

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

Post-Judicial Practice Policy

The United States District Court for the District of Maryland hereby adopts the following policy governing the appearance of former District and Magistrate Judges of this District as counsel in cases before this Court:

1. This policy applies to all former District and Magistrate Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.
2. A former judge may not appear in or be involved in any way in any case in which the former judge was involved while on the Court, either as an assigned judge or as a mediator.
3. A former judge may not appear in any case or matter before any current or future District or Magistrate Judge of this Court for a period of twelve months after leaving judicial office.
4. "Appear" includes any act that could cause the judge handling the case or matter to know that the former judge is participating in the case or matter. Therefore, "appear" includes but is not limited to appearing as counsel on any pleading in a case or matter, sitting at counsel table, participating at counsel table or the podium, participating in a telephone or video proceeding with the presiding judge, and sitting in the gallery of the courtroom during a proceeding in the case or matter. "Appear" does not include participating in a case or matter outside of the courtroom and outside of the judge's presence. Billing time to such a case or matter is permitted but such bills may not be presented to the Court (thereby revealing to the presiding judge the participation of the former judge).

5. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 but subject to paragraph 2, there is no restriction on the ability of a former judge to conduct a mediation of any dispute in any case or matter.
6. Former judges appearing in any case or matter in this Court may not use the title “judge” or similar honorific in the courtroom or in papers filed with the Court, unless the designation is necessary to accurately describe the former judge’s status at a time pertinent to a case or matter.
7. Any former judge subject to this policy may petition for leave to appear in a specific case where the inability for the former judge to appear would create a substantial hardship for the client that could not otherwise be reasonably addressed absent the former judge’s appearance. The petition shall be made in writing to the Chief Judge for consideration by the Court.

Date:

Jan 18, 2022



James K. Bredar, Chief Judge
United States District Court