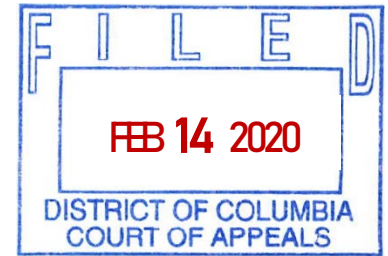


**District of Columbia  
Court of Appeals**



No. M-268-20

BEFORE: Blackburne-Rigsby, Chief Judge; Glickman, Fisher, Thompson, Beckwith, Easterly, McLeese, and Deahl, Associate Judges.

**ORDER and NOTICE**  
(FILED – February 14, 2020)

D.C. R. Prof. Conduct 6.5 addresses the application of conflict-of-interest rules to lawyers who are acting under the auspices of a program sponsored by a court or non-profit organization and who are providing “short-term limited legal services to client without expectation by either the client or the lawyer that the lawyer will provide continuing representation in the matter.” Comment [1] to Rule 6.5 states that, “For the purposes of this rule, short-term limited legal services normally do not include appearing for a tribunal on behalf of a client.”

Representatives of various pro bono service providers have indicated that comment [1] in its current form has presented an obstacle to the provision of certain forms of pro bono representation. The court is therefore considering whether to amend comment [1] to state that, “For the purposes of this rule, short-term limited legal services normally do not include appearing for a tribunal on behalf of a client *on more than a single date.*”

This notice is published to afford interested parties an opportunity to submit written comments concerning the amendment under consideration. Comments must be submitted by [date 30 days from issuance of order/notice]. Comments may be submitted electronically to [rules@dcappeals.gov](mailto:rules@dcappeals.gov), or in writing, addressed to the Clerk, D.C. Court of Appeals, 430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. All comments submitted pursuant to this notice will be available to the public.

**PER CURIAM**