

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

IN RE:

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BAR MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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MISC. NO. 00-308

STANDING ORDER 2025-03

The U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland has revised its categories of bar membership. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that Standing Order 2013-04 is rescinded; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of Court use the following terminology in connection with categories of bar membership in maintaining attorney admissions records:

(1) Active – refers to a member in good standing of the bar of this Court who is an active member in good standing of the bar of Maryland or the state (or the District of Columbia) in which the attorney maintains his or her principal law office;

(2) Inactive – refers to an attorney who has previously been admitted to the bar of this Court, but who (a) has requested to be placed on inactive status for other than disciplinary reasons or (b) has failed to apply for renewal of membership;

(3) Disability Inactive – refers to an attorney who has been admitted to the bar of this Court, but who is unable to fulfill professional responsibilities because of a physical or mental disability, infirmity or incapacity, substance abuse, or other impairment;

(4) Ineligible – refers to an attorney who has been admitted to the bar of this Court but who does not meet the continuing eligibility requirements for admission to the bar of this Court;

(5) Suspended – refers to an attorney previously admitted to the bar of this Court, but whose membership has been stricken because of disciplinary action that resulted in suspension;

(6) Disbarred – refers to an attorney previously admitted to the bar of this Court, but whose membership has been stricken because of disciplinary action that resulted in disbarment;

(7) Pro Hac Vice – refers to an attorney who is not a member of the bar of this Court, but who has been admitted in one or more cases on a pro hac vice basis;

(8) Deceased – refers to an attorney who has previously been admitted to the bar of this Court but who is now deceased;

(9) Criminal Case – refers to an attorney who is not a member of the bar of this Court, but who is representing a defendant in a criminal case in accordance with the provisions of Local Rule 201.1;

(10) Judge – refers to a member of the bar of this Court who is an active or retired federal judge;

(11) Multi-District Litigation – refers to an attorney who is not a member of the bar of this Court, but who is appearing on behalf of a party in a multi-district case pending before this Court;

(12) Pending Renewal – refers to a member in good standing of the bar of this Court whose term of membership has expired but whose renewal application is pending; and

(13) Government – refers to an attorney who is not a member of the bar of this Court but who is representing the United States or an agency thereof as authorized by law; and it is further

ORDERED that an attorney on inactive status or disability inactive status is not entitled to represent clients in proceedings before this Court, and should be careful not to represent to the public that the person is a member of the bar of this Court, unless it is made clear that the

attorney's status is that of an inactive member not entitled to appear before this Court. *See* Rule 7.1 of the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct.

7/16/2025
Date


George L. Russell, III, Chief Judge
United States District Court