

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF)
STUDENT PRACTICE)

General Order 2005-3

ORDER ADOPTING STUDENT PRACTICE RULE

Pursuant to the approval of the judges of this court, it is

ORDERED that the following Student Practice Rule for the District of Colorado is adopted and will become effective immediately.

A. GENERALLY

1. With the approval of the district judge (or magistrate judge exercising consent jurisdiction pursuant to D.C.COLO.LCivR 72.2), to whom a civil matter has been assigned, an eligible law student may, under the supervision of an attorney admitted to practice in this court and employed in a law school clinical program, appear in that matter on behalf of any party who has consented in writing.
2. Unless otherwise limited, such appearance authorizes the student to appear in that matter in court or other related proceedings when accompanied by the supervising attorney and to prepare and sign court papers which are signed by the supervising attorney.

B. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, the student shall:

1. be enrolled in a law school approved by the American Bar Association or, following graduation, be preparing to take a written bar examination or awaiting admission to the Bar following that examination;
2. be enrolled, or have successfully completed a law school clinical program;
3. have completed two full semesters of law school, including a course in evidence;
4. be certified by the law school dean (or the dean's designee) as qualified to

provide the legal representation permitted by this rule. This certification may be withdrawn by the certifier at any time by mailing notice to the court;

5. be introduced to the court by the supervising attorney;
6. not receive compensation of any kind from the client. This shall not affect the ability or right of an attorney or law school clinical program to seek attorney fees which may include compensation for student services; and
7. certify in writing that he/she is familiar with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence, and this court's Local Rules of Practice and Website (www.cod.uscourts.gov), including the Judicial Officers' Procedures.

C. SUPERVISING ATTORNEY

The attorney supervising a student shall:

1. be a member in good standing of the bar of this court;
2. supervise students in a clinical program of an eligible law school;
3. maintain appropriate professional liability insurance for the supervising attorney and eligible students;
4. introduce the student to the court;
5. assume professional responsibility for the student's work;
6. be present whenever the student appears;
7. sign all pleadings; and
8. file a written agreement to supervise a student in accordance with this rule.

D. ADMISSION PROCEDURE

1. The student, dean (or designee), supervising attorney and the client shall complete the Law Student Appearance form attached hereto which shall be filed with the Clerk.

2. The student's appearance is not authorized until approved by the district judge (or magistrate judge exercising consent jurisdiction pursuant to D.C.COLO.LCivR 72.2), which approval may be withheld or withdrawn for any reason without notice or hearing.

DATED this 28th day of April, 2005

BY THE COURT:

/s/

Lewis T. Babcock, Chief Judge

/s/

Edward W. Nottingham, Judge

/s/

Wiley Y. Daniel, Judge

/s/

Walker D. Miller, Judge

/s/

Marcia S. Krieger, Judge

/s/

Robert E. Blackburn, Judge

/s/

Phillip S. Figa, Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No.

Plaintiff,

v.

LAW STUDENT APPEARANCE FORM

Defendant.

1. Law Student Certification

I certify that:

- (a) I am duly enrolled in _____ law school in accordance with part B.1 of the Student Practice Rule of this court.
- (b) I am receiving no compensation from the client in accordance with part B.6 of the Student Practice Rule of this court.
- (c) I am familiar with and will comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence, and this court's Local Rules of Practice and Website (cod.uscourts.gov), including the Judicial Officers' Procedures.

Dated:

Signature of Student

2. Law School Certification

I certify that this student:

- (a) has completed at least two semesters of law school, including a course in Evidence, and is enrolled in (or has completed) an approved clinical program at the law school;
- (b) is qualified, to the best of my knowledge, to provide the legal representation permitted by the Student Practice Rule of this court;
- (c) that _____, who will serve as supervising attorney, is employed in a clinical program approved by this school.

Dated:

Signature of Dean or Authorized Designee

(Position of Above)

3. Supervising Attorney's Certification

As a member of the bar of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, I certify that I will:

- (a) assume personal professional responsibility for the student's work in accordance with the Student Practice Rule of this court;
- (b) guide and assist this student as necessary or appropriate under the circumstances; and
- (c) appear with this student in all proceedings in this matter.

Dated:

Signature of Attorney

4. Consent of Client

I consent to be represented by student attorney, _____, in this matter in accordance with the Student Practice Rule of this court.

I authorize this student: to appear in this matter on my behalf and to prepare court papers under the supervision of an attorney who is admitted to practice before this court and employed in the clinical program at the law school.

Dated:

Signature of Client

5. Judicial Consent

I authorize this student to appear in this matter pursuant to the Student Practice Rule of this court, except _____.

Dated:

Signature of District Judge
or Magistrate Judge Exercising
Consent Jurisdiction Pursuant
to D.C.COLO.LCivR 72.2