

# Apply for admission of a law firm as a professional practice company

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## **Competent Department**

Hanseatische Rechtsanwaltskammer Bremen K.d.ö.R.

#### **Basic information**

Do you want to run your law firm in a company under German law, a European company or a company under the law of a member state of the EU or a contracting state of the European Economic Area pursuant to Section 59b (2) sentence 1 BRAO?

In principle, the practice of law requires admission to the Hanseatic Bar Association in Bremen pursuant to Section 59f (1) BRAO.

No admission is required for partnerships in which there is no limitation of liability of natural persons and to which only lawyers or members of one of the professions mentioned in Section 59c (1) sentence 1 no. 1 belong as partners and as members of the management and supervisory bodies.

A voluntary application for admission may be filed.

# Requirements

The professional practice company, its shareholders and the members of the management and supervisory bodies must meet the requirements of Sections 59b, 59c, 59d (5), 59i, 59j BRAO.

### What documents do I need?

- Proof of professional liability insurance or a provisional confirmation of coverage
- Excerpt from the register depending on the legal form of the partnership/commercial register
- Depending on the applicant:in and constellation, further documents (cf. p. 3 of the application form)

# **Procedure**

The application form is available on the website of the Hanseatic Bar Association Bremen. You will find the link there under "Further information"- Where can I find out more? - "Forms/ Application for Admission of the Hanseatic Bar Association Bremen".

Submit the completed application with all required documents via the beA or in writing to the Hanseatic Bar Association Bremen and transfer the applicable fees.

# Legal bases

• §§ 59c ff. Bundesrechtsanwaltsordnung (BRAO)

## What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The approval must be obtained before the professional practice company starts its business activities.

## How long does it take to process

3 weeks The processing time depends on the completeness of the submitted documents and is approximately three weeks if complete documents are submitted and all admission requirements are met.

### What are the costs?

For the admission of the professional practice company, fees are charged according to the respective fee schedule of the Hanseatic Bar Association Bremen. You will find the link to the fee schedule under "Further Information" - Where can I find out more?" - Fee schedule of the Hanseatic Bar Association Bremen".