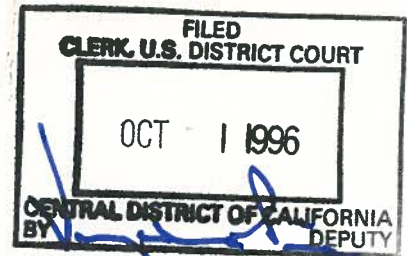


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



IN THE MATTER OF:)
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AMENDMENTS TO THE)
STUDENT PRACTICE RULE)
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GENERAL ORDER NO. 96-11

WHEREAS, the Judges of this Court have adopted revisions to the Student Practice Rule, and

WHEREAS, the proposed new revisions and rules were published for public comment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071 (b) and Rule 83 of the Federal Rules Of Civil Procedure and such comments as were made having been considered by the Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective November 4, 1996, the Student Practice Rule is amended, as follows:

"STUDENT PRACTICE RULE

1. An eligible law student acting under the supervision of a member of the bar of this Court may appear on behalf of any client including state or local government bodies, if the client has filed a written consent with the Court. Additional written consent must be given if one eligible student is replaced by another.

2. An eligible student shall:

(a) be enrolled and in good standing in a law school accredited by the American Bar Association or The State Bar of California;

(b) have completed one-half of the legal studies required for graduation;

(c) have completed a course in evidence. For civil cases, an eligible law student must have completed a course in civil procedure. For criminal cases, an eligible law student must have completed courses in criminal law and criminal procedure. An eligible law student must also have knowledge of and be familiar with the Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure as well as the Federal Rules of Evidence, the Rules of Professional Conduct of The State Bar of California and applicable statutory rules, and rules of this Court;

(d) be certified by the dean of a law school as being adequately trained to fulfill all responsibilities as a legal intern to the Court in compliance with subparagraphs 2(a), and 2(b);

(e) not accept compensation for his or her legal services directly or indirectly from a client; and

(f) file with the Clerk of the Court all documents required to comply with paragraphs 1, 2(a), 2(b), 2(c) and 2(d) of this rule.

3. The supervising attorney shall:

(a) have such substantial litigation experience to satisfy the Court of his or her ability to supervise the student;

(b) file with the Clerk of the Court to whom each case has been assigned a "Request to Undertake the Supervision of an Eligible Law Student." The undertaking, if approved by the Court, may be withdrawn by the supervising attorney by filing a written notice with the Clerk of the Court and by giving notice of such withdrawal to the affected student;

- (c) appear with the student in any oral presentations before this Court;
- (d) sign all documents filed with this Court or served upon opposing parties;
- (e) assume personal professional responsibility for the student's work in matters before this Court;
- (f) assist and counsel the student in the preparation of the student's work in matters before this Court; and
- (g) be responsible to supplement oral or written work of the student as necessary to assure proper representation of the client. All written work will be filed over the signature of the supervising attorney. Written work may also be signed by the eligible law student who participated in such written work. The student, in signing the written work, shall indicate his or her status as an eligible law student.

4. The dean's certification of the student:

- (a) shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court and shall remain in effect until the graduation of the student or unless earlier withdrawn in writing;
- (b) may be withdrawn for good cause by the dean with notice to the Court and to the student. Certification may only be withdrawn by the dean for good cause. Such cause shall be stated in the notice filed with the Court.
- (c) The dean shall also certify that he or she knows of no reason which would render the law student ineligible under this rule.

5. Upon fulfilling the requirements of this rule, the student may appear and make oral presentations before this Court when accompanied by the supervising attorney."