

GEORGIA RULES OF COURT ANNOTATED

RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

XV. Third-Year Law Students

Rule 91.

An authorized third-year law student, when under the supervision of a district attorney, a solicitor-general of a state court, a solicitor of a municipal court, a public defender, or a licensed practicing attorney who works or volunteers for a court or for a not-for-profit organization which provides free legal representation to indigent persons or children may assist in proceedings within this state as if admitted and licensed to practice law in this state.

Rule 92.

All pleadings and other entries of record must also be signed by the district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or duly appointed assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor general, assistant solicitor, assistant public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 91. In the conduct of any grand jury investigation, administrative proceeding, hearing, trial, or other proceeding, such district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or duly appointed assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor general, assistant solicitor, assistant public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 91 must be physically present.

Rule 93.

An eligible third-year law student is a student regularly enrolled and in good standing in a law school in this state, or an accredited law school located outside of this state, who has satisfactorily completed at least two-thirds of the requirements for the first professional degree in law, a J.D. or its equivalent, in not less than four semesters or six quarters of residence.

Any third-year law student eligible to assist a district attorney, solicitor-general, solicitor, or public defender under this Rule is not required to possess the qualifications for appointment to the office of district attorney, solicitor-general, solicitor, public defender, or assistant district attorney, assistant solicitor general, assistant solicitor, or assistant public defender.

Rule 94.

An eligible third-year law student may be authorized to participate in the proceedings in such form and manner as the judge of the court where such authority is to be exercised may prescribe, if these requirements and the good moral character of the third-year law student are properly certified by the dean of the student's law school. Before entering an order authorizing a student to assist the district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, or public defender, the judge shall further require of the student an oath similar to the oath required by a district attorney, a solicitor general, a solicitor, or a public defender.

As to each third-year law student authorized to assist a district attorney, solicitor general, solicitor, public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 91, there shall be kept on file in the office of the clerk of the court where such authority is to be exercised the dean's certificate, the student's oath if required, and the judge's order.

Rule 95.

The authority to assist a district attorney, solicitor-general, solicitor, public defender, or licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 91 shall extend for no longer than one year. If during this period any change occurs in the student's law school enrollment status, such authority shall terminate and be revoked.

Rule 96.

A licensed practicing attorney as described in Rule 91, who is supervising law students under this Rule, shall ensure that at all times the student is covered by an adequate amount of malpractice insurance.