

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, per Rule 2E of the Supervised Practice Rules, means “a student certified under these Rules to observe 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 placement is part of an academic program or course for academic credit and the dates of the course and that the instructor will confirm that the student observer understands their obligations under Rule 1.6 of the Rules of Professional Conduct;
 - d. The anticipated month and year of conferral of degree; and
 - e. 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:

Christina Gehrke
Board of Law Examiners
25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite 110
St. Paul, MN 55155

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 Roselynn Kowalczyk at the Board of Law Examiners at sp@mbcle.state.mn.us