

## Alaska Bar Rules

### Rule 5. Requirements for Admission to the Practice of Law.

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**Section 3.** Upon receiving certification of the eligibility of an applicant, any state or federal judicial officer may enter an order admitting the applicant as an attorney at law in all the courts of the state and to membership in the Alaska Bar Association. Each applicant ordered admitted to the practice of law shall take the following oath before any state or federal judicial officer:

I do affirm:

I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska;

I will adhere to the Rules of Professional Conduct in my dealings with clients, judicial officers, attorneys, and all other persons;

I will maintain the respect due to courts of justice and judicial officers;

I will not counsel or maintain any proceedings that I believe are taken in bad faith or any defense that I do not believe is honestly debatable under the law of the land;

I will be truthful and honorable in the causes entrusted to me, and will never seek to mislead the judge or jury by an artifice or false statement of fact or law;

I will maintain the confidences and preserve inviolate the secrets of my client, and will not accept compensation in connection with my client's business except from my client or with my client's knowledge or approval;

I will be candid, fair, and courteous before the court and with other attorneys, and will advance no fact prejudicial to the honor or reputation of a party or witness, unless I am required to do so in order to obtain justice for my client;

I will uphold the honor and maintain the dignity of the profession, and will strive to improve both the law and the administration of justice.

A certificate of admission shall thereupon be issued to the applicant by the clerk of the court.

(Added by SCO 161 effective immediately; amended by SCO 346 effective April 1, 1979; by SCO 392 effective January 1, 1980; by SCO 402 effective May 1, 1980; and by SCO 504(4) effective June 1, 1982; by SCO 971 effective July 15, 1989; by SCO 1083 effective January 15, 1992; by SCO 1087 effective January 15, 1992; by SCO 1146 effective September 9, 1993; by SCO 1148 effective July 15, 1994; by SCO 1153 effective July 15, 1994; by SCO 1229 effective April 12, 1996; by SCO 1378 effective December 16, 1999; by SCO 1380 effective April 15, 2000; and by SCO 1704 effective October 15, 2009)