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Rule 87. Limited Scope Representation

(a) *Permitted.* In accordance with Rule 1.2(c) of the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct, an attorney may provide limited scope representation to a person involved in a court proceeding.

(b) *Notice.* An attorney's role may be limited as set forth in a notice of limited scope representation filed and served prior to or simultaneously with the initiation of a proceeding or initiation of representation, as applicable. Such notice shall not be required in matters where an attorney's representation consists solely of the drafting of pleadings, motions, or other papers for an otherwise self-represented person as provided in subdivision (c) of this rule.

(c) *Drafting of Pleadings, Motions, and Other Papers.*

(1) An attorney may draft or help to draft a pleading, motion, or other paper filed by an otherwise self-represented person. The attorney shall include a notation at the end of the prepared document stating: "This document was prepared with the assistance of [insert name of attorney], a licensed Arkansas lawyer, pursuant to Arkansas Rule of Professional Conduct 1.2(c)." The attorney need not sign that pleading, motion, or other paper.

(2) An attorney who provides drafting assistance to an otherwise self-represented person may rely on the self-represented person's representation of facts, unless the attorney has reason to believe that such a representation is false or materially insufficient.

(d) *Termination.* The attorney's role terminates without the necessity of leave of court upon the attorney's filing a notice of completion of limited scope representation with a certification of service on the client.

(e) *Service.* Service on an attorney providing limited scope representation is required only for matters within the scope of the representation as set forth in the notice.

Reporter's Notes (2017): This rule was added following 2016 amendments to Rules 1.2, 4.2, and 4.3 of the Ark. R. Prof'l Conduct that clarified the ethical responsibilities of attorneys who provide limited-scope representation.

Associated Court Rules:

Rules of Civil Procedure

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