

Rule 2. Definitions

A. "Active Status" means a license status for a lawyer or judge who:

- (1) has paid the applicable required lawyer registration fee for the current year;
- (2) is in compliance with the requirements of the Minnesota State Board of Continuing Legal Education or with Minnesota Judicial Branch policies regarding continuing judicial education;
- (3) is not disbarred, suspended, or on disability status pursuant to Rule 28 of the Rules on Lawyers Professional Responsibility;
- (4) is in compliance with Rule 1.15 and Appendix 1 of the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct regarding trust accounts and has so certified on the Lawyer Registration Statement;
- (5) is in compliance with Rule 22 of these Rules; and
- (6) is in compliance with Rule 25 of these Rules.

A lawyer or judge on active status is in good standing and is authorized to practice law in this state.

B. "Inactive Status" means a license status for a lawyer or judge who has elected to be on inactive status pursuant to Rule 6, 7, or 8 of these rules and who:

- (1) has paid the applicable required lawyer registration fee for the current year;
- (2) is in compliance with the requirements of the Minnesota State Board of Continuing Legal Education or with Minnesota Judicial Branch policies regarding continuing judicial education;
- (3) is not disbarred or suspended; and
- (4) is in compliance with Rule 1.15 and Appendix 1 of the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct regarding trust accounts and has so certified on the Lawyer Registration Statement.

A lawyer or judge on inactive status is in good standing but is not authorized to practice law in this state.

C. "Judge" means any judicial officer, referee, or other hearing officer employed in the judicial branch of the State of Minnesota.

D. "Lawyer" means a person admitted to practice law in this state pursuant to the Rules for Admission to the Bar.

E. "Lawyer Registration Statement" means an electronic or paper document prepared by the Lawyer Registration Office that informs a lawyer or judge of the lawyer registration fee due and on which the lawyer or judge must certify the lawyer or judge's status, compliance with Rule 1.15 and Appendix 1 of the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct regarding trust accounts, compliance with Rule 22 of these rules, and provide any other information required by the Court.

F. "Noncompliant Status" means a license status for a lawyer or judge who has not met all of the criteria to be on active status or inactive status. A lawyer or judge who is on noncompliant status is not in good standing and is not authorized to practice law in this state.

G. "Online Registration System" means the web-based lawyer registration system maintained by the Lawyer Registration Office on which lawyers and judges may elect to electronically manage license information, complete the Lawyer Registration Statement, and pay lawyer registration fees, including annual fees.

H. "Private Client." means a client of a lawyer, but for the purpose of reporting professional liability insurance coverage does not include the clients of government lawyers and house counsel.

(Amended August 12, 1980; amended May 18, 1982, effective for payments due after July 1, 1982; amended February 10, 1983; amended January 13, 1984; amended July 25, 1984, effective for payments due after October 1, 1984; amended April 7, 1987, effective for payments due after July 1, 1988; amended May 22, 1990, effective for registrations processed on or after July 1, 1990; amended November 14, 1990, effective for payments due on or after July 1, 1991; amended April 15, 1992, effective for payments due between July 1, 1992 and June 30, 1993; effective for payments due on and after July 1, 1993; amended effective December 3, 1993; amended June 13, 1996, effective for licenses due for renewal on October 1, 1996, and for new licenses issued on or after October 1, 1996; amended February 5, 1997, effective for licenses due for renewal on July 1, 1997, and for new licenses issued on or after July 1, 1997; amended effective August 6, 1997, for licenses being renewed on or after August 6, 1997, and for new licenses issued on or after August 6, 1997, the allocation of fees set by Supreme Court Order C9-81-1206 shall continue in effect until June 30, 1998; allocation continued until further order of the Court by Supreme Court order dated May 20, 1999; amended effective for registration fees due July 1, 2000; amended effective for registration fees due on and after July 1, 2003; amended effective for registration fees due July 1, 2003; amended effective October 1, 2006; amended effective with the registration cycle deadline of January 1, 2008; amended effective with the registration cycle deadline of July 1, 2008; amended effective July 1, 2010; amended effective July 1, 2011; amended effective July 1, 2013; amended effective October 1, 2014; amended effective December 29, 2015; amended effective January 1, 2016; amended effective July 1, 2017; amended effective October 1, 2017; amended effective July 1, 2018; amended effective January 1, 2023.)