

**Redline of Changes to Central District Local Rules
Proposed to Become Effective December 1, 2025**

**CHAPTER I
LOCAL CIVIL RULES**

L.R. 7-1 Stipulations. Stipulations will be recognized as binding only when made in open court, on the record at a deposition, or when filed in the proceeding. Written stipulations affecting the progress of the case ~~shall~~must be filed with the Court, be accompanied by a separate order as provided in L.R. 52-4.1, and be signed by counsel for each party who has appeared in the action and is affected by the stipulation (except as otherwise required by F.R.Civ.P. 41(a)(1)(A)). Written stipulations will not be effective until approved by the judge, except as authorized by statute or the F.R.Civ.P.

L.R. 83-4 Student Practice.

L.R. 83-4.2 Requirements. An eligible student must:

- (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 also 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 L.R. 83-4.2(a) and (b); ~~and~~
- (e) not accept compensation for his or her legal services directly or indirectly from a client. ~~;~~and

~~(f) file with the Clerk of Court all documents requires to comply with this rule.~~

L.R. 83-4.5 Student Appearance. On the law student's behalf, the supervising attorney must e-file in the Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system an application as well as all of the supporting documentation set forth in L.R. 83-4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 above, in a miscellaneous case, for the review of the Chief District Judge. The Chief District Judge will determine whether to approve the application for certification. Upon approval from the Chief District Judge, Upon fulfilling the requirements of this rule the supervising attorney must move, either orally or in writing, in advance of any proceeding for the authorization of the presiding judge to permit the certified law student to, the student may appear and make oral presentations before this Court when accompanied by the supervising attorney. It is at the discretion of each presiding judge to approve or deny the request of a certified law student to participate in any proceeding, subject to the limitations in L.R. 83-4.6.

L.R. 83-4.6 Appearance in Criminal Matters. No certified law student may appear on behalf of a defendant in any criminal proceeding involving a felony offense or Class A misdemeanor or on behalf of any party at change of plea, sentencing, or trial proceedings.

CHAPTER III LOCAL CRIMINAL RULES

L.Cr.R. 57-1.1 Student Practice. See L.R. 83-4.