

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE 98 JUN 23 AM 11:35

Administrative Order No. 98-17 Trollo
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IN RE: AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULE 83.1
ATTORNEYS, AND REVISION TO LOCAL
RULE 83.2, CIVIL PRO BONO FOR PRO SE
INDIGENT PARTIES

Having given appropriate public notice and opportunity to comment, as prescribed at 28 U.S.C. § 2071, the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee hereby amends Local Rule 83.1, which references attorney admissions requirements, and revises Local Rule 83.2 concerning the Court's *civil pro bono* panel for *pro se* indigent parties.

It is the view of the court that the administration of justice is advanced through a policy which encourages members of the federal bar to represent parties who are unable to afford counsel. In furtherance of this objective, the court, by Administrative Order 98-17, has (1) adopted a "Plan for the Appointment of Counsel for *Pro Se* Indigent Parties in Civil Cases of the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee," and (2) created a trust account called the, "Pro Bono Expense Fund" to be used exclusively to reimburse the out-of-pocket expenses which are necessarily incurred by court-appointed attorneys representing indigents *pro bono* in civil cases. This Fund will be financed from fees collected in conjunction with general and *pro hac vice* admissions of attorneys to the bar of this court, and from interest accruing on fund balances.

Accordingly,

Local Rule 83.1(a), Admission, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

Among the requirements of this court to remain in good standing is the payment of an Annual Enrollment Fee (\$10). Payment shall be made within 60 days of billing by the clerk. Failure to do so shall result in the attorney being stricken from the rolls of this court, and for readmission, will require payment of the full fee assessed for the admission of new enrollees.

Local Rule 83.2, Civil Pro Bono Panel For Pro Se Indigent Parties, is hereby revised to adopt the following language:

In order to encourage greater representation of *pro se* indigent parties in civil cases, the court has adopted the "Plan for the Appointment of Counsel for *Pro Se* Indigent Parties in Civil Cases of the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee," (the Plan) pursuant to Administrative Order No. 98-17, filed May 28, 1998. This Plan is applicable district-wide, and is in effect to: increase the number of attorneys on the Civil *Pro Bono* Panel; govern the appointment of counsel from the Panel; allow for reimbursement of expenses from the Pro Bono Expense Fund; and, establish guidelines for such reimbursement. A copy of the Plan is available at the Clerk's Office.

DONE and ORDERED at Memphis, Tennessee, on this 23rd Day of June,

1998.

FOR THE COURT: Julia Smith Gibbons
Julia Smith Gibbons
Chief United States District Judge