

## **Admission to the United States District Courts For the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri**

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### **Applicants Who Passed the Missouri Bar Exam Taken In February 2026**

Congratulations on your admission to practice law in the State of Missouri. The United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri will conduct an enrollment ceremony for admission to practice in the District Courts following the traditional Missouri Bar enrollment ceremony.

Each of these districts maintains bar membership independent of each other. It is not necessary to seek membership in both districts to participate in this oath; you will simply take the oath once and then decide whether to apply to one or both districts. This is your opportunity to be sworn into the District Courts with fewer admission requirements than if you wait to be sworn in on another date.

#### **IN-PERSON CEREMONY – April 24, 2026**

- **Upon arriving at the Harry S. Truman Office Building, you must first register for the Missouri Bar ceremony, then proceed to the Federal Court registration tables where you will receive a folder of information and be added to the ceremony list.**
- **You must be sworn in by the Missouri Bar BEFORE attending the Federal Court ceremony.**
- **One Federal Court ceremony, convening at 10:20 AM, will be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor House Chamber of the Missouri State Capitol.**
- **Attendees and their guests must process through the Capitol Building security checkpoint at the South entrance.**
- **Family members and friends may be seated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor House Gallery.**
- **Photographs are allowed inside the Capitol Building and House Chambers.**

#### **PROCEDURES TO COMPLETE THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS**

**Following the ceremony, you must follow the instructions on the website of each Court in which you wish to apply for admission:**

- **Western District: <https://www.mow.uscourts.gov/attorney/attorney-admissions>**
- **Eastern District: <https://www.moed.uscourts.gov/attorneys/application-admission>**

REMINDER: You are NOT a member of the Eastern or Western District Bar until your application has been completely processed, inclusive of paying the online fee. Your presence at the official ceremony is only one step of the process.