



EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
THE JUDICIAL BRANCH
THE CHEROKEE BAR

Application For Admission To Practice

To appear before The Cherokee Courts, as well as certain administrative agencies such as the Tribal Gaming Commission and the EBCI Cannabis Control Board, an attorney must be admitted to the The Cherokee Bar.

Eligibility: To be eligible for admission to and continuing membership in the The Cherokee Bar, an attorney must:

- Be admitted to the practice of law in North Carolina and remain in good standing with the North Carolina State Bar. Any disciplinary action or status change in the North Carolina State Bar, or any other jurisdiction, must be promptly reported.
- Be knowledgeable, and stay apprised of, federal, state, and Tribal law including the Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Cherokee Code, and the Cherokee Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Application Instructions: Upon reviewing the Cherokee Code (*available online on MuniCode*), an attorney seeking admission to The Cherokee Bar must submit a packet containing:

- A completed Application For Admission To Practice.
- An application fee of \$25.00¹ by cash, card, or money order made payable to “**The Cherokee Court**”.
- Proof of current standing with the North Carolina State Bar.

Applicants must also take the prescribed Oath for Admission prior to any Court appearance.

Completed application packets may returned via:

Mail: P.O. Box 1629
Cherokee, NC 28719
Attn: The Cherokee Bar

In-Person: EBCI Justice Center
137 Seven Clans Lane
Cherokee, NC 28719

¹ This fee is subject to increase, reduction, or waiver in accordance with the policies of The Cherokee Bar.

A. Applicant Information

1. Full Name: _____ Preferred First Name: _____
Last First Middle
2. Date of Birth (*mm/dd/year*): _____
3. Firm/Employer Name: _____
4. Mailing Address (*include firm name*): _____

 (*City, State, Zip*) _____
5. Office Telephone: _____ Fax Number: _____
6. Email Address: _____
7. Date Admitted to N.C. Bar: _____ N.C. Bar No.: _____
8. Staff Contact Information (*include the name and email address of any staff member who should be included on communications*):
- Name: _____ Email: _____
- Name: _____ Email: _____
9. Session Dockets (*check the dockets you would like to receive on a regular basis – dockets for Family Safety and Small Claims are only sent to attorneys of record for the scheduled cases*):
- Civil Criminal Traffic DV (CV + DV) Supreme Court

B. Admission Information

I am in good standing with the North Carolina State Bar.

10. List all Tribal, State, and Federal Court Admissions. (*Use additional sheet if necessary*).

<u>Name of Court/Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Date Admitted</u>	<u>Active</u>	<u>Inactive</u>	<u>Good Standing</u>
1) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Do you wish to be considered for appointment by the Court? Yes No

12. If yes to number 11, indicate the type of court-appointments:

- Criminal Child Support Estates Special Proceedings Civil
 Small Claims Family Safety Traffic Domestic Violence

13. Has your privilege to practice law ever been suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction? Yes No

14. If yes to number 13, explain fully below including the name and location of the jurisdiction, the date of the suspension/revocation, and details regarding the circumstances of the suspension/revocation. (*Use additional sheet if necessary*). _____

15. Have you ever been censured, reprimanded, disciplined, disbarred, or otherwise disciplined or disqualified before any court, department, bureau, or commission in any jurisdiction pertaining to your conduct as an attorney or practice of law? Yes No

16. If yes to number 15, explain fully including the appropriate dates, name and location of the respective entity, case number, result, contact information of the entity or authority in possession of any records, and details regarding the circumstances of the discipline/disqualification. (*Use additional sheet if necessary*). _____

17. Since your earliest admission to practice law in any court, have you ever been charged with fraud, deceit, misappropriation, forgery, or other acts of dishonesty in civil, criminal, administrative, or other proceedings? Yes No

18. If yes to number 17, explain fully including dates, the name and location where any proceedings took place, case number, facts, and disposition of the matter. (*Use additional sheet if necessary*). _____

19. Are there any disciplinary proceedings currently pending against you in any jurisdiction? Yes No

20. If yes to number 19, explain fully the circumstances thereof and provide the date, name of the entity which instituted such proceeding, case number, result, and contact information of the entity or authority in possession of any records thereof. (*Use additional sheet if necessary*). _____

C. Oath For Admission *(Select One)*

I will take the prescribed Oath for Admission before the Court. *(Please bring your completed application with you when you appear to take the oath).*

I will take the prescribed Oath for Admission before a Notary Public prior to any Court appearance and will submit the completed Oath to Court.

D. Applicant Signature

I understand that this application for admission to practice before The Cherokee Courts is a continuing application. In addition to disclosing all true, correct, and full information sought herein as of the date indicated below, I understand that I must immediately notify the court, by filing an amendment to this application or by filing the information in another manner as prescribed by the court, as to any changes in respect to any information sought herein and as to any incident which may have bearing upon any information sought. As an applicant for admission to The Cherokee Bar, I understand that the Chief Justice or their designee may make inquiries as to my eligibility and qualifications.

I have read and understand the information herein and affirm that I have answered all questions fully and honestly and that the answers are complete and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

Date _____

-----**FOR COURT USE ONLY**-----

Approved

Not Approved

Notes: _____

Signature of Chief Justice or designee: _____ Date Reviewed: _____

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Dues Paid: <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Payment:
Receipts Attached: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Bar No.:	Mailing List No.:
Database Updated: <input type="checkbox"/>	Initials:

OATH OF ADMISSION

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I am member in good standing of the North Carolina State Bar entitled to practice law in the courts of general jurisdiction of the State of North Carolina, and I meet the qualifications to practice law in The Cherokee Courts.

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will conduct myself as an attorney and counselor of The Cherokee Courts according to law and in a professional and honest manner; I will further treat the courts and judicial officers with due respect at all times.

I do solemnly swear or affirm that as part of my practice of law in The Cherokee Courts I will respect and obey the Charter, laws, customs, traditions, and precedents of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of , 20 .

Printed Name (Presiding Judge, Clerk, Notary Public)

Signature of Official

Notary Commission Expires:

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