

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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In Re:

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE :
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES : GENERAL ORDER NO. 20-10
CREATED BY COVID-19 REGARDING :
PRO HAC VICE APPLICATIONS :

DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO
EAST DIV. COLUMBUS


In recently filed *pro hac vice* motions, the applicants represented to the Court that due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), and the concomitant reduction of judicial staffs throughout the country, the highest courts of numerous states are not issuing certificates of good standing.

S. D. Ohio Civ. R. 83.3(e) provides in part that every application to be admitted to practice in this Court *pro hac vice* “be accompanied by an original certificate of good standing from the highest court of a State or the District of Columbia (and not from another federal court) that has been issued not more than three months prior to the date of the motion.”

Based on the findings in this Court’s General Order 20-08 regarding the current national health crisis, which are incorporated herein by reference, and the allegations of the aforementioned applicants, it is hereby **ORDERED** that, during the period ending June 1, 2020, in lieu of the referenced certificate of good standing, an applicant for admission *pro hac vice* shall provide an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury conforming to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that he or she is in good standing as an attorney at law with the highest court of a State or the District of Columbia. Once the pandemic abates in the applicant’s jurisdiction, the applicant has 30 days within which to secure the certificate of good standing from the highest court of the applicant’s State and file it with the Court as required by S. D. Ohio Civ. R. 83.3(e).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: April 6, 2020



ALGENON L. MARBLEY
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE