



**Supreme Court of New Jersey**  
**Non-New Jersey Attorney**  
**Designation of Clerk as Agent for Service of Process**  
**Multi-Jurisdictional Practice**  
**Registration (RPC 5.5) Instructions**

Rule of Professional Conduct (RPC) 5.5(b)(3), permits an out-of-state lawyer to engage in the practice of New Jersey law in certain limited circumstances. A lawyer admitted to practice in another jurisdiction who acts in this jurisdiction pursuant to RPC 5.5(b) shall consent to the appointment of the Clerk of the Supreme Court as agent upon whom service of process may be made for all actions against the lawyer or the lawyer's firm that may arise out of the lawyer's participation in legal matters in this jurisdiction. RPC 5.5(c)(3).

This form must be submitted for each matter or transaction for which you seek to provide legal services as a multijurisdictional practitioner. If you previously registered as a multijurisdictional practitioner for a different matter or transaction in the same calendar year, you need not include another check made payable to the Lawyers Fund for Client Protection. Only one payment is required per calendar year.

### **Description of the Matter**

Describe the matter or transaction and specify which subparagraph of RPC 5.5(b)(3) you rely on for qualification as a multi-jurisdictional practitioner. [See page 4 for Eligibility Definitions]

If you rely on RPC 5.5(b)(3)(iv), provide the name, law firm, and telephone number of the New Jersey attorney you will be associating with in the matter.

Include an estimate of the period of practice for this matter or transaction.

**Note:** When the period of practice is concluded, the lawyer must notify the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection to avoid being billed for the annual assessment the next calendar year or being placed on the list of lawyers who are ineligible to practice in New Jersey.

### **Eligibility Definitions**

RPC 5.5(b)(3)(i): Transactions. The lawyer engages in negotiation of the terms of a transaction in furtherance of representation of an existing client in a jurisdiction in which he or she is admitted to practice **and** the transaction originates in or is otherwise related to a jurisdiction in which the lawyer is admitted to practice.

RPC 5.5(b)(3)(ii): Complementary Dispute Resolution. The lawyer represents a party to a dispute by participating in arbitration, mediation, or other alternate or complementary dispute resolution program and the services arise out of or are reasonably related to the lawyer's practice in a jurisdiction in which the lawyer is admitted to practice. This paragraph does not apply to arbitration or mediation conducted under the supervision of a

New Jersey court. Lawyers who act in New Jersey pursuant to RPC 5.5(b)(ii) or (iii) are deemed to have consented to appointment of the Clerk without completing this form. RPC 5.5(c)(3).

RPC 5.5(b)(3)(iii): Investigation and Discovery in New Jersey for an Out-of-State Proceeding. The lawyer investigates, engages in discovery, interviews witnesses, or deposes witnesses in New Jersey for a proceeding pending or anticipated to be instituted in the jurisdiction in which the lawyer is admitted to practice. Lawyers who act in New Jersey pursuant to RPC 5.5(b)(ii) or (iii) are deemed to have consented to appointment of the Clerk without completing this form. RPC 5.5(c)(3).

RPC 5.5(b)(3)(iv): “Occasional” Practice. The practice in New Jersey is only “occasional” **and** the lawyer associates with, and designates and discloses to all parties, a New Jersey lawyer in the matter.

RPC 5.5(b)(3)(v): Other “Occasional” Matters. The circumstances of the practice are not set forth in RPC 5.5(b)(3)(i) through (iv), the practice is only “occasional,” the practice activity arises directly out of the lawyer’s representation on behalf of an existing client in a jurisdiction in which the lawyer is admitted to practice, **and** the lawyer’s disengagement would result in substantial inefficiency, impracticality, or detriment to the client.

“Occasional” practice in New Jersey means occurring infrequently or from time to time. If an out-of-state lawyer’s entry into New Jersey is recurring or frequent, then it does not qualify as “occasional” under RPC 5.5(b)(3)(iv) or (v). See Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law Opinion 49 (2012).

**If acting in NJ pursuant to RPC 5.5(b)(3)(i), (iv), or (v), send the original and one copy of pages 1 & 2 of the form to:**

Clerk of the Supreme Court of New Jersey  
PO Box 970  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0970

**Please include a check in the amount of \$267 made payable to:  
“NJ Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection.”**

Questions regarding the completion of this form may be directed to  
[supremect.mbx@njcourts.gov](mailto:supremect.mbx@njcourts.gov) or (609) 815-2955.



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New Jersey Multi-Jurisdictional Practice Attorney ID: (to be designated by Clerk's Office)

**Attorney Must Provide All Requested Information:**

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix (if applicable)
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Email Address

Bar Admissions (List State(s) and Date(s) of Admission):

(Attorneys must be in Good Standing in all jurisdictions in which they have been admitted.)

Firm Name

Firm Address: Street

City

State

Zip Code

Firm Telephone

Firm Website

**Description of the Matter:**

Describe the matter or transaction and specify which subparagraph of RPC 5.5(b)(3) you rely on for qualification as a multi-jurisdictional practitioner. [See page 1 for Instructions]

RPC 5.5(b)(3) subparagraph relied on: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of the matter, name of associated New Jersey attorney (if applicable), and estimate of the period of practice:

**Attorney's Certification & Designation:**

I certify that I satisfy the criteria of RPC 5.5(b)(3)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) and qualify to engage in multi-jurisdictional practice in New Jersey.

I designate the Clerk of the Supreme Court as agent upon whom service of process may be made for all actions against me or my firm that may arise out of my participation in legal matters in the State of New Jersey.

I certify that I am licensed and in good standing in all jurisdictions of admission. I further certify that I am not the subject of any pending disciplinary proceedings, nor the subject of a current or pending license suspension or disbarment.

I certify that all of the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment, including attorney disciplinary action.

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Date

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Signature

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Printed Name