The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in this section:

(1) Eligible persons - Persons who are unable financially to pay for the legal services of an attorney, as determined by a standard established by a judge of the General Court of Justice, a legal services corporation, or a law school legal aid clinic providing representation. "Eligible persons" includes non-profit organizations serving low-income communities.

(2) Government agencies - The federal or state government, any local government, or any agency, department, unit, or other entity of federal, state, or local government, specifically including a public defender's office or a district attorney's office.

(3) Law school - An ABA accredited law school or a law school actively seeking accreditation from the ABA and licensed by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina. If ABA accreditation is not obtained by a law school so licensed within three years of the commencement of classes, legal interns may not practice, pursuant to these rules, with any legal aid clinic of the law school.

(4) Legal aid clinic - A department, division, program, or course in a law school that operates under the supervision of an active member of the State Bar and renders legal services to eligible persons.

(5) Legal intern - A law student who is certified to provide supervised representation to clients under the provisions of the rules of this Subchapter.

(6) Legal services corporation - A nonprofit North Carolina corporation organized exclusively to provide representation to eligible persons.

(7) Supervising attorney - An active member of the North Carolina State Bar who satisfies the requirements of Rule .0205 of this Subchapter and who supervises one or more legal interns.

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