hear motions on any given Wednesday. Motions may also be designated for hearing at some other time by order of the individual judge to whom the action is allotted. On motion day, the court also considers reviews from magistrate judges' rulings, contradictory motions requiring action by the court after hearing and other matters required by law or court order to be heard and determined summarily.

Any party desiring oral argument must either file contemporaneously with the filing of the motion or opposition memorandum to a motion or within three days after receipt of the opposition memorandum to a motion, a separate ~~statement setting forth the reasons why oral argument should be heard~~ written request for oral argument. ~~Notwithstanding the filing of a statement regarding oral argument, oral argument on motions will be allowed only when a judge of a section of this court, on or before the Monday the motion is set to be heard or decided, notifies the parties involved that he or she desires oral argument. Except as set out heretofore, all other motions will be decided by the court on the basis of the record, including timely filed briefs and any supporting or opposing documents filed therewith. Oral argument will be permitted in such cases without further order of the Court, unless the Court advises the parties, as soon as practicable, that oral argument is not necessary.~~

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