

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

**IN RE:
LAW STUDENT PRACTICE**

) **Administrative Order No. 155-1**
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ORDER

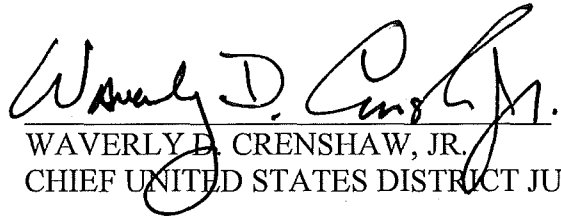
To encourage the limited practice of law by law students in Tennessee before this Court, this Order shall apply.

Any law student who is in good standing with and currently enrolled in a Tennessee law school legal clinic or externship program may with the written consent of the dean of his or her law school be eligible to practice in this Court on a case-by-case basis, subject to the following:

1. Each law student shall practice through a supervising attorney, who shall be the attorney of record, assume professional responsibility for the law student's work, sign all filings, be present in Court during any appearance the law student makes, and be prepared to respond to any inquiry by the Court and supplement any statement by the student.
2. An eligible law student may appear on behalf of the following parties: (1) any indigent person, with that person's written consent; or (2) the United States, with the written consent of the United States Attorney.
3. Law students may appear in criminal matters only in pretrial proceedings before a Magistrate Judge or in petty offense matters as set out in this Order.
4. The Dean of the law school must certify to the Court that the student is of good moral character and competent legal ability. The Dean of the law school may withdraw the student's certification at any time.
5. The supervising attorney shall move for permission from the Judge or Magistrate Judge before whom the law student will appear prior to any in-court appearance by the student. Granting permission for a law student to appear shall be at the discretion of the District Judge or Magistrate Judge, and the District Judge or Magistrate Judge may terminate the student's privileges under this rule at any time.
6. The law student shall not seek or receive compensation from the individual or party on whose behalf the student renders legal assistance. The law student may receive academic credit or a stipend from the law school and may be compensated by an employer.

7. A copy of this Order shall be served on the Dean of all Tennessee law schools.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


WAVERLY D. CRENSHAW, JR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE