

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 3: JUDICIAL BRANCH

§ 3603. Admission to Practice: Government and Public Practice.

(a) Any attorney who:

(1) Is licensed to practice in a state, territory, commonwealth, or possession of the United States;

(2) Is in good standing;

(3) Has graduated from a school accredited by the American Bar Association or the American Association of Law Schools or approved by the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth;

(4) Has not been convicted of a felony in the Commonwealth or in any area under the jurisdiction of the United States;

and is a salaried employee of the Commonwealth government or the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (or a successor thereof) may practice law before the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth for a period of four years, so long as the attorney is acting within the scope of his or her employment. An attorney qualified to practice under this section shall submit evidence of his or her qualifications, in such form as the Supreme Court may prescribe, and such additional information as the court may require (but not to exceed the information required of applicants under 1 CMC § 3602) in the rules of admission, to the Supreme Court within 60 days of commencing employment with the Commonwealth government or the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (or successor), and may not appear before any Commonwealth court until sworn in pursuant to this section. Upon finding that the applicant meets the requirements of this section, the Supreme Court shall so notify the applicant and be given a date on which to appear before a justice of the Supreme Court to be sworn in.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, attorneys who are employees of the judicial branch of the Commonwealth government may practice within the scope of their employment under such conditions, in such manner, and for such duration as the Supreme Court may determine.

Source: PL 10-26, § 4 (repealing PL 1-5, ch. 6, § 3, as amended by PL 3-41, § 1, PL 3-98, § 1, and PL 6-25, § 4), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission corrected the section number of PL 10-26 referred to in the source note; PL 10-26 contained two sections designated section 3. See the comment to 1 CMC § 3602.