

Judge Phillips will consider any requests for oral argument on motions made in accordance with Local Rule 7.0(e). In addition, she will automatically grant a request for oral argument on a contested motion if the requesting party certifies that the argument will be presented by a lawyer who graduated from law school within six years prior to the motion being filed. This policy is intended to promote opportunities for new lawyers who practice before this Court to develop their oral advocacy skills.

Any request for oral argument under this policy must specifically invoke this policy and must be made (1) by the filing party, on the first page of either the motion or the suggestions in support, or (2) by the responding party, on the first page of the first filing addressing the motion (the suggestions in opposition, a request for more time to respond, etc.).