

## New Attorney Admission Process for First Circuit

The United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit recently updated the application process for obtaining admission to the bar of the Court. These changes have resulted in a new application and instructions which are available at [www.ca1.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca1.uscourts.gov).

Applicants must now be sponsored by a current First Circuit bar member in good standing. Applicants who are unable to identify a First Circuit bar member as a sponsor should contact the Clerk's Office for assistance.

Applicants must also now provide the names of all courts (including state courts, or Commonwealth) before which they have been admitted to practice along with the exact admission date(s), as well as an original certificate of good standing, dated within the past six months for a qualifying state court bar.

To allow sufficient time for verification, attorneys must submit a completed application to the Clerk of the First Circuit Court of Appeals at least (14) days prior to the date they wish to be admitted, along with the attorney admission fee in the amount of \$200.00, made payable to "Clerk, United States Court."

The admission process will be completed by mail and, upon verification of the application, a Certificate of Admission will be sent to successful applicants. Applicants who request to be admitted in person will be electronically notified of the time and place and must bring a copy of that notification to their appearance.

The Court will sit in Puerto Rico March 1 - 4, 2010, so those applicants wishing to be admitted in person should file their applications as soon as possible and at least by mid-February.

More detailed information is available on the Notice to Applicant for Admission at [www.ca1.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca1.uscourts.gov). For questions, please contact the Clerk's office at (617) 748-9057.