

**RULE AT-8. QUALIFIED LAW STUDENTS AND UNLICENSED LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES**

**(a)** A qualified law student or a qualified unlicensed law school graduate who has been certified under Texas Government Code § 81.102 and the Texas Supreme Court's "Rules and Regulation Governing the Participation of Qualified Law Students and Qualified Unlicensed Law School Graduates in the Trial of Cases in Texas" may be allowed to participate in hearings in this court, with the permission of the judge presiding, under the following terms:

**(1)** The student or unlicensed graduate must provide the Clerk's Office a copy (front and back) of his or her State Bar of Texas identification card. In so doing, the student or unlicensed graduate certifies that he or she has read and is familiar with the Western District of Texas Local Rules and will abide by them.

**(2)** The Clerk's Office must retain copies of the identification card on file.

**(3)** The supervising attorney named on the identification card and accompanying the student or unlicensed graduate in court must be a member in good standing of the bar of this court.

**(b)** If the student or unlicensed law graduate is appearing with an attorney employed by a governmental entity, the requirement for errors and omissions insurance is waived.

**(c)** The scope of participation of a student or unlicensed graduate in any hearing rests within the discretion of the judge presiding.