Admission to Practice and Local Counsel

Local Rule 83.20 requires that an attorney must be a member of the bar of the Eastern District of Michigan in order to practice in this Court, with certain limited exceptions. Inquiries regarding admission to the Court bar must be directed to the Clerk's Office at (313) 234-5005. Additional information can be found on the Attorneys section of the Court's website.

Pro hac vice admission is not permitted. In addition, this Court strictly enforces Local Rule 83.20(f), which provides that any member of the Court bar who is not an active member of the State Bar of Michigan must have local counsel.

Counsel do not need to appear personally before the Court to take the oath of admission and be admitted to practice in the Eastern District of Michigan. The Court has designated the Clerk of the Court to administer the oath. In addition, pursuant to the Local Rule, an applicant without an office in the district may take the oath by telephone or video conference.