

**Revision to the Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures  
(effective June 1, 2015)**

**II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**A. ADMISSION TO PRACTICE**

(See Fed. R. App. P. 46; D.C. Cir. Rules 1, 46.)

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**3. *Exclusion from Practice***

As a general rule, employees of the Court may not engage in the practice of law while employed by the Court. See D.C. Cir. Rule 1(c). No person employed by the Court, including law clerks, after leaving the employ of the Court, may practice as an attorney in any case that was pending in the Court during the person's term of service. A case is pending in the Court from the moment the appeal or petition for review is docketed until final disposition of the appeal or petition. This prohibition includes signing briefs and giving advice in connection with the case. Beginning September 1, 2016, the following restriction also applies: no former employee of this Court may appear at counsel table or on pleadings in any case in this Court for a period of one year after leaving Court employment

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