

Payments to the New Jersey Lawyers Fund for Client Protection

Directive #8-83	January 27, 1984
Directive #9-87	October 20, 1987
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The Supreme Court has recently amended *R. 1:21-2(a)* to provide that "no attorney shall be admitted under this rule without complying with *R. 1:20-1(b)* and *R. 1:28-2*." These rules require that an attorney pay in full at the time of admission *pro hac vice* the full annual fee required of members of the bar of this state to be paid to both the Ethics Financial Committee and the New Jersey Lawyers Fund for Client Protection.

Such payment shall be required only once per calendar year regardless of the number of times that the attorney is subsequently admitted to speak *pro hac vice* in this state.

This obligation will be discharged by rendering payment to the New Jersey Lawyers Fund for Client Protection at the following address:

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
CN961
Trenton, NJ 08625

No independent notice to the Administrative Office of the Courts is necessary since the Fund will henceforth maintain a list of all attorneys admitted *pro hac vice*.

Application:

At its June 9, 1987 Administrative Conference of the Supreme Court considered the application of Rule 1:21-2 and determined that it warranted clarification. The Court thus reached the following conclusions:

- ? attorneys admitted *pro hac vice* prior to February 15, 1984 in a matter still pending after that date are not required to make any payment to the Committee or Fund in connection with the matter for which they were admitted regardless of how long the case continues.
- ? an attorney admitted *pro hac vice* on or after February 15, 1984 is required to make payment to the Committee and Fund at the time of admission and to continue to make the required annual payments to the Committee and Fund for each year in which that case remains open; no additional payments is required in the same year for any additional case or cases.

In sum, a *pro hac vice* attorney is required to make a maximum of one full payment in any calendar year, if the only cases in which the *pro hac vice* attorney is admitted are continued cases, the annual payment (one full payment) would still need to be made.

EDITOR=S NOTE

These two directives, #8-83 and #9-87, dealing with *pro hac vice* admissions have been combined. All redundant material has been deleted. The fee structure for calendar year 1984 has also been deleted. Since the fees are subject to annual change, a fee schedule is not included.

Whenever "Clients Security Fund" appeared, it has been replaced with the title adopted in 1990, "The New Jersey Lawyers for Fund Client Protection." This directive may now be considered as embodied in the 1992 amendments to *R.* 1:21-2.

In 1997, the ACN@ in the address for the AOC was changed to AP.O. Box.®