

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 11-12**

**D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project:  
Attorneys Providing *Pro Bono* Representation in the Superior Court of the District  
of Columbia Family Court and Domestic Violence Unit**

**WHEREAS**, the Superior Court has the authority to approve special programs to allow those who are not members of the District of Columbia Bar to provide legal services to the public pursuant to D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49(c)(10); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 23, 2009, this Court issued Administrative Order 09-10 approving the DC Volunteer Lawyers Project (“DCVLP”) as a special program to provide legal services to the public under D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 48(c)(10); and

**WHEREAS**, Administrative Order 09-10 expires after two years, on July 23, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, attorneys affiliated with the DCVLP have provided valuable *pro bono* representation to indigent clients in family law matters before the Superior Court of the District of Columbia Family Court under Administrative Order 09-10; and

**WHEREAS**, the DCVLP and attorneys practicing in affiliation with the DCVLP have been in compliance with all provisions of Administrative Order 09-10; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court has reviewed the DCVLP’s written proposals to extend and modify Administrative Order 09-10;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is by the Court,

**ORDERED**, that the DCVLP’s status as a special program to provide legal services to the public under D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 48(c)(10) is hereby extended for an additional term of three years; it is further

**ORDERED**, that attorneys affiliated with the DCVLP who are not members of the District of Columbia Bar may provide *pro bono* representation to indigent clients in the Family Court Domestic Relations Branch and the Domestic Violence Unit, consistent with the supervision and oversight provisions outlined in the proposals; it is further

**ORDERED**, that attorneys practicing under this Administrative Order who wish to serve as Guardians Ad Litem in disputed custody cases shall, upon request by the Court, present their qualifications for approval by the Court prior to their appointment; it is further

**ORDERED**, that attorneys practicing under this Administrative Order shall provide the following disclosure as an asterisk after their name when it appears on pleadings:

“Not admitted to practice in the District of Columbia. This attorney is admitted to practice in (name of jurisdiction), and is practicing in this Court in affiliation with the D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project, a specifically authorized court program under D.C. Court of Appeals Rule 49(c)(10).”; it is further

**ORDERED**, that attorneys practicing under this Administrative Order will be supervised by an enrolled, active member of the District of Columbia Bar who is affiliated with the DCVLP; it is further

**ORDERED**, that attorneys practicing under this Administrative Order shall be subject to the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct and the Rules of Superior Court relating to Domestic Relations and Domestic Violence Unit Proceedings, and they shall be subject to enforcement procedures applicable thereto to the same extent as if he or she were an enrolled, active member of the District of Columbia Bar; it is further

**ORDERED**, that the DCVLP shall submit a report to the Court annually, on the anniversary date of this Administrative Order, stating the number of lawyers who practiced under this Administrative Order during the preceding year; it is further

**ORDERED**, that the number of attorneys practicing under this Administrative Order shall at no time exceed the number of attorneys affiliated with the DCVLP who are enrolled, active members of the District of Columbia Bar; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the status of the DCVLP as a specifically authorized court program shall terminate three years from the date of this Administrative Order unless its designation is extended by the Court.

**SO ORDERED.**

**BY THE COURT**

**DATE: July 21, 2011**

/s/

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**Lee F. Satterfield**  
**Chief Judge**

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