



United States District Court
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

LR 83.8 STUDENT PRACTICE

(a) Scope. A law student who represents a client in connection with a matter in this court must comply with this rule.

(b) Student requirements. A law student may practice under this rule as follows:

(1) The law student must be supervised by a member of this court's bar. The supervisor must:

(A) assume full responsibility for the law student's work;

(B) accompany the law student to, and be prepared to assist the law student at, every court appearance; and

(C) appear as an attorney of record in the same case in which the law student appears.

(2) The law student must be enrolled in a law school accredited by the American Bar Association.

(3) The law student must have completed the equivalent of at least two semesters of full-time study.

(4) The law student must:

(A) be enrolled for credit in a law-school supervised program and the law student's work must be under the supervision of that program; or

(B) be a paid or unpaid intern representing any state, local, or other governmental unit or agency.

(5) The law student must not accept compensation in connection with the matter, except that a paid intern may receive compensation from his or her employer. But the law-school supervised program in which the law student is enrolled may accept compensation other than from a client, such as a Criminal Justice Act payment.

(c) Supervising-attorney requirements. The attorney supervising the law student must do the following:

- (1) Verify that the law student meets the requirements of LR 83.8(b);
- (2) Complete the student-practice certification form provided by the clerk and file it with the clerk's office; and
- (3) File a copy of the student-practice certification form in any case in which the law student appears.

(d) Effect of certification. A completed student-practice certification form is effective for 12 months after the date it is filed with the clerk's office, unless the chief judge revokes the certification.

(e) Revocation. The chief judge may at any time revoke student-practice certification by sending written notice to the supervising attorney and the student.

[Adopted effective February 1, 1991; amended November 18, 2013.]

2013 Advisory Committee's Note to LR 83.8

The language of LR 83.8 has been amended in accordance with the restyling process described in the 2012 Advisory Committee's Preface on Stylistic Amendments.

Local Rule 83.8 has also been amended to broaden the category of eligible law students who may practice before the court to include paid or unpaid interns or externs of a government agency. In addition, LR 83.8 has been amended to streamline the procedure to allow a law student to practice by having the supervising attorney, rather than the law school, certify that a law student is eligible to practice under this rule.

Before a law student may practice in any matter in this court, the supervising attorney must complete and submit the student-certification form by emailing it to the clerk's office. The clerk's office will then stamp the form as having been filed and email it back to the attorney. The supervising attorney must then file the stamped form in each case in which the law student appears.