

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

IN RE:

LEGAL INTERNSHIP BY SUPERVISED LAW STUDENTS

ORDER FOR REPRESENTATION IN CIVIL, BANKRUPTCY, AND CRIMINAL
MATTERS

In an effort to assist *pro se* litigants in civil, bankruptcy, and criminal matters before the United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Northern District of Alabama; to provide access to the judicial system by unrepresented parties; and to advance legal training of law students, the Court promulgates the following procedures for the appearance by eligible law students.

THE COURT ORDERS that:

1. A law student eligible under the *Alabama Rule for Legal Internship by Law Students* and acting under a supervising attorney may enter an appearance in any court within the Northern District of Alabama on behalf of any party, provided the party on whose behalf the student appears has consented in writing thereto. The student shall have successfully completed two-thirds of the academic requirements to graduate from law school and, if appearing in a criminal matter be currently enrolled in or have completed a class on criminal procedure and, if appearing in a bankruptcy matter be currently enrolled in or have completed a class on bankruptcy law.
2. The supervising attorney shall be a member of the bar of this Court, pursuant to Local Rule 83.1 and, with respect to the law student's appearance before this Court shall:

a) file written certification of his or her consent to supervise the student in each case in which the student appears;

b) review and assume professional responsibility for the student's work; and,

c) appear with the student in all proceedings before the court and be prepared to supplement any written or oral statement made by the student to this court or opposing counsel.

3. The student shall:

a) certify in writing that she or he has read and is familiar with the *Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct*, the *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*, and the Local Rules of this Court and has completed a course in evidence. If the matter is a criminal matter, the student must certify in writing that she or he has read and is familiar with the *Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure*. Further, if the matter is a bankruptcy matter, the student must certify in writing that she or he has read and is familiar with the *Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure*;

b) receive training on the Court's CM/ECF system prior to his or her entry of appearance on behalf of a party.

4. The student is prohibited from receiving any compensation, fees or remuneration of any kind for the services he or she renders to a party. The supervising attorney is prohibited from billing to the client for the services rendered by the student.

5. Upon filing with the Clerk of the Court the certification required under this Order and the *Alabama Rule for Legal Internship by Law Students*, the student may:

a) engage in the drafting or preparation of complaints, petitions, motions, briefs, or other pleadings and documents, and may appear in proceedings on such pleadings, provided the supervising attorney also signs and appears on the pleadings;

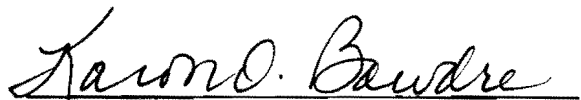
b) appear before the courts in this jurisdiction and participate in conferences, oral argument, mediation, direct or cross-examination of witnesses, provided the supervising attorney is present in court.

c) take part in other activities in connection with the case, subject to the direction of the supervising attorney.

6. The court may at any time, without notice, hearing or showing of cause, terminate such certification or refuse to allow the student to participate in a particular case. The dean or a faculty member of the student's law school may also withdraw certification by submitting a notice of withdrawal to the Clerk of the Court. Loss of certification by action of this Court shall not be considered a reflection on the character or ability of the student. The dean or other faculty member of the student's law school may recertify the student for appearances before the court.

7. The Order has been approved by a majority vote of this Court.

SO ORDERED this the 2nd day of January, 2015.


Karon O. Bowdre
Chief United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

Alabama Rule for Legal Internship by Law Students

Student Intern Certification

I, _____, a student at
_____ (name of law school), certify that I meet all of
the following requirements as stated in the *Alabama Rule for Legal Internship by Law Students*.

1. I have registered as a law student with the Alabama State Bar in accordance with the *Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar*;
2. I have completed legal studies amounting to at least four semesters of law school;
3. I have read and will comply with the *Alabama Code of Professional Conduct* and all other rules relevant to the matter in which I am involved;
4. I have read and understand the requirements and limitations imposed by the *Alabama Rule for Legal Internship by Law Students*;
5. I will accept no compensation from the party or parties on whose behalf I am rendering services; and
6. I attest that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Alabama and will faithfully perform the duties of a student intern.

Signature

Printed Name

State of _____

County of _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the _____ day of _____ 201_____.

Signature of Notary

My Commission Expires _____

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Alabama Rule for Legal Internship by Law Students

Certificate of Supervising Attorney

I, _____, certify the following with respect to the
Alabama Rule for Legal Internship by Law Students:

1. I will assume professional responsibility under the *Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct* for all activities and services rendered by _____ as a student intern;
2. I will secure prior written consent of every client for services actually performed in court by this student intern;
3. I will keep the client advised of the services being performed by this student intern;
4. I will supervise the activities and services of this student intern which will be performed under my direction, knowledge and approval;
5. I will be present in court at all times with this student intern in any case tried before a jury;
6. I will supply the court or tribunal a copy of this certification and a copy of the client's written consent upon seeking permission of the court or tribunal to permit the appearance of this student intern.

Signature

Printed Name

State of _____

County of _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the _____ day of _____ 201_____.

Signature of Notary

My Commission Expires _____

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Law School Dean's Certification

I, _____, dean of the _____
(law school name), certify _____ (name) is a law
student in good standing; has completed at least four semesters of law school work; is, to the best
of my knowledge, of good character and has competent legal ability; and has adequately trained
to perform as an eligible law student under the *Alabama Rule of Legal Internship by Law
Students*.

Signature

Printed Name and Position

State of _____

County of _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the _____ day of _____ 201____.

Signature of Notary

My Commission Expires _____