

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 2005-09**

***IN RE: Practice Limitations of Former Law Clerks***

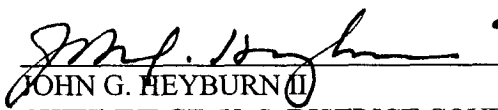
Law clerks for judges in the district ("Former Law Clerks") wish to participate in or practice cases in this Court after ending their service with the judge. The Court wishes to maintain public confidence in the federal court system. Therefore, the Court establishes the following rules for the practice of Former Law Clerks on cases in this district.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Former Law Clerks may participate and appear as counsel in any case in this district, subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) Former Law Clerks shall not participate in any case assigned to his or her judge during the Former Law Clerk's employment. The term "participate" shall have broad meaning, including but not limited to any involvement, work, discussion, advice, appearance or courtroom observation regarding these cases.
- (b) a period of six (6) months following the completion of a clerkship, a Former Law Clerk may not appear as counsel in any case before his or her judge. The term "appear as counsel" shall include meeting with the party/client; filing an entry of appearance in the action; attending or appearing in court; meeting with the judge; signing pleadings, motions or other papers; conducting discovery; or engaging in negotiations or conversations with opposing counsel. However, the term "appear as counsel" does not include researching legal issues, drafting pleadings or discussing the case with other lawyers in the Former Law Clerk's firm. The Former Law Clerks may perform these activities in the law office.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall furnish a copy of this general order to each law clerk upon completion of the clerkship.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005.

  
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JOHN G. HEYBURN II  
CHIEF JUDGE, U. S. DISTRICT COURT

