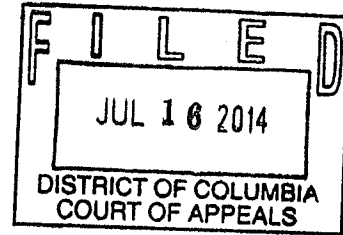


**District of Columbia  
Court of Appeals**



No. M-244-13

BEFORE: Washington, Chief Judge; Glickman, Fisher, Blackburne-Rigsby,  
Thompson, Beckwith, Easterly, and McLeese, Associate Judges.

**ORDER**  
(FILED - July 16, 2014)

On consideration of the proposed amendment to D.C. App. Rule 49 that would add new Rule 49 (c)(9)(D), which proposed amendment was transmitted to the Court by the Chair of the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law, and the comments received thereto, it is

ORDERED that D.C. App. Rule 49 is amended to add new Rule 49 (c)(9)(D), effective September 1, 2014, and reads as follows:

Rule 49 (c)(9)(D): Where the person is an internal counsel, is a member in good standing of the highest court of a state or territory, is not disbarred or suspended for disciplinary reasons, and has not resigned with charges pending in any jurisdiction or court, and is assigned or referred by an organization that provides legal services to the public without fee; provided that the individual is supervised by an active member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Commentary: Recognizing the increased need for attorneys to serve as pro bono counsel and given the importance of access to justice, the purpose of this rule is to permit individuals who are members in good standing of the highest court of a state or territory and who are appropriately supervised by a licensed D.C. Bar member to perform pro bono work in the District of Columbia, provided the work is assigned or referred by an organization that provides pro bono legal services to the public without fee.

FOR THE COURT:

  
for JULIO A. CASTILLO  
Clerk of the Court