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IN THE MATTER OF:

PRO HAC VICE APPEARANCES AND BAR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES

MISC. NO. 97-0083 (ADC)

ORDER

On May 27, 1997, the Judges of the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (District Court) unanimously approved Court fees for *pro hac vice* appearances and annual Bar membership renewal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1914(c). These fees enable the implementation of special projects that will ultimately benefit the Bench and Bar in the administration of justice. The aforementioned special projects include but are not limited to: a continued legal education program, support *pro bono* attorneys, implementation of community outreach projects, the attorney lounge (equipped with computers, photocopy machine, etc.), free WiFi in the Courthouses, and, a scholarship for law students, among others.

To ensure achievement of said objectives and in order to continue improving the services provided to Bar members and the public, on April 7, 2017, the Judges of the District Court approved the following new fees for *pro hac vice* appearances and annual Bar membership renewal.

1. Effective May 1, 2017, attorneys appearing *pro hac vice* must comply with the provisions set forth in Local Civil Rule 83A of the Local Rules for the District of Puerto Rico, and pay three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per

appearance in each new case before the Court. This fee will be waived for Court appointed attorneys appearing *pro hac vice* in death penalty cases.

2. Effective October 1, 2017, attorneys admitted to practice before this Court shall pay an annual Bar membership renewal fee of seventy five dollars (\$75.00). This fee is due on the 1st day of October. Failure to pay this fee could entail the loss of good standing to practice before this Court.

A copy of this order shall be notified to the Bar and the general public, as well as published in the Court's website.

SO ORDERED.

At San Juan, Puerto Rico, on this 28 day of April, 2017.

S/AIDA M. DELGADO-COLON
Chief United States District Judge