

**KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION  
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY**

**PRACTICE OF LAW**

**SCR 3.030 Membership, practice by nonmembers and classes of membership**

(1) All persons admitted to the practice of law in this state shall be, and they are, members of the association.

(2) A person admitted to practice in another state, but not in this state, shall be permitted to practice a case in this state only if that attorney subjects himself or herself to the jurisdiction and rules of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, pays a one time per case fee equal to the annual dues paid by those KBA members who have been admitted to practice law for five years or more to the Kentucky Bar Association and engages a member of the association as co-counsel, whose presence shall be necessary at all trials and at other times when required by the court. No motion for permission to practice in any state court in this jurisdiction shall be granted without submission to the admitting court of a certification from the Kentucky Bar Association of receipt of this fee.

(3) The association, by its bylaws, may create honorary memberships.

(4) A class of membership is established to be known as "Senior Retired Inactive Member." Any member who reaches the age of 70 years and no longer is actively practicing law and who has met the necessary CLE requirements for inactive status pursuant to SCR 3.665(2), shall upon notification to the Executive Director be classified as Senior Retired Inactive and shall not be required to pay annual dues. Any member who has been classified as Senior Retired Inactive may donate legal services through a duly organized legal aid program offering pro bono representation, or a local bar association legal pro bono program or initiative.

(5)(a) A class of membership is established to be known as "Disabled Inactive Member." An attorney admitted to practice in this state who has been, because of a mental or physical condition, judicially declared to be a person under a legal disability, or for whom probable cause exists to believe that the attorney has a mental or physical condition that substantially impairs his or her ability to practice law shall provide to the Director of the Kentucky Bar Association a detailed written report from a licensed qualified health care provider who has examined the attorney setting out the findings of the health care provider, including the results of all tests made, diagnoses and conclusions. The Director shall present the matter to the Board who may enter an order transferring the attorney to Disability Inactive Status. An attorney classified under this subsection is not required to pay dues or obtain the annual CLE requirement pursuant to SCR 3.645. This status shall be reflected on the attorney's membership record. No attorney classified under this status may engage in the practice of law in this state. Any disciplinary proceedings against the attorney shall be stayed while the attorney is on disability inactive status. Any report and supporting records from a health care provider regarding the treatment of the attorney shall be confidential and sealed.

(b) An attorney transferred to disability inactive status may file a petition with the Court for restoration to active status. A copy of the petition shall be served on Bar Counsel, who shall have 20 days to file a response to the petition. If Bar Counsel objects to the petition, the matter shall be referred to the Character and Fitness Committee to conduct proceedings under SCR 2.300. If Bar Counsel has no objection to the petition the Court may enter an order restoring the attorney to active status with or without conditions or refer the matter to the Character and Fitness Committee to conduct proceedings under SCR 2.300. If an attorney is restored to active status, any disciplinary proceedings that have been stayed will be resumed.

HISTORY: Amended by Order 2017-18, eff. 1-1-2018; prior amendments eff. 1-1-2016 (Order 2015-20), 1-1-2014 (Order 2013-15), 1-1-2014 (Order 2013-11), 3-1-2012 (Order 2012-01), 1-1-05 (Order 2004-5), 1-1-02 (Order 2001-2), 4-1-82 (Order 82-1), 1-1-78, 7-2-71