

**Rule 8. Attorneys: Limitation of Cases**

Engagement by an attorney in another court (except the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals) or in any other Division of this Court will not be a ground for postponing to another day the trial of a case in the Landlord and Tenant Branch when such attorney is counsel of record in more than 25 unconsolidated, contested cases pending in the Landlord and Tenant Branch or pending in the Civil Division after referral thereto from the Landlord and Tenant Branch. Failure of an attorney so engaged to appear for trial when a case is called for trial in the Landlord and Tenant Branch, or in the Civil Division after referral thereto from the Landlord and Tenant Branch, may be grounds for (1) striking the appearance of the absent counsel, (2) a dismissal with prejudice or a default judgment, as appropriate, or (3) any other appropriate sanction. Nothing herein shall preclude a natural person represented by such an attorney from proceeding pro se.