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**To:** (SUP) Clerk of Court Office  
**Subject:** Temporary Admission Rule Comment  
**Attachments:** EVR BBD Comment re Temporary Admission to North Dakota\_12-21-16.pdf

Please see attached a comment regarding the temporary admission rule.

Happy holidays.

Regards,

-Brad

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Re: Notice of Comment, Supreme Court No. 20160436; SUPPORT

Dear Clerk Miller:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of Notice of Comment, Supreme Court No. 20160436. During this judicial emergency, I support the temporary admission of any lawyer authorized to practice law in another United States jurisdiction, and not disbarred, suspended from practice, or otherwise restricted from practice in any jurisdiction may provide legal services in this jurisdiction on a temporary basis.

The general constraints appear reasonable. However, I recommend that the Supreme Court not charge interested attorneys the same admission fee as a North Dakota attorney admitted to practice for five years. Rather, I recommend that out of state attorneys be charged the same rate as a newly admitted attorney to the North Dakota Bar. Such a charge will not pose a burden or other hurdle to potentially interested attorneys.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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