

Rule 9. Transfer from Inactive Status to Active Status

A. Requirements. To transfer from inactive status to active status, a lawyer or judge must take each of the following actions:

- (1) promptly notify the Lawyer Registration Office of the intention to transfer to active status;
- (2) file a completed Lawyer Registration Statement with the Lawyer Registration Office;
- (3) pay the applicable active status fee and all accumulated late fees, less any inactive status fee payments previously made for the same registration year;
- (4) complete all continuing legal education (CLE) requirements and be transferred to CLE active status;
- (5) comply with Rule 1.15 and Appendix 1 of the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct regarding trust accounts; and
- (6) comply with Rule 22 of these Rules.

Upon verification that the requirements of this rule have been met, the Lawyer Registration Office will transfer the lawyer or judge to active status.

B. Duty to Transfer; Prohibited Conduct. A lawyer or judge on inactive status must complete a transfer to active status before practicing law or assuming judicial responsibilities in this state. This duty is independent of any other due dates or annual registration periods. A lawyer or judge on inactive status must not practice law in this state and must not hold themselves out as authorized to practice law, nor in any manner state or imply that they are qualified or authorized to practice law in this state while on inactive status. A lawyer or judge who violates this rule is subject to all the penalties and remedies provided by law for the unauthorized practice of law in the State of Minnesota.

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