

Rule 9. Persons Appearing in a Representative Capacity

(a) *In general.* Except as provided in sections (b) and (c) of this Rule, and District of Columbia Court of Appeals Rule 49(c), no person other than a member in good standing of the Bar of this Court shall be permitted to appear in this Branch in a representative capacity for any purpose other than securing a continuance.

(b) *Corporations.* No corporation shall appear as a plaintiff in this Branch except through a member in good standing of the Bar of this Court. Corporations may appear as defendants without a member of the Bar in good standing, through an authorized officer, director, or employee solely for the purpose of entering into consent agreements as approved by the Court or as provided by LT Rule 11-I, provided that the requisite proof of authority of the non-lawyer to appear for the corporation has been filed in accordance with Court of Appeals Rule 49(c).

(c) *Law students.* Any law student admitted to the limited practice of law pursuant to the Rules of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals may engage in the limited practice of law in the Landlord Tenant Branch subject to the provisions of SCR Civil 101.

COMMENT

This rule does not alter the requirement that defendant corporations may not appear pro se to defend a case and must be represented by counsel for any matter other than a consent judgment. Court of Appeals Rule 49(c)(8) provides that the non-lawyer's appearance on behalf of the corporation shall be accompanied by an affidavit of a corporate officer or corporate resolution vesting in the representative the requisite authority to bind the corporation in a settlement or consent judgment. See SCR LT Form 6.