

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 07-19

(Public Defender Service use of law clerks at parole and supervised release hearings)

WHEREAS, the Superior Court has the authority to approve special programs to allow those who are not members of the District of Columbia bar to provide legal services to the public pursuant to D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49(c)(10); and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender Service (PDS) Parole Division attorneys represent D.C. Code parolees and supervised releasees before the United States Parole Commission (USPC) in parole revocation proceedings; and

WHEREAS, PDS Parole Division endeavors to increase its ability to represent additional parolees and releasees in such matters, who would otherwise go unrepresented, through the use of law clerks, with disclosure to the individual client of the bar status of the law clerk; and

WHEREAS, PDS recruits, hires and trains law clerks through a rigorous application and interview process;

WHEREAS, the Court has reviewed PDS Parole Division's proposal for the use of law clerks pursuant to Rule 49(c)(10) and found it to provide acceptable supervision, oversight and disclosure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED that PDS Parole Division be permitted to use law clerks to represent parolees and releasees in parole revocation hearings, consistent with the training, supervision and disclosure outlined in the proposal.

SO ORDERED.

August 16, 2007

/s/

Rufus G. King, III
Chief Judge

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