

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ATTORNEY ADMISSIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19

GENERAL ORDER

WHEREAS, this Court issued a General Order detailing Court Operations during the COVID-19 Pandemic Event on March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) has advised people to take precautions considering the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) outbreak and noted that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus;

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, the Governor of the State of New York declared a disaster emergency in the State of New York in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, this court’s Local Rules for attorney admissions contravene the recommended guidance for the assembly of groups typically found at attorney admissions by requiring a personal appearance by the applicant and sponsor;

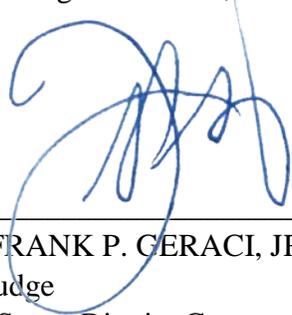
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that at the discretion of the presiding judge performing of the attorney admission they may:

- 1) Waive the personal appearance by the applicant and sponsor when provided the necessary documents including a Certificate of Good Standing;
- 2) Perform the admission ceremonies through any available communication technology, such as but not limited to: video conferencing, teleconferencing, Skype or Facetime;
- 3) Reschedule the applicants date of admission. This may include rescheduling of case deadlines to accommodate the new date of admission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall remain in effect until May 13, 2020, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. The Court reserves the right to amend, modify, terminate, or extend this Order at any time.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 19, 2020
Rochester, New York



HON. FRANK P. GERACI, JR.
Chief Judge
United States District Court