

Rule 2. Definitions.

In these Rules,

A. "Eligible law student" means a student who:

1. is duly enrolled at the time of certification in a law school approved by the American Bar Association (ABA);

2. has completed legal studies equivalent to at least two semesters of full-time study prior to certification;

3. has been certified by the dean or designee of the law school as:

a. being of good academic standing; and

b. qualified to participate either in a paid or unpaid capacity in a practice placement or clinical program in order to provide legal services to clients as a law student practitioner.

B. "Eligible recent graduate" means a person who meets the following criteria:

1. has graduated from an ABA approved law school within the previous 18 months;

2. has been certified by the dean or designee of the law school as qualified to participate, either in a paid or unpaid capacity, in supervised legal employment or placement to provide legal services to clients as a supervised practitioner.

C. "Jurisdiction" means the District of Columbia or any state or territory of the United States.

D. "Law student practitioner" means an individual certified under these Rules who is a current law student.

E. "Student observer" means a student certified under these Rules to observe any and all professional activities of a member of the bar as part of an academic program or course for academic credit, including client communication. Communication between the client and the student shall be privileged under the same rules that govern attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine, and the presence of a student during communication between the lawyer and the client shall not, standing alone, waive these evidentiary privileges.

F. "Supervising lawyer" means a member of the Minnesota bar in good standing who accepts responsibility for a law student practitioner or supervised practitioner.

G. "Supervised practitioner" means an individual certified under these Rules who has graduated from an ABA approved law school within the previous 18 months.