

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

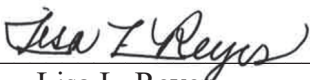
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2071(b) and 2503(b), the United States Court of Federal Claims hereby provides notice that it proposes to amend its rules and invites public comment on the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments affect (i) RCFC 9, 83.1, and 83.2; (ii) Vaccine Rule 14; and (iii) Form 1 (“Admission Instructions”). All proposed changes are shown by strikethrough and red text and are explained in the accompanying Rules Committee notes.

Comments must be received by July 3, 2025, and addressed to:

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Absent further notice, these amendments will take effect July 28, 2025.



Lisa L. Reyes
Clerk of Court

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Proposed Amendments to Rule 9

Rule 9. Pleading Special Matters

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(m) Tax Refund Claim. In pleading a claim for a tax refund, a party must:

- (1) file the unredacted pleading under seal (without a motion to file under seal) and concurrently file on the public docket a redacted version of the pleading that conforms to RCFC 5.2 and also redacts the identification number of any taxpayer; and
- (2) include:
 - (A) a copy of the claim for refund, and
 - (B) a statement identifying:
 - (i) the tax year(s) for which a refund is sought;
 - (ii) the amount, date, and place of each payment to be refunded;
 - (iii) the date and place the return was filed, if any;
 - (iv) the name, address, and identification number of the taxpayer(s) appearing on the return;
 - (v) the date and place the claim for refund was filed; and
 - (vi) the identification number of each plaintiff, if different from the identification number of the taxpayer.

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(As revised and reissued May 1, 2002; as amended Nov. 3, 2008, July 2, 2012, July 2, 2018, July 31, 2023, July __, 2025.)

Rules Committee Notes

2002 Revision

Subdivision (a) (relating to “Capacity”) has been changed to conform to FRCP 9.

Subdivision (h)(6) (relating to special requirements applicable to complaints in “Tax Refund Suits”) was amended by prescribing, as additional information to be included as part of a tax refund complaint, the following: (i) the

taxpayer’s or filer’s identification number; and (ii) a copy of the claim for refund.

Subdivision (h)(7) was added as a means to clarify the nature of the property interest asserted to have been taken in an inverse condemnation action.

2008 Amendment

The language of RCFC 9 has been amended to conform to the general restyling of the FRCP.

In addition, former subdivision (h) (“Special Matters Required in Complaint”), comprised of paragraphs (1) through (7), has been reorganized as separate subdivisions (i) through (o), and a requirement was added to new subdivision (m) (“Tax Refund Claim”) directing that taxpayer identification numbers be included under seal.

2012 Amendment

RCFC 9(p) has been added to require a claimant to address the effect, if any, that a pending prior suit brought in another court may have on this court’s jurisdiction in light of 28 U.S.C. § 1500. *See United States v. Tohono O’Odham Nation*, 563 U.S. 307, 131 S. Ct. 1723 (2011).

2018 Amendment

RCFC 9(m) has been amended to require the filing of a redacted version of the pleading that conforms to RCFC 5.2.

2023 Amendment

RCFC 9(m)(1) has been amended to clarify that a redacted version of the sealed pleading must be filed publicly at the same time the sealed pleading is filed, and that all taxpayers, both individuals and non-individuals, are covered by the rule.

2025 Amendment

RCFC 9(m)(1) has been amended to underscore the requirement that a party must file both an unredacted complaint under seal and a redacted version for public availability.

Proposed Amendments to Rule 83.1

Rule 83.1. — Attorneys

(a) Eligibility to Practice.

- ~~(1) ***In General.*** An attorney is eligible to practice before this court if the attorney:~~
- ~~(A) is As a member in good standing Member of the bar Bar of the highest court of any U.S. state, territory, or possession or the District of Columbia;~~
- ~~(B) is a member in good standing of the bar of this court; or~~
- ~~(C) was a member in good standing of the bar of this court's predecessor, the United States this Court of Claims.~~
- ~~(2) ***Pro Hac Vice.*** An attorney may participate *pro hac vice* in any proceeding before this court if:~~
- ~~(A) the attorney is admitted to practice before the highest court of any U.S. state, territory, or possession or the District of Columbia; and~~
- ~~(B) the attorney of record for any party has requested such participation, either orally or by written motion, will be present for such participation, and has received the court's approval.~~
- ~~(3) ***Pro Se Litigants.*** An individual who is not an attorney may represent oneself or a member of one's immediate family, but may not represent a corporation, an entity, or any other person in any proceeding before this court. The terms counsel, attorney, and attorney of record include such individuals appearing *pro se*.~~

~~(b) Admission to Practice.~~

- ~~(1) ***Qualifications.*** (A) ***In General.*** Any person of good moral character who is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any U.S. state, territory, or possession or the District of Columbia may be admitted to practice beforeas a member of the bar of this court.~~
- ~~(2B) ***Procedures.*** An attorney for Admission. A person may be admitted to practice beforeas a member of the bar of this court by~~

oral motion or by verified application.

- ~~(A) (i) ***By Oral Motion in an Admissions Proceeding.*** A member of the bar of this court may make an oral motion to admit an applicant to the bar during the monthly attorney admissions proceeding held at the Howard T. Markey National Courts Building, 717 Madison Place, NW, Washington, DC 20439, at the times posted on the court's website at www.uscfc.uscourts.gov (generally on Thursday of the first full week in every month). Motions will be heard in a courtroom posted in the lobby of the courthouse on the day of the proceeding. Applicants for admission must check in with the clerk's office no later than 30 minutes before the start of the proceeding. At least one week in advance of the proceeding, applicants must submit electronically the following:~~
- ~~(i) (I) a "Form for Admission via Motion in Open Court" (available on the court's website);~~
- ~~(ii) (II) a certificate of the clerk of the highest court of any U.S. state, territory, or possession or the District of Columbia which has been issued within the last 30 days and states that the applicant is a member in good standing of the bar of such court; and~~
- ~~(iii) (III) payment of the admission fee set forth in RCFC 83.1(b)(4);a(1)(D).~~
- Applicants who for special reasons are unable to appear for admission on one of the posted dates should contact the clerk's

office to make alternate arrangements.

~~(B)~~ **(ii)** By *Verified*
Application. ~~An attorney~~
A person may seek admission to
practice ~~before~~as a member of
the bar of this court without
appearing in person by
submitting electronically the
following:

(i) **(I)** a verified application for
admission (*see* Appendix of
Forms, Form 1);

(ii) **(II)** a certificate of
the clerk of the highest
court of any U.S. state,
territory, or possession or
the District of Columbia
which has been issued
within the last 30 days and
states that the applicant is a
member in good standing of
the bar of such court;

(iii) ~~two letters~~**(III)** a letter
or signed
~~statements~~statement of
~~members~~a member of the
bar of this court or of the
Supreme Court of the
United States, not related to
the applicant, affirming that
the applicant is personally
known to ~~them~~him or her,
that the applicant possesses
all of the qualifications
required for admission to
the bar of this court, that
~~they have~~he or she has
examined the application,
and that the applicant's
personal and professional
character and standing are
good;

(iv) **(IV)** an oath in the
form prescribed in RCFC
83.1~~(b)(3a)(1)(C)~~ signed by
the applicant and
administered by an officer
authorized to administer
oaths in the U.S. state,
territory, or possession or

the District of Columbia
where the oath is given, or
as permitted by 28 U.S.C. §
1746; and

~~(v)~~ **(V)** payment of the
admission fee set forth in
RCFC 83.1~~(b)(4a)(1)(D)~~.

(3C) *Oath.* An applicant for
admission to practice ~~before~~as a
member of the bar of this court must
take the following oath, to be
administered by the presiding judge
or by the clerk:

I, _____, do solemnly
swear (or affirm) that I will
support the Constitution of the
United States and that I will
conduct myself in an upright
manner as an attorney of this
court.

(4D) *Fee.* Unless the applicant is
employed by this court or is~~an~~
~~attorney~~ representing the United
States before this court, the
applicant must pay the admission
fee in accordance with the fee
schedule posted on the court's
website at
www.usefe.uscourts.gov~~www.uscf~~
c.uscourts.gov. The admission fee
includes \$100.00 above the amount
prescribed by the Judicial
Conference of the United States
pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §~~1926~~(a).
The clerk will deposit this
additional sum in a fund to be used
by the court for the benefit of the
members of the bench and the bar in
the administration of justice.

(5E) *Notice to the Court.* ~~An~~
~~attorney~~A person admitted to
practice as a member of the bar of
this court must notify the clerk
within 30 days of:

(Ai) any change in the
~~attorney's~~person's address; and

(Bii) any change in the status
of the ~~attorney's~~person's
membership in the bar of the
jurisdiction upon which the
~~attorney's~~person's admission to

the bar of this court is based. If the clerk receives notice that, for reasons not listed in RCFC 83.2, an attorneya person has withdrawn, resigned, or retired from such jurisdiction, failed to renew his or her admission to such jurisdiction, or is otherwise ineligible to practice law in such jurisdiction, the clerk will strike the attorney'sperson's name from the roll of members of the bar of this court.

(6)(2) Appearing Pro Hac Vice.

(A) In General. Any person who is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any U.S. state, territory, or possession or the District of Columbia may, upon leave of court, appear pro hac vice on behalf of a party in a particular case. A person admitted to appear pro hac vice is within the disciplinary jurisdiction of this court.

(B) Procedures for Admission. A person seeking to appear pro hac vice on behalf of any party must file a motion signed by an attorney of record for that party who is a member of the bar of this court, accompanied by a declaration by the nonmember that sets forth:

- (i)** the full name of the person;
- (ii)** the person's address, e-mail address, and telephone number; and
- (iii)** a statement that the person is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a U.S. state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia, with such court being identified.

(C) Fee. An order of the court granting a motion to appear pro hac vice must require the nonmember to pay an admission fee of \$75.00, unless the court waives the fee for good cause shown. The clerk will deposit this sum in a fund to be used by the

court for the benefit of the members of the bench and the bar in the administration of justice.

(D) Notice to the Court. A person admitted to appear pro hac vice must notify the clerk within 30 days of:

- (i)** any change in the person's contact information; and
- (ii)** any change in the status of the person's membership in the bar of the jurisdiction upon which the attorney's pro hac vice admission is based.

(3) Foreign Attorneys.

(A) In General. Any person qualified to practice in the highest court of any foreign statenation may be specially admitted to practice before this court but only for purposes limited to a particular case; such person may not serve as the sole attorney of record.

(B) Procedures.—A for Admission. A person seeking to appear as a foreign attorney on behalf of any party must file a motion signed by an attorney of record for that party who is a member of the bar of this court—must file with the clerk a written motion to admit the applicant at least 7 days prior to the court's consideration of the motion. In the case of such an admission, an oath and fee are not required.

(e) —(4) Pro Se Litigants. Except as otherwise provided by statute, persons who are not attorneys Attorney of Record.

(1) In General. ~~A party may have only one attorney of record in a case at any one time and, with the exception of a pro se litigant appearing under RCFC 83.1(a)(3), must be represented by an attorney (not a firm) admitted to practice before this court. Any attorney assisting the attorney of record must be designated "of counsel."~~

(2) Signing Filings. ~~All filings must be signed in the attorney of record's name. Any attorney may represent themselves but may not represent a corporation, an~~

entity, or any other person in any proceeding before this court. The terms counsel, attorney, and attorney of record include such persons appearing *pro se*.

(b) Attorney of Record.

(1) In General. ~~who is admitted to practice before this court may sign a filing in the attorney of record's name by adding the following after the name of the attorney of record: "by [the signing attorney's full name]." Such authorization to sign filings does not relieve the attorney of record from the provisions of RCFC 11.~~

~~(3)~~ **A person who is a member in good standing of the bar of this court, or a person who is authorized to practice before this court under RCFC 83.1(a)(2) or (a)(3), may appear, sign and file papers, and otherwise practice in this court as an attorney of record on behalf of a party. Except for a *pro se* litigant appearing under RCFC 83.1(a)(4), a party must be represented by at least one attorney of record (not a firm).**

(2) Entering an Appearance.

(A) By Parties Other Than the United States. ~~The attorney of record for any party other than the United States must include on the initial pleading or paper the attorney's name, address, electronic mail address, and telephone number.~~

(B) By the United States. ~~After service of the complaint, the attorney of record for the United States must promptly file with the clerk and serve on all other parties a notice of appearance setting forth the attorney's name, address, electronic mail address, and telephone number.~~

(A) Timing and Form. ~~Except as otherwise set forth in this rule, each attorney appearing on behalf of a party must promptly file a notice of appearance before the attorney's first appearance or filing in the case. The notice of appearance must provide the attorney's name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, and the name of the party or parties represented. An attorney~~

~~who files the initial pleading or paper on behalf of a party other than the United States need not file a separate notice of appearance; that attorney will be deemed to have entered a notice of appearance on behalf of the party or parties on whose behalf the initial filing is made.~~

(B) Lead Attorney. ~~One attorney of record for each party must be designated in the court's electronic-filing system as lead attorney. The lead attorney will bear principal responsibility for the conduct of the case on behalf of that party.~~

(C) Changes in Contact Information. ~~An attorney of record must promptly file with the clerk and serve on all other parties a notice of any change in the attorney's contact information.~~

~~(4)~~ **(D) Effect of Appearance.** ~~An attorney's notice of appearance on behalf of a party, or a motion under RCFC 83.1(a)(2) or (a)(3), constitutes a representation that the attorney is authorized to act and speak for the party for all purposes incident to the matter in which the appearance is filed.~~

(3) Substituting Counsel.

(A) By Parties Other Than the United States.

(i) In General. ~~Any party other than the United States may seek leave of the court to substitute its lead attorney of record at any time by filing a motion signed by the party or by the newly designated attorney along with an affidavit of appointment by such attorney.~~

(I) With the Consent of the Previous Attorney. ~~If the previous attorney's consent is annexed to or indicated in the motion, the clerk will automatically enter the substitution on the docket.~~

(II) Without the Consent of the Previous Attorney. ~~If the motion is filed without the~~

consent of the previous attorney, the previous attorney must be served with the motion and will have 14 days to show cause why the motion should not be allowed.

(ii) *Death of the Previous Attorney.*

In the event of the death of the ~~lead attorney of record~~, the party must promptly notify the court and move to substitute another attorney ~~admitted to practice before this court~~.

(B) *By the United States.* The United States may substitute its ~~lead attorney of record~~ at any time by filing ~~with the clerk and serving on all other parties~~ a notice of ~~appearance~~ substitution of counsel signed by the newly designated attorney.

(54) *Withdrawing Counsel.*

(A) *In General.* An attorney of record for a party ~~other than the United States~~ may withdraw that attorney's appearance by filing a notice of withdrawal signed by the attorney. A lead attorney may not withdraw the that attorney's appearance except by leave of the court on motion and.

(B) *Service.* In the case of an attorney of record for a party other than the United States, a notice of withdrawal or a motion to withdraw may be filed only after notice is served on the attorney's client.

(4c) *Honorary Bar Membership.* Upon nomination by the chief judge and with the approval of the other judges, the court may present an honorary membership in the bar of this court to a distinguished professional of the United States or of another nation who is knowledgeable in the affairs of law and government in his or her respective country. The candidate for honorary membership will be presented at the bar in person and will receive a certificate of honorary bar membership.

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Rules Committee Notes

2002 Revision

RCFC 83.1 has no FRCP counterpart. Former RCFC 83.1, titled "Content of Briefs or Memoranda; Length of Briefs or Memoranda," has been renumbered as RCFC 5.2. The renumbering of RCFC 83.1 was intended to reflect its more logical placement in the organizational structure of this court's rules.

The substance of the rule reflects the text of former RCFC 81, as modified. Paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) (formerly paragraph (d)(2) of RCFC 81) was amended to formalize the court's practice of allowing joint filings to be signed by one counsel, on behalf of both counsel, when authorized to do so by opposing counsel. Also, subdivision (e) of former RCFC 81 (relating to attorneys' fees and expenses) was not retained as part of this rule but was, instead, incorporated into RCFC 54(d)(2).

In addition, former General Order No. 15, titled "Honorary Bar Membership," was slightly modified and moved to new subdivision 83.1(d).

2005 Amendment

RCFC 83.1(b)(4) (Fee for Admission) has been amended to set forth the practice, under guidelines approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States, of adding an amount to the admission fee set pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1926(a) for deposit into a fund to be used by the court for the benefit of the members of the bench and the bar in the administration of justice.

2006 Amendment

Subdivision 83.1(b)(2)(A) (Admission to Practice Upon Oral Motion) has been amended to provide some flexibility respecting when motions for admission to practice will be heard upon oral motion.

2008 Amendment

The language of RCFC 83.1 has been amended to conform to the general restyling of the FRCP.

2010 Amendment

RCFC 83.1 has been amended to restate the qualifications for admission to practice before the court (paragraph (b)(1)) and the procedures for admission, whether by oral motion or by verified application (paragraph (b)(2)). Specifically, admission to the highest court of any U.S. state, territory, or possession or the District of Columbia will be recognized as the only acceptable qualification for admission to practice before this court and confirmation of an applicant's admission status will require submission of a current certificate of good standing prepared by the clerk of such court.

In addition, the time period of 3 days formerly set forth in RCFC 83.1(b)(5)(B) has been changed to 7 days in accordance with the FRCP's general guidelines for time computation that became effective December 1, 2009.

2011 Amendment

RCFC 83.1(a) has been amended to clarify that eligibility to practice before this court requires that an attorney be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any U.S. state, territory, or possession or the District of Columbia as well as a member in good standing of this court's own bar.

In addition, subdivision (b) has been amended by adding a new paragraph (5) requiring an attorney admitted to practice before this court to provide the clerk with timely notice of any change in the attorney's address and any change in the status of the attorney's membership in the bar of the jurisdiction upon which the attorney's admission to the bar of this court was based. To accommodate the addition of new paragraph (5), former paragraph (5) ("Foreign Attorneys") has been renumbered as paragraph (6).

Finally, subparagraphs (c)(3)(A) and (B) have been amended to require the inclusion of an electronic mail address by the attorney of record for any party.

2019 Amendment

RCFC 83.1(c)(3)(A) and (B) have been amended to eliminate the references to facsimile number.

2020 Amendment

—RCFC 83.1(a)(2)(B) has been amended to clarify that the attorney of record for any party may request, either orally or by written motion, that an attorney be permitted to participate *pro hac vice*.

—RCFC 83.1(b) has been amended to reflect that applications for admission to practice before the court are submitted electronically. Item (b)(2)(A)(ii) ("By Oral Motion in a Proceeding Outside Washington, DC") has also been deleted as unnecessary.

—In addition, RCFC 83.1(b)(5) has been amended to require that an attorney notify the clerk within 30 days of any change in the attorney's address and of any change in the status of the attorney's membership in the bar of the jurisdiction upon which the attorney's admission to the bar of this court is based.

—Finally, RCFC 83.1(b)(5)(B) has been expanded to authorize the clerk to automatically strike an attorney's name from the roll of members of the bar of this court if the clerk receives notice that, for reasons not listed in RCFC 83.2, the attorney has been ineligible to practice law in the jurisdiction upon which the attorney's admission to the bar of this court is based.

2025 Amendment

RCFC 83.1 has been reorganized to include former subdivision (b) ("Admission to Practice") as part of subdivision (a) ("Eligibility to Practice"). In addition, new RCFC 83.1(a)(1)(B) has been amended to require only one letter or signed statement of a member of the bar of this court or of the Supreme Court of the United States when applying for admission by verified application.

RCFC 83.1(a)(2) has been amended to impose additional requirements on attorneys seeking to appear *pro hac vice* and to make clear that attorneys appearing *pro hac vice* may, with the assigned judge's approval, appear on behalf of a party in an indefinite number of case-specific proceedings.

RCFC 83.1(a)(4) has been amended by removing the phrase "or a member of one's immediate family" to align with the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1654 ("parties may plead and conduct their own cases personally or by counsel").

Finally, RCFC 83.1(b) has been amended to allow more than one attorney to appear, sign and file papers, and practice in this court as an attorney of record on behalf of a party. Corresponding changes to the procedures for entering an appearance, substituting counsel, and withdrawing an appearance have also been made.

Proposed Amendments to Rule 83.2

Rule 83.2. Attorney Discipline

- (a) **In General.** The United States Court of Federal Claims, in furtherance of its inherent power and responsibility to supervise the conduct of attorneys who are **admitted to practice before it** ~~members of its bar~~, promulgates the following rule for attorney discipline.

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- (c) **Grounds for Discipline.** An attorney admitted to practice before this court, including an attorney admitted **to appear *pro hac vice*** ~~for the purpose of a particular proceeding~~ pursuant to RCFC 83.1(a)(2), may be disciplined under this rule on any of the following grounds:

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Rules Committee Notes

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2025 Amendment

RCFC 83.2(a) and (c) have been amended to conform to the changes to RCFC 83.1(a)(2).

Proposed Amendments to Vaccine Rule 14

Rule 14. Attorneys

(a) Eligibility to Practice.

(1) *In General.* An attorney is eligible to practice before the Office of Special Masters if the attorney is ~~a member of the bar of~~admitted to practice before the United States Court of Federal Claims under RCFC 83.1 and complies with the Vaccine Rules.

(2) *Pro Se Litigants.* ~~An individual~~Except as otherwise provided by statute, persons who ~~is~~are not ~~an attorney~~attorneys may represent ~~oneself or a member of one's immediate family~~themselves but may not represent any other person. The terms counsel, attorney, ~~or~~and attorney of record in the Vaccine Rules include such individuals appearing *pro se*.

(b) Attorney of Record.

(1) *In General.* ~~A party may have only one attorney of record person who is a member in a case at any one time and, with good standing of the exception of bar of the United States Court of Federal Claims, or a person who is authorized to practice before the court under RCFC 83.1(a)(2) or (a)(3), may appear, sign and file papers, and otherwise practice before the Office of Special Masters as an attorney of record on behalf of a party. Except for a pro se litigant appearing under Vaccine Rule 14(a), a party must be represented by at least one attorney of record (not a firm) admitted to practice before the Court of Federal Claims. Any attorney assisting the attorney of record must be designated "of counsel.")~~

(2) *Contact Information.* ~~The~~An attorney of record must include on all filings the attorney's name, address, electronic mail address, and telephone number and must promptly file with the clerk and serve on all ~~other~~parties a notice of any change in the attorney's contact information.

~~(3) *Signing Filings.* All filings must be signed in the attorney of record's name. Any attorney who is admitted to practice before the Court of Federal Claims may sign a filing in the attorney of record's~~

~~name by adding the following after the name of the attorney of record: "by [the signing attorney's full name]."~~

(c) Entering an Appearance; Substituting Counsel. ~~A party may;~~ Withdrawing Counsel. All notices of appearance, motions to substitute its attorney of record pursuant counsel, and notices and motions to withdraw counsel must comply with RCFC 83.1(e)(4-b).

(As revised and reissued May 1, 2002; as amended July 13, 2009, July 1, 2019-), July __, 2025.)

Rules Committee Notes

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2025 Amendment

Rule 14. Vaccine Rule 14 has been amended to reflect the changes adopted in RCFC 83.1.

APPENDIX OF FORMS

FORM 1 ADMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions for Admission by Verified Application

The accompanying form ~~shall must~~ be used in applying for admission to the bar of this court pursuant to RCFC 83.1(a)(1). This form ~~should must~~ be duly executed and ~~returned-submitted electronically, along with the items enumerated below, to the clerk through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records) at www.pacer.gov, along with the following items:~~

1. A certificate issued within the last 30 days by the clerk of the highest court of any U.S. state, territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia, attesting to your admission to the bar of that court and your good standing therein (**Note: a letter from the bar of your state is NOT acceptable**); ~~and~~
2. ~~Two (2) letters~~ A letter or signed statements ~~from an attorneys~~ stating the following:
 - a. ~~They are~~ The attorney is a members of the bar of this court or of the Supreme Court of the United States;
 - b. The attorney is ~~They are~~ not related to you;
 - c. You are personally known to ~~them~~ the attorney;
 - d. You possess all of the qualifications required for admission here;
 - e. The attorney has ~~They have~~ examined your application; and
 - f. The attorney ~~They~~ affirms that your personal and professional character and standing are good; ~~and.~~

~~3.~~ Payment must be made electronically in the amount required by the fee schedule posted on the court's website at www.uscfc.uscourts.gov/fee-schedule. Upon successful completion of the admission process, the clerk will send the applicant an e-mail including a hyperlink requesting payment of the application fee using Pay.gov.

Applications must be complete when submitted; ~~incomplete applications will be returned.~~

Admission under this procedure does not require your appearance in person. A certificate will be forwarded to you upon ~~the granting of your application~~ payment of the application fee.

Court of Federal Claims Bar Association **Pro Bono/Attorney Referral Pilot Program Registration**

Attorneys who register for the Pro Bono/Attorney Referral Pilot Program agree to the following terms:

I am willing to be contacted regarding representation of pro se plaintiffs on a pro bono basis. I agree that the clerk's office of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims may provide my name and contact information to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims Bar Association and to potential clients in need of representation. I understand that by registering for the Pro Bono/Attorney Referral Pilot Program, I will not be obligated to represent any particular plaintiff. I certify that I have at least five years of civil litigation experience or that I will be supervised by an attorney with at least five years of civil litigation experience.