

NEVADA SUPREME COURT ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION EMERITUS ATTORNEY PRO BONO PROGRAM



Thank you for your interest in requesting certification with the Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono (EAPB) Program. Your participation in the EAPB Program will provide much needed pro bono services to many individuals who cannot afford legal fees.

Emeritus attorneys assist low-income clients through an approved legal services (EAPB) provider by both providing direct legal representation and advice or by participating in clinics and Ask-A-Lawyer programs throughout the state.

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The EAPB Certification Program is available to all inactive attorneys from any state (including Nevada), as well as active attorneys in all jurisdictions except Nevada. Those attorneys who are currently suspended, disbarred, or who have resigned with charges pending, or with public discipline within the past ten years are not eligible for the program. The Emeritus Rule, SCR 49.2, is a limited certification, and is granted directly by the Admissions Department of the State Bar.

While certified under this rule, your services are limited to no-fee legal aid services with an approved EAPB provider (such as Nevada Legal Services, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada or Washoe Legal Services). CLE and training requirements, if any, are determined by the EAPB Provider you have selected, and will be based on considerations such as the type of work you will assume and your individual skills and experience.

Complete instructions accompany the EAPB Program application and are included in this packet. In addition to your application, three items will be requested of you: (1) a current certificate of good standing from one jurisdiction where you are admitted; (2) a statement of discipline history from each jurisdiction where you have been admitted; (3) and a one-page declaration from the EAPB Provider with whom you have selected to work on your pro bono matters.

Submitting all requested documentation with your application will expedite processing time. However, if you are unable to submit all of the documents at once, your application will be held until the submission packet is complete with all requested items.

Processing time for completed applications with all required supplements should take approximately two weeks given all eligibility requirements are met. Please note that you will be required to recertify annually. It is strongly suggested that you keep a copy of your application and certification as this will assist with annual renewal.

Should you have any questions about the program or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact me. Again, thank you for your interest in the Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Program; I look forward to greeting you as a certified emeritus attorney in the very near future.

EMERITUS PRO BONO ATTORNEY (SCR 49.2) CERTIFICATION
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- (a) Please read the application carefully and typewrite or legibly write your answers.
- (b) Be sure that the application BEARS YOUR VERIFIED SIGNATURE and includes the ENCLOSURES required by SCR 49.2 (listed in number 5 below).

2. NUMBER OF COPIES, WHERE SENT: Send the original application with enclosures, plus one (1) copy to:

State Bar of Nevada
Admissions Department
3100 West Charleston Blvd., Suite 100
Las Vegas, NV 89104

It is preferred that all enclosures accompany the original application. If enclosures will be sent directly to the Admissions Department by the issuing agency, please so note on the application so that the review process may begin, pending final review when all required enclosures are received.

Please keep a copy of your application for your records.

3. FEES: Fees are waived for this limited practice certification.

4. ELIGIBILITY: Any inactive member of the State Bar of Nevada in good standing, or, any inactive or active attorney in good standing in another jurisdiction, who meets the requirements of this Rule may apply – Rule 49.2(3).

(a) **Exceptions:**

Attorneys with a record of public discipline for professional misconduct imposed within the immediate ten years or who resigned from the practice of law with charges pending are not eligible for certification – Rule 49.2(3)(a).

5. ENCLOSURES: The following completed documents must be enclosed with your application:

(a) **CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING**

Applicant must submit a certificate from the State Bar or Clerk of the Supreme Court or highest admitting court in another state, territory, or insular possession of the United States in which the applicant is a member and in good standing therein – Rule 49.2(4)(b).

(b) **STATEMENT(S) OF DISCIPLINE HISTORY**

While only one current certificate of good standing is required by this Rule, a statement of disciplinary history is required *from all jurisdictions in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law* – Rule 49.2(4)(b).

(c) EAPB PROVIDER DECLARATION

The Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono (EAPB) Provider is the approved legal aid services provider with whom the applicant has selected to provide pro bono services under this Rule.

A blank declaration is included with this packet and must be executed by the EAPB provider and returned with your application. It includes the following information:

- (1) The name of the EAPB Provider director or coordinator;
- (2) EAPB Provider contact information; and
- (3) The dated original signature of the EAPB Provider designated representative.

6. LIMITED PRACTICE: An emeritus attorney certified under this rule may practice only through an approved EAPB provider, and must complete any training required by the EAPB Provider – Rule 49.(7).

7. RENEWAL: Annually, on or before the anniversary date of the filed date of this application, the emeritus attorney must reapply with the Admissions Director of the State Bar of Nevada – Rule 49.2(6).

Renewal applications will be on verification as to the continuing validity and correctness of all enclosures submitted in the original application, with the exception of the EAPB Provider Declaration, which shall be updated annually along with the renewal application.

8. DISCIPLINE AND BAR MEMBERSHIP: Attorneys certified under this rule do not qualify for active membership in the State Bar of Nevada, but may be disciplined or suspended from practice in the manner now or hereinafter provided by rule for discipline or suspension of attorneys generally. Pending final disposition of any such matter, the court or the State Bar may suspend any right to practice that is granted hereunder, without notice of the hearing – Rule 49.2(8).

9. TERMINATION OF CERTIFICATION: Certification to practice under this Rule terminates whenever the emeritus attorney ceases to provide services for an approved EAPB Provider – Rule 49.2(5).

Attorneys certifications under this rule will be terminated exactly one year from the date of the certification.

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION TO LIMITED PRACTICE OF LAW
IN THE STATE OF NEVADA UNDER SCR 49.2**

EMERITUS ATTORNEY PRO BONO PROGRAM

PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND

I hereby furnish the following information under oath. I understand that it is my duty and obligation to answer each question fully and completely, to make full disclosure of any information requested herein, to provide true and correct answers to all questions, to correct any answers that may be misleading or confusing, and to inform the State Bar of any changes to the information provided in connection with my application for certification in order that the information supplied herein shall at all times be true and correct. I further understand that failure to comply with the above representations may result in my application being denied.

_____ APPLICANT'S INITIALS

Full Name _____ Social Security Number _____
(Last)(First)(Middle)

Home Address (Number and Street) _____

(City) (State) (Zip)

Office Address (Number and Street) _____

(City) (State) (Zip)

Date of Birth _____ E-mail Address _____
(MM/DD/YY)

PART 2: EDUCATION

State the name and address of each college, university, law school, or other institution of post-high school learning that you have attended since graduation from high school. List any degrees received and the graduation date.

Name of School	Degree Received	Graduation Date

PART 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

EAPB Provider Name: _____

Have you previously been licensed under SCR 49.2 in Nevada? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, provide your bar number: _____ Date of last certification: _____ (MM/DD/YY)

Earliest date licensed in any jurisdiction: _____ (MM/DD/YY)

Licensed as an attorney in the following jurisdictions:

Jurisdiction (s)	Date(s) Licensed

Licensure status on which application is based:	Applicant's Initials
_____ Inactive status with the State Bar of Nevada	_____
_____ Active status in the following jurisdiction: _____	_____
_____ Inactive status in the following jurisdiction: _____	_____

I hereby certify that I am not currently on suspension, disbarred or resigned with charges pending in any jurisdiction.

I hereby certify that I do not have a record of public discipline for professional misconduct within the preceding ten years.

I hereby certify that I agree to be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as an active member of the State Bar of Nevada.

Check one: _____ All enclosures are attached **OR** _____ Enclosure(s) will be sent separately

Copy the following paragraph in your usual handwriting in the space provided before the signature line.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the foregoing application and its enclosures and that all information provided attendant thereto is complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date

VERIFICATION

STATE OF _____ COUNTY OF _____

_____, being first duly sworn says:

(Applicant's Name)

That I have read the foregoing application and that the facts stated in it are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

Signature of Applicant

On _____ day of _____, _____, personally appeared before me, a notary public,

_____, personally known (or proved) to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE OF NEVADA UNDER SCR 49.2, who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the foregoing document.

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC



**State Bar of Nevada
EMERITUS ATTORNEY PRO BONO PROGRAM (EAPB)
EAPB Provider Declaration SCR 49.2**

Applicant Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant: *Please have an authorized representative of the EAPB program you have selected complete this form and give you to return with your original application for certification as an emeritus attorney to the Admissions Department of the State Bar of Nevada.*

EAPB Provider:

I am an authorized representative of _____, an approved EAPB Provider pursuant to SCR 49.2 on file with the State Bar of Nevada. By signing below, I confirm that the above-named applicant will provide *pro bono* legal services with his EAPB Provider:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional Information:

Name of Director/Coordinator (print): _____

Specific Program, if applicable: _____

Contact information, if different than that on file with the State Bar of Nevada:

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ email: _____

This form is part of the application for certification under SCR 49.2, please return to:

State Bar of Nevada
Attn: Admissions Department
3100 W. Charleston Blvd.,
Suite 100
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Please direct all questions to Access to Justice Director Brad Lewis, (702)382-2200.

3100 W Charleston Blvd
Ste 100
Las Vegas, NV 89102
Phone: 702-382-2200



9456 Double R Blvd.
Reno, NV 89521
Phone: 775-329-4100
Fax: 775-329-0522

STATE BAR OF NEVADA

TO: **ONLY** those applicants applying for admission to the State Bar of Nevada under SCR 49.2 **and** admitted to the practice of law in another jurisdiction

RE: Request for a Certificate of Good Standing and Discipline History Report

The State Bar of Nevada requires that an applicant admitted to the practice of law in any other jurisdiction(s) obtain **at least one** Certificate of Good Standing and **ALL** Discipline History Report from those jurisdictions(s).

The top portion of the attached form must be completed by the applicant for **each** jurisdiction where the applicant has been admitted to the practice of law. Download any additional forms as necessary for **each** jurisdiction.

Upon completion of the attached form, send it to the proper agency that handles disciplinary matters for that jurisdiction. Please include the required payment, if any, to the jurisdiction that you have requested information.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to request both a Certificate of Good Standing and a Discipline History Report and have it timely sent to the State Bar of Nevada. Failure to do so will result in the applicant being placed on hold until the proper documentation is received by the State Bar of Nevada.

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STATE BAR OF NEVADA

Date: _____

To: _____

**REQUEST FOR
Certificate of Good Standing
and/or
Disciplinary History**

Applicant's Name: _____

Social Security No.: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Admission: _____

To Whom It May Concern:

I am applying for special admission to the State Bar of Nevada. I would appreciate it if you would complete this request form for a Certificate of Good Standing and/or Discipline History. Please mail the following documents to the Admissions Office of the State Bar of Nevada at the PO Box listed above:

_____ Certificate of Good Standing

_____ Disciplinary History Report

I have included the required payment, if any, for this request to be completed. Please contact me should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Applicant's Name

Date

Rule 49.2. Limited practice for emeritus pro bono attorneys.

1. **Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Program.** The Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Program (EAPB) is hereby created to assist low-income clients through approved legal services providers as defined below.

2. **Approved EAPB providers.** An approved legal services EAPB provider for the purposes of this rule is a not-for-profit legal assistance provider which is approved by the Access to Justice Commission or its designee.

(a) **Minimum requirements for approval as an EAPB provider:**

(1) Provides legal services in civil matters, without charge only, to indigent persons; or

(2) Provides legal training, legal technical assistance, or advocacy support, without charge only, to qualified legal services projects; and

(3) Files a completed application with the State Bar of Nevada Access to Justice Coordinator, on a form to be provided by the State Bar, which includes:

(i) The contact information required by [SCR 79](#); and

(ii) Whether the EAPB provider maintains professional liability insurance and, if so, the name and address of the carrier.

(4) The commission or its designee may establish additional rules and procedures for approving EAPB providers under this rule as it deems necessary and proper.

(b) Court awarded fees. An approved EAPB provider is entitled to receive all court awarded attorney fees arising from representation provided by emeritus attorneys under its services.

3. **Requirements to apply for certification as an emeritus attorney.** Any inactive member of the State Bar of Nevada in good standing, or any active or inactive attorney in good standing in any other jurisdiction, who meets the requirements of this rule may apply for certification as an emeritus attorney.

(a) **Exceptions.** Attorneys with a record of public discipline for professional misconduct imposed within the immediately preceding ten years or who resigned from the practice of law with charges pending are not eligible for certification under this rule.

4. **Application.** Application for certification to practice law in this state under the provisions of this rule shall be filed with the admissions director of the state bar on forms provided by the state bar and shall be accompanied by:

(a) A completed EAPB application and EAPB provider declaration;

(b) A certificate of good standing indicating that the attorney has been admitted to practice law in another jurisdiction and is a member in good standing in such jurisdiction;

(c) A statement of discipline history from the jurisdiction(s) in which the attorney has been admitted to practice; and

(d) Any other information deemed necessary and proper to the administration of this rule.

5. **Termination.** Certification to practice under this rule shall terminate whenever the attorney ceases to provide services for an approved EAPB provider. When an attorney certified under this rule ceases to provide services for an approved EAPB provider, a statement to that effect shall be filed immediately with the admissions director of the state bar by the EAPB provider.

6. **Renewal of certification.** On or before the anniversary date of the original filing for certification under this rule, an attorney shall reapply annually with the admissions director of the state bar.

7. **Limited practice.** An emeritus attorney certified under this rule may practice law only through an approved EAPB provider under subsection 2 and must complete any training required by the EAPB provider.

8. **Discipline; bar membership.** Attorneys certified under this rule do not qualify for active membership in the State Bar of Nevada, but may be disciplined or suspended from practice in the manner now or hereinafter provided by rule for discipline or suspension of attorneys generally. Pending final disposition of any such matter, the court or the state bar may suspend any right to practice that is granted hereunder, without notice or hearing.