

[CAPTION]

**CONSENT TO LAW STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN PREPARATION AND
PRESENTATION OF TRIAL**

I, [insert name of Defendant], the Defendant in the above referenced cause, consent to senior law students who comply with Admission and Discipline Rule 2.1 participating in the preparation and presentation of my pre-trial, trial and post-trial defense. I understand that this participation is under the direct supervision of an attorney who is licensed to practice law in the State of Indiana.

(Signature of Defendant)

DATED: _____

REFERENCE

Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 5.3 (responsibilities of lawyer regarding non lawyer assistants)

Indiana Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys, Rule 2.1 (requirements of legal interns).

Indiana Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys, Rule 2.1(4) (“A legal intern may interview, advise, negotiate for, and represent parties in any judicial or administrative proceeding in this State, provided all activities undertaken are supervised and approved by an attorney who is a member of the Bar of this State.”).

CASE LAW

Adams v. State, 693 N.E.2d 107 (Ind.Ct.App. 1998) (at sentencing hearing, the Defendant was represented by third-year law student from public defender's office who had not participated in trial, was unprepared, unfamiliar with the case, and unsupervised by an attorney; thus, sentencing hearing was conducted in violation of the Defendant's Sixth Amendment right to counsel).