

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 13-18**

**Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP's Children and Families Impact
Project Providing *Pro Bono* Representation in the
Superior Court of the District of Columbia**

WHEREAS, the Superior Court of the District of Columbia has the authority to approve special programs to allow attorneys who are not members of the District of Columbia Bar to provide legal services to the public, pursuant to D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49(c)(10); and

WHEREAS, LivingSocial, Inc. in-house attorneys affiliated with the Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP's Children and Families Impact Project ("Impact Project") provide *pro bono* representation to indigent clients in civil, domestic violence, and family law matters before the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Impact Project will provide representation to additional clients in such matters, who would otherwise go unrepresented, through the use of lawyers who are not active members of the District of Columbia Bar, with disclosure to the individual client of the bar status of the attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Impact Project trains and supervises attorneys in partnership with the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, the Children's Law Center, and Bread for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Court has reviewed the Impact Project's proposal to be designated as a specifically authorized court program pursuant to D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49(c)(10) and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law has no objection to the proposal under certain conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED, that attorneys affiliated with the Impact Project who are not members of the District of Columbia Bar may provide *pro bono* representation to indigent clients in the Family Court Domestic Relations Branch, the Civil Division Landlord and Tenant Branch, and the Domestic Violence Unit, consistent with the supervision and oversight provisions outlined in the proposal; and it is further

ORDERED, that attorneys practicing under this Order who wish to serve as Guardian *ad Litem* in disputed custody cases shall, upon request by the Court, present their qualifications for approval by the Court prior to their appointment; and it is further

ORDERED, that attorneys practicing under this Order shall provide the following disclosure as an asterisk after their name when it appears on pleadings:

“Not admitted to practice in the District of Columbia. This attorney is admitted to practice in (name of jurisdiction), and is practicing in this Court in affiliation with the Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP’s Children and Families Impact Project, a specifically authorized court program under D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49(c)(10).”

And it is further,

ORDERED, that attorneys practicing under this Order will be supervised by an enrolled, active member of the District of Columbia Bar who is affiliated with the Impact Project; and it is further

ORDERED, that attorneys practicing under this Order shall be subject to the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct and the Rules of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia relating to Domestic Relations, Landlord and Tenant, and Domestic Violence Unit Proceedings, and will be subject to the applicable enforcement procedures to the same extent as if he or she were an enrolled, active member of the District of Columbia Bar; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Impact Project shall submit a report to the Court annually, on the anniversary date of this Order, stating the number of lawyers who practiced under this Order during the preceding year; and it is further

ORDERED, that the number of attorneys practicing under this Order shall not exceed a limit to be specified by the Court each year, and shall at no time exceed the number of attorneys affiliated with the Impact Project who are enrolled, active members of the District of Columbia Bar; and it is further

ORDERED, that the status of the Impact Project as a specifically authorized court program shall terminate two years from the date of this Order unless its designation is extended by the Court.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

October 23, 2013

/s/
Lee F. Satterfield
Chief Judge

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