

## Iowa Court Rules

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31.15(3) No student may engage in the practice of law or appear as counsel in any court of this state or before an administrative agency unless such practice or appearance is part of an educational program approved by the faculty of the student's law school and not disapproved by the supreme court of the state of Iowa, and such program is supervised by at least one member of the law school's faculty.

31.15(4) A student shall not receive compensation other than general compensation from an employer-attorney or from a law-school-administered fund.

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