

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

It is ORDERED that the attached amendments to Rule 1:21-2 (“Appearances Pro Hac Vice”) of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey are adopted to be effective immediately.

For the Court,
/s/ Stuart Rabner
Chief Justice

Dated: March 31, 2026

1:21-2. Appearances Pro Hac Vice

(a) Conditions for Appearance

(1) An attorney of any other United States jurisdiction, of good standing there, whether practicing law in such other jurisdiction as an individual or a member or employee of a partnership or an employee of a professional corporation or limited liability entity authorized to practice law in such other jurisdiction, or an attorney admitted in this State, of good standing, may, at the discretion of the court in which any matter is pending, be permitted, pro hac vice, to speak in such matter in the same manner as an attorney of this State who is in compliance with Rule 1:21-1(a)(1). Except for attorneys who are employees of and are representing the United States of America or a sister state, no attorney shall be admitted under this rule without annually complying with Rule 1:20-1(b), Rule 1:28-2, and Rule 1:28B-1(e) during the period of admission. An attorney granted admission pro hac vice in accordance with this rule must include a copy of the order granting such permission when submitting to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection the annual fee provided for by Rule 1:20-1 and the other rules referred to herein. An attorney admitted both in this State and any other jurisdiction shall not, however, be permitted to appear pro hac vice [if for any reason disqualified from practice in this State] in any court, agency, or tribunal of this State if that

attorney is administratively ineligible to practice law in New Jersey. This shall include any attorney whose license was revoked pursuant to R. 1:28-2(c).

(2) A foreign attorney (licensed outside the United States), of good standing there, whether practicing law in such foreign jurisdiction as an individual or a member or employee of a partnership or an employee of a professional corporation or limited liability entity authorized to practice law in such foreign jurisdiction, may, at the discretion of the court in which any matter is pending, be permitted, pro hac vice, to speak in such matter in the same manner as an attorney of this State who is in compliance with Rule 1:21-1(a)(1). A foreign attorney may not advise the client on the substantive law of a United States jurisdiction or on procedural issues. New Jersey counsel must accompany the foreign attorney at all proceedings. No foreign attorney shall be admitted under this rule without annually complying with Rule 1:20-1(b), Rule 1:28-2, and Rule 1:28B-1(e) during the period of admission. A foreign attorney granted admission pro hac vice in accordance with this rule must include a copy of the order granting such permission when submitting to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection the annual fee provided for by Rule 1:20-1 and the other Rules referred to herein. A foreign attorney admitted both in this State and any other jurisdiction shall not, however, be permitted to appear pro hac vice [if for any reason

disqualified from practice in this State] in any court, agency, or tribunal of this State if that attorney is administratively ineligible to practice law in New Jersey.

(3) For purposes of this section, “administratively ineligible” includes, but is not limited to, attorneys who are ineligible to practice for failure to pay the annual Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection assessment. An attorney who is administratively ineligible to practice law in New Jersey for failure to pay the annual Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection assessment may be admitted pro hac vice after the attorney has cured such ineligibility by paying all Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection assessments that were outstanding at the time the attorney became ineligible. An attorney who resigned from the New Jersey bar in good standing pursuant to Rule 1:20-22 is not considered administratively ineligible for purposes of this rule.

(b) Application for Admission. ...no change

(c) Contents of Order. ...no change

(d) Appearances in Subsequent Courts. ...no change

(e) Revocation of Permission to Appear. ...no change

Note: Source -- R.R. 1:12-8. Amended December 16, 1969 effective immediately; caption and text amended November 27, 1974 to be effective April 1, 1975; amended January 10, 1979 to be effective immediately; former rule amended and redesignated as paragraphs (a) and (b) and paragraph (c) adopted July 22, 1983 to be effective September 12, 1983; paragraph (a) amended January 31, 1984 to be

effective February 15, 1984; new paragraph (c) adopted and former paragraph (c) redesignated as paragraph (d) November 1, 1985 to be effective January 2, 1986; paragraph (a) amended November 5, 1986 to be effective January 1, 1987; paragraph (a) amended July 14, 1992 to be effective September 1, 1992; paragraphs (b)(2) and (3) amended July 13, 1994 to be effective September 1, 1994; paragraph (a)(1)(iv) added June 28, 1996 to be effective September 1, 1996; paragraph (a) amended July 10, 1998 to be effective September 1, 1998; paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii), (a)(1)(iii), and (a)(1)(iv) amended and redesignated as (a)(1)(A), (a)(1)(B), (a)(1)(C), and (a)(1)(D) July 5, 2000 to be effective September 5, 2000; paragraph (a) amended and subsections of paragraph (a)(3) redesignated from (i) through (vi) to through (F) July 12, 2002 to be effective September 3, 2002; paragraph (a) amended, portion of paragraph (a) redesignated as new paragraph (b), and former paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) redesignated as (c), (d), and (e) July 28, 2004 to be effective September 1, 2004; paragraph (a) amended July 9, 2013 to be effective September 1, 2013; paragraph (a) amended and redesignated as (a)(1), new paragraph (a)(2) adopted, paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(1)(A) amended, new paragraph (b)(1)(E) adopted, paragraph (b)(2) amended, paragraphs (b)(3)(D) and (E) amended August 1, 2016 to be effective September 1, 2016; subparagraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) amended and new subparagraph (a)(3) adopted March 31, 2026 to be effective immediately.