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WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
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WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

IN RE STUDENT PRACTICE RULE

GENERAL ORDER NO. 41

The judges of this Court hereby adopt the attached Student Practice Rule for the Western District of Arkansas.

DATED this 12th day of March, 2012.

FOR THE COURT



P.K. HOLMES, III
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

STUDENT PRACTICE RULE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

A. Admission and Representation

Any eligible law student in a law school accredited by the Arkansas Bar Association may, under the conditions stated herein, interview and advise clients, prepare documents for filing with the Court, negotiate, and appear before any magistrate or district court judge in this district.

B. Eligibility

For a student to be eligible to practice under this Rule, the following requirements must be met:

1. The conduct of the case must be under the supervision of a member of the bar of this Court;
 - a. All documents prepared by the student and filed with the Court shall be signed by the student and the supervising attorney.
 - b. When a student appears at the taking of an oral deposition, the supervising attorney must be present.
 - c. The supervising attorney must be present with and prepared to assist the student at any court appearance.
 - d. The supervising attorney must assume full professional responsibility for the student's work.
2. The student must have completed his or her second year of law school.
3. No fee may be charged or collected from any person for the student's representation. This does not bar any legal aid organization or any lawyer from compensating the student for services rendered.

4. Written consent must be given by the supervising attorney and by the student for the student to be eligible to practice under this Rule.

C. Certification

Certification of a student by a law school shall be filed with the clerk of the Court, attesting that the student has completed his or her second year of law school. Upon the filing of said certification, the student shall be authorized to practice pursuant to this Rule.

D. Termination.

Certification shall terminate if the student does not take the first bar examination following his or her graduation, or if he or she fails the bar examination, or if he or she is admitted to full practice before the Court. Otherwise unless sooner withdrawn by the dean or terminated by a judge of this Court, the certification shall remain in effect for twelve months after the date filed or unless, upon application by the dean of the law school, the Chief Judge of the district shall extend the privilege. The law school may withdraw the certification at any time by submitting a notice to that effect to the clerk of the Court. It is not necessary that the notice state the cause for the withdrawal. Any judge of this Court may terminate the admission to limited practice at any time without notice or hearing of showing cause.