

(2) ~~"ATTORNEY AT LAW"~~ "ATTORNEY" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE LAW BY THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE STATE.

[(2)] (3) (i) "Law firm" means ~~an association of attorneys AT LAW [who are admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of the State] who EMPLOY, OR ARE IN PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER ASSOCIATION WITH, AN ATTORNEY AT LAW OR ATTORNEYS AT LAW WHO~~ AN ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS IN A LAW PARTNERSHIP, PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY WHO:

1. are primarily engaged in the practice of law; and
2. solicit, procure, or negotiate title insurance contracts only as an incident to the practice of law.

(ii) ~~"Law firm" includes a sole practitioner.~~

(iii) ~~"Law firm" does not include:~~

1. an attorney or an association of attorneys who own, operate, or share an interest in a title agency; or
2. an attorney who is employed by a title agency as a title insurance producer.

[(3) (i)] (4) (I) "Title agency" means a business ENTITY, OTHER THAN A LAW FIRM, formed for the primary purpose of soliciting, procuring, or negotiating title insurance contracts and providing settlement services.

~~"Title agency" includes a sole proprietor, partnership, or corporation.~~

(b) Subject to this section, the Commissioner may issue a limited lines license to an attorney ~~at law [of the State]~~ WHO SOLICITS, PROCURES, OR NEGOTIATES TITLE INSURANCE CONTRACTS to act as a title insurance producer.

(c) All licensing provisions of this subtitle apply to:

- (1) AN ATTORNEY AT LAW WHO SOLICITS, PROCURES, OR NEGOTIATES TITLE INSURANCE CONTRACTS; AND

- (2) title agencies even if the title agency is established or owned by an attorney or [a law firm] AN ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle:

[(1) the bonding requirements of this subtitle relating to title insurance producers do not apply to law firms and individual attorneys practicing law in law firms;

(2) the limited liability company, corporate, and partnership requirements of this subtitle relating to title insurance producers do not apply to law firms; and