

Student Practice Application

This application form comprises one part of the Application for Special Admission under Rule 48 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Once the Registrar announces your clinic assignment, complete this application form and the Court of Appeal's Rule 48 application form together (making sure to sign both where requested) and submit both forms and any supporting documentation to the Staff Assistant for Clinics in the 3rd Floor Clinic Suite. **DO NOT** submit anything directly to the Court of Appeals. Once the School has completed its character investigation, the Dean will sign the certification form and submit your completed application to the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals will mail student practice ID cards to the School, which will distribute them to students. Once approved, Special Admission under Rule 48 lasts for one year.

If obtaining documentation (to support a statement in response to any of these questions) will delay your submission by more than a week or two, you may submit your applications and statements with a brief explanation regarding the delay in obtaining documentation. With that submission, the School of Law can begin processing your application. You should, in that circumstance, continue seeking the documentation and submit it when you receive it. Having the documentation will be useful in that you will likely need to submit it when you apply to take the bar exam.

If you need more information or explanation regarding the questions below, please contact the Associate Dean for Experiential and Clinical Programs or, in the absence of that dean, the Chair of the Clinical Affairs Committee. **DO NOT** contact the Court of Appeals.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

- | | YES | NO |
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| 1. Either as an adult or a juvenile, have you ever been cited, arrested, charged or convicted for any violation of any law (except minor traffic violations)? Alcohol- or drug-related offenses and moving traffic violations are not considered to be minor.
If YES, you must submit a statement and supporting documents. | _____ | _____ |
| 2A. Do you currently have any condition or impairment (including, but not limited to, substance abuse, alcohol abuse, or a mental, emotional, or nervous disorder or condition) that in any way affects your ability to practice law in a competent, ethical, and professional manner? As used in Question 2, "currently" means recently enough that the condition or impairment could reasonably affect your ability to function as a student lawyer. | _____ | _____ |
| 2B. If your answer to Question 2A is "yes," are the limitations caused by your condition or impairment reduced or ameliorated because you receive ongoing treatment or because you participate in a monitoring or support program? | _____ | _____ |

If your answer to Question 2A or 2B is YES, you must submit a statement.

(cont.)

YES NO

- 3. Within the past five years, have you asserted any condition or impairment as a defense, in mitigation, or as an explanation for your conduct in the course of any inquiry, any investigation, or any administrative or judicial proceeding by an educational institution, government agency, professional organization, or licensing authority; or in connection with an employment disciplinary or termination procedure? _____
If YES, you must submit a statement.
- 4. Have you ever been delinquent in any financial obligations, including student loans and credit cards? Merely making a late payment on a credit card does not require a "yes" answer. If your debt has been sent to a collection service or if you have executed a repayment agreement for any delinquent debt, you must answer "yes." _____
If YES, you must submit a statement and supporting documents.
- 5. During the past five years, have you been a party in any civil proceeding (including landlord/tenant and bankruptcy matters) or family law matter (including continuing orders for child support)? _____
If YES, you must submit a statement and include a copy of the court judgment.
- 6. Have you ever been dropped, suspended, warned, placed on scholastic or disciplinary probation, expelled, requested to resign, or allowed to resign in lieu of discipline, from any school (above the elementary school level), college, or university, or otherwise subjected to discipline by any such school or institution, or requested or advised by any such school or institution to discontinue your studies therein? _____
If YES, you must submit a statement and supporting documents.

If new information relevant to the questions above arises at any time while you are still enrolled in a clinic, you are required to disclose that information to the Associate Dean for Experiential and Clinical Programs or, in the absence of that dean, the Chair of the Clinical Affairs Committee and supplement your answers to these questions, providing relevant supporting documents.

By signing below, I attest that the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge and belief true and complete. I understand that I have a continuing responsibility to correct or update this information while I am enrolled in clinic.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



District of Columbia Court of Appeals
Committee on Admissions
430 E Street, N.W. - Room 123
Washington, D.C. 20001
202 / 879-2710

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL ADMISSION UNDER
RULE 48 OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

The Rule 48 application form must be typewritten and single sided. You must have the law school execute the DEAN'S CERTIFICATION to accompany your application.

The application form should be filed with:

**District of Columbia Court of
Appeals Committee on Admissions
430 E Street, N.W. - Room 123
Washington, D.C. 20001
Attention: Rule 48
Application(s)**

The processing time is approximately ten (10) business days. If you wish to check the status of your application, please contact your Clinic's Director or the liaison. All correspondence will be addressed to the Clinic's Dean listed on the application; students should **NOT** contact the Committee on Admissions for status updates. An identification card bearing your assigned Law Student Number, signifying that you are a registered participant in the Rule 48 Legal Assistance by Law Students Program, will be mailed to your Clinical Director or the liaison



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APPLICATION OF _____
for special admission to the Bar of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 48 relating to legal assistance by law students in an approved law school clinical program.

MAILING ADDRESS

(Street Address or P.O. Box) (Apt.)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Date of Birth) (Place of Birth) (Sex)

TELEPHONE () () ()
(Home) (Work) (Other)

EMAIL

NAME

(Last) (Suffix) (First) (Middle)

EDUCATION

(College) (City, State)

(From Mo/Yr) _____ (To Mo/Yr) _____ (Degree) _____

(Law School) (Expected date of JD Degree)

(Clinical Program)

Clinical Director/Liaison/Contact/Representative) (Phone)

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I do hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with the District of Columbia Student Practice Rule (D.C. App. R. 48), the District of Columbia Unauthorized Practice Rule (D.C. Court of App. R. 49), and the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct.

I further certify that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

(Printed Name)

Signature of Applicant

Date

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS

DEAN'S CERTIFICATION

of an Applicant seeking special admission to the Bar of the
District of Columbia Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 48
relating to legal assistance by law students in an approved
law school clinical program.

I, Renée M. Hutchins, of the U.D.C. David A. Clarke School of Law
(Dean) (Name of Law School)

do hereby certify that _____
(Name of Student)

entered this school as a student of law on _____;
(Date)

completed one third of his/her legal studies, has satisfied the
appropriate pre-requisites, and is registered for the appropriate co-
requisites necessary to ensure that he/she is prepared to provide legal
representation to clients; is of good character; possesses competent
legal ability; and is adequately trained to participate in cases or
matters pending before the courts or administrative tribunals. The

student is enrolled in _____,
(Name of Clinical Program)

a clinical program under the direction of a faculty member/supervising
attorney, who will have satisfied all of the appropriate requirements of
D.C. Court of App. R. 48.

Signature of Dean

Dean: Renée M. Hutchins

Date

To be completed by
Clinical Director: Matthew Fraidin 457958
Name DC Bar Number

Date

MFraidin@udc.edu
Email

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Washington, DC 20008