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by the attorney of record, and all documents submitted to the Court on behalf of such a client must be signed by the attorney of record;

(D) each document or pleading must contain the name of the eligible law student who has participated in drafting it. If the student participated in drafting only a portion of it, that fact may be mentioned.

(g) Court Administration. The Chief Judge¹, or one or more members of the Court appointed by the Chief Judge, shall act on behalf of the Court in connection with any function of this Court under this Rule. The Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review and Attorney Grievance shall assist the Court to administer this Rule including the review of applications and continuing eligibility for certification of programs, supervising attorneys, and students.

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RULE 6. COMMITTEE ON ATTORNEY ADMISSIONS, PEER REVIEW, AND ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE

(a) Establishment and Membership. There shall be an Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review, and Attorney Grievance (the “Committee”). The Committee shall consist of attorneys practicing within this District. The Chief Judge, or one or more members of the Court appointed by the Chief Judge, shall appoint the members of the Committee. In addition to other considerations given by the Court to establish a Committee that reflects the diversity of the Bar of the Court, the geographic location of the members should also be weighed in the Court’s selection of members of the Committee. The members shall serve renewable terms of three (3) years and shall be staggered so that one third of the members’ terms expire each year. The Chief Judge shall select the Committee Chair. Selections shall be made by Administrative Order entered by the Chief Judge. All persons appointed to the Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Court. The Committee shall not exceed twenty-five (25) members.

(b) Purpose. Subject to the direction of the Court, the Committee shall have the authority and perform the functions assigned by these Rules and shall otherwise assist the Court in the implementation and evaluation of these Rules. The Committee may under no circumstances initiate and investigate such matters without prior referral by the Court.

(1) *Peer Review.* It is recognized that the Court and the bar have a joint obligation to improve the level of professional performance in the courtroom. To this end, one of the Committee’s primary functions is to determine whether individual attorneys are failing to perform to an adequate level of competence necessary to protect the interests of their clients. In furtherance of that objective, the Committee shall have the authority to establish and administer a remedial program designed to raise the competence of an attorney who is not performing adequately; to refer an attorney to appropriate

¹ In these Rules, references to the Chief Judge shall mean to the Chief Judge or the Chief Judge’s designee.

