

MONROE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION SWEARING IN CEREMONY for NEW MEMBERS

Process Revised December 20, 2016

The Swearing in Ceremony is organized by the Monroe County Bar Association, with the support of the Court of Common Pleas 43rd Judicial District. Each year a ceremonial event is held for all those new to Monroe County and the Monroe County Bar Association wherein attorneys are sworn in, as a group, prior to the Monroe County Bar Association's annual Holiday Open House.

As a new member of the Monroe County Bar Association (MCBA) we encourage you to participate in the Swearing in Ceremony.

For those wishing to join in this traditional celebration, the following will walk you through the steps to take for your participation. Any questions may be directed to our office, 570.424.7288.

First – Enlist a current member of MCBA to be your sponsor. If you need assistance finding a sponsor, please call the MCBA staff at 570.424.7288. We will be happy to help. Your sponsor will be doing an introduction, so be prepared to provide a bio.

Second – Complete the attached Motion for Admission, Order and Oath. Remember you are the 'Petitioner' and the MCBA member is the 'Sponsor'. Examples and blank forms are both attached. You will need to:

- Complete the forms and have your sponsor sign before you come to court
 - Use the Motion to be signed by the President Judge unless you have made prior arrangements to be given the oath by one of our other Judges
- Bring the completed originals to court with a copy of your PA license or a copy of your admittance letter from the Supreme Court, to be labeled Exhibit 'A'

Third – Register with the MCBA office at least two weeks before the ceremony. There is a \$10 fee which may be paid in cash, check or credit card. We'll provide you with a receipt that is to be attached to your admission documents and marked Exhibit 'B'.

Fourth – Bring all the documents to court on the day of the ceremony. Remember, family and friends are invited, and encouraged, to attend, this ceremony.

At the Swearing in Ceremony –

- In order of sponsor seniority, you will be presented to the courts. Your sponsor will offer a brief bio. You will then step aside and remain standing. All petitioners will stand together. Once everyone has been presented to the court, the oath will be given by the President Judge.
- You will then be asked to accompany a member of the Sheriff's Department to the bell tower to ring the Courthouse Bell.
- Returning to the courtroom, you will be greeted and congratulated by the MCBA members present.
- MCBA will take pictures of you, your family and sponsor.

After the Swearing in Ceremony –

Please join us, as our guests, for our annual Holiday Open House at the MCBA Bar Center. Families are welcome. We celebrate your achievements and the holiday season offering delicious food and beverages, light music and great company. And remember – bring your family!

EXAMPLES OF COMPLETED FORMS

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONROE COUNTY
FORTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: ADMISSION OF
<Insert Your Name Here>

: NO. _____ M.C.P. _____

Petitioner

ORDER

AND NOW, this ____ day of <Insert Date of Ceremony> 20____, the attached Motion for Admission is **GRANTED**, and <Insert Your Name Here> (Petitioner) is admitted as an attorney to practice before the several courts of the Forty-Third Judicial District, Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

BY THE COURT:

Margherita Patti-Worthington, PJ

cc: <Insert Your Name Here> (Petitioner)
Court Administrator

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BY THE COURT:

_____, **J**
(Insert Judge's Name)

cc: <Insert Your Name Here>, Petitioner
Court Administrator

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Petitioner

**MOTION FOR ADMISSION TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE
FORTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE AFORESAID COURT:

AND NOW, this ___ day, of <Insert Date of Ceremony> 20 ___, <Insert the Name of
<Your Sponsor> (Sponsor), a member of the Monroe County Bar, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, moves the
admission of <Insert Your Name Here> (Petitioner), as an attorney to practice before several courts of
the Forty-Third Judicial District, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, and affirms that the said <Insert Your
<Name Here> (Petitioner) has satisfactorily passed the examination of the Board of Admission to the Bar
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and has complied with the conditions prescribed by the
Pennsylvania Bar Admission Rules as evidenced by the attached letter; is eligible for admission to the
Bar under the rules of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that <Insert Your
<Name Here> (Petitioner) is in all respects entitled to admission under the rules of the Court of Common
Pleas; and that <Insert Your Name Here> (Petitioner) is a person of integrity and good behavior.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature of Sponsor, Esq.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)
:
COUNTY OF MONROE)

I, <Insert Your Name Here> (Petitioner), do swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will behave myself in the office of attorney within this court, according to the best of my learning and ability, and with all good fidelity, as well to the court as to the clients, and that I will use no falsehood, nor delay any person's cause for lucre or malice.

Signature of Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed

Before me this ____ day

Of _____, 20__

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Court Administrator

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