

### **Rule 701. General Qualifications**

(a) Subject to the requirements contained in these rules, persons may be admitted or conditionally admitted to practice law in this State by the Supreme Court if they are at least 21 years of age, of good moral character and general fitness to practice law, and have satisfactorily completed examinations on academic qualification and professional responsibility as prescribed by the Board of Admissions to the Bar or have been licensed to practice law in another jurisdiction and have met the requirements of Rule 705.

(b) Any person so admitted to practice law in this State is privileged to practice in every court in Illinois. No court shall by rule or by practice abridge or deny this privilege by requiring the retaining of local counsel or the maintaining of a local office for the service of notices.

Amended effective October 2, 1972; amended April 8, 1980, effective May 15, 1980; amended June 12, 1992, effective July 1, 1992; amended March 1, 2001. The amendment to paragraph (b) shall be effective one year after its adoption, and shall apply in capital cases filed by information or indictment on or after its effective date; [amended October 2, 2006, effective July 1, 2007](#); [amended Feb. 6, 2013, eff. immediately](#).