

director, agent or employee shall be a duly and regularly admitted attorney-at-law, shall not be held to permit or allow any such corporation or voluntary association to do the acts prohibited herein. Nor shall such facts be a defense upon a trial of any of the persons mentioned herein for a violation of the provisions of this section. This section shall not apply to the business of examining and insuring titles to real property, or the collection or adjustment of mercantile claims in which a corporation or voluntary association may be lawfully engaged, nor to any insurance corporation or association defending the insured under a policy of insurance.

14A.

(a) Section 14 of this article does not apply to an officer of a corporation appearing in the District Court on behalf of that corporation in a civil suit involving a claim not exceeding [\$1,000] \$2,500 and not based upon an assignment to the corporation of the interest of another.

(b) This section applies notwithstanding any Maryland District Rule to the contrary.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 10-206(a) and (b) of Article - Business Occupations of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1989) read as follows:

Article - Business Occupations

10-206.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, before an individual may practice law in the State, the individual shall:

(1) be admitted to the Bar; and

(2) meet any requirement that the Court of Appeals may set by rule.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) a person while representing a landlord in a summary ejectment proceeding in the District Court of Maryland;

(2) an insurance company while defending an insured through staff counsel; or

(3) an officer of a corporation while appearing on its behalf in a civil action in the District Court of Maryland if the action: