



District of Columbia Court of Appeals  
Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law  
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Ms. Jenny Brody  
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***Re: DC Volunteer Lawyers Project  
George Washington University Law Fellows***

Dear Ms. Brody:

Thank you for coming to meet with members of the Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law (CUPL) during its meeting on September 19, 2011, to discuss your request to have four fellows work at the DC Volunteer Lawyers Project (DCVLP) for the fall of 2011, as part of a fellows program administered by George Washington University. The Committee recognizes your urgent need to have a response and also does not want to obstruct the benefit that would come to victims needing representation in their CPO matters. Nonetheless, the CUPL takes very seriously every situation in which unlicensed individuals are providing legal services in the District of Columbia.

Having considered your proposal at its meeting on November 10, 2011, the CUPL will not object to DCVLP's engagement of four fellows for the fall of 2011 under the following conditions and with the approval of D.C. Superior Court Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield.

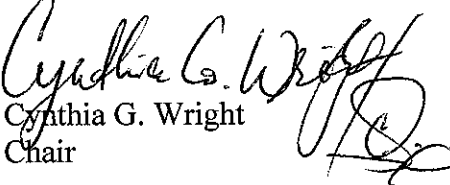
1. The fellows will be teamed in all cases they handle with an active member in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar.
2. The close supervision of the fellows that you described to us will continue to be provided.
3. DCVLP clients are notified that one of their counsel team has taken a Bar exam but has not yet been admitted to the bar of any state and is not a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

4. The fellow discloses his or her status as a non-member of the District of Columbia Bar on any document that may be generated in regard to the matter.
5. DCVLP agrees to report to the CUPB in January 2011 regarding the fall 2011 program, so that it may consider any issues that may have arisen and can consider a more permanent position on DCVLP's fellows program going forward.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the Committee's position further, please do not hesitate to call or write to us.

Thank you for your time and effort in providing this valuable service to our community.

Sincerely yours,

  
Cynthia G. Wright  
Chair

cc: Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law