## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

## RULES RELATING TO THE ADMISSION OF ATTORNEYS

**RULE 720** 

FILED

OATH

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Rule 720 is hereby amended, effective the date of the order.

- (a) Before becoming eligible to practice law in the State of Kansas, an applicant must take the following oath:
  - "You do solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and bear true allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Kansas; that you will neither delay nor deny the rights of any person through malice, for lucre, or from any unworthy desire; that you will not knowingly foster or promote, or give your assent to any fraudulent, groundless or unjust suit; that you will neither do, nor consent to the doing of any falsehood in court; and that you will discharge your duties as an attorney and counselor of the Supreme Court and all other courts of the State of Kansas with fidelity both to the Court and to your cause, and to the best of your knowledge and ability. So help you God."
- (b) Unless otherwise permitted by the Supreme Court, an applicant shall take the oath of admission within one year after the date of the letter notifying an applicant that he or she has met the requirements under Rule 708, 709, 709A, or 712, or 712A for admission to the Kansas Bar. Failure to take the oath in the prescribed period will result in revocation of the letter of licensure.
- (c) If the oath is administered by a judge of record in the United States or a United States territory, the applicant must also file a completed written oath on a form provided by the Clerk of the Appellate Courts.
- (d) After taking the oath, an applicant shall sign his or her name upon the roll of attorneys of the Supreme Court, and the Clerk of the Appellate Courts shall thereupon issue a certificate of such applicant's authority to practice law in all courts

of this state. For good cause shown, the Clerk may waive the personal signature of the applicant on the roll of attorneys, and the Clerk shall enter his or her name on the roll.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 31st day of August, 2016.

FOR THE COURT

Lawton R. Nuss

Chief Justice