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2 **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF**
3 **THE SUPREME COURT OF**
4 **THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.**

5 Date: _____

6 **Section I** (Please Type or Print)

7 **VERIFIED PERSONAL STATEMENT** Social Sec. No.:

8 Name: _____ Phone: _____
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10 Email: _____

11 Street Address: _____

12 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

13 Pursuant to Rules for Admission to Practice Before the Supreme Court of the Federated
14 States of Micronesia, to qualify for admission you must submit and attach to this
15 application affidavits, exhibits and papers verifying your compliance with Rule II(A),
16 (B), (C), and (D). For more specific instructions on the requirements of each subsection
17 please refer to the instructions attached below.

18 _____, am seeking admission through written
19 (Name of Applicant)

20 examination under subsections _____ of the Rules for Admission to

21 Practice before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia.
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1 **Section II.** (Answer each question. If any answer is yes, attach a statement giving
2 details.)

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- 1. Have you changed your name or been known by any names or surnames other than the one appearing on this application?
 - 2. Have you been disbarred or suspended from practice by any bar or before any court, department, bureau or commission of any State or the United States, or have you received a reprimand from any of them pertaining to your conduct or fitness to practice?
 - 3. Are any such proceedings or allegations presently pending against you?
 - 4. Have you been a party to criminal proceedings, *or* to civil proceedings in which allegations of fraud, misrepresentation or other dishonesty were made against you?
 - 5. Are you presently under investigation for any matter specified in question 4?

1 **Section III. OATH (OR AFFIRMATION)**

2 I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will conduct myself as an attorney and counselor
3 of this court, uprightly and according to law; and that I will support the Constitution of
4 the Federated States of Micronesia. I do further swear (or affirm) that all responses in the
foregoing personal statement, including attachments which are incorporated herein by
reference, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

5 I certify that, except as otherwise noted, I am an active member in good standing of each
6 state bar or the bar of the highest court of each jurisdiction listed on the attached sheet,
7 and that my license to practice law in the named state is not currently lapsed for any
reason, including but not limited to retirement, placement in inactive status, failure to pay
bar membership fees or failure to complete continuing education requirements.

8 I understand that I am required to notify the clerk of this court within 14 days of any
9 changes in the status of my state jurisdictional bar memberships.

10 _____ Date _____
Signature of Applicant

11 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me a Notary Public in and for the State of
12 _____, this day of _____.

13 My commission expires:

14 _____
Signature and Seal of Notary

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24 **NOTE:** Make check or money order payable to “Supreme Court of the Federated States
25 of Micronesia” and attach it to your application.

1 **Section V. INSTRUCTIONS:** This section contains a detailed list of the requirement of
2 the each of subsections (A), (B), (C), and (D) of Rule II. of the Rules for Admission to
Practice.

3 **A. Experience or Education Requirement:**

4 **(1) Bar Membership Standard:**

Admission under this section must be supported with affidavits, documents, papers or
evidence:

- 5 a) a certificate or certificates of good standing;
- 6 b) issued within the six (6) months from the date of the application;
- 7 c) from every jurisdiction where you are or have ever been authorized to practice law;
- 8 d) the certificate of good standing must say you are in good standing and eligible to
practice in that jurisdiction's courts.

9 **(2) Law School Graduation Standard:**

Admission under this section must be supported with affidavits, documents, papers or
evidence:

- 10 a) proof of graduation from a law school;
- 11 b) entitlement to practice law in the jurisdiction where the law school is located;
- 12 c) for law school's outside the United States, completion of a one year internship;
- 13 d) approval of the terms of the internship before submitting this application;
- 14 e) completion of the internship before the before submitting application.

15 **(3) Experience and Competency Standard:**

Admission under this section must be supported with affidavits, documents, papers or
evidence:

- 16 a) In a two (2) year period between at least four (4) separate trial experiences; and
- 17 b) ten (10) days of trial experience;
- 18 c) trial experiences have all occurred under the immediate supervision of an attorney
admitted to practice before the FSM Supreme Court;
- 19 d) during trial experiences, witnesses were questioned under oath or affirmation, for
evidentiary or discovery purposes, in the presence of opposing counsel and subject
to cross-examination,
- 20 e) trial experience where either in the presence of a tier of fact or where a verbatim
record of testimony is being taken.
- 21 f) each trial experiences is specifically listed and described
- 22 g) trial experiences included reasonably full discussion between myself and my
supervising attorney about the nature and the method of the questioning of the
witnesses.
- 23 h) each of these discussions is specifically listed and described
- 24 i) each trial experience occurred in a different case
- 25 j) certification of capability to practicing law at a level of competence which equal to
the professional standard of the community of attorneys certified to practice before
the Federated States of Micronesia Supreme Court.

(4) College of Micronesia Trial Counselor Certificate:

Admission under this section must be supported with affidavits, documents, papers or
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a) proof of graduation from the College of Micronesia’s Trial Counselor Certificate Program.

B. Morals and Character Requirements:

Assertions or certifications under this section must be supported with affidavits, documents, papers or evidence:

1. certification that no criminal charge, or charge of violation of professional responsibilities, is currently pending against the applicant; and
2. the applicant has never been convicted of any crime or found guilty of violation of professional ethics or responsibilities.
3. there are no charges, convictions or findings of violations of professional responsibilities or crimes have been made or are pending against the applicant.

C. Residence or Citizenship Requirement:

Assertions or certifications under this section must be supported with affidavits, documents, papers or evidence:

1. certification that the applicant is a legal resident or domiciliary of an FSM State; or
2. certification that the applicant is an FSM citizen.

D. The Written Examination:

All applications to qualify to sit for the FSM Bar examination must be

1. written
2. filed at the FSM Supreme Court with

1 **Section VI: Forms**

2 These forms are designed for illustrative purposes and it is not mandatory that they be
3 used in the application process. Strict completion of the forms does not ensure an
4 applicants approval.

5 **A. Form 1: Rules for Admission of Practice to Practice before the Supreme Court of
6 the Federated States of Micronesia.**

7 **AFFIDAVIT OF MORAL CHARACTER**

8 I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

- 9 1. I hereby certify that no criminal charge, or charge of violation of professional
10 responsibilities, is currently pending against me; and
- 11 2. That I have never been convicted of any crime or found guilty of violation of
12 professional ethics or responsibilities.
- 13 3. No charges, convictions or findings of violations of professional responsibilities or
14 crimes have been made or are pending against me.

15 This _____ day of _____ 20____.

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17 (signature of applicant)

18 Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

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20 Notary Public

21 My commission expires: _____

22 **B. Form 2: Rules for Admission of Practice to Practice before the Supreme Court of
23 the Federated States of Micronesia.**

24 **AFFIDAVIT OF FSM CITIZENSHIP**

25 I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

- 1. I am a legal resident of the state of _____ and a legal citizen of the
Federated States of Micronesia.

This _____ day of _____ 20____.

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Subscribed and sworn before me this ____ day of _____ 20____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

C. Form 3: Rules for Admission of Practice to Practice before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia.

AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AS AN ATTORNEY TO PRACTICE IN THE JURISDICTION WHERE MY LAW SCHOOL IS LOCATED

I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am a graduate of _____ school of law located in the legal jurisdiction of _____.

2. Upon receiving my _____ degree from the _____ school of law which has been attached to this affidavit I am entitled to practice law in the jurisdiction where law school _____ is located.

This ____ day of _____ 20____.

(signature of applicant)

Subscribed and sworn before me this ____ day of _____ 20____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

D. Form 4: Rules for Admission of Practice before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia.

APPLICATION FOR PREAPPROVAL OF THE ONE-YEAR INTERSHIP REQUIREMENT UNDER RULE II (2) LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION STANDARD

1 FSM SUPREME COURT

2 _____
3 (Address of the FSM Supreme Court)

4 _____
5 (name of applicant)

6 Pursuant to rule II(2) of the FSM Rules for Admission of Practice, Prior to commencing
7 my internship I submit this request and the supporting verified facts asserted in the
8 affidavit below. I ask that the Court pre-approve the terms of my one-year internship and
9 find that it meets the requirements of the above rule. This application is made prior to my
10 application to take the FSM Bar examination.

11 Sincerely

12 _____
13 (signature of applicant)

14 Affidavit of _____
15 (name of applicant)

16 I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

17 1. I am a graduate of _____ school of law located outside
18 of the jurisdiction of the Federated States of Micronesia and of the United States.

19 2. I have arranged to complete a one-year internship with _____
20 located at _____.

21 3. During my one-year internship I will be supervised by the following attorneys. These
22 attorneys have been admitted to practice before the FSM Supreme Court:

- 23 a. _____;
- 24 b. _____;
- 25 c. _____.

26 4. During my one-year internship I will under the supervision of the above attorneys
27 participate in the planning and preparation of the following legal cases an law related
28 matters:

- 29 a. _____;
- 30 b. _____;
- 31 c. _____.

1 5. During my one-year internship I will under of the supervision of the above attorneys
participate in the following law related activities:

- 2 a. _____ ;
3 b. _____ ;
4 c. _____ .

5 This _____ day of _____ 20____.

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(signature of applicant)

7 Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

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9 Notary Public

10 My commission expires: _____

11 I shall be required to complete a one-year period of internship, under terms and
12 conditions approved by this Court, prior to applying for permission to take the
examination.

13 **E. Form 5: Rules for Admission of Practice before the Supreme Court of the
14 Federated States of Micronesia.**

15 **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ONE-YEAR INTERSHIP
16 UNDER RULE II (2) LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION STANDARD**

17 FSM SUPREME COURT

18 _____
(Address of the FSM Supreme Court)

19 _____
(name of applicant)

20 Pursuant to rule II(2) of the FSM Rules for Admission of Practice, after completing my
21 pre approved internship I submit this request and the supporting verified facts asserted in
22 the affidavit below. I ask that the Court approve my one-year internship and find that it
has met the requirements of the above rule. This application is made prior to my
application to take the FSM Bar examination.

23 Sincerely

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Affidavit of _____
(name of applicant)

I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am a graduate of _____ school of law located outside of the jurisdiction of the Federated States of Micronesia and of the United States.

2. I have completed or arranged to complete a one-year internship with _____ located at _____.

3. During my one-year internship I was supervised by the following attorneys who have been admitted to practice before the FSM Supreme Court:

- a. _____;
- b. _____;
- c. _____.

4. During my one-year internship I have, under the supervision of the above attorneys, participated in the planning and preparation of the following legal cases and law related matters:

- a. _____;
- b. _____;
- c. _____.

5. During my one-year internship I have, under the supervision of the above attorneys, participated in the following law related activities:

- a. _____;
- b. _____;
- c. _____.

This _____ day of _____ 20____.

(signature of applicant)

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

1 I shall be required to complete a one-year period of internship, under terms and
2 conditions approved by this Court, prior to applying for permission to take the
examination.

3 **F. Form 6: Rules for Admission of Practice before the Supreme Court of the**
4 **Federated States of Micronesia.**

5 **APPLICATION TO APPROVE EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCY**
6 **STANDARD REQUIREMENT UNDER RULE II (3)**

7 FSM SUPREME COURT

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(Address of the FSM Supreme Court)

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(name of applicant)

10 Pursuant to rule II(3) of the FSM Rules for Admission of Practice, I submit this request
11 and the supporting verified facts asserted in the affidavit below. I ask that the Court find
12 that I have asserted adequate facts and provided sufficient certifications to prove my
experience and competency under the above rule.

13 Sincerely

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(signature of applicant)

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17 **Certification of** _____
(name of applicant)

18 I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

19 1. In a two (2) year period between the dates of _____, 20____, and
20 _____, 20____, I have had at least four (4) separate trial experiences and at
21 least ten (10) days of trial experience.

22 2. My trial experiences have all occurred under the immediate supervision of
23 _____, an attorney admitted to practice before the FSM
Supreme Court.

24 3. During my trial experiences, witnesses were questioned under oath or affirmation, for
25 evidentiary or discovery purposes, in the presence of opposing counsel and subject to
cross-examination, either in the presence of a tier of fact or where a verbatim record of

1 testimony is being taken. Each of these trial experiences are specifically listed and
2 otherwise described and listed as follows:

- 3 a. _____ ;
- 4 b. _____ ;
- 5 c. _____ ;
- 6 d. _____ .

7 4. Also during my trial experiences there was reasonably full discussion between myself
8 and my supervising attorney about the nature and the method of the questioning of the
9 witnesses. Each of these discussions are specifically listed and otherwise described and
10 listed as follows:

- 11 a. _____ ;
- 12 _____ ;
- 13 _____ ;
- 14 b. _____ ;
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- 17 c. _____ ;
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- 20 d. _____ ;
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24 4. Each such qualifying trial experience occurred in a different case, that is, in litigation
25 involving different parties and with different court case than in any other trial experience
relied upon.

5. I certify that I believe that I am capable of practicing law at a level of competence
which meets the professional standard of the community of attorneys certified to practice
before the Federated States of Micronesia Supreme Court. My justification for making
his certification is based upon the facts asserted above and following additional facts:

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This _____ day of _____ 20____.

(signature of applicant)

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

I shall be required to complete a one-year period of internship, under terms and conditions approved by this Court, prior to applying for permission to take the examination.

Certification of _____
(name of supervising attorney)

I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. In a two (2) year period between the dates of _____, 20____, and _____, 20____, _____ has had at least four (4) separate trial experiences and at least ten (10) days of trial experience.

2. The trial experiences have all occurred under my immediate supervision. I am an attorney in good standing and admitted to practice law before the FSM Supreme Court.

3. During the trial experiences, witnesses were questioned under oath or affirmation, for evidentiary or discovery purposes, in the presence of opposing counsel and subject to cross-examination, either in the presence of a tier of fact or where a verbatim record of testimony is being taken. Each of these trial experiences are specifically listed and otherwise described and listed as follows:

- 1 a. _____ ;
- 2 b. _____ ;
- 3 c. _____ ;
- 4 d. _____ .

4 4. Also during the trial experiences there was reasonably full discussion between myself
5 and _____ about the nature and the method of the questioning
6 of the witnesses. Each of these discussions are specifically listed and otherwise described
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17 4. Each such qualifying trial experience occurred in a different case, that is, in litigation
18 involving different parties and with different court case than in any other trial experience
19 relied upon.

20 5. I certify that I believe that _____ is capable of practicing law at a
21 level of competence which meets the professional standard of the community of attorneys
22 certified to practice before the Federated States of Micronesia Supreme Court. My
23 justification for making his certification is based upon the facts asserted above and
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(signature of supervising attorney)

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

I shall be required to complete a one-year period of internship, under terms and conditions approved by this Court, prior to applying for permission to take the examination.

G. Form 7: Rules for Admission of Practice before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia.

APPLICATION TO APPROVE TRIAL COUNSELOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM STANDARD REQUIREMENT UNDER RULE II (4)

FSM SUPREME COURT

(Address of the FSM Supreme Court)

(name of applicant)

Pursuant to rule II(3) of the FSM Rules for Admission of Practice, I submit this request and the supporting verified facts asserted in the affidavit below and graduation certificate attached to this document. I ask that the Court find that I have asserted adequate facts to show my completion of the College of Micronesia trial Counselor Certificate Program.

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Affidavit of _____
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I, _____, being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

- 1. I am a graduate of the College of Micronesia’s Trial Counselor Certificate Program.
- 2. I have satisfactorily met and completed all the requirements of the College of Micronesia’s Trial Counselor Certificate Program.

This _____ day of _____ 20____.

(signature of applicant)

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

I shall be required to complete a one-year period of internship, under terms and conditions approved by this Court, prior to applying for permission to take the examination.