III. MEMBERSHIP

A. MEMBER LICENSE TYPES

B. STATUS CLASSIFICATIONS

Membership status classifications have the qualifications, privileges, and restrictions specified.

1. Active

2. Inactive

   a. An Active member may qualify to become a Judicial member if the member is one of the following:
      1) A current judge, commissioner, or magistrate judge of the courts of record in the State of Washington, or the courts of the United States, including Bankruptcy courts;
      2) A current judge, commissioner, or magistrate in the district or municipal courts in the State of Washington, provided that such position requires the person to be a lawyer;
      3) A current senior status or recall judge in the courts of the United States;
      4) An administrative law judge, which is defined as either:
         (a) Current federal judges created under Articles I and II of the United States Constitution, excluding Bankruptcy court judges, or created by the Code of Federal Regulations, who by virtue of their position are prohibited by the United States Code and/or the Code of Federal Regulations from practicing law; or
         (b) Full-time Washington State administrative law judges in positions created by either the Revised Code of Washington or the Washington Administrative Code; or
5) A current Tribal Court judge in the State of Washington.

C. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

D. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS TO ACTIVE

1. Members may change membership status as provided below.

   a. Transfer from Inactive to Active.

   b. Transfer from Judicial to Active. [Effective January 1, 2012]

      A Judicial member may request to transfer to any other status, including Active. Upon a Judicial member’s resignation, retirement, or completion of such member’s term of judicial office, such member must notify the Bar within 10 days, and any Judicial member desiring to continue his or her affiliation with the Bar must change to another membership status within the Bar.

      1) A Judicial member who has complied with all requirements for maintaining eligibility to return to another membership status may transfer to Active by submitting an application for change to Active membership status and:

         (a) paying an application and/or investigation fee and completing and submitting an application form, all required licensing forms, and any other required information;

         (b) paying the then current Active license fee for the member’s license type, including any mandatory assessments, less any license fee (not including late fees) and assessments paid as a Judicial member for the same licensing year; and

         (c) passing a character and fitness review essentially equivalent to that required of applicants for admission to the Bar, pursuant to APR 20-24.3. Judicial members seeking to transfer to Active must disclose at the time of the requested transfer any pending public charges and/or substantiated public discipline of which the member is aware; and

         (d) complying with the MCLE requirements for members returning from Inactive to Active, except that the member must complete a one-day reinstatement/readmission course tailored to judges, to include lawyer ethics and IOLTA requirements among other topics, if a Judicial member for six or more consecutive years.
Administrative law judge Judicial members shall complete the 15 credit reinstatement/readmission course required of Inactive lawyers if a Judicial member for six or more consecutive years. Either judicial continuing education credits or lawyer continuing education credits may be applied to the credit requirement for Judicial members transferring to Active. If judicial continuing education credits are applied, the standards for determining accreditation for judicial continuing education courses will be accepted as establishing compliance.

2) A Judicial member wishing to transfer to Active upon leaving service as a judicial officer who has failed in any year to provide the annual member registry information or pay the annual license fee required of Judicial members to maintain eligibility to transfer to another membership status shall, prior to transfer to Active, be required to pay the Active license fee for the member’s license type any years the registry information was not provided or the Judicial fee was not paid, in addition to complying with the requirements of (a) above.