

## **Speaking Opportunities in Court Appearances and Proceedings**

Today there are fewer opportunities for lawyers to speak in court. Recognizing the importance of the development of future generations of practitioners through courtroom opportunities, the Court invites *all* counsel to request hearings to argue motions. The Court encourages all experienced, senior, or supervisory lawyers, and their clients, to allow less experienced lawyers to have speaking roles in Court, particularly when these lawyers have drafted or contributed significantly to preparing the motion, response, witness, or for the hearing or trial. Although the ultimate decision of who speaks on behalf of the client is for the lawyer in charge of the case, the Court will take into consideration providing opportunities for these lawyers to participate when deciding whether to grant requests for oral argument on motions or issues that the Court would usually or otherwise decide on the papers.