

In the Supreme Court of Iowa

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<b>Request for Public Comment on</b>	)	
<b>a Proposed Fee for Admission</b>	)	<b>Order</b>
<b>Pro Hac Vice</b>	)	

The director of the office of professional regulation (OPR) proposes amending Iowa Court Rule 31.14 to require payment of a fee incident to applications for admission to practice pro hac vice before Iowa courts. The key provisions of the proposal include the following:

- Applicants for admission pro hac vice would be required to register and pay a \$250 pro hac vice fee at the OPR web site.
- The registration and fee payment would allow the applicant to file applications for admission pro hac vice in Iowa courts for a period of five years from the date of registration without further fee payment.
- Applicants for pro hac vice admission who have paid the \$250 fee would appear in the OPR attorney database as "Pro Hac Vice" attorneys.
- The pro hac vice fees collected would be deposited in the Client Security Trust Fund (CSTF).
- Applicants for admission pro hac vice would be required to allege in their applications that they have registered and paid the pro hac vice fee.
- Clerks of court would confirm that each applicant for admission pro hac vice has registered and paid the fee by checking the public OPR database.
- Upon expiration of the five year period following registration and fee payment, the registration would lapse. A new registration and fee payment would be required to support pro hac vice applications by the attorney after a registration lapses.

After consideration of the proposed amendments, the court finds that the proposed amendments to rule 31.14 should be published, and a period should be set, for public comment regarding the proposed fee for admission pro hac

vice. The proposed amendments and a presentation slide set that OPR has prepared regarding its concept for implementation are provided with this order and may be found on the Judicial Branch website at: [www.iowacourts.gov/About\\_the\\_Courts/Supreme\\_Court/Orders/](http://www.iowacourts.gov/About_the_Courts/Supreme_Court/Orders/).

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit comments regarding the proposed amendments. Comments about the proposed rule must refer to the specific rule number (for example, Rule 31.14(11)) and the specific numbered line or lines to which the comments are directed. Comments sent by email must be emailed to [rules.comments@iowacourts.gov](mailto:rules.comments@iowacourts.gov), must state **“Proposed Fee for Pro Hac Vice Admission”** in the subject line of the email, and must be sent **as an attachment to the email in Microsoft Word format**. Instead of submission by email, comments may be delivered in person or mailed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Any comments received may be posted on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

**The deadline for submitting comments is 4:30 p.m. on December 28, 2015.**

Dated this 29th day of October, 2015.

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