

STUDENT OBSERVER

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUESTING STUDENT OBSERVER CERTIFICATION UNDER THE SUPERVISED PRACTICE RULES

The Minnesota Board of Law Examiners administers the [Supervised Practice Rules](#). A Student Observer is a student certified under the rules to any and all professional activities of a member of the bar as part of an academic program or course for academic credit, including client communication. Communication between the client and the student shall be privileged under the same rules that govern attorney-client privilege and work product doctrine, and the presence of a student during communication between the lawyer and the client shall not, standing alone, waive these evidentiary privileges.

To request Student Observer certification, the following documents should be submitted to the Board office.

1. A letter, on law school letterhead (or containing the school seal), stating:
 - a. The law student's full name, including first, middle and last name;
 - b. That the law student is duly enrolled at the time of certification and is in good standing;
 - c. That the student has completed legal studies equivalent to at least two semesters of full-time study (requests made prior to completion of 2 semesters will be returned);
 - d. The anticipated month and year of conferral of degree;
 - e. The dates of the course;
 - f. That the law student will be required to sign a statement that the law student will maintain confidentiality and the supervising attorney will be advised to review Rule 5; and
 - g. That the law school will notify the Board in writing if the student observer is placed on academic probation or withdraws from the course.

The request(s) should be sent to:

Mariah Colvard
Board of Law Examiners
180 East 5th Street, Suite 950
St. Paul, MN 55101

Electronic Submissions should be sent to: sp@mbcle.state.mn.us

The Board will not publish the names of Student Observers.

Certification terminates when the course ends or the student observer is placed on academic probation.

If you have questions, contact Mariah Colvard at the Board of Law Examiners at sp@mbcle.state.mn.us