



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.

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: _____

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2. Date of Birth (*mm/dd/year*): _____
3. Firm/Employer Name: _____
4. Physical Address (*include firm name*): _____

 (*City, State, Zip*) _____
5. Mailing Address (*include firm name*): _____

 (*City, State, Zip*) _____
6. Office Telephone: _____ Fax Number: _____
7. Email Address: _____
8. Date Admitted to N.C. Bar: _____ N.C. Bar No.: _____
9. Staff Contact Information (*include the name and email address of any staff member who should be included on communications*):
 Name: _____ Email: _____
 Name: _____ Email: _____
10. 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

11. ☐ I am in good standing with the North Carolina State Bar and the following Tribal, State, and Federal Courts. (*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"/>

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| 3) | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5) | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

13. 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

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

15. 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*). _____

16. 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

17. 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*). _____

18. 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

19. 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*). _____

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

21. 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. Applicant Signature and Affirmation

By signing below, I affirm that I am a member in good standing with the North Carolina State Bar entitled to practice law in the courts of general jurisdiction of the State of North Carolina, and that I meet the qualifications to practice law in The Cherokee Courts. 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.

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 affirm that if approved for admission, 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 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 _____

Date _____

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

☐ Approved

☐ Not Approved

Notes: _____

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

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Date of Payment:

Receipts Attached: ☐

Database Updated: ☐ Initials: