

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY ANTONIN SCALIA LAW SCHOOL
REQUEST FOR THIRD-YEAR PRACTICE CERTIFICATE**

Eligibility for a Virginia Third-Year Practice Certificate requires:

- (1) Successful completion of 4 regular full-time semesters or 6 regular part-time semesters or approximately 59 credits and;
- (2) Receipt of a passing grade in Criminal Law, Evidence, Professional Responsibility and Criminal or Civil Procedure.

Date of Request:

Name:

G Number:

Email address:

Mailing Address:

(Your Certificate will be mailed this address)

Date requested practice to begin:

After requirements are met, return the completed request to the Law Records Office. When the information is verified, this certification will be sent to the Virginia State Bar requesting the Third-Year Practice Certificate. Certification time is approximately two to three weeks from the date of request, if all requirements have been completed.

SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA

PART 6, SECTION IV, PARAGRAPH 15 OF THE SUPREME COURT RULES

PARAGRAPH 15: THIRD YEAR STUDENT PRACTICE RULE

(a) Activities.

- (i) An eligible law student may, in the presence of a supervising lawyer, appear in any court or before any administrative tribunal in this Commonwealth in any civil, criminal or administrative matter on behalf of any person if the person on whose behalf he is appearing has indicated in writing his consent to that appearance. The eligible law student must obtain written approval from the court or administrative tribunal prior to any appearance before the court or administrative tribunal.
- (ii) An eligible law student may also, in the presence of a supervising lawyer, appear in any criminal matter on behalf of the Commonwealth with the written approval of the prosecuting attorney or his authorized representative, provided the student obtains the written authorization from the court or administrative tribunal prescribed in paragraph (a)(i) of this Rule.
- (iii) The written consent and approval of the person or entity on whose behalf the student appears shall be filed in the record of the case and shall be brought to the attention of the judge of the court or the presiding officer of the administrative tribunal.

Please refer to the above section of the Supreme Court Rules for complete details.