

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 07-20

(Public Defender Service use of law clerks at institutional disciplinary 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) Institutional Services Program (ISP) attorneys represent inmates at the D.C. Department of Corrections Central Detention Facility (DC Jail) in institutional disciplinary hearings and appeals; and

WHEREAS, PDS-ISP endeavors to increase its ability to represent additional inmates 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-ISP's proposal for the use of law clerks pursuant to Rule 49(c)(10) and found it to provide acceptable supervision, oversight and disclosure;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED that PDS-ISP be permitted to use law clerks to represent inmates in institutional disciplinary hearings and appeals, 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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