



**United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20004**

**PROCEDURES FOR APPEARANCE BY LAW STUDENTS
PURSUANT TO RULE 46(b)(1)(G) OF THE COURT'S RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

I. Eligibility. In accordance with Rule 46(b)(1)(G) of the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a law student, with the written consent of the appellant and the attorney of record, who is a member of the bar of the Court, may appear before the Court as the Court may allow.

II. Conditions of appearance.

A. An eligible student shall:

- (1) be duly enrolled in a law school approved by the American Bar Association;
- (2) have completed at least two semesters of legal studies or the equivalent if studies are scheduled on other than a semester basis;
- (3) be certified, by the dean of the law school in which the law student is enrolled, as being of good character and competent legal ability (Rule 46(b)(1)(G)(cc));
- (4) be introduced by the attorney of record in the case;
- (5) neither ask for nor receive any compensation or remuneration of any kind for his or her services from the person on whose behalf such services are rendered;
- (6) certify in writing that he or she has read and is familiar with the Model Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the American Bar Association, the code of professional responsibility or rules of professional conduct in effect in the state or jurisdiction in which the student's law school is located, and with the rules governing practice in the Court; and
- (7) submit for filing with the Clerk contemporaneously all documents required under the Court's Rule 46(b)(1)(G).

B. The attorney of record shall:

- (1) be a member of the bar of this Court;
- (2) complete the required certification form;



- (3) personally assume professional responsibility for the law student's work and for supervising the quality of his or her work;
- (4) be familiar with the case and prepared to supplement or correct any written or oral statement made by the law student;
- (5) be present with the law student at oral argument before the Court; and
- (6) sign all documents filed with the Court.

C. The Dean's certification of the law student:

- (1) shall be submitted for filing with the Clerk of the Court;
- (2) may be withdrawn by the Court, without notice or hearing and without any cause shown;
- (3) may be withdrawn at any time by the Dean, upon written notice to the Clerk.

D. Upon fulfilling the requirements of Rule 46(b)(1)(G) of the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the law student may:

- (1) participate in the preparation of briefs and other documents to be filed with the Court (but such documents must be signed by the attorney of record); and
- (2) participate in oral argument with leave of the Court, but only in the presence of the attorney of record.

(Note: Registration for use of CM/ECF is not authorized for law students. All CM/ECF filings must be executed using the supervising attorney's login/password.)

III. Limitations.

A. Law Student Appearance is not Admission to the Court's Bar. Court authorization for an appearance by a law student, in accordance with Rule 46(b)(1)(G) of the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, is not an admission to practice before the Court. Applications for admission to practice before the Court may be submitted pursuant to the Court's Rule 46(a)(1) or (a)(2).

B. Restrictions on Practice. If you are an officer or employee of the U. S. Government, or if you are a former federal officer or employee whose service involved matters relating to veterans affairs, 18 U.S.C. § 205 or § 207 may prohibit your appearance before this Court. If you think these laws may apply to you, you should contact your supervising attorney, the attorney of record, and disclose your concerns to the Court.

THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

APPLICATION FOR LAW STUDENT APPEARANCE AND CERTIFICATION

Docket Number: _____

Case Name: _____

I. Name: (Mr.)(Ms.) _____

Law School Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: (Office) _____

(Home or Mobile): _____

FAX Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

II. Law Student Certification.

Docket Number: _____

Case Name: _____

My signature below certifies that:

A. I am enrolled and in good standing at a law school approved by the American Bar Association.
(Law School) _____.

B. I have completed legal studies amounting to at least two semesters or the equivalent if studies are scheduled on other than a semester basis.

C. I have read and am familiar with the Model Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the American Bar Association, the code of professional responsibility or rules of professional conduct in effect in the state or jurisdiction in which the law school is located, and with the rules governing practice and procedure in the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. *See* Rule 4 of the Court's Rules of Admission and Practice.

D. I have not asked for nor received nor will I ask for or receive compensation or remuneration of any kind directly from the party on whose behalf I am rendering service.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. (28 U.S.C. § 1746).

Law Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

III. Supervising Attorney Certification and Motion.

Docket Number: _____

Case Name: _____

I, _____, certify that I am a member of the bar of this Court and the attorney of record in the above-referenced case and move to permit the law student applicant to appear before the Court under my direct supervision, pursuant to Rule 46(b)(1)(G). I understand that my direct supervision of the applicant includes countersigning all submissions filed with the Court and being present at oral argument. I personally assume professional responsibility for the law student's work and for supervising the quality of his or her work. I am familiar with the above-referenced case and prepared to supplement or correct any written or oral statement made by the student, to include any statement(s) made during an appearance at a Rule 33 conference. *See* Rule 33(c).

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

IV. Dean Certification.

Docket Number: _____

Case Name: _____

I certify that the law student listed below is enrolled and in good standing at
(Law School) _____, a law school accredited by the American Bar
Association. I am satisfied that the law student applicant is of good moral character and is of
competent legal ability.

Law Student Name: _____

Dean Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS
Client Authorization for Law Student Appearance

This form is to be completed by the party for whom the law student is rendering services.

Docket Number: _____

Case Name: _____

I authorize law student enrolled at (Law School) _____
under the supervision of _____
to appear in Court or at other proceedings and to prepare documents on my behalf in the above-
referenced case.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Send completed forms to:

Clerk of the Court
Admissions
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20004
FAX: 202-501-5848

FOR COURT USE ONLY

Date: _____

Appearance of Law Student
Authorized [] Not Authorized []

Clerk of the Court