

Rule 222. Single-Client Counsel Certification

(1) Single-Client Representation. An attorney who is not licensed to practice law in the state of Colorado may be certified to act as counsel for a single-client upon application to and approval by the Colorado Supreme Court if the following conditions are met:

- (a) The attorney has established domicile in Colorado;
- (b) The attorney is licensed to practice law and is in active status in another state in the United States;
- (c) The attorney is a member in good standing of the bar of all courts and jurisdictions in which he or she is admitted to practice; and
- (d) The attorney's practice of law is limited to acting as counsel for such single-client (which may include a business entity or an organization and its organizational affiliate.)

(2) Application. The application and payment of the \$725 certification fee must be made payable to the Clerk of the Colorado Supreme Court and collected by the Attorney Registration Office. The application shall contain:

- (a) a certification of the limited nature of such practice;
- (b) a certification that the attorney has advised such single-client that the attorney is not licensed in Colorado;
- (c) a certification by the client that the client is aware the attorney is not a licensed Colorado attorney and that the attorney will be exclusively employed by that client; and
- (d) a certificate of good standing from all courts and jurisdictions in which he or she is admitted to practice.

(3) Limitations. Approval under this rule shall be solely for so long as such attorney shall engage in such limited practice. The attorney may not act as counsel for the client until the application is accepted and approved. Such approval shall automatically terminate when the attorney ceases to be engaged in such limited practice. The attorney approved pursuant to this section shall notify the Clerk of the Colorado Supreme Court at the Attorney Registration Office of any change of status in this regard as soon as practicable, and shall not be authorized to represent any other client.

(4) Authority. An attorney approved under this rule has the authority to act on behalf of the single-client for all purposes as if licensed in Colorado. An attorney approved under this rule shall be deemed, for the purposes of Colorado Revised Statutes, Title [12](#), Article 5, Sections 101, 112, and 115, to have obtained a license for the limited scope of practice specified in this rule. Additionally, an attorney approved under this rule has the authority to provide voluntary pro bono public service to indigent persons and organizations serving indigent persons.

(5) Discipline and Disability Jurisdiction. An attorney approved under this rule is subject to the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct and the Rules of Procedure Regarding Attorney Discipline and Disability Proceedings.

(6) Fees. An attorney approved under this rule shall also be required to pay annual registration fees and comply with all other provisions of C.R.C.P. [227](#), as well as comply with the mandatory legal education requirements of C.R.C.P. [260](#).

(7) Certification Number. An attorney approved under this rule shall be assigned a certification number which shall be used to identify that attorney's certification status in Colorado. Whenever an initial pleading is signed by an attorney authorized under this rule, it shall also include thereon the attorney's certification number. Whenever an initial appearance is made in court without a written pleading, the attorney shall advise the court of the attorney's certification number. The number need not be on any subsequent pleadings.

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ANNOTATION

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