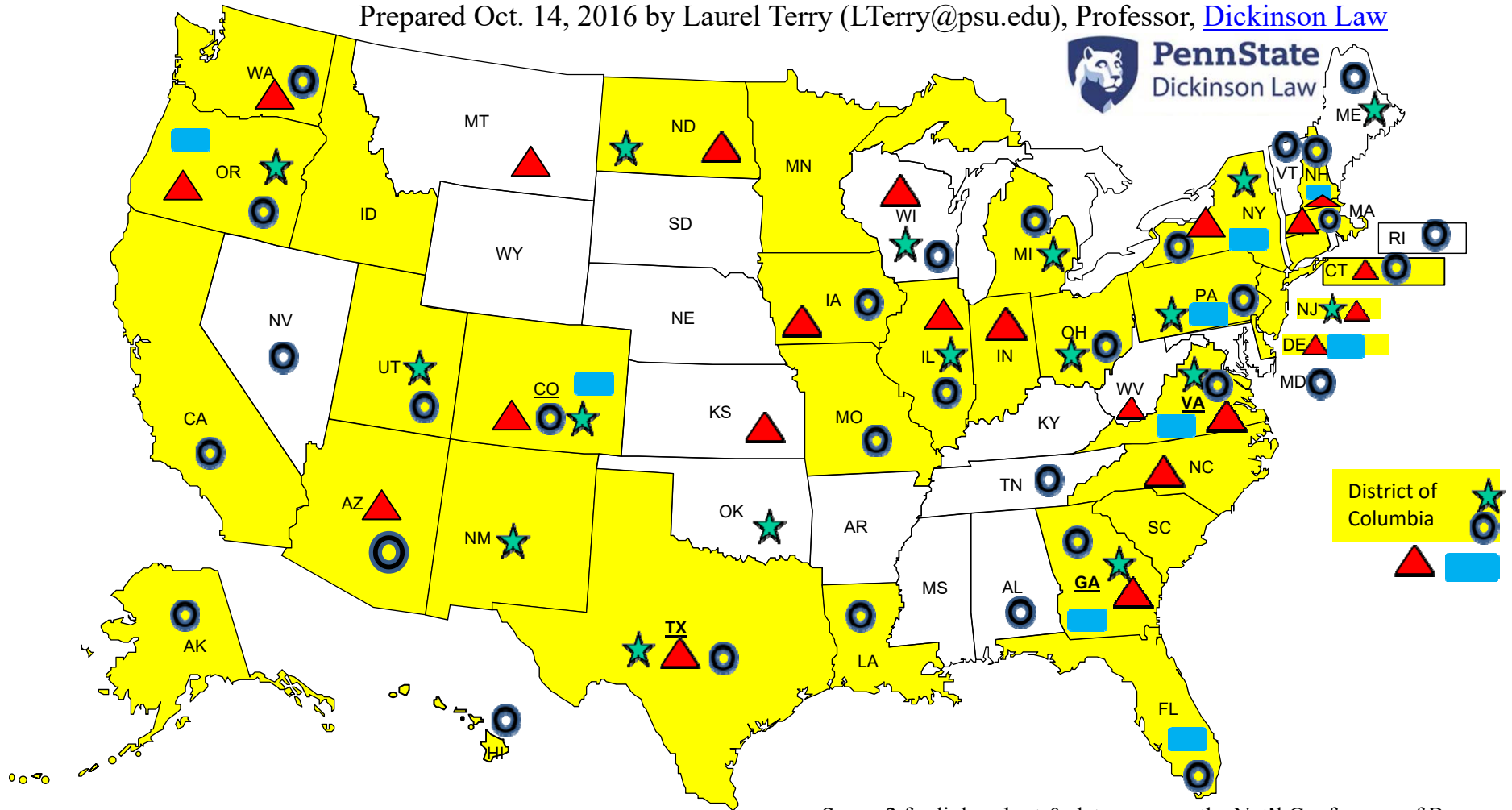


# Jurisdictions with Rules Regarding Foreign Lawyer Practice

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**Yellow shading** = has a foreign legal consultant rule

**Blue square** = rule permits temporary practice by foreign lawyers (also known as FIFO or fly-in, fly-out)

**Green star** = rule permits foreign pro hac vice admission

**Red triangle** = rule permits foreign in-house counsel

**Blue circle** = has had at least one foreign-educated applicant sit for a bar exam between 2010 and 2014.

# Summary of State Foreign Lawyer Practice Rules (10/14/16\*)

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## Based on implementation information contained in charts prepared by the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility

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There are five methods by which foreign lawyers might *actively* practice in the United States: 1) through a license that permits only limited practice, known as a foreign legal consultant rule [addressed in ABA MJP Report 201H]; 2) through a rule that permits temporary transactional work by foreign lawyers or arbitration or mediation [addressed in ABA MJP Report 201J]; 3) through a rule that permits foreign lawyers to apply for *pro hac vice* admission in which a court grants a lawyer to appear temporarily in ongoing litigation [ABA Resolution #107C (Feb. 2013)]; 4) through a rule that permits foreign lawyers to serve as in-house counsel [ABA Resolutions #107A&B (Feb. 2013)]; and 5) through full admission as a regularly-licensed lawyer in a U.S. jurisdiction. (The ABA does not have a policy on Method #5 although there are a number of [foreign lawyers](#) admitted annually; information about state admission rules is available in NCBE’s annual [COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO BAR ADMISSIONS](#). *See also* [NCBE Statistics](#).) Links to the ABA policies appear in the chart below.

In 2015, the Conference of Chief Justices [CCJ] adopted a [Resolution](#) that urged states to adopt explicit policies on issues 1-4 and on the issue of “association.” (For a related map, *see* [here](#)). States that are considering whether to adopt rules regarding these five methods of foreign lawyer admission might want to consider the model provided in [International Trade in Legal Services and Professional Regulation: A Framework for State Bars Based on the Georgia Experience](#), available at <http://tinyurl.com/GAtoolkit>. The CCJ endorsed this “Toolkit” in [2014](#).

Jurisdictions with FLC Rules	Explicitly Permit Foreign Lawyer Temporary Practice	Jurisdictions that Permit Foreign Lawyer Pro Hac Vice	Jurisdictions that Permit Foreign In-House Counsel	Since 2010 has had a foreign-educated full-admission applicant
33	11	18	23	32
<a href="#">AK</a> , <a href="#">AZ</a> , <a href="#">CA</a> , <a href="#">CO</a> , <a href="#">CT</a> , <a href="#">DE</a> (Rule 55.2), <a href="#">DC</a> , <a href="#">FL</a> , <a href="#">GA</a> , <a href="#">HI</a> , <a href="#">ID</a> , <a href="#">IL</a> , <a href="#">IN</a> , <a href="#">IA</a> , <a href="#">LA</a> , <a href="#">MA</a> , <a href="#">MI</a> , <a href="#">MN</a> , <a href="#">MO</a> , <a href="#">NH</a> , <a href="#">NJ</a> , <a href="#">NM</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> , <a href="#">NC</a> , <a href="#">ND</a> , <a href="#">OH</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> , <a href="#">PA</a> , <a href="#">SC</a> , <a href="#">TX</a> , <a href="#">UT</a> , <a href="#">VA</a> , <a href="#">WA</a>	<a href="#">CO</a> , <a href="#">DE</a> , <a href="#">DC</a> (Rule 49(c)(13) (RPC 5.5(d))), <a href="#">FL</a> , <a href="#">GA</a> , <a href="#">NH</a> , <a href="#">NM</a> (includes transactional matters), <a href="#">NY</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> , <a href="#">PA</a> , <a href="#">VA</a>	<a href="#">CO</a> , <a href="#">DC</a> (Rule 49), <a href="#">GA</a> (Rule 4.4), <a href="#">IL</a> , <a href="#">ME</a> , <a href="#">MI</a> , (Rule 8.126), <a href="#">NJ</a> , <a href="#">NM</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> , <a href="#">ND</a> , <a href="#">OH</a> (Rule XII), <a href="#">OK</a> (Art. II(5)), <a href="#">OR</a> , <a href="#">PA</a> , <a href="#">TX</a> (Rule XIX), <a href="#">UT</a> (appellate courts only). (Note: not on the CPR’s list. Cf. Utah Rule of Appellate Procedure <a href="#">40</a> with <a href="#">Rule 14-806</a> ), <a href="#">VA</a> , <a href="#">WI</a>	<a href="#">AZ</a> (R. 38(a)), <a href="#">CO</a> (205.5), <a href="#">CT</a> , <a href="#">DC</a> , <a href="#">DE</a> (Rule 55.1), <a href="#">GA</a> , <a href="#">IL</a> , <a href="#">IA</a> , <a href="#">IN</a> , <a href="#">KS</a> , <a href="#">MA</a> , <a href="#">MT</a> , <a href="#">NH</a> , <a href="#">NJ</a> , <a href="#">NC</a> , <a href="#">NY</a> , <a href="#">ND</a> , <a href="#">OR</a> (allowed on a temporary basis under Rule 5.5(c); further study underway); <a href="#">TX</a> , <a href="#">VA</a> (Part 1A), <a href="#">WA</a> , <a href="#">WI</a> , <a href="#">WV</a>	AL, AK, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, IA, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MO, NV, NH, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WI
<a href="#">ABA Model FLC Rule</a> (2006)	<a href="#">ABA Model Rule for Temporary Practice by Foreign Lawyers</a>	<a href="#">ABA Model Pro Hac Vice Rule</a>	<a href="#">ABA Model Rule 5.5 (d) re Foreign In-House Counsel</a> and <a href="#">Registration Rule</a>	No ABA policy; Council did not act on <a href="#">Committee Proposal</a> ; see state rules
ABA Commission on Multijurisdictional Practice <a href="#">web page</a>	State Rules—Temporary Practice by Foreign Lawyers (ABA <a href="#">chart</a> )	Comparison of ABA Model Rule for Pro Hac Vice Admission with State Versions and Amendments since August 2002 (ABA <a href="#">chart</a> )	In-House Corporate Counsel Registration Rules (ABA <a href="#">chart</a> ); Comparison of ABA Model Rule for Registration of In-House Counsel with State Versions (ABA <a href="#">chart</a> ); State-by-State Adoption of Selected Ethics 20/20 Commission Policies ( <a href="#">ABA chart</a> )	NCBE <a href="#">COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO BAR ADMISSIONS</a>

\*Note: As the map on the back of this page shows, six jurisdictions (CO, DC, GA, NY, OR, VA) have rules for all 5 methods; four jurisdictions have rules on 4 methods (IL, NH, PA and TX); and thirteen jurisdictions have rules on 3 methods (AZ, CT, DE, FL, IA, MA, MI, NJ, ND, OH, UT, WA, and WI). [Prior editions of the map erroneously included PA among the “five method” states. This chart covers 50 U.S. states & the District of Columbia.]